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Image of an offshore wind farm

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The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Directorate
Temple Quay House, Temple Quay
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Dear Madam / Sir,

Planning Act 2008

The proposed Mona Offshore Wind Farm

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Mona Offshore Wind Limited (the Applicant) encloses its submission for Deadline 4. Please find below an overview of key documents within this submission.

Responses to Interested Parties' Deadline 3 submissions

The Applicant has responded to the representations submitted by Interested Parties at Deadline 3.

A small number of NRW Deadline 3 responses (REP3-082, REP3-091 and REP3-092) were in relation to the Applicant's separate application for a transmission Marine Licence. The Applicant acknowledges receipt of these and will respond to them via the NRW Marine Licence Application process.

Applicant's revised approach to errata

In light of the Examining Authority's comments during Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) 3 and as confirmed by the Applicant at ISH4, the Applicant has revised the errata document. The Errata Sheet (S_PD_1 F05) now presents information in a series of tables, one per application document (where required) and only includes points that have not been updated in the relevant application documents.

In respect of offshore ornithology the following application documents have been updated at Deadline 4 to address all amendments identified to date.

- Volume 2, Chapter 5: Offshore ornithology (F2.5 F03)
- Volume 6, Annex 5.2: Offshore Ornithology Displacement Technical Report (F6.5.2 F03)

Updates to offshore ornithology examination documents

The Applicant has sought to engage with the SNCBs between examination deadlines to close out outstanding ornithological matters as soon as possible. Recent discussions on the Applicant's Deadline 3 submissions identified a need to submit updated versions of the following examination materials at Deadline 4.

- Offshore ornithology supporting information in line with SNCB advice (S_D3_19 F02)
- Offshore Ornithology Cumulative Effects Assessment and In-combination Gap-filling Historical Projects (S_D3_12 F02)

Further information on the feedback received from NRW (A) and JNCC, and the changes that have been made since Deadline 3 in light of this can be found in Table 1-1 in the respective documents. The Applicant hopes this will facilitate the resolution of key matters and enable the SNCBs to advise on their position with respect to the Applicant's EIA and HRA conclusions more swiftly.

Update on a without-prejudice designated landscape enhancement scheme

As set out by the Applicant in its response to HAP_ISH3_21 (S_D4_6) the Applicant has set up a meeting with NRW-A and IoACC for 15 November to discuss the principle of enhancement, and will provide an update to the ExA at Deadline 5.

Open space – Q1.6.14, REP3-062

The Applicant noted that in its Deadline 3 submission document Response to Examining Authority's Written Questions (ExQ1) (REP3-062) it had missed out a response to Q1.6.14. This has been added to the Deadline 4 submission document Response to Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council ExQ1 (Document Reference S_D4_26, REP3-078.7).

Listed Building Consent

On 25 September 2024 the Listed Building Consent for the works to the Gwrych Estate Boundary Wall was granted. The Other Consents and Licenses Required document (REP3-010) will be updated at Deadline 5 to reflect this.

Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule

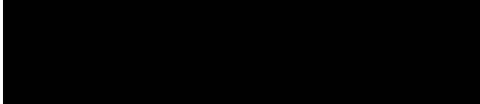
The mitigation and monitoring schedule has been updated at Deadline 4 (J10 F04) to include several measures (Reference numbers 104 to 109) which were omitted from the updated version of this document submitted at Deadline 3 (REP3-012 (Clean) and REP3-013 (Tracked)). The document has been further updated to address stakeholder comments made at Deadline 3 submissions (please refer to the Applicant's response to REP3-090.80 in S_D4_16) as well as further refinements, and therefore has been submitted as a further revision at Deadline 4 (J10 F04 (Clean) and J10 F03_F04 (Tracked)).

NatureScot Rule 17 Letter

The Applicant is aware of the Rule 17 letter issued by the Examining Authority on 16 October 2024 (PD-015/015a) requesting NatureScot's review of the updated ornithological assessment work

submitted into Examination by the Applicant. The Applicant has contacted NatureScot on several occasions (most recently on 1 October 2024) to discuss their submission into the examination (AS-024) and the Applicant's response submitted at Deadline 2 (REP3-043). The Applicant has not received a response from NatureScot as of 4 November 2024. The Applicant highlighted its pre-application consultation with NatureScot in response to ExA Q 1.10.4 in the Applicant's response to Examining Authority's Written Questions (REP3-062) submitted at Deadline 3.

Yours faithfully,



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