

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 5 (ISH5): draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 5: dDCO	Thursday 24 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

The ExA will explain the purpose of the hearing and the range of topics which will be covered.

3. Articles and schedules of the dDCO (excluding Schedules 2, 10, 12, 14 and 15)

The Applicant will be asked to briefly highlight changes which have been made to the dDCO submitted at Deadline 2 (D2) [REP2-004].

The ExA may ask questions in respect of articles and schedules in the dDCO, seeking responses from the Applicant and Interested Parties (IPs).

IPs will also be invited to raise any matters in relation to Development Consent Order (DCO) articles and schedules.

4. Schedule 2 and Schedule 12 of the dDCO (Requirements and approval of matters specified in requirements)

The Applicant will be asked to briefly highlight and explain any changes to requirements within the dDCO submitted at D2.

The ExA will then ask questions, seeking responses where appropriate from the Applicant and IPs.

IPs will also be invited to ask questions of clarification in relation to DCO requirements.

The ExA will ask IPs, in particular Denbighshire County Council and Conwy County Borough Council as the relevant planning authorities, whether there are any concerns with the approaches taken to the discharge of requirements, or for managing appeals or disputes under the dDCO.

5. Schedule 10 of the dDCO (Protective Provisions)

The Applicant will be asked to provide an update on progress between parties regarding protective provisions; an explanation of any important differences of view and a timescale for resolution.

6. Schedule 14 (Deemed Marine Licence)

The Applicant will be asked to briefly highlight any substantive changes to Schedule 14 submitted at D2. The Applicant and NRW MLT will be asked for an update on the separate Marine Licence application for the Mona transmission assets.

The ExA may ask questions about the provisions of the Deemed Marine Licence and the Marine Licence Principles Document [REP2-028].

7. Schedule 15 (Documents and Plans to be Certified)

The Applicant will be asked to briefly highlight any changes to this list in the dDCO submitted at D2.

8. Consents, Licences and Other Agreements

The Applicant will be asked to provide an update on progress and timescales for completion from both Other Consents and Licences Required (submitted at D3) and the Commercial Side Agreements Tracker [REP1-036]

9. Statements of Common Ground relevant to the DCO

The ExA will ask the Applicant to provide an update on Statements of Common Ground relevant to the dDCO.

10. Review of issues and actions arising

11. Any other business

12. 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)**
- **Natural Resources Wales Marine Licensing Team (NRW (MLT))**
- **Natural Resources Wales Advisory Team (NRW (A))**
- **Trinity House**
- **Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA)**
- **Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)**
- **Any other Interested Parties** – with an interest in the dDCO

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All IPs 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 5 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](#).

Please contact the Case Team if you have any questions regarding the arrangements for the hearing or how to participate:

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