

Application by Mona Offshore Wind Limited for Mona Offshore Wind Farm The Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ2) Issued on 19 November 2024

The following table sets out the Examining Authority's (ExA's) written questions and requests for information – ExQ2.

Questions are set out using an issues-based framework derived from the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues provided as Annexe B to the Rule 6 letter of 7 June 2024. Questions have been added to the framework of issues set out there as they have arisen from representations and to address the assessment of the application against relevant policies.

Column 2 of the table indicates which Interested Parties (IPs) and other persons each question is directed to. The ExA would be grateful if all persons named could answer all questions directed to them, providing a substantive response, or indicating that the question is not relevant to them for a reason. This does not prevent an answer being provided to a question by a person to whom it is not directed, should the question be relevant to their interests.

Each question has a unique reference number which starts with 2 (indicating that it is from ExQ2) and then has an issue number and a question number. For example, the first question on air quality and emissions issues is identified as Q2.1.1. When you are answering a question, please start your answer by quoting the unique reference number.

If you are responding to a small number of questions, answers in a letter will suffice. If you are answering a larger number of questions, it will assist the ExA if you use a table based on this one to set out your responses. An editable version of this table in Microsoft Word is available on request from the case team: please contact monaoffshorewindproject@planninginpectorate.gov.uk and include Mona Offshore Wind Farm in the subject line of your email.

Responses are due by Deadline 5: 3 December 2024.



Abbreviations used:

AEol AIL AONB AyM	Adverse Effect on Integrity Abnormal Indivisible Load Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Awel y Môr	NATS NPS NRW (A) NRW (MLT) NWWT	National Air Traffic Services National Policy Statement Natural Resources Wales (Advisory) Natural Resources Wales (Marine Licensing Team) North Wales Wildlife Trust
BoR CA CAH1 CBBC CEA	Book of Reference Compulsory Acquisition Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 Conwy County Borough Council Cumulative Effects Assessment	NSIP OCoCP OCMS ODMP OSEP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project Outline Code of Construction Practice Outline Construction Method Statement Outline Dust Management Plan Outline Skills and Employment Plan
CO ₂	Carbon Dioxide	OWF	Offshore Wind Farm
CRDV	Clwydian Range and Dee Valley	ONVMP	Outline Noise and Vibration Management Plan
CSIP	Cable Specification and Installation Plan	OLEMP	Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan
dDCO DCC	Draft Development Consent Order Denbighshire County Council	OSMP PA2008	Outline Soil Management Plan Planning Act 2008
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government	PPW	Planning Policy Wales
DCO DML EIA EM EMF EMP ENP	Development Consent Order Deemed Marine Licence Environmental Impact Assessment Explanatory Memorandum Electromagnetic Fields Environmental Management Plan Eryri National Park Environmental Statement	PRoW PSR R RR RSPB SAC Sch SGLP	Public Rights of Way Primary Surveillance Radar Requirement Relevant Representation Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Special Area of Conservation Schedule Special Category Land Plans
ExA	Examining Authority	SLVIA	Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact



FCA GCN GW HGV HRA IOA	Flood Consequence Assessment Great Crested Newts Gigawatts Heavy Goods Vehicle Habitats Regulations Assessment Isle of Anglesey Isle of Anglesey County Council	SMZ SoCG SoS SoR SPA tCO₂e TP	Scallop Mitigation Zone Statement(s) of Common Ground Secretary of State Statement of Reasons Special Protection Area Tonnes of CO ₂ equivalent Temporary Possession
IoANL	Isle of Anglesey National Landscape	UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
IoMG JNCC km LIR LSE LPA LVIA	Isle of Man Government Joint Nature Conservation Committee kilometres Local Impact Report Likely Significant Effect Local Planning Authority Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment	VP WFD WR	Viewpoint Water Framework Directive Written Representation

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References in these questions set out in square brackets (eg [APP-010]) are to documents catalogued in the Examination Library. The Examination Library can be obtained from the following link:

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2.0	General and Cross	Topic Questions
Q2.0.1	Mrs H M Parry G W Parry Robert Parry Elizabeth W Wade	Access to Examination Library Have you got any current, outstanding issues with accessing documents in the Examination Library?
Q2.0.2	The Applicant	IGP Solar 21 Limited battery storage project The ExA notes that very limited information on the IGP Solar 21 Limited battery storage project has been submitted into the public domain. As the application is due to be submitted in Summer/Autumn 2025, is it likely that construction periods for the battery storage project and the Proposed Development will overlap? If this is the case, is it correct that no assessment should be made at all, even using estimates, of potential cumulative effects?
Q2.0.3	The Applicant Welsh Government	Statement of Common Ground Produce a Statement of Common Ground on all issues of relevance to The Welsh Government. For submission at Deadline 5, with final version at Deadline 7. Add The Welsh Government to the Statement of Commonality.
Q2.0.4	All parties	Summaries of written submissions over 1500 words The ExA would remind parties that any written submissions that exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary which should not exceed 10% of the original text. The summary should set out the key facts of the written submission and must be representative of the submission made.
2.1	Air Quality and Hun	nan Health
Q2.1.1	The Applicant	Compliance with NPS EN-5 As required by Section 2.9.55 of the National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure (EN-5), can you signpost your evidence of compliance with the ICNIRP guidelines and the factors specified in Section 2.10.11 of NPS EN-5?
Q2.1.2	The Applicant	Actual EMF Risk At Section 4.8.8.7 of ES Vol. 4, Chapter 4 [APP-078] you say that you will adopt and implement relevant design guidelines of the ICNIRP (International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection) and UK Government voluntary code of practice that are deemed sufficient for avoiding actual EMF risk. In

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		Table 4.9 thereof you add that relevant public EMF exposure guideline limits are noted in the National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure (EN-5) and that the Proposed Development would comply with them.
		Who would be responsible for monitoring compliance with the guideline limits?
		Would this be carried out proactively on a, for example, annual basis?
		How would testing locations be chosen?
		Who could local residents and/or landowners contact with concerns about compliance? What enforcement mechanisms are provided were the Proposed Development, individually or in combination with other sources of EMFs, found to breach the guideline limits?
Q2.1.3	The Applicant	Potential impact of artificial light on residential amenity
		The ExA is mindful of your ES Vol 3, Chapter 3 [APP-069] Table 6.19 and your Lighting Clarification Note [REP4-043]. However, Section 5.7.5 of the Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) says that the Applicant should, amongst other things, assess the potential for emissions of artificial light to have a detrimental impact on residential amenity as part of the ES. Can you signpost where this element of policy has been complied with in respect of both the construction and operational phases of the Proposed Development?
Q2.1.4	Richard Fearnall on behalf of Michael and Sally Leach	Michael & Sally Leach
		Is there anything that you want to add to your earlier submissions in respect of the Applicant's Response to Richard Fearnall on behalf of Michael and Sally Leach ExQ1 Responses ([REP4-077], REP3-113.1)?
Q2.1.5	APs	Dust
	IPs	In the Councils' Response to First Written Questions (ExQ1) [REP3-078] CCBC said that it is satisfied with the provision of the Outline Dust Management Plan [APP-214] as secured in the dDCO [REP4-005] and recognises that the detailed Plan would be subject to its approval as part of the discharge of Requirement 9. Therefore, it considers the measures to be acceptable at this stage in the lifecycle. If you disagree with its conclusion:
		Please explain why; and
		 Identify what specific changes you consider are needed to the Outline Dust Management Plan [REP2-042].

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Q2.1.6	The Applicant	Human Health Assessment
		On foot of submission of your Construction Noise and Vibration Clarification Note [REP4-045] and proposed updating of the Noise and Vibration Chapter of the ES [APP-072] and the Construction noise and vibration technical report [APP-179] at Deadline 5, with reasoning for your position, please advise whether you need to update Sections 4.8.7 and/ or 4.10.7 of ES Vol 4, Chapter 4? Any such update should be submitted at Deadline 5.
2.2	Construction	
Q2.2.1	The Applicant	Site-specific mitigation scheme
		On a without prejudice basis, can you draft wording for an additional requirement in Schedule 2 of the dDCO [REP4-005] that would provide a site-specific scheme in respect of the occupiers of Tyddyn Meredydd that would mitigate the impacts of construction activities arising from those works including noise, vibration, dust and visual effects (including from all artificial lighting). As a reference you are directed to The National Grid (Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement Project) Development Consent Order 2024, Schedule 3, Article 19(1), (3) and (4).
2.3	Civil and Military	Aviation and Defence Interests
Q2.3.1	Blackpool Airport	Mitigation of effects on the Blackpool Airport Minimum Sector Altitude (MSA)
		Without prejudice to the ongoing safeguarding assessment, does the Airport agree with the Applicant's position that raising the MSA from 2000ft to 2200ft is likely to be the appropriate mitigation for the Mona project?
Q2.3.2	Blackpool Airport	Mitigation of effects on the Blackpool Airport MSA
		At ISH4, the Applicant reported that Blackpool Airport's safeguarding assessment is ongoing and that there is a risk that the outcome of the review will not be finalised before this Examination must close. In the scenario that the required mitigation for the Mona project cannot be secured by the end of this Examination:
		 use the Statement of Common Ground or a Closing Submission at Deadline 7 to set out in full the status of the Airport's safeguarding assessment as it is relevant to the Proposed Development;

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		 provide the expected timescales for final agreement on mitigation of effects of the Proposed Development on the Airport's MSA; and
		identify any impediments to putting in place the required mitigation.
Q2.3.3	Blackpool Airport	Potential interference to communications with aircraft operating at low level
		 Expand on the matters raised in SoCG [REP3-030], ref BA.AR.13 regarding potential interference to communications with aircraft operating at low level.
		Do you seek additional controls from the Mona project in this regard?
Q2.3.4	The Applicant	Liverpool Airport Primary Surveillance Radar (PSR)
		Regardless of whether Liverpool Airport has engaged with this Examination, the ExA will need to reach a finding on the likely significant adverse effects to the Liverpool Airport PSR identified in the ES [APP-075].
		 Noting your responses to ExQ1.3.5 and 1.3.6 [REP3-062] that without engagement with Liverpool Airport a mitigation solution is not able to be progressed, to what extent do you consider that the Proposed Development complies with Section 5.5 of NPS EN-1 and particularly paras 5.5.43 and 5.5.50?
		 How do you intend to secure mitigation for the potential significant effects on Liverpool Airport PSR, if it is required?
		The ExA reiterates its request in ExQ1.3.5 [PD-013] for final positions by Deadline 7.
2.4	Climate Change an	d Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Q2.4.1	The Applicant	Carbon Emissions Assessment
		Can the Applicant confirm if the recent high court ruling <i>Friends of the Earth Ltd & South Lakeland Action on Climate Change vs SSLUHC</i> has any implications for the assessment of carbon emissions undertaken in Chapter 2.10 of [APP-076].
		Is any further analysis of carbon emissions downstream of the project required?

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		 Would consideration need to be given to outage periods where other electricity generating sources producing direct carbon emissions (e.g. gas) may be required to compensate for the electricity produced by Mona?
2.5	Commercial Fisher	ries, Fish and Shellfish
Q2.5.1	The Applicant	Welsh Policy
	Welsh Government	Can you advise if and how the Proposed Development aligns with The Welsh National Marine Plan and:
		■ ECON_01: Sustainable economic growth; and
		FIS_01:Fisheries
Q2.5.2	The Applicant	Inter-related Effects – Offshore
		The impacts identified in Chapter 6 (Vol 2) Commercial Fisheries [APP-058] includes:
		 Displacement of fishing activity into other areas where other vessels are active having an impact.
		However, Table 11.11 in Chapter 11 (Vol 2) Inter-related Effects – Offshore [APP-063] is for:
		Displacement of fishing activity into other areas.
		Can you clarify why inter-related effects does not reference to the additional text "to where other vessels are active having an impact".
Q2.5.3	The Applicant	Cumulatively assessment
		Can you advise why supply chain opportunities for local fishing vessels appears as an impact in the cumulatively assessment but does not appear in the project alone impacts identified in Chapter 6 (Vol 2) Commercial Fisheries [APP-058].
Q2.5.4	The Applicant	Cumulatively assessment
		Can you summarise your assessment of cumulative assessment impacts related to Isle of Man fisheries.
Q2.5.5	The Applicant	Monitoring
		Can you explain how you satisfy NPS EN-3 paragraph 2.8.247 which notes that it is unknown whether exposure to multiple cables and larger capacity cables may have a cumulative impact on sensitive species and that monitoring EMF emissions can provide the evidence to inform future EIAs.

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Q2.5.6	Scottish Fishermen's Federation, Scottish Whitefish Producers Association Limited, West Coast Sea Products Ltd Bodorgan Marine Limited	Mitigation and monitoring measures If you are not satisfied with the commercial fisheries measures being put forward by the Applicant and captured in Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule [REP4-013] can you indicate what mitigation and monitoring is required with a summary of reasons.
Q2.5.7	The Applicant	Mitigation and monitoring measures Can you summarise how you satisfy NPS EN-3 paragraph 2.8.251 'Mitigation should be designed to enhance, where reasonably possible, any potential medium and long-term positive benefits to the fishing industry, commercial fish stocks and the marine environment'.
Q2.5.8	The Applicant	Significance of Effects Can you clarify why Table 3.34: Summary of potential environmental effects, mitigation and monitoring [APP-055] does not appear to state the significance of effect for shellfish. For example: i) the significance of effect for construction and decommissioning phases is not stated for underwater sound impacting shellfish; and ii) the significance of effect for the operation phase is not stated for Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) from subsea electrical cabling impacting shellfish.
Q2.5.9	The Applicant	Significance of Effects Can you clarify why Table 3.35: Summary of potential cumulative environmental effects, mitigation and monitoring [APP-055] does not appear to state the significance of effects for the groups of Important Ecological Features indicated in Table 3.14 [APP-055] i.e. marine, shellfish and diadromous.
Q2.5.10	The Applicant	Tier 1 Impacts Can you clarify why Table 3.35: Summary of potential cumulative environmental effects, mitigation and monitoring [APP-055] does not identify Tier 1 impacts related to increased suspended sediment

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		concentrations (SSCs) and associated sediment deposition; and introduction of artificial structures and colonisation of hard structures.
Q2.5.11	NRW (A)	Queen Scallops Impacts
	Scottish Fishermen's Federation, Scottish Whitefish Producers Association Limited, West Coast Sea Products Ltd	Chapter 3 (Vol 2) Fish and shellfish ecology [APP-055] identifies for queen scallop, a low magnitude and a low sensitivity resulting in minor adverse (which is not significant in EIA terms) for impacts related to: i) temporary habitat loss/disturbance ii) increased suspended sediment concentrations (SSCs) and associated sediment deposition. iii) disturbance/remobilisation of sediment-bound contaminants during construction. If you disagree with this assessment, can you please provide evidence to justify you position and include any appropriate mitigation measures.
Q2.5.12	NRW (A) Scottish Fishermen's Federation, Scottish Whitefish Producers Association Limited, West Coast Sea Products Ltd	Queen Scallops Impact Chapter 3 (Vol 2) Fish and shellfish ecology [APP-055] identifies that long term habitat loss on queen scallop would have a low magnitude impact and that the sensitivity is considered to be medium, resulting in minor adverse significance which is not significant in EIA terms. If you disagree with this assessment, can you please provide evidence to justify you position and include any appropriate mitigation measures.
Q2.5.13	NRW (A) Scottish Fishermen's Federation, Scottish Whitefish Producers Association Limited, West Coast Sea Products Ltd	Queen Scallops Impact Section 3.11 Cumulative Assessment within Chapter 3 (Vol 2) Fish and shellfish ecology [APP-055] identifies for queen scallop the significance of effects as being not significant in EIA terms. If you disagree with this assessment, can you please provide evidence to justify you position and include any appropriate mitigation measures.
Q2.5.14	NRW A	Cod and Herring

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		Can you provide an update regarding cod and herring issues and summarise any remaining principal points of disagreement including any monitoring requirements.
Q2.5.15	The Applicant	Electro-magnetic fields
		NPS EN-3 paragraph 2.8.247 states 'it is unknown whether exposure to multiple cables and larger capacity cables may have a cumulative impact on sensitive species. It is therefore important to monitor EMF emissions which may provide the evidence to inform future EIAs'. Can you explain how you satisfy this particular paragraph.
2.6	Compulsory Acqui	sition (CA) and Temporary Possession (TP)
The Ex	A intends holding a Con	npulsory Acquisition Hearing in w/c 9 December where it will have further questions.
Q2.6.1	The Applicant	Securing access to land during construction phase
		Where "islands" or pockets of land would be surrounded by land over which you are seeking CA or TP, see illustrative examples below, what provision would be made for owners'/occupiers' continued access to and use of that land? How would this be secured in the dDCO?
Q2.6.2	SP Manweb PLC	Protective provisions At CAH1 [EV-008] and ISH5 [EV-007] the Applicant said that protective provisions had been agreed between the parties, that the dDCO [REP4-005] would be updated accordingly at Deadline 4 and that thereafter you would write to advise that your representation is being withdrawn [PDA-049]. The Applicant's subsequently updated Land Rights Tracker [REP4-091] advises that a drafting point needs to be resolved between the parties before the dDCO is updated accordingly. • From your perspective, is that a correct summary of where the parties stand?

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		Can you confirm that agreement of protective provisions will resolve your outstanding objections? If not, what further agreement(s) are required?
		 Whilst noting your submitted draft protective provisions [REP3-106], if you have not reached agreement thereon with the Applicant by Deadline 5, please submit an explanation of areas of disagreement, reasons why and by annotating Part 4, Schedule 10 of the dDCO [REP4-005] indicate what specific changes need to be made in order to address them.
Q2.6.3	Wales and West	Protective provisions
	Utilities	At ISH5 [EV-007] the Applicant said that your legal representatives had advised that they were seeking instruction from you in respect of proposed amendments to the protective provisions included in Part 5, Schedule 10 of the dDCO [REP4-005]. In its Land Rights Tracker [REP3-076] it advised that agreement been the parties was expected before the close of Examination.
		 From your perspective, is that a correct summary of where the parties stand?
		 Can you confirm that agreement of protective provisions will resolve your outstanding objections? If not, what further agreement(s) are required?
		 If you have not reached agreement with the Applicant on protective provisions by Deadline 5, please submit an explanation of areas of disagreement, reasons why and by annotating Part 5, Schedule 10 of the dDCO [REP4-005] indicate what specific changes need to be made in order to address them.
Q2.6.4	Welsh Ministers as	Protective provisions & voluntary agreement
	Strategic Highway Authority	At CAH1 [EV-008] and ISH5 [EV-007] the Applicant advised that it is very close to reaching an agreement with you on proposed protective provisions. In its Land Rights Tracker [REP4-091] it said that it expects to reach agreement with you on protective provisions 'shortly'.
		 From your perspective, is that a correct summary of where the parties stand?
		 In respect of land rights that the Applicant seeks to acquire from you, do you envisage that you will reach voluntary agreement with the Applicant before the close of Examination?
		 If you have not reached agreement with the Applicant on protective provisions by Deadline 5, please submit an explanation of areas of disagreement, reasons why and by annotating Part 6, Schedule 10 of the dDCO [REP4-005] indicate what specific changes need to be made in order to address them.

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
Q2.6.5	National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC	Protective provisions At ISH5 [EV-007] the Applicant said that discussion was on-going with you on draft protective provisions
		and how those would apply to interactions at both the onshore sub-station and along the proposed cable corridor. In its Land Rights Tracker [REP4-091] it advised that agreement been the parties was expected before the close of Examination.
		 From your perspective, is that a correct summary of where the parties stand?
		 Can you confirm that agreement of protective provisions will resolve your outstanding objections? If not, what further agreement(s) are required?
		 Whilst noting that you referred in your Written Representation [REP1-055] to the protective provisions for your benefit that were included in The Awel y Môr Offshore Windfarm Order 2023, if you have not reached agreement with the Applicant on Protective Provisions by Deadline 5, please submit an explanation of areas of disagreement, reasons why and by annotating Part 7, Schedule 10 of the dDCO [REP4-005] indicate what specific changes need to be made in order to address them.
Q2.6.6	Addleshaw Goddard	Protective provisions
	PLC on behalf of Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	At ISH5 [EV-007] the Applicant said that discussion was on-going with you on the matters raised in your WR [REP1-057] and, its Land Rights Tracker [REP4-091] it advised that agreement been the parties on all outstanding issues was expected before the close of Examination.
		From your perspective, is that a correct summary of where the parties stand?
		 If not, what are the outstanding points of difference between you and the Applicant?
		 Looking at final section of you WR [REP1-057], please provide any update on 'Requirements in order to withdraw'.
		 If you have not reached agreement with the Applicant on protective provisions by Deadline 5, please submit an explanation of areas of disagreement, reasons why and by annotating Part 8, Schedule 10 of the dDCO [REP4-005] indicate what specific changes need to be made in order to address them.
Q2.6.7	AyM Offshore Wind	Protective provisions
	Farm Limited	In the Applicant's response to Written Representations ([REP2-078], Table 2.4):

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		 It clarified at Reference REP1-061.3 thereof and during ISH5 [EV-007] what it considers to be the extent of potentially competing land rights between the parties. With reasoning for your response, do you agree with its stance?
		 At reference REP1-061.4 it referred to review of a draft set of protective provisions and at CAH1 [EV-008] and ISH5 [EV-007] mention was made to an updated exchange between the parties. If you have not reached agreement with the Applicant on protective provisions by Deadline 5, can you advise on the wording of protective provisions that you consider would be required to avoid serious detriment to the carrying out of your undertaking?
Q2.6.8	Shepherd &	Land rights/property agreement
	Wedderburn on behalf of Burbo Extension Limited	Do you agree with the Applicant's account of negotiations with you in its Land Rights Tracker [REP4-091]. If not, please advise why not.
Q2.6.9	The Applicant	Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) s127 and s138 cases to satisfy the Secretary of State
		At CAH1 [EV-008] you said that you would make applications under s127 and s138 of the PA2008, as required, before the close of the Examination. Where agreement has not been reached with Statutory Undertakers in advance of Deadline 5, can you please submit such applications on that date in order to facilitate Statutory Undertakers' response at Deadline 6?
Q2.6.10	AyM Offshore Wind	Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) s127 and s138 cases to satisfy the Secretary of State
	Farm Limited National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC Addleshaw Goddard PLC on behalf of Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	These matters will be explored further at hearings during the week commencing 9 December 2024, at which your presence will be requested. At Deadline 6, either in response to this question or as a written statement of oral representations given at a relevant hearing, can you:
		Provide an update with regards to agreeing outstanding matters with the Applicant; and
		 Provide any comments you wish to make, with reasoning, on the s127 and s138 cases (as appropriate) that will have been submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 5.
	SP Manweb PLC	
	Wales and West Utilities	

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	Welsh Ministers as Strategic Highway Authority	
Q2.6.11	CCBC	CCBC
		Do you agree with the Applicant's account of negotiations with you in its Land Rights Tracker [REP4-091]? If not, please specify why not.
		What agreement or assurances would the Applicant need to provide to you to enable CCBC to reach voluntary agreement with it in respect of rights that are being sought in your land?
Q2.6.12	DMPC on behalf of	Mr R W Roberts
	Mr EW Roberts	Can you provide an update on any negotiations with the Applicant since the Accompanied Site Inspection on 15 October 2024 and CAH1 [EV-008]?
		Having had the chance to consider the Outline Highways Access Management Plan [APP-228] as it applies to your clients' land, what specific amendments to it do you consider are needed to address your client's concerns about the prevention of discharge of water onto the public highway?
Q2.6.13	DMPC on behalf of Mr AEM Owen & A Owen Cyf	Mr AEM Owen & A Owen Cyf
		Can you provide an update on any negotiations with the Applicant since CAH1 [EV-008]?
		What agreement or assurances would the Applicant need to provide your clients with to enable them to withdraw their objection to the Proposed Development as it relates to rights the Applicant is seeking in their land?
		Over and above evidence that you have submitted on your clients' behalf in previous submissions, is there anything that you want to add in respect of the Applicant's Response to Davis Meade Property Consultants on behalf of Mr AEM Owen & A Owen ExQ1 Responses [REP4-078]?
Q2.6.14	DMPC on behalf of:	Mrs G Williams & Mr M Williams and Mr H & Mrs C Lloyd
	Mrs G Williams & Mr M Williams	Do you agree with the Applicant's account of negotiations with your clients in its Land Rights Tracker [REP4-091]. If not, please specify why not.
	Mr H & Mrs C Lloyd Mr RW Roberts	The ExA is mindful of your WR [REP1-082] setting out your clients' general concerns. However, those clients' respective RRs [RR-052, RR-053 and RR-055] didn't explain what specific concerns they have regarding rights in their land that are being sought by the Applicant. On that basis, what agreement or

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		assurances would it need to provide them with, in respect of rights being sought in their land, to enable voluntary agreement to be reached?
Q2.6.15	The Applicant	Variation of restrictive covenant
		At CAH1 [EV8-002] you advised, in respect of Plot 02-024, that the restrictive covenant that it is proposed to be subject of by virtue of Schedule 8 and Article 20 of the dDCO [REP4-005] would not necessarily preclude the owners' plans for development of the land subject to your agreement.
		 Would such possible variation of the proposed restrictive covenant be a private legal matter between you and the landowner/occupier, outwith the jurisdiction of the dDCO?
		What recourse to adjudication would the latter have if you were not amenable to variation of the restrictive covenant to facilitate their plans for development of their land?
Q2.6.16	The Applicant	G Lloyd Evans & Sons
		During the Accompanied Site Inspection at the farm of G Lloyd Evans & Sons, a verbal update was provided on the extent of Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) that had been agreed to date. Please provide a plan showing the extent of proposed HDD as it would affect the holding and advise how this would be secured through the dDCO [REP4-005].
Q2.6.17	J Bradburne Price & Co on behalf of G Lloyd Evans and Sons	G Lloyd Evans & Sons
		Can you provide an update on any negotiations with the Applicant since CAH1 [EV-008]?
		What agreement or assurances would the Applicant need to provide to your clients to enable them to withdraw their objection to the Proposed Development?
		Is there anything that you want to add to your existing submissions in respect of the Applicant's Response to J Bradburne Price & Co on behalf of G Lloyd Evans & Sons ExQ1 Responses [REP4-070].
Q2.6.18	J Bradburne Price &	Mr Roberts
	Co on behalf of Mr Roberts	Can you provide an update on any negotiations with the Applicant since the Accompanied Site Inspection on 15 October 2024 when clarification was provided on the access it is seeking over your client's land?
		What agreement or assurances would the Applicant need to provide to your client to enable him to withdraw his objection to the Proposed Development?
Q2.6.19	DTM Legal LLP on behalf of Jennings	Jennings Building & Civil Engineering Limited

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
	Building & Civil Engineering Limited	In your submission on your client's' behalf [REP4-117] you refer to the 'Easement strip'. Using either the Land Plan Onshore – Sheet Number 2 [REP1-004] or Works Plan - Onshore Sheet 2 [AS-003], please annotate either with the area that you are referring to.
Q2.6.20	Richard Fearnall on behalf of Michael and Sally Leach	Michael & Sally Leach Where it deals with potential interference with your land rights,n and bearing in mind that the Secretary of State cannot intervene in respect of the award of compensation, is there anything that you want to add to your earlier submissions in respect of the Applicant's Response to Richard Fearnall on behalf of Michael and Sally Leach ExQ1 Responses ([REP4-077], REP3-113.4)?
Q2.6.21	DPMC on behalf of Hefin Williams	Hefin Williams Is there anything that you want to add to your existing submissions on your client's behalf in respect of the Applicant's Response to Davis Meade Property Consultants on behalf of Hefin Williams ExQ1 Responses [REP4-066]?
Q2.6.22	DMPC	Davis Meade Property Consultants Other than points that you have already raised in various submissions on behalf of clients, have you any additional comments in respect of the Applicant's Response to Davis Meade Property Consultants response on behalf of Affected Parties to ExQ1 [REP4-068]?
Q2.6.23	Forsters on behalf of the Executors of the Estate of the Late Sir David Watkin Williams-Wynn Bt	The Cefn Estate Can you provide an update on the outcome of the planned meeting with the Applicant? If the scheduled discussion did not take place on 11 November, when it its proposed that the parties will meet?
Q2.6.24	The Applicant	Sub-Station site When responding to Forsters submission on behalf of the Executors of the Estate of the Late Sir David Watkin Williams-Wynn Bt [REP4-119] in respect of the sub-heading 'The scale and tenure of the land sought is not justified and the site selection process has not been adequate', can you explain how the (comparative) extent of land rights sought would comply with s122(2)(a) and (b) of PA2008 taking account of your cited evidence at ISH3 [EV5] about the site-selection process?
Q2.6.25	CCBC DCC	Open Space

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
		In its Response to CCBC and DCC ExQ1 Responses ([REP4-058], REP3-078.7) the Applicant addressed your concerns in response to Q1.6.14 (PD-013]. With reasons for your position, does its explanation address your concerns?
Q2.6.26	The Applicant	Open Space
		In your Response to CCBC and DCC ExQ1 Responses ([REP4-058], REP3-078.7) you say, in respect of Plot 01-003 that the installation of fencing would be limited to a 3-4 week cycle for each of the 4 proposed cable circuits:
		 Would that proposed duration be controlled by the dDCO?; and
		 If not, in considering whether this element of the Proposed Development would satisfy 132(3) of the PA2008, how could the Secretary of State be assured that 'only a very small section of this plot will be fenced off temporarily and for a limited period'?
2.7	Draft Development	Consent Order (dDCO)
The Ex	A will have further quest	ions at ISH6 on 10 December 2024
Q2.7.1	The Applicant	Explanatory Memorandum
		Can you ensure that all points referenced in your response to October Hearing Action Points [REP4-036] are captured within the Explanatory Memorandum due to be submitted at D5.
2.8	Flood Risk and Wa	ter Environment
Q2.8.1	The Applicant	Additional storage areas
		At Section 1.9.1.13 of the Outline CoCP [REP4-023] you refer to the possible need for additional storage areas along the Mona Onshore Cable Corridor, Mona 400kV Grid Connection Cable Corridor and at the Onshore Substation. In Section 1.9.1.13 you add that their location 'will be sited away from watercourses and flood zones where possible' (ExA emphasis). If needed, would their precise location be subject of Requirement 9(1) of the dDCO [REP4-005]?
Q2.8.2	The Applicant	Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Limited
	Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Limited	Can you provide an update on dialogue between the Applicant and Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Limited.
Q2.8.3	The Applicant	Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Limited

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
		With reference to evidence to support your response, do you accept that there is the potential for the construction of the onshore cable route to impact on the water supply to the fishery?
Q2.8.4	The Applicant	Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Limited
		In your Response to the Examining Authority's written questions (ExQ1) ([REP3-062], Q1.21.11) you said that water monitoring is taking place. Can you give any update on the nature of that water monitoring and when the outcomes will be known and submitted into the Examination? Additionally, you stated that construction impacts would be managed through the the CoCP. Could you outline the measures in the outline CoCP or its appended outline management plans that would manage potential effects on hydrology and specifically on the water supply to the Fishery?
Q2.8.5	The Applicant	Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Limited
	Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Limited	The Outline Construction Surface Water Drainage Management Plan (OCSWDMP) ([APP-218], Section 1.2.1.2) sets out the 'key management and monitoring procedures in relation to surface water and drainage that will be required during construction' of the Proposed Development - does this adequately cover the issues being raised by the Fishery?
Q2.8.6	The Applicant	Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Limited
	Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Limited	Is any additional commitment required in the outline CoCP, OCSWDMP or any of the outline management plans to ensure that there would be no permanent effects in terms of say disturbance or re-routing of underground springs or other water sources supplying the brook that feeds the Fishery?
Q2.8.7	Tan-y-Mynydd Trout	Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Limited
	Fishery Limited	Do you have anything to add to your previous submissions in respect of the Applicant's Response to Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Ltd ExQ1 Responses [REP4-080]?
Q2.8.8	The Applicant	Watercourse crossing
		What provision has been made for crossing the existing storm water channel that adjoins the access road to the existing sub-station?
Q2.8.9	The Applicant	Water Framework Directive
		New guidance concerning the requirements of the WFD in relation to NSIP applications was published on 20 September 2024 by the Planning Inspectorate on its Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice pages website. Can you set out how you have considered this guidance?

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	The Ex	A has no questions at th	is time.

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2.10	Habitats Regula	tions Assessment
Please	see the Report on th	e Implications for European Sites (RIES).
2.11	Historic Environ	ment
Q2.11.1	The Applicant	Historic Environment Act (Wales) 2023 The Historic Environment Act (Wales) 2023 is due to come into force on 4 th November 2024. Can the Applicant review the act and explain if there are any implications for the assessment undertaken in [APP-068] as well as its supporting chapters in the ES?
Q2.11.2	The Applicant	Historic Environment Policy Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy EN-1, paragraph 5.9.24, states that "The Secretary of State should also consider the desirability of the new development making a positive contribution to the character and local distinctiveness of the historic environment. The consideration of design should include scale, height, massing, alignment, materials, use and landscaping (for example, screen planting)". Has the Applicant considered the character and local distinctiveness of the historic environment in its design choices for the Onshore Substation?
2.12	Land Use	
Q2.12.1	The Applicant	Potential impact on farm businesses In Section 7.8.3 of ES Chapter 7 (Vol 3) Land Use and Recreation [APP-070] you set out your conclusions on the magnitude of impact of the Proposed Development on farm holdings. With specific regard to the 3 intensive dairy farm enterprises that you identified in your Response to Examining Authority's Written Questions (ExQ1) [REP3-062]: • Were those conclusions underpinned by an economic assessment of the Proposed Development's likely impact on the individual farm businesses' operations and viability during the construction phase and, as appropriate, the operational phase? • If not, what evidential basis did you rely on to inform your assessment of those matters and arrive at your conclusions?

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		 Was this analysis informed by dialogue with the individual agricultural business and/or their representatives?
Q2.12.2	Iwan Roberts	Iwan Roberts
		The Applicant responded to concerns raised in your RR [RR-029] it is Response to Relevant Representations ([PDA-008], Table 29):
		With reasoning for your position, do you agree with its responses to your concerns?
		You refer to alternatives to the proposed route, can you identify these on a map or plan?
Q2.12.3	The Executors of the	Outstanding evidence
	Late Sir David Watkin Williams- Wynn. Bt.	In your response to the ExA's question Q1.6.24 [REP3-117] you referred to 'plan to follow'. Can you please submit this plan at Deadline 5 so that the ExA may understand the point you are making?
Q2.12.4	CBCC	Public Rights of Way
	DCC	In you LIR [REP1-049] specific concerns were raised about the Proposed Development's impact on PRoWs. The Applicant addressed these in its response your LIR ([REP2-085, REP1-049.48 & REP1-049.157). Have you any outstanding associated concerns?
Q2.12.5	DCC	'The Old Lane', Groesffordd Marli
		 From your perspective, what is the legal status of Plot no. 10-187 as shown on the BoR [REP3- 006]?
		If it is not part of a designated Public Bridleway, are there plans to do so?
		If it is to be designated as such, when is this likely to happen?
Q2.12.6	The Applicant	'The Old Lane', Groesffordd Marli
		Will you be amending your Outline Public Rights of Way Management Strategy [REP2-070] in respect of Plot 10-187 as shown on the Land Plan (Onshore) [REP1-004]?
2.13	Landscape and Vis	ual and Good Design
Q2.13.1	The Applicant	Good Design Guidance

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
		New guidance concerning Good Design and its application to Nationally Significant Infrastructure projects was published on 23 October 2024 by the Planning Inspectorate on its Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects Advice website.
		Can the Applicant set out how it has considered this guidance, including the issues covered in Annexe A of the design advice, and how it has taken account of the four National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) design principles?
Q2.13.2	CBCC	Construction Lighting
	DCC	Do the Councils have any comment on the Applicant's Lighting Clarification note [REP4-043], in particular, paragraph 1.2.4.2, which states: "A separate assessment of lighting was not considered proportionate given that the use of task lighting will be temporary and localised and given the fact that task lighting will be controlled through the implementation of the Outline Artificial Light Emissions Plan"?
2.14	Marine and Coasta	Physical Processes and Coastal Change
Q2.14.1	The Applicant	Cable protection
		In its D3 submission [REP3-090], NRW (A) states that in the event that any area of cable protection exceeding 5% of navigable depth is identified, a further physical processes assessment in the shallow nearshore environment just seawards of MLWS over the exit pits should be conducted (para 102). Do you agree if this is appropriate and if so, how would this be secured?
Q2.14.2	The Applicant	Cable burial
		In its D3 submission [REP3-030] NRW (A) advise that the Applicant should review historical beach profiles in order to determine the depth of cable burial to avoid exposure following a major storm event. Could this be secured via the Landfall Construction Method Statement?
Q2.14.3	The Applicant	Sandwave recovery monitoring
		Noting your response to ExQ1 (Q1.14.4) [REP3-062] that the geomorphological surveys already committed to will now be considered in the context of sandwave recovery modelling for information purposes, can you ensure that this is included in the updated Offshore In-Principle Monitoring Plan to be submitted at D5 so that it is explicit this will be completed and which DML condition secures the monitoring.

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2.15	Navigation and Sh	nipping
Q2.15.1	The Applicant Isle of Man Steam Packet Company	Statement of Common Ground Produce a Statement of Common Ground on all issues of relevance to the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company. For submission at Deadline 5, with final version at Deadline 7. Add the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company to the Statement of Commonality.
Q2.15.2	Stena Line (UK) Limited	 Residual effects on Stena Line operations Describe the commercial and / or operational implications of increased transit times for Stena Line services as a result of the Mona project cumulatively with other plans and projects in the Irish Sea. Do you consider that the deviations necessary to accommodate the Mona project together with other planned offshore wind farms could threaten the viability of Stena Line's ferry operations? If so, how? Is there any further mitigation that you consider should be adopted by the Applicant to further reduce the residual cumulative effects of the Proposed Development on the operations of Stena Line in typical and adverse weather conditions?
Q2.15.3	UK Chamber of Shipping	Additional towing capability Line CoS.SAN.21b of [REP3-028] refers to the potential need for additional towing capability or resource due to the additional risk from cumulative projects in the Irish Sea. If this matter remains unresolved at Deadline 5, provide elaboration on the point explaining what commitment is sought from the Applicant and why.
2.16	Noise and Vibratio	on
Q2.16.1	Mr & Mrs Hussey	Mr & Mrs Hussey In the Examining Authority's Written Questions 1 (ExQ1) ([PD-013], Q1.16.3) Denbighshire County Council and Conwy County Borough Council were asked to comment on concerns you raised about

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		noise assessment and monitoring [REP1-086] and the Applicant's response [REP2-078]. The Councils engaged with the issues in their Response to First Written Questions ([REP3-078], page 50).
		Do you agree with their position?
		 If not, please either explain why or cross-reference to where you consider you have dealt with the issues in previous submissions to the Examination.
Q2.16.2	Mr & Mrs Hussey	Construction Noise and Vibration Clarification Note
	Any APs or IPs	Either in response to this question at Deadline 5 or at Deadline 6 when the Applicant has submitted its updated versions of the Noise and Vibration Chapter of the ES [APP-072] and the Construction noise and vibration technical report [APP-179] at Deadline 5, with reasoning for your position, please advise whether you agree with the Applicant's assumptions/ methodology, analysis and conclusions in its Construction noise and vibration clarification note [REP4-045] in respect of how those factors might affect you?
Q2.16.3	DCC	Noise assessment and monitoring
	CCBC	Further to your Response to First Written Questions ([REP3-078], Q1.16.3), amongst other things, IPs rebutted the Applicant's response [REP2-078] to their initial concerns about noise assessment and monitoring [REP1-086]. Taking account of the IPs' submission [REP3-110] and the Applicant's response [REP4-056], with reasoning for your conclusions, do you share any of the former's on-going concerns?
Q2.16.4	DCC	Construction Noise and Vibration Clarification Note
	CCBC	Either in response to this question at Deadline 5 or at Deadline 6 when the Applicant has submitted its updated versions of the Noise and Vibration Chapter of the ES [APP-072] and the Construction noise and vibration technical report [APP-179] at Deadline 5, with reasoning for your position, please advise whether you agree with the Applicant's assumptions/ methodology, analysis and conclusions in its Construction noise and vibration clarification note [REP4-045].
Q2.16.5	The Applicant	Construction Noise and Vibration Clarification Note
		Can you address the following queries arising from your Construction Noise and Vibration Clarification Note [REP4-045]:
		 In respect of Trenchless Techniques, there is apparent ambiguity in Table 1 - 1 thereof. The middle column says that the assessment assumed night time working at all trenchless locations, which would correspond with Requirement 14(2)(a) of the dDCO [REP4-005]. However, the third

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		column refers to night-time works assumed at Landfall and Gwyrch Wood with works in other locations in accordance with Requirement 14. Please clarify the difference in the Construction noise model assumptions used in the ES assessment and the subsequent review.
		2. As referred to in Table 1 - 2 thereof, how would inclusion the proposed topsoil bunds proposed along the boundary of the Onshore Cable Corridor Order Limits during the construction works be secured by the dDCO [REP4-005]?
		3. What do you mean in paragraph 1.2.4.6 by 'any extended period' and 'short-term in duration'? Please define/ quantify those terms and advise how they would be enforced.
Q2.16.6	The Applicant	Construction working hours
		If the Proposed Development was required to adhere to those working hours secured in R15 of the AyM DCO (0700-1900 Monday to Friday and 0700-1300 Saturday), do you consider that this would have a significant effect on the construction programme or the financial viability of the Proposed Development? If so, please provide an explanation of why you consider this to be the case.
Q2.16.7	The Applicant	Mobilisation period
		The proposed mobilisation period of up to one hour before and after core working hours is permitted and defined by the Outline CoCP [REP2-038]. Whilst it is noted that Requirement 9 of the dDCO [REP4-005] would secure compliance with the approved CoCP, without prejudice, can you provide wording for amendment of the dDCO that would:
		 Define the term 'mobilisation period' within the dDCO and control it by virtue of Requirement 14;
		 Accurately reflect the relevant planning authority's role in respect of Requirement 14(3). It currently includes the words 'must be agreed by' whereas it appears that the Applicant is only required to notify it at least 48 hours in advance of works subject of Requirement 14(3);
		 In respect of Requirement 14(4), specify a time period within which the undertaker must give the relevant planning authority advance notification of the subject works; and
		 Provide a commitment to the Communication Liaison Officer giving advance notice to nearby residents of works subject of Requirement 14(3) and (4). The draft wording should specify the period of advance notice and who must be notified.

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Q2.16.8	Richard Fearnall on behalf of Michael and Sally Leach	Michael & Sally Leach Where it deals with noise and vibration, is there anything that you want to add to your earlier submissions in respect of the Applicant's Response to Richard Fearnall on behalf of Michael and Sally Leach ExQ1 Responses ([REP4-077], REP3-113.4 & REP3-113.7)?
Q2.16.9	Richard Fearnall on behalf of Mr & Mrs JT Owen	Mr & Mrs JT Owen Where it deals with noise and vibration, is there anything that you want to add to your earlier submissions in respect of the Applicant's Response to Richard Fearnall on behalf of Mr and Mrs Owen ExQ1 Responses ([REP4-078], REP3-114.7)?
2.17	Offshore Biodivers	ity, Ecology and Natural Environment
Q2.17.1	The Applicant	General NPS EN-3 paragraph (2.8.90) notes as part of the Offshore Wind Environmental Improvement Package set out in the British Energy Security Strategy, the government committed to establishing Offshore Wind Environmental Standards. Can you summarise how measures incorporated into the Proposed Development (to avoid, reduce and mitigate) could inform offshore wind environmental standards.
Q2.17.2	The Applicant	 General Further to your response to October Hearing Action Points ref HAP_ISH4_10 [REP4-036] (in relation to paragraph 2.8.221 of the NPS EN-3) can you: for the MMO (2014) Review of environmental data associated with post-consent monitoring of licence conditions of offshore wind farms submit a copy to the examination of the review, as well as a summary naming the offshore windfarm projects, their location and array area size, and year of operation. for the Marine Data Exchange held by the Crown Estate can you list the Offshore Windfarm projects within proximity of the proposed Mona OWF and summarise the offshore wind monitoring topics that inform impact assessments.
Q2.17.3	The Applicant	General Where you mention in your response to October Hearing Action Points ref HAP_ISH4_10 [REP4-036] that there is no precedent to monitor all receptors and potential effects the ExA notes that the approach to offshore wind ecological monitoring is different in the current 2024 NPS EN-3 to that compared to its predecessor the 2011 NPS EN-3. The previous 2011 NPS EN-3 stated that 'Ecological monitoring is

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		likely to be appropriate during the construction and operational phases to identify the actual impact so that, where appropriate, adverse effects can then be mitigated and to enable further useful information to be published relevant to future projects '[paragraph 2.6.71]. The wording was also different in the draft March 2023 NPS EN-3 [paragraph 3.8.236].		
		Can you explain how you would satisfy the current 2024 NPS EN-3 and the statements 'must develop an ecological monitoring programme to monitor impacts during the pre-construction, construction and operational phases to identify the actual impacts caused by the project and compare them to what was predicted in the EIA/HRA' [paragraph 2.8.221] and 'should impacts be greater than those predicted, an adaptive management process may need to be implemented and additional mitigation required, to ensure that so far as possible the effects are brought back within the range of those predicted' [paragraph 2.8.222]		
Benthi	Benthic			
Q2.17.4	The Applicant	Inter-related Effects- Offshore		
		Can you advise why introduction of artificial structures impact includes and colonisation of hard structures wording in Table 11.8 in Chapter 11 (Vol 2) Inter-related Effects – Offshore [APP-063]. This additional wording isn't included in the impact identified in Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology [APP-054].		
		Can you also check alteration of seabed habitats arising from effects of physical processes impact with the impact wording in Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology [APP-054].		
Q2.17.5	The Applicant	Water depth		
	NRW A JNCC	The Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule [REP4-013] reference no 8 notes that if the water depth is reduced by more than 5% written approval from the Licensing Authority in consultation with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) would be sought.		
		Can you summarise what approach would be taken regarding benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology assessment of effects including any necessary approval from SNCBs if water depth is reduced by more than 5%?		
Q2.17.6	The Applicant	Close proximity to the works		
		The Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule [REP4-013] reference no 10 notes that material arising from drilling and/or sandwave clearance would be deposited in close proximity to the works.		

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
		Can you clarify what is meant by close proximity to the works and what distance parameters and constraints were considered under the maximum design scenario. For example, could sandwave clearance on the Constable Bank result in material arising being deposited within Constable Bank?
Q2.17.7	The Applicant	Clay with piddocks habitat – Decommissioning phase
		Can you clarify if the Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule [REP4-013] reference no 12 would entail protection of the clay with piddocks habitat during the decommissioning phase.
Q2.17.8	The Applicant	Monitoring
		Can you confirm the monitoring occurrence rates and timespan regarding cables monitoring and burial status (Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule [REP4-013] reference no 100).
Q2.17.9	NRW A	Mitigation and monitoring measures
	JNCC	Can you confirm if you are satisfied with the benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology mitigation measures being put forward by the Applicant, and provide a summary of reasons if you disagree with the statement that "no benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology monitoring to test the predictions made within the impact assessment is considered necessary.
Q2.17.10	The Applicant	Cable protection – Decommissioning Phase
		Can you clarify it cable protection would be removed from Subtidal habitat IEFs, Y Fenai a Bae Conwy/Menai Strait and Conwy Bay SAC, and Intertidal habitat IEFs, during the decommissioning phase and if so, has the commitment to remove been secured in the dDCO?
Q2.17.11	The Applicant	Sea-pen and burrowing megafauna communities
		Can the Applicant:
		i) using the spatial extent of an impact (noted by JNCC in its response to ExQ1 [REP3-084]) calculate the impact percentage and advise on the magnitude of impact including the significance of effects;
		ii) using the Mona Array Area' calculate the impact percentage and advise on the magnitude of impact including the significance of effects; and
		iii) undertake a supplementary assessment to address JNCC response to ExQ1 [REP3-084] using the sensitivities listed by Marine Evidence based Sensitivity Assessment (MarESA).
Marine	Mammals	
Q2.17.12	The Applicant	UXO Clearance

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
	JNCC NRW A	In order to mitigate the potential likelihood of injury from UXO clearance the Proposed Development key measures consists of an UXO staged mitigation hierarchy (avoid, low charge, high charge) an Outline MMMP [APP-207], an Outline underwater sound management strategy [APP-202] and conditions 20 and 21 (schedule 14) of the deemed marine licence [REP2-004]. Can you summarise what further data, assessment and measures would be required for a separate marine licence application (to facilitate high order clearance charges) and the expected timeframe required for a separate marine licence application and decision.
Q2.17.13	The Applicant	Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule
		Reference no 35 in the Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule [REP4-013] relates to Underwater Sound Management Strategy (UWSMS) that incudes for consideration of Noise Abatement Systems (NAS) as part of mitigation options. Can you clarify the statementand is expected to be secured within the standalone Natural Resources Wales marine licence (that appears in means of securing the commitment). As the standalone Natural Resources Wales marine licence would be for the transmission assets, can you confirm what measure would be in place for Array area.
Q2.17.14	JNCC	Marine mammal receptors
	The Applicant	Can you provide an update regarding marine mammal receptors (reference JNCC.MM.10 in the SoCG with JNCC [REP1-028]) and summarise any remaining principal points of disagreement.
Q2.17.15	JNCC	Impacts to marine mammals from impact piling (project alone and cumulatively)
	The Applicant	Can you provide an update regarding Impacts to marine mammals from impact piling (reference JNCC.MM.15 and JNCC.MM.18 in the SoCG with JNCC [REP1-028]) and summarise any remaining principal points of disagreement.
Q2.17.16	NRW A	Mitigation and monitoring measures
	JNCC	Can you confirm if you are satisfied with the marine mammals mitigation measures being put forward by the Applicant, and provide a summary of reasons if you disagree with the statement in the ES Chapter 4 (Vol 2) Marine Mammals [APP-056] paragraphs 4.9.10.1 and 4.12.1.1 that "no marine mammal monitoring to test the predictions made within the impact assessment is considered necessary".
Ornitho	ology	
Q2.17.17	The Applicant	Table 5.139: Summary of potential environmental effects, mitigation and monitoring

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
		Can you advise why the phase O and D columns in Table 5.139: Summary of potential environmental effects, mitigation and monitoring [REP4-007] does not align with the significance of effect for indirect impacts from underwater sound affecting prey species. For example, a tick is given in O column, but significance of effect column has no reference to O.
Q2.17.18	The Applicant	Suspended sediment concentrations
		For the temporary habitat loss /disturbance and increased suspended sediment concentrations impact during decommissioning/removal the assessment has concluded no significant effects on receptors. Can you clarify the length of time calculated for suspended sediment concentrations to settle and result in no significant effect on receptors?
Q2.17.19	NRW A	Mitigation and monitoring measures
	JNCC	Can you confirm if you are satisfied with the offshore ornithology mitigation measures being put forward by the Applicant, and provide a summary of reasons if you disagree with the statement in the ES Chapter 5 (Vol 2) Offshore ornithology [REP4-007] paragraph 5.7.8.1 that "no future monitoring is considered given the level of certainty around the potential effects".
2.18	Onshore Biodive	ersity, Ecology and Natural Environment
Q2.18.1	The Applicant	Impacts related to pollution caused by accidental spills/contaminant
		Can you clarify if impacts related to pollution caused by accidental spills/contaminant has been scoped out or assessed. The ES Chapter 4 (Vol 3) Onshore and intertidal ornithology [APP-067], paragraph 4.1.13.1.1 (first and second bullet points) refers to Table 4.41 and Table 4.42 and pollution caused by accidental spills/contaminant but Table 4.9: Impacts scoped out of the assessment for onshore and intertidal ornithology indicates otherwise.
Q2.18.2	The Applicant	Tier 2 Impacts
		Can you clarify why no Tier 2 impacts have been identified in ES Chapter 3 (Vol 3) Onshore ecology [APP-066] its Table 3.35. Summary of potential cumulative environmental effects, mitigation, and monitoring.
Q2.18.3	The Applicant	Tree survey and arboricultural impact assessment
		Can you confirm the location, habitat type and size (in m²) of the unsurveys areas in the tree survey and arboricultural impact assessment.

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
Q2.18.4	The Applicant	Tree Preservation Order
		Can you confirm if any trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order would be removed, and whether any inconsistencies remain between TPO positional data supplied by local authorities and the physical locations of the trees mapped in by the Applicant.
Q2.18.5	The Applicant	Tree removal area
		Can you confirm how much of the 1,620m ² tree removal area (in the ash woodland block) is due to the Proposed Development and how much is applicable to removal of ash die back (in m ²).
Q2.18.6	The Applicant	Woodland planning
		Can you advise how an increase in woodland planting area of 60,650m ² at the Onshore Substation is secured in the dDCO.
Q2.18.7	The Applicant	Planting density
		The Welsh Government in its written representation [REP1-052] referred to planting density for new woodland should be at 2500 plants/ha. Can you confirm the planting density for new woodland and how would it be secured in the dDCO.
Q2.18.8	The Applicant	Important Hedgerow
		The Summary of Impacts to Habitats of Principal Importance [REP3-072] notes that 550m of hedgerow would be lost and that 7 km of hedgerow would be temporarily affected. Of these values, can you confirm how much would be important hedgerow.
Q2.18.9	The Applicant	Habitats and Species
		Can you clarify why during the operation phase, onshore and intertidal ornithology identifies impacts related to temporary and permanent habitat loss, and habitat fragmentation and species isolation, but such impacts are not identified for ecology?
2.19	Other Offshore	Infrastructure and Activities
Q2.19.1	The Applicant	Wake effects: rebuttal
		Respond in full to the submissions of the Ørsted IPs on wake effects at Deadline 4 [REP4-126] [REP4-128] [REP4-129] [REP4-130] [REP4-131].

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
		As part of your response:
		 Comment on the figures quoted by the Ørsted IPs in terms project alone and cumulative effects on Annual Energy Production (AEP) for the six Ørsted projects and their materiality;
		 Notwithstanding your position that such an assessment is not necessary in this case, comment on the Ørsted IPs' contention that there are no fundamental practical barriers to undertaking a meaningful wake loss assessment, albeit one producing a range of likely outcomes based on educated assumptions; and
		Comment on the possible approaches to disclosure of confidential information to inform such an assessment.
Q2.19.2	The Applicant	Wake effects: NPS EN-3 para 2.8.197
		 Further to discussion at ISH4, and without repeating positions already set out in writing, provide your evidence-based interpretation of the term "close to" in the context of NPS EN-3 para 2.8.197.
		 Notwithstanding your ISH4 submissions about the interpretation of the term "licence" in NPS EN- 3 para 2.8.197, in the light of D4 submissions from the Ørsted IPs do you maintain your position that the Proposed Development does not have the potential to affect existing offshore wind activity in the Irish Sea?
Q2.19.3	The Applicant	Wake effects: NPS EN-3 paras 2.8.200 and 2.8.344
		 In the context of NPS EN-3 paras 2.8.200 and 2.8.344, explain how the Applicant has worked with (and continues to work with) the operators of existing OWFs in the Irish Sea to minimise negative impacts on energy yield since these concerns were first raised in the pre-application stage? There is no need to repeat previous submissions on site selection.
		 Provide an update on any discussions that you have had with the Ørsted IPs on this matter since ISH4 and any progress made.
Q2.19.4	The Ørsted IPs	Wake effects: NPS EN-3 para 2.8.347

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
		Para 2.21 of your [REP4-129] states "we consider there is potential that the level of effect predicted has the potential to impact long term decisions on the future viability of the Ørsted IPs' developments".
		 For the avoidance of doubt, is it your case that the Proposed Development is likely to affect the future viability of one or more of your existing projects?
		 If so, provide further explanation as to how a reduction in annual energy production at the level predicted by your preliminary modelling is likely to adversely affect the future viability of the OWF(s).
Q2.19.5	The Applicant	Wake effects: EIA Regulations
		Do you accept, as a matter of principle, that wake loss can be of relevance to the EIA Regulations in terms of assessing the impact of a project on climate (such as contribution to the abatement of fossil fuel generation within the UK grid during the operational phase)? Explain your response.
Q2.19.6	The Ørsted IPs	Wake effects: submission of modelling
		Any modelling or analysis, as referred to in para 2.31 of your [REP4-129], should be submitted in full at D5 at the latest in order to enable exploration at ISH6, if necessary. Given the short timescales between D5 and ISH6, the Ørsted IPs are encouraged to consider providing early sight of this analysis to the Applicant with a view to achieving the most productive use of time at ISH6.
Q2.19.7	The Ørsted IPs	Wake effects: way forward
		What outcome do you seek from this Examination in relation to wake effects? Could there be any role for Protective Provisions or a commercial side agreement to protect your interests?
Q2.19.8	The Applicant	Statement of Common Ground
	The Ørsted IPs	Produce a Statement of Common Ground on all issues of relevance to the Ørsted IPs. For submission at Deadline 5, with final version at Deadline 7. Add the Ørsted IPs to the Statement of Commonality.
Q2.19.9	Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Limited	Wake effects: experience on Awel y Môr

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
		The potential for farm-to-farm wake effects is a relatively novel issue for DCO examinations. Is there any emerging experience from the Awel y Môr OWF project in undertaking an assessment of wake effects and identifying any relevant mitigation to satisfy Requirement 25 of the Awel y Môr Order that could assist this Examination, for example in relation to assessment methodology, modelling approaches and sharing of commercially sensitive information between projects?
Q2.19.10	Awel y Môr Offshore	Offshore interaction with Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm (OWF)
	Wind Farm Limited The Applicant	The latest Examination Progress Tracker [REP4-089] notes that negotiations between the Applicant and Awel y Môr OWF Ltd are expected to be concluded before the close of this Examination. Specifically in relation to the crossing of the Awel y Môr OWF agreement for lease area by the Mona offshore export cable corridor:
		 Provide a plan showing the interaction between the Mona offshore export cable corridor and the Awel y Môr OWF agreement for lease area; and
		Explain what is likely to be the vehicle for this agreement and how close it is to completion.
2.20	Seascape and Visu	al Resources
Q2.20.1	The Applicant	Wireline Visualisations
		The wireline visualisation provided on PDF Page 15 of [REP3-046] does not appear to show VP28-Penmon Point. Can the Applicant confirm which viewpoint this visualisation is showing, and which visualisation shows Penmon Point?
2.21	Socio-economics	
Q2.21.1	Welsh Government	Memorandum of Understanding
		The Applicant has responded favourably [REP4-061] to the Welsh Government's suggestion of a 'non-legal Memorandum of Understanding' to set out key areas of joint working on areas such as community benefits, skills development, supply chains, ports and Welsh language matters. Will the Memorandum of Understanding be submitted into this Examination, and if so, when?

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:	
Q2:21.2	UK Chamber of Shipping	Socio-economic impacts on the shipping sector If the points in Table 1.6 of the Statement of Common Ground [REP3-028] remain outstanding, set out in full the Chamber's concerns about the adequacy of: • consultation in relation to socio-economic impacts on lifeline ferry services; • the assessment of socio-economic effects on lifeline ferry services; and • analysis of effects on the shipping sector in relation to emissions. What action is sought from the Applicant to address these matters?	
2.22	Traffic and Transpo	ort	
The Ex	The ExA has no questions at this time.		