

MONA OFFSHORE WIND LTD: PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: EN010137

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION

An application for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) was submitted by Mona Offshore Wind Ltd (the “Applicant”) of Building B, Chertsey Road, Sunbury on Thames, UK, TW16 7BP under the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State, C/O the Planning Inspectorate on 22/02/2024 and was accepted for examination on 21/03/2024 (“the Application”).

Notice is hereby given that the Applicant made a request to amend the Application on 1 November 2024 (“the Change Request”). The representation period for the Change Request will run until **17:00 on 3 December 2024**. This notice explains the Change Request and how you can respond.

Summary of the Application

The Application is for development consent to construct, operate and decommission the proposed Mona Offshore Wind Farm (the Project) and associated offshore and onshore infrastructure. The Project is located off the coast of North Wales in the Irish Sea. At the closest points the array area is 28.8 km from the north coast of Wales, 46.9 km from the northwest coast of England, and 46.6 km from the Isle of Man. The offshore export cable corridor will be approximately 46 km in length and the onshore export cable corridor (including 400 kV cable corridor) will be approximately 16 km in length.

The proposed DCO will, among other things, authorise:

- a) The construction and operation of up to 96 offshore wind turbine generators and their foundations;
- b) The construction of up to four offshore substation platforms (OSP) and their foundations;
- c) The construction of a network of subsea inter-array cables connecting the wind turbine generators and a network of interconnector cables connecting the OSPs;
- d) The installation of up to four subsea export cable circuits to transmit the electricity generated by the wind turbine generators to shore. The Project’s offshore export cable corridor extends south-eastwards from the array area to the proposed landfall at Llanddulas in Conwy;
- e) The construction of up to four transition joint bays at landfall connecting the offshore cables to the onshore cables;
- f) The installation of up to four underground onshore export cable circuits connecting from the transition joint bays at landfall to the project onshore substation;
- g) The construction and operation of a new project onshore substation to the south of St Asaph Business Park and Glascoed Road in Denbighshire;
- h) The installation of up to two underground onshore export cable circuits connecting the proposed onshore substation to the National Grid Bodelwyddan substation, to allow the power to be transferred to the National Grid; and
- i) Works to connect the Project to the National Grid Bodelwyddan substation in Denbighshire.

The DCO would also authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of an offshore wind farm.

Summary of the Change Request

The Applicant has continued to refine its proposals through early detailed design and engagement with stakeholders. This has resulted in the need for changes, some of which require additional land to be included within the proposed Order limits which will be for temporary use during construction only. All the proposed changes are located around the site of the proposed onshore substation. A summary of the changes and descriptions of the areas of land affected by compulsory acquisition as a result of the Change Request are:

Change 1(a and b): The amendment of the proposed Order limits to include an existing access track for temporary construction access during onshore site preparation works and a parcel of land to the west of the onshore substation for temporary construction access during onshore site preparation works and construction of the onshore substation and surrounding works. This involves the inclusion of two new plots of land (plots 11-197a and 11-197b) which would be subject to powers of temporary possession only.

Change 2(a and b): The amendment and widening of the onshore substation construction access road to aid Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) movements, including an amendment to the proposed Order limits. This involves the inclusion of four new plots of land (plots 11-229a, 11-230a, 11-233a and 11-234a) which would be subject to powers of temporary possession only. It also requires an additional small area of land for the onshore substation construction access road which is located within the existing Order limits within plot 11-220.

Change 3: The amendment of the proposed Order limits to include additional land adjacent to the onshore substation construction access bellmouth to accommodate a temporary construction drainage attenuation basin. This involves the inclusion of two new plots of land (plots 11-233b and 11-234b) which would be subject to powers of temporary possession only.

Change 4: The amendment and widening of the proposed Order limits to include land needed to accommodate an area of hardstanding during the construction period to allow establishment of the permanent access road. This involves the inclusion of one new plot of land (plot 11-221a) which would be subject to powers of temporary possession only.

These proposed amendments have been incorporated into and are shown on Change Request Land Plan and the Change Request Book of Reference. The Change Request Statement of Reasons and Change Request Funding Statement have also been submitted in support of the Change Request.

Viewing the Change Request application

The Change Request Report, Change Request Works Plan, Change Request Land Plan and the Change Request Book of Reference and further information relating to the Change Request can be viewed and downloaded free of charge from the Mona project website <https://www.morganandmona.com/en/>

The Change Request documents will be available to view online until at least 3 December 2024.

You may also access the documents free-of-charge at the below locations, until at least 3 December 2024. Please check directly with the facilities to confirm their opening hours, as well as any bookings or registrations that might be required to access the documents digitally through the computers available at the respective locations.

Venue	Opening Times	Contact Number
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Llandudno Library, Mostyn Street, Llandudno LL30 2RP	Mon-Weds and Fri: 9-5:30pm Thurs: 10-7pm, Sat: 9:30-3pm	01492 574010
Rhyl Library, Museum and Arts Centre Church Street, Rhyl LL18 3AA	Mon: 9:30-6pm, Tues-Fri: 9:30- 5pm, Sat: 9:30-12.30pm	01745 353814

A copy of the Change Request report and full suite of supporting documents can be made available in hard copy format on request at a cost of £250. For any bespoke document requests please contact the Applicant (using the Project team contact details above) who will provide the cost.

If you have any questions about the Change Request or want to find out more about the Change Request, you can visit the Mona project website here: <https://www.morganandmona.com/en/> or contact the Project team at 0800 860 6263 or email info@monaoffshorewind.com.

How to respond to the Change Request

Please note that all representations must be received by 17:00 on 3 December 2024.

Feedback can be submitted in via email: info@monaoffshorewind.com or in writing (FREEPOST MONA).

Any comments or responses will be shared with the Planning Inspectorate. Please note that all responses submitted will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website and will be subject to their privacy policy, found online here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notice>