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**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS OF NFU REGARDING THE MONA OFFSHORE WIND FARM PROJECT
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION BY MONA OFFSHORE**

WIND Ltd (BP and EnBW)

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NO 010137

**SUBMISSIONS OF NATIONAL FARMERS UNION ON ISSUES FOLLOWING DRAFT DEVELOPMENT
CONSENT ORDER HEARING ON 24 OCTOBER 2024.**

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Submissions on behalf of the National Farmers Union (“NFU”) in respect of the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) by Mona Offshore Wind Ltd. The NFU is making a case on behalf of its members. This submission is submitted to highlight issues of concern which have been raised by NFU on behalf of NFU members and landowners represented by LIG who will be affected by this project and were raised at the draft DCO hearing on 24th October 2024.

2.0. DCO Articles

2.1.1 Article 17: Authority to survey and investigate the land 17.—(1) *The undertaker may for the purposes of this Order enter on any land shown within the Order limits or any land which may be affected by the authorised project and—*

The NFU raised at the hearing that they would like further clarity on what land may be ‘**any land which may be affected by the authorised project**’. The NFU believes that this is too wide an area and that this needs to be tighter so that landowners and occupiers will have an idea as to what land might be impacted.

The NFU raised that the word ‘adjacent’ should be included in the wording at 17.1 and that there should be a definition of adjacent included in the DCO.

2.1.2 The NFU would like the following wording to be included in the **draft DCO at 17(3) the notice required under paragraph (2) must indicate the nature of the survey or investigation that the undertaker intends to carry out.**

The Applicant confirmed at the hearing that they would consider this wording be included in the DCO at Article 17.

2.2. Article 29: Temporary Possession of Land: (2) *Not less than 28 days before entering on and taking temporary possession of land under this article the undertaker must serve notice of the intended entry on the owners and occupiers of the land and explain the purpose for which entry is taken in respect of land specified under paragraph (1)(a)(iii).*

The NFU at the hearing raised that they would like to see this notice period being for 3 months before entering and taking temporary possession. The Mona scheme will be impacting livestock farms, in particular some dairy farms and a written notice of only 28 days is simply not enough time for a farming business to plan whether livestock will need to be sold, implications on forage and feed required for livestock while construction is taking place.

It is impossible for a farmer to change operations/cultivations or make arrangements to do something different on an area of land whether crops or livestock within 28 days. It might be that orders for feed, fertilisers, sprays etc have to be changed and there is a greater chance of a change being possible if a 3 month notice is given rather than 28 days.

- 2.3 Article 30:** *(3) Not less than 28 days before entering on and taking temporary possession of land under this article the undertaker must serve notice of the intended entry on the owners and occupiers of the land.*

The same as above the NFU believes the notice period should be 3 months.