

**Application by Mona Offshore Wind Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Mona Offshore Wind Farm (Case ref: EN010137)**

**Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing (ISH6): Onshore and Offshore Environmental Matters and the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)**

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
<b>Issue Specific Hearing 6: Onshore and Offshore Environmental Matters and the dDCO</b>	<b>Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 December 2024</b> <b>Hearing starts at 9:30am on both days</b> Virtual Arrangements Conference from 9:00am	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

## Agenda

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing**
- 2. Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing**
- 3. The Change Application**
  - Consultation and responses
  - Nature of the changes
- 4. Progress update**

The ExA will ask the Applicant for an update on any outstanding matters and likely resolution, including timescales on the following matters:

- Navigation and shipping
  - Civil and military aviation and defence interests
  - Commercial fisheries
  - Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impacts
  - Good Design
- 5. Other offshore infrastructure and activities**
    - Potential wake effects for other offshore wind farms
    - Coexistence and cooperation with other commercial sea users
  - 6. Noise and vibration**

- Construction Noise and Vibration Clarification Note [REP4-045]
- Outline Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan [REP2-044]
- The potential for site specific mitigation
- The adequacy of Requirement 14 of the dDCO

## **7. Traffic and transport**

- Outline Highways Access Management Plan [APP-228]
- Requirement 10 of the dDCO

## **8. The Water Environment**

- The effects upon Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery
- Outline Construction Surface Water Drainage Plan [REP2-050]

## **9. Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)**

- **Articles and schedules of the dDCO (excluding Schedules 2, 10, 12, 14 and 15)**
  - i. The Applicant will be asked to briefly explain any substantive changes made in the latest iteration of the dDCO.
  - i. The ExA may ask questions in respect of articles and schedules in the dDCO, seeking responses from the Applicant and Interested Parties (IPs).
  - ii. IPs will also be invited to raise any matters in relation to Development Consent Order (DCO) articles and schedules.
- **Schedule 2 and Schedule 12 of the dDCO (Requirements and approval of matters specified in requirements)**
  - i. The Applicant will be asked to briefly explain any substantive changes made in the latest iteration of the dDCO.
  - ii. The ExA will then ask questions, seeking responses where appropriate from the Applicant and IPs.
  - iii. IPs will also be invited to ask questions of clarification in relation to DCO requirements.
  - iv. The ExA will ask IPs, in particular Denbighshire County Council and Conwy County Borough Council as the relevant planning authorities, whether there are any concerns with the approaches taken to the discharge of requirements, or for managing appeals or disputes under the dDCO.
- **Schedule 10 of the dDCO (Protective Provisions)**
  - v. The Applicant will be asked to briefly explain any substantive changes made in the latest iteration of the dDCO.
  - i. The ExA will then ask questions, seeking responses where appropriate from the Applicant and IPs.
  - ii. IPs will also be invited to ask questions of clarification in relation to DCO requirements.

- iii. If there are outstanding disagreements on wording contained within the Protective Provisions then the Applicant may be asked to highlight where the disagreements lie and the positions of the parties.
- **Schedule 14 (Deemed Marine Licence)**
  - ii. The Applicant will be asked to briefly explain any substantive changes made in the latest iteration of the DML.
  - iii. The ExA may ask questions about the provisions of the Deemed Marine Licence and the Marine Licence Principles Document [REP4-011].
- **Schedule 15 (Documents and Plans to be Certified)**
  - i. The Applicant will be asked to briefly highlight any changes to this list in the latest iteration of the dDCO.
  - ii. The ExA may ask questions about the contents of Schedule 15 including in relation to submissions made throughout the Examination.
- **Consents, Licences and Other Agreements**
  - i. The Applicant will be asked to provide an update on progress and timescales for completion of any other consents and licences required and any commercial side agreements.

## **10. Review of issues and actions arising**

## **11. Any other business**

## **12. Closure of the hearing**

## Participation

Full details of how to participate in this hearing were contained in the [notification letter published on 12 November 2024](#). You must register by emailing the project mailbox by Thursday 5 December 2024, if you intend to participate in this hearing.

The event will also be livestreamed and recorded, and a link to watch the livestream will be published on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) closer to the event date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the hearing can therefore view and listen to the hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

The hearing will include examination of submissions up to and including D5. Whilst comments on responses to the ExA's first written questions are expected in writing at D6 (20 December 2024), the ExA may ask parties to respond to D5 submissions at the hearing.

## Attendees

The ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this hearing.

- **The Applicant**
- **Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC)**
- **Denbighshire County Council (DCC)**
- **Isle of Anglesey County Council (IoACC)**
- **Isle of Man Government Territorial Sea Committee (TSC)**
- **Natural Resources Wales Advisory (NRW A)**
- **Natural Resources Wales Marine Licensing Team (NRW MLT)**
- **The Ørsted IPs**
- **NATS (En Route) plc**
- **Defence Infrastructure Organisation**
- **Blackpool Airport**
- **Welsh Government**
- **Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF)**
- **Scottish Whitefish Producers Association Limited (SWFPA)**
- **West Coast Sea Products Ltd**
- **Isle of Man Steam Packet Company**
- **Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Limited**
- **National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC**
- **Addleshaw Goddard PLC on behalf of Network Rail Infrastructure Limited**
- **SP Manweb PLC**
- **Wales and West Utilities**
- **Welsh Ministers as Strategic Highway Authority**
- **Any other Interested Parties (IPs)** – with an interest in the topics to be covered in this hearing.

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All Interested Parties (IP) are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the Agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the hearing.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the hearing. The details set out above are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional Agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

## **Procedure at ISH**

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at hearings.

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the Examining Authority will conduct the hearing in such a way that legal representation will not be required. The Examining Authority will lead the questioning of parties making oral representations and probe, test and assess the evidence. There is usually no cross-examination of witnesses by other parties, though the Examining Authority does have the power to allow this under certain circumstances.

The hearing will finish when the Examining Authority considers that all matters have been covered and all participants have had an opportunity to make their representations. As a guide, the ExA aims to close the hearing by approximately 5pm. If there are additional matters to be dealt with, it may be necessary to defer some matters to written questions.

A summary of the evidence presented orally at Issue Specific Hearing 6 should be included in post-hearing submissions to be submitted by Deadline 6 in the Examination Timetable (20 December 2024). The Examining Authority would recommend any parties who are new to the process and wish to learn more about the background and procedures in hearings to read [Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice pages](#).

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