

Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4): Offshore Matters

Hearing Action Points

Application by Mona Offshore Wind Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Mona Offshore Wind Farm Project (EN010137).

Actions arising from **ISH4** held on **Wednesday 23 October 2024**.

Action	Party	Deadline
1. Provide progress update on meetings planned with parties and opportunities identified for benthic intertidal and offshore biodiversity benefit.	Applicant	D4
2. Indication of weight to be given to offshore enhancement opportunities proposed.	Applicant	D4
3. NRW and Welsh Government to provide opinion on ecosystem resilience and enhancement opportunities provided by the Proposed Development.	NRW/Welsh Government	D4
4. Advise if the Biodiversity Benefit and Green Infrastructure Statement [APP-193] could be included in schedule 15 document to be certified (in the dDCO).	Applicant	D4
5. Applicant to review the Mona Array area boundary on Figure 2.4 from Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology [APP-054] with the Mona Array area boundary on Figure 3.2 Project Description [APP-050].	Applicant	D4
6. Clarify its approach to long term habitat loss/habitat alteration per biotype and whether there is a tipping point (in terms of % loss per biotype) that would alter the conclusion of its assessments.	Applicant	D4
7. Confirm ES paragraph that indicates the size of seabed blast crater for UXO clearance for 22 high charge detonation including that the effects have been considered in its assessment.	Applicant	D4
8. Confirm ES paragraphs that identify colonisation patterns and rate of recovery would not be different between foundations in the middle of the array and along the border of the array.	Applicant	D4
9. Clarify whether monitoring of benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology is to be undertaken.	Applicant	D4
10. Applicant to provide justification with relevant evidence to demonstrate why it believes that NPS EN3 paragraph 2.8.221– refers to significant impact rather than as worded ‘actual impacts’.	Applicant	D4

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11.	The Applicant response to cable protection in the shallow nearshore environment [REP2-080] notes it is not the Applicant's intention to place cable protection in shallow water but to avoid this if at all possible. Can the Applicant elaborate on the statement ' <i>avoid this if at all possible</i> ' and give examples on where this situation could arise including what has been assessed in the ES.	Applicant D4
12.	The Examination progress tracker [REP2-091] notes that the Applicant will ensure that any cable protection is sufficiently low profile to cause minimal changes to wave, tide and sediment transport. Can the Applicant elaborate on parameters forming sufficiently low profile and if these parameters are to be secured.	Applicant D4
13.	Prepare SoCG between Applicant and Stena Line (subject to Stena Line Agreement).	Applicant and Stena Line D5
14.	Refine the definition of "layout principles" within paragraph 1 of Schedule 14 (DML) of the draft DCO to more closely align with Table 3.7 of APP-050.	Applicant D4
15.	Review the definitions of 'tolerance allowance' and 'micro-siting allowance' in APP-050 and /or explain of why the two allowances are treated as additive (Principles 5 and 6 of Table 3.7).	Applicant D4
16.	DML Condition 18(1)(k) Vessel Traffic Monitoring Strategy – either supplement the Offshore In-Principle Monitoring Plan with principles underpinning the construction and post-construction stage monitoring of vessel traffic or submit an Outline Vessel Traffic Monitoring Strategy.	Applicant D4
17.	Provide the surface area in sq. kilometres of the yellow shaded area (queen scallop fishing ground) and pink shaded area (queen scallop good fishing stonier ground) on Figure 2.1 of [REP3-066].	Scottish Whitefish Producers Association D4
18.	The minimum distance of 1.4km between each wind turbine generator (WTG), would result in a higher capacity density than 6.2 MW/Km ² noted in Scallops Mitigation Zone document [REP3-066]. Can the Applicant advise what would be the effect on capacity density if the size of scallops mitigation zone would be increased to include the following scenarios:	Applicant D4

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	i) Yellow shaded area (queen scallop fishing ground) ii) pink shaded area (queen scallop good fishing stonier ground) iii) combination of yellow and pink shaded area		
19	Provide footprint area (m2) for seabed preparation area.	Applicant	D4
20.	Provide footprint areas (m2) for reduction of access around infrastructure due to buried and protected inter-array and inter-connector cables.	Applicant	D4
21.	Provide statement of position from oral submission heard at ISH4 hearing.	Bodorgan Marine Ltd.	D4
22.	Submit full copies of articles concerning assessment of wake effects referred to in REP3-103.	Ørsted IPs	D4
23.	Provide a table for each Ørsted project which sets out the years in which the wind farms are expected to cease operation.	Ørsted IPs	D4
24.	Identify any projects within the Ørsted portfolio for which more pronounced wake effects are alleged.	Ørsted IPs	D4
25.	In the next update of the Commercial Side Agreements Tracker, explain the reason for including both NATS (Services) Limited and NATS (En Route) Plc.	Applicant	D7 (or when the tracker is next updated)
26.	Provide update on outcome of meeting between Applicant and Ronaldsway Airport on potential effects on Primary Surveillance Radar.	Applicant	D4