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Glossary

Term	Meaning
Applicant	Mona Offshore Wind Limited.
Mona Offshore Wind Project	The Mona Offshore Wind Project is comprised of both the generation assets, offshore and onshore transmission assets, and associated activities.

Acronyms

Acronym	Description
ASI	Accompanied site inspections

1 Response to Stuart Neil D3 Submissions

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1** This document has been prepared by the Applicant in response to two submissions received from Mr Stuart Neil, dated 30 September 2024, covering REP3-115 and REP3-116.
- 1.1.2** REP3-115 covers the request for an accompanied site inspection (ASI) and REP3-116 requests consideration of impact of the proposed works arising from the Mona Offshore Wind Project to an existing watercourse at the Penrefail crossroads on the B5381.
- 1.1.3** The Applicant has provided a response to these submissions in the table below and the reference numbers cited refer to the Planning Inspectorate's Examination Library for the DCO relating to the Mona Offshore Wind Project.
- 1.1.4** References to numbered plots are references to plot numbers in the Book of Reference (document reference D4) and Land Plan (Onshore) (document reference B5).

2 Response to Stuart Neil D3 Submission

Table 2.1: REP3-115 & REP3-116 - Stuart Neil

Planning Inspectorate Ref. No.	Written Submission comment	Applicant's response
REP3-115	<p>Re my deadline 2 request for an ExA Accompanied site inspections in vicinity of Penrefail crossroads.</p> <p>I provide a image of the area in question indicating in blue the approximate location of the watercourse that runs all year round, not rain water runoff that i wanted to indicate to the ExA in person.</p> <p>The orange lines indicate the areas of issues referenced in my RR at deadline 2.</p> <p>The yellow lines indicate 2 parking points for the purposes of the visit.</p> <p>I have only recently had access to the itinerary for site inspections and noted the area TCC2 was not included, despite the applicant acknowledging that i had asked for an inspection</p>	<p>The Applicant notes that from the unaccompanied site inspection that took place on the morning of 18 June 2024, this location was visited.</p> <p>As the Penrefail crossroad can be viewed without the requirement to enter onto private land, this was not initially included within the ASI however it was subsequently added as requested. Highways land in the vicinity of TCC2 was visited on the ASI on the 15th October the Applicant wishes to make the Examining Authority aware that whilst the Penrefail crossroad is in close proximity to Stuart Neil's land, he is not the owner or occupier of this public highway and verge, which at the section identified includes Plots 05-095 and 06-098. Stuart Neil's land is situated to the North and abuts part of Plot 06-098, where he is the owner of Plot 06/097. He is also noted as reputed owner, along with several other adjoining owners, in respect of the subsoil beneath the half width of public highway, for Plot 06-098, adopting the ad medium filum principle.</p>
REP3-116	<p>My concerns have not been addressed by the applicant. The watercourse to which I refer covers half the width of the proposed cable corridor at Penrefail crossroads on the B5381. Any investigation completed by the applicant post consent, will be too late and require a route change for the cables. I myself have experienced a change of spring location at a different much smaller spring on my property, due to a minor disturbance of the ground, by animals. The disturbance of this large spring by 4 drill shafts disrupting its underground route will cause significant disruption and damage to the surrounding area. I include a diagram of the current watercourse that will be affected, this is not indicated on any map provided.</p>	<p>The Statement of Reasons (document reference F02) sets out details regarding the offshore export cables which will make Landfall in Llanddulas, North Wales, including confirming that the offshore export cables will be brought under the intertidal area to a location above MHWs where they will be connected to the onshore export cables. The cables cross the B5381 through agricultural land which will be installed using trenchless techniques in order to minimise impacts on the road network.</p> <p>As outlined in the Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations (document reference S_PD_3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Applicant has considered a number of factors when proposing the alignment (and therefore the potential land take) of the onshore cable route. The primary factor being the proposed trenchless crossing approach for road and utility crossings adopted by the Mona Offshore Wind Project. Trenchless drilling allows the Applicant to place a conduit under the roads in which a cable is then installed, without having to close them or place any constraint on the traffic flows during their installation.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential impacts associated with watercourses and flooding around the TCC2 area are considered within Section 2.7.2 of Volume 3, Chapter 2: Hydrology and Flood Risk F3.2APP-065. No significant adverse impacts are identified during the construction phase. • Site preparation works will also include drainage surveys to identify the location and type of field drainage systems. • The detailed design of the watercourse crossing near Penyrefail crossroads will be informed by site investigations and agreed with the relevant planning authority. The design will follow the principles of the Outline Onshore Construction Method Statement (APP-227) which is secured as part of the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP under Requirement 9 of the draft DCO (C1 draft Development Consent Order F05). An Outline Onshore Construction Method Statement is provided in the DCO application (C1 Draft Development Consent Order F03)). The final Onshore Construction Method Statement will be prepared during detailed design and will be agreed with the relevant planning authority. The watercourse crossings will be constructed in accordance with the detailed method statement. • Pre-construction drainage will be installed to intercept existing land drains and divert water away from the working area where possible and to maintain existing drainage flows. Construction surface runoff will only be discharged to a watercourse under the conditions of an environmental permit or exemption from the relevant authority and following treatment and attenuation where required. Measures to control surface water runoff will be implemented in accordance with the Outline Construction Surface Water Drainage Management Plan, which is secured as part of the Code of Construction Practice under Requirement 9 of the draft DCO (C1 Draft Development Consent Order F05). The final Construction Surface Water Drainage Management Plan will be prepared during detailed design and will be agreed with the relevant planning authority.