

# Planning Inspectorate Examination EN010137: Mona Offshore Wind

**Cefn Meiriadog Community Council  
MNOW-ISP002**

**Deadline 5, 3 December 2024**

## **Response of the Community Council to ExQ2**

**1. While Q2.0.2 is addressed to the Applicant, the Community Council has information which it believes may be useful.**

*Q2.0.2*

### ***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?*

(1) IGP Solar Ltd has been in correspondence with the Community Council regarding its proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to be sited in fields adjacent to Mona's onshore substation, and the National Grid's substation extension. In the course of the correspondence IGP has stated the following:

(2) Email dated 14/11/24 from [REDACTED]' at Bodelwyddan Solar

"Both the solar and the BESS components will have DNS status.

In terms of an indicative timeline for public engagement related to the project, please see below:

- November/December 2024 - Early engagement (meetings with stakeholders)
- January to February 2025 - Non-statutory consultation
- Summer 2025 - Statutory consultation
- Before end of year 2025 - Application submission

As you say, this is only an approximate timeline which is subject to change.”

(3) Following an email from myself on behalf of the Community Council asking about the construction phases of the project, a second email was received, also from [REDACTED], dated 19/11/24, as follows:

“Again, thank you for your response. I have spoken to [REDACTED] regarding your enquiry and as you say all of the below is subject to change.

For now, we are assuming a construction period of circa 12-24 months, although this is subject to ecological requirements.

As our broad aim is to submit this application in late 2025, we would potentially expect to be commencing construction in late 2027/early 2028 subject to determination, although it's worth heavily caveating this due to significant delays with PEDW at the moment.

It's also worth noting that it isn't possible to split out the construction phase for the BESS and solar components at this stage, as this would only be known post-determination (should consent be granted) at the point an EPC is appointed.”

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**2. While Q2.12.5 is addressed to DCC, the Community Council has information which it hopes may help in answering this question.**

*Q2.12.5*

*DCC*

***‘The Old Lane’, Groesfordd 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?*

(1) The process having been initiated nearly ten years ago but subjected to a series of delays, the Community Council asked DCC on 28/11/24 when it could finally expect the designation of 'the Old Lane' as a Public Bridleway, and when in fact the original process had started. It received the following reply by return from [REDACTED], Countryside Access Officer, Highways, Facilities & Environmental Services. [REDACTED] has been the DCC officer dealing with the matter since its inception in 2015:

(2) Email dated 28/11/24 from [REDACTED], Countryside Access Officer:

"... – from memory ex County Cllr [REDACTED] *[note: in fact refers to [REDACTED]]* collected user witness forms in about 2015.

I remember putting notices on site for the attention of the landowner just before Covid in 2020.

The statutory consultation is out at the moment and the closing date for objections is 9<sup>th</sup> December. I have just checked with our legal department and so far nothing negative has been received, they have had a letter of support from the Community Council.

As I stated in my email dated the 4<sup>th</sup> November, if nothing negative is received in relation to the Statutory Consultation we will then be in a position to make and advertise the order. The notices & advertising process is carried out by my colleague in the legal department & it will depend on their workload how quickly this is done, I would hope sometime in January.

Once the order is made, advertised and notices posted on site for four weeks, anyone who wishes to object to the order can do so during this period.

If nothing is received then the next step is to have the order confirmed which is the same process as above but there is a six week period for the site notices and for anyone who disagrees with the order making process to make an application to the High Court.

If any objections are received to the making of the order that cannot be resolved the application is then taken out of Denbighshire's hands and has to be sent to Welsh Government who will then assign an Inspector to make the decision if the order can be confirmed or not. This would usually involve a public inquiry and therefore would take considerably longer.

I would hope it will be completed by Spring”.

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