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To: The Applicant, all Interested Parties,  
Affected Persons, Category 3 Persons

Our Ref: EN010137

Date: 19 December 2024

Dear Sir/ Madam

**Planning Act 2008 – sections 89 and 123 and The Infrastructure Planning  
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 9**

**Application by Mona Offshore Wind Limited for an Order Granting Development  
Consent for the Mona Offshore Wind Farm.**

**Procedural Decision following request to make changes to the application**

We are writing to inform you of the Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority (ExA) in relation to the Applicant's submission of a request for the ExA to accept amendments to the above application, known as a change application.

**The change application**

Following the submission of the Applicant's Notification of Intent to submit a Change Request on 1 November 2024 [CR1-001] and the ExA's letter dated 8 November 2024 [PD-016], the Applicant submitted a formal request to make changes to the above Application on 15 November 2024 [CR1-015]. In support of the application, the Applicant has submitted a series of documents which have been published under the 'Documents' tab on the project [website](#) and can be found in the Examination Library under the references beginning with [CR1-\*\*\*].

The Change Application comprises four changes which are briefly set out below, whilst a more detailed description and justification for each change can be found in the Applicant's Change Request Report (CRR) [CR1-015]

- Change 1: The amendment of the proposed Order Limits to include an existing access track for temporary 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.



- Change 2: 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 and an expansion of the land to be used for temporary construction access within the Order Limits.
- 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.
- 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.

### **ExA's reasoning and decision in relation to the change application**

Following the ExA's letter dated 8 November 2024 in response to the change request, the Applicant has now carried out non-statutory consultation on the proposed changes and a consultation report was submitted on 3 December 2024 [[CR1-043](#)]. The change application was also discussed at Issue Specific Hearing 6 (ISH6) on 10 December 2024. Following those discussions, the Applicant subsequently submitted further information on 18 December 2024 [[CR1-047](#), [CR1-048](#) and [CR1-049](#)].

Taking into consideration the nature and scale of the proposed changes, the ExA is of the opinion that the non-statutory consultation undertaken was a reasonable and proportionate approach that has provided meaningful consultation and has given parties that may be affected by the proposed changes an appropriate opportunity to engage with them.

As confirmed in the letter dated 8 November 2024, the ExA is also of the view that, in relation to the four changes, that none, when considered individually or combined, are so material as to constitute a different project. Also, the proposed changes are not considered, individually or cumulatively, to lead to the project being different in nature or substance to that which was originally applied for

In relation to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), the Applicant concludes that the proposed changes do not generate new or different likely significant effects. We concur with this view and note the Applicant has also carried out non-statutory consultation with the key stakeholders as set out in the Consultation Report.

We have also concluded that the proposed changes would make no difference to the outcome of a Habitats Regulations Assessment.

In light of the above and having carefully considered the information presented, including the responses to the non-statutory consultation, the ExA has decided to accept the proposed changes to the application.

However, in doing so, the ExA is requesting that the Applicant amends the wording in the Outline Construction Management Plan (OCTMP) to include a control that the use of the access track proposed by Change 1A would be restricted to a maximum of 12 months as is stated in the CRR, as was consulted on and as was stated by the Applicant in ISH6. Furthermore, whilst the OCTMP states the number and types of vehicles expected to use this access track, the ExA is requesting that the maximum size of vehicle is included.

For example, trailers and excavators can vary in size and the ExA would expect this detail to be included.

### **Next Steps**

As the ExA has decided to accept the change application, the Examination will proceed by considering the 'changed application'.

If possible, the Applicant should submit amended versions of all documents and plans that would be altered by the Change Application by D6 (20 December 2024)

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact the Mona Offshore Wind Farm Inspectorate Case Team on Team on:

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Yours faithfully

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