

Application by Mona Offshore Wind Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Mona Offshore Wind Farm (Case ref: EN010137)

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing (ISH4): Offshore Matters

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 4: Offshore Matters	Wednesday 23 October 2024 Hearing starts at 9.30am Virtual Arrangements Conference from 9:00am	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing

2. Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing

3. Offshore Ecology

Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology

- a. Ecosystem resilience and enhancement opportunities
- b. Habitat loss
- c. Management plans
- d. Table 11.8 in Chapter 11 (Vol 2) Inter-related Effects – Offshore [APP-063]
- e. Examination progress tracker [REP2-091]

4. Shipping and Navigation

- a. Effects on adverse weather routeing
- b. Effects on maritime Search and Rescue and emergency response
- c. Effects on collision and allision risk to vessels
- d. Effects on commercial shipping operations including strategic routes and lifeline ferries

5. Commercial Fisheries

- a. Effects on Scallops
- b. Table 6.13 MDS considered for the assessment of potential impacts on commercial fisheries [APP-058]
- c. Examination progress tracker [REP2-091]

6. Other Offshore Infrastructure and Activities

- a. Potential wake effects for other offshore wind farms
- b. Co-existence with other operational and planned offshore infrastructure and activities

7. Civil and Military Aviation and Defence Interests

- a. Mitigation of effects on the Blackpool Airport Minimum Sector Altitude
- b. Mitigation of effects on civil Primary Surveillance Radar (PSR)
- c. Mitigation of effects on military PSR at BAE Warton

8. Review of issues and actions arising

9. Any other business

10. Closure of the hearing

Participation

Full details of how to participate in this hearing were contained in the [notification letter published on 16 September 2024](#). You must register by emailing the project mailbox by Monday 7 October 2024, if you intend to participate in this hearing.

The event will also be livestreamed and recorded, and a link to watch the livestream will be published on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) closer to the event date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the hearing can therefore view and listen to the hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

The hearing will include examination of submissions up to and including D3. Whilst comments on responses to the ExA's first written questions are expected in writing at D4 (4 November 2024), the ExA may ask parties to respond to D3 submissions at the hearing.

Attendees

The ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this hearing.

- **The Applicant**
- **Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC)**
- **Denbighshire County Council (DCC)**
- **Isle of Man Government Territorial Sea Committee (TSC)**
- **Natural Resources Wales Advisory (NRW A)**
- **Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA)**
- **Trinity House (TH)**
- **Isle of Man Steam Packet Company**
- **The Orsted IPs**
- **NATS (En Route) plc**
- **Defence Infrastructure Organisation**
- **Blackpool Airport**
- **Welsh Government**
- **Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF)**
- **Scottish Whitefish Producers Association Limited (SWFPA)**
- **West Coast Sea Products Ltd**
- **Any other Interested Parties (IPs)** – with an interest in the topics to be covered in this hearing.

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All Interested Parties (IP) are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the Agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the hearing.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the hearing. The details set out above are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional Agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

Procedure at ISH

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at hearings.

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the Examining Authority will conduct the hearing in such a way that legal representation will not be required. The Examining Authority will lead the questioning of parties making oral representations and probe, test and assess the evidence. There is usually no cross-examination of witnesses by other parties, though the Examining Authority does have the power to allow this under certain circumstances.

The hearing will finish when the Examining Authority considers that all matters have been covered and all participants have had an opportunity to make their representations. As a guide, the ExA aims to close the hearing by approximately 5pm. If there are additional matters to be dealt with, it may be necessary to defer some matters to written questions.

A summary of the evidence presented orally at Issue Specific Hearing 4 should be included in post-hearing submissions to be submitted by Deadline 4 in the Examination Timetable (4 November 2024). The Examining Authority would recommend any parties who are new to the process and wish to learn more about the background and procedures in hearings to read [Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice pages](#).

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