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### Glossary

Term	Meaning
Applicant	Mona Offshore Wind Limited.
Bodelwyddan National Grid Substation	This is the Point of Interconnection (POI) selected by the National Grid for the Mona Offshore Wind Project.
Development Consent Order (DCO)	An order made under the Planning Act 2008 granting development consent for one or more Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).
Environmental Statement	The document presenting the results of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the Mona Offshore Wind Project.
Evidence Plan Process	The Evidence Plan process is a mechanism to agree upfront what information the Applicant needs to supply to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) applications for the Mona Offshore Wind Project.
Inter-array cables	Cables which connect the wind turbines to each other and to the offshore substation platforms. Inter-array cables will carry the electrical current produced by the wind turbines to the offshore substation platforms.
Landfall	The area in which the offshore export cables make contact with land and the transitional area where the offshore cabling connects to the onshore cabling.
Marine licence	The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 requires a marine licence to be obtained for licensable marine activities. Section 149A of the Planning Act 2008 allows an applicant for a DCO to apply for a 'deemed' marine licence as part of the DCO process. In addition, licensable activities within 12nm of the Welsh coast require a separate marine licence from Natural Resource Wales (NRW).
Mona Offshore Wind Project	The Mona Offshore Wind Project is comprised of both the generation assets, offshore and onshore transmission assets, and associated activities.
Mona Onshore Cable Corridor	The corridor between MHWS at the landfall and the Mona onshore substation, in which the onshore export cables will be located.
Mona Scoping Report	The Mona Scoping Report that was submitted to The Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) and NRW for the Mona Offshore Wind Project.
National Policy Statement (NPS)	The current national policy statements published by the Department for Energy Security & Net Zero in 2024.
Non-statutory consultee	Organisations that an applicant may choose to consult in relation to a project who are not designated in law but are likely to have an interest in the project.
Relevant Local Planning Authority	The Relevant Local Planning Authority is the Local Authority in respect of an area within which a project is situated, as set out in Section 173 of the Planning Act 2008. Relevant Local Planning Authorities may have responsibility for discharging requirements and some functions pursuant to the DCO, once made.
Statutory consultee	Organisations that are required to be consulted by an applicant pursuant to the Planning Act 2008 in relation to an application for development consent. Not all consultees will be statutory consultees (see non-statutory consultee definition).

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Term	Meaning
Wind turbines	The wind turbine generators, including the tower, nacelle and rotor.
The Planning Inspectorate	The agency responsible for operating the planning process for NSIPs.

## Acronyms

Acronym	Description
ALO	Agricultural Liaison Officer
BRAG	Black, Red, Amber, Green
DCO	Development Consent Order

# 1 Response to Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Ltd ExQ1 Responses

## 1.1 Introduction

1.1.1.1 The Applicant has responded to Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery's response to ExQ1 below.

## 2 Response to Tan-y-Mynydd Ltd ExQ1 Responses

Table 2.1: REP3-107 - Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Ltd

Planning Inspectorate Ref. No.	Question is addressed to	ExA Question	Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Ltd response	Applicant's response
REP3-107.01	Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery The Applicant	Q1.6.26 Alternative Route In the WR [REP1-080] mention is made of the 'alternative route to the immediate North of the fishery'. With reference to the relevant documents in the Examination Library, please signpost where this was identified and considered	To date The Applicant has to date not provided us with any 'signposting' to or detailed information as to why the alternative cable route to the immediate North of the fishery was rejected by them. We would appreciate being provided with this detail, ideally in a concise/consolidated pack (soft copy).	The Applicant has been in communication with Mr Chambers regarding this matter and provided links and reference to Figure 1.5 of the Site Selection BRAG report (APP-082) on the 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2024.
REP3-107.2	Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery	Q1.21.10 Potential Effects on Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To what extent does the Applicant's response [REP2-078], Table 2.15, to the matters you have raised in [REP1-080] address your concerns?</li> </ul> Provide an update on negotiations with the Applicant	<p>REP1-080.2: In para 1 of The Applicant's response we believe it incorrectly asserts that the 'northern' onshore cable route was selected. In point of fact, it is our understanding that the Southern route has been selected by The Applicant.</p> <p>In para 2 The Applicant asserts that the proposed cable route location is now located at a 'considerable distance and much higher elevation (from the fishery), which places the spring it at a low risk'. We agree that the route is now at a higher elevation than the known above ground origin of the one spring. That said, The Applicant has still failed to demonstrate that the below ground catchment area and preemergent water flow route(s) of the spring are such that there is a 'low risk' of them being impacted by the construction works and/or permanent cable route. In our opinion this needs to be addressed.</p> <p>The combined impact of these matters fails to provide us with confidence that The Applicant's responses to this point are sufficient or robust. We therefore consider the matter to still be open.</p> <p>REP1-080.3: It is pleasing to note that The Applicant has noted our concerns regarding the different water sources that supply the lakes. That said, we are disappointed that The Applicant has to date failed to provide any advice as to how it proposes to provide assurance that the uncharted source(s) of the spring feeding the upper two lakes will be identified, monitored and if then necessary protected.</p> <p>REP1-080.4: Since the site visit of The Applicant on 13 May 2024 we can advise that until 24 September 2024 there had been no further contact on any matter (other than an email on 18 Sept with a link to The Inspectorate's latest correspondence) from The Applicant. With regard to The Applicant's statement at para 2, we are pleased to note the proposed broad nature of the studies and monitoring indicated by The Applicant. That said, to date there has been no further update or other communication provided by The Applicant as to the extent, detail, timing, progress, locations or any other matter in respect of its proposed investigations etc.</p> <p>REP1-080.5: Para. 1 We are pleased to note that ongoing monitoring of 'originally installed' boreholes is taking place. As things stand, we are unaware of the location or detail of those boreholes or their appropriateness to providing information relative to the underground springs that we rely upon for our lake water. We would therefore appreciate The Applicant providing us with a soft copy pack containing sufficient detail, such that we can seek appropriate advice and reassurance as to the adequacy of its proposals.</p>	<p>The Applicant's reference to North in its previous response is incorrect and can confirm it was the southern route that has been selected, Figure 1.5 Onshore Cable Route Option Location (Section 3N and 3S) within the Site Selection BRAG Report (APP-082) show the routes that were considered.</p> <p>Noting that the assessment conclusions set out in Volume 3, Chapter 1: Geological, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions (APP-064) remain unchanged, the Applicant is continuing its review of geological and hydrogeological data from the boreholes installed during its initial site investigations. This review will inform a hydrogeological risk assessment to determine the potential risk that construction activities within the Onshore Cable Corridor may have on the water dependant features of Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery, most notably on the spring that feeds the ponds. The risk assessment and the development of a Hydrogeological Conceptual Model for the local area will ensure that the risk is low and that there will be no observable changes to the groundwater flow attributable to the construction activities.</p> <p>The Applicant will continue to engage with Mr. Chambers throughout the development process, and the appointed Agricultural Liaison Officer (ALO) will be available during construction to liaise with the Trout Fishery.</p>



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Planning Inspectorate Ref. No.	Question is addressed to	ExA Question	Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Ltd response	Applicant's response
REP3-107.3	The Applicant	<p>Q1.21.11 Suitable Legal Undertakings</p> <p>How do you respond to submissions by Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Ltd [REP1-080] that the business should be provided with a suitable legal undertaking or indemnity to protect its interests in the event that the proposed onshore construction works adversely affected the water source supplying the fishery?</p>	<p>It is pleasing to note at Para 2 that 'Requirement 9 of the draft DCO' will provide for the preparation of a detailed Construction Surface Water and Drainage Management Plan. That said, the future existence of such a construction plan alone is insufficient and will not address our Points (b), (c) and (d) relative to the permanent works, the seasonality / timing of the construction works and provision of suitable legal protections.</p> <p>REP1-080.6: We welcome the commitment of The Applicant to continue to engage with us to find a 'set of solutions to our concerns'. In this regard we would advise that as of 24 September 2024 a representative of The Applicant (Ellie Daikin) has now offered to hold 'Teams' update chats with us every 6 weeks until matters are fully resolved.</p> <p>Whilst we note that this question has been addressed to The Applicant. For our part, we can confirm that to date there has been no dialogue on this matter between ourselves and The Applicant. We await with interest The Applicant's response to the Inspectorate's question especially given the extent of our ongoing concerns regarding those matters outlined above. As such we reserve our position on this matter.</p>	<p>The Applicant has nothing further to add to its response at Q1.21.11 (REP3-062).</p>