

MONA OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT

Deadline 6 Cover Letter

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The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Directorate
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Dear Madam / Sir,

Planning Act 2008

The proposed Mona Offshore Wind Farm

PINS Reference: EN010137

Mona Offshore Wind Limited (the Applicant) encloses its submission for Deadline 6. Please find below an overview of key documents within this submission.

Deadline 6 Submissions

The Applicant has responded to representations submitted at Deadline 5 as needed. The content of the representations identified below was such that no response was required from the Applicant:

- REP5-104, Davis Meade Property Consultants - Deadline 5 Submission - Response to ExQ2
- REP5-119, Shepherd & Wedderburn LLP on behalf of Ørsted Ips - Deadline 5 Submission - Request to attend Issue Specific Hearing 6 (ISH6)

Offshore ornithology

The Applicant refers the Examining Authority to the Update on Offshore ornithology principal matters (S_D6_20), which provides an update on progress toward an agreement with the statutory nature conservation bodies on the principal ornithological matters since Deadline 5.

The Applicant is aware of NRW (A)'s Deadline 6 submission with respect to the northern gannet feature of Grassholm SPA. The Applicant has been in discussion with NRW (A) on this matter and has submitted a Revised Assessment for Northern Gannet at Grassholm SPA (S_D6_9) at Deadline 6 to address NRW (A)'s comments. The conclusion of this assessment remains that there will be no adverse effect on integrity (AEol) from the Mona Offshore Wind Project in-combination with other plans or projects. The Applicant is confident that the information provided at Deadline 6 will enable NRW (A) to confirm their position on AEol in-combination with respect to this site and feature. The

Applicant does not anticipate a requirement for a derogation case and note that NRW (A) also considers it unlikely that one will be required.

The Applicant acknowledges that a high volume of material for offshore ornithology has been submitted into Examination. In order to draw all the application and examination materials together and to address the remaining outstanding matters, the Applicant is proposing to undertake a final update Volume 2 Chapter 5: Offshore Ornithology (REP4-007) and the HRA Stage 2 ISAA Part Three: SPAs and Ramsar sites Assessments (REP2-010) to repackage the relevant examination materials into a series of Annexes, which will be appended to the Environmental Statement chapter and ISAA and added to Schedule 15 of the Draft DCO at Deadline 7. Further details are provided in the Update on Offshore ornithology principal matters (S_D6_20).

Change Request

The Applicant thanks the Examining Authority for their letter dated 19 December 2024 accepting the Change Request.

The Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan J26.13 (F04) has been updated to incorporate the changes made in the Change Request: Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (S_CR_15 F02) and to address the Examining Authority's requests to include a control that would restrict the use of the access at Change 1a (Temporary Access AC-T1) to maximum of 12 months (except where otherwise agreed with the local planning authority in consultation with the relevant local highway authority, or until the time at which the temporary access from Glascoed Road has been delivered), and include a maximum vehicle size for vehicles using the access.

In addition, the following documents have been updated to reflect the changes to the red line boundary:

- B1 (F02) – Location Plan
- B3 (F03) – Works Plan – Onshore
- B5 (F04) – Land Plan (Onshore)
- B6 (F03) – Crown Land Plan (Onshore)
- B7 (F03) – Special Category Land Plan
- B11 (F02) – Onshore Statutory and Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites
- B13 (F02) – Onshore Historic and Scheduled Monument Sites Plan
- B14 (F04) – Tree and Hedgerow Plan
- B15 (F03) – Street works and access to works plan
- B16 (F03) – Temporary stopping up of Public Rights of Way Plan
- B17 (F02) – Water Bodies in a River Basin Management Plan
- D1 (F02) Funding Statement
- D3 (F03) Statement of Reasons
- D4 (F06) – Book of Reference
- J3 (F04) – Design Principles

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- J22 (F04) – Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan
 - J23 (F03) – Outline Written Scheme of Investigation
 - J26 (F05) – Outline Code of Construction Practice
 - J26.16 (F03) – Outline Highways Access Management Plan
 - J26.17 (F03) – Outline Public Rights of Way Management Strategy
 - J27 (F02) – Outline Operation Drainage Management Strategy
 - S_PD_5 (F08) – Mona Land Rights Tracker
 - S_D1_28 (F04) – Mona Book of Reference Schedule of Changes
 - S_D1_29 (F02) – Schedule of Changes to Plans

All remaining documents that require updates will be provided at Deadline 7, including the onshore Environmental Statement chapters and appendices.

Examination Progress tracker and Statement of Commonality

The Applicant has not submitted the Examination Progress tracker this deadline as we are focusing on agreeing Statements of Common Ground. The latest position of these can be found in the Statement of Commonality (S_D1_7 F04) which is submitted at this deadline along with Statements of Common Ground with Ørsted IP (S_D5_48 F01), Cadw (S_D1_22 F02), Heneb: Clwyd-Powys Archaeology and Gwynedd Archaeology (S_D1_23 F02), Joint Nature Conservation Committee (S_D1_15 F02), Natural Resources Wales (advisory) Offshore (S_D1_12 F02), Natural Resources Wales (advisory) Onshore (S_D1_13 F02), Conwy County Borough Council (S_D3_23 F03) and Denbighshire County Council (S_D3_22 F03). The Applicant has also submitted Further context to the RSPB Cymru SoCG (S_D6_11) to provide the ExA with additional context on the outstanding matters between the Applicant and RSPB Cymru.

Seascape, Landscape and Visual Matters

The Applicant has been in discussion with NRW(A) regarding the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) on Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (SLVIA) matters. During this correspondence, the Applicant has agreed to provide the following, which has been submitted at Deadline 6:

- Cumulative ZTV 1-50,000 (S_D6_50)
- GN 017 and the Mona Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (S_D6_51).

Landscape enhancement scheme

The Applicant provided an update at ISH6 on discussions with NRW (A) and Isle of Anglesey County Council (IoACC) regarding provision of a without-prejudice landscape enhancement scheme, and noted that a further update would be made at Deadline 6. The Applicant and IoACC met on 16 December to progress discussions and will do so again (including with NRW (A)) on 7 January. The Applicant will provide a further update on this matter at Deadline 7.

Noise Limits during mobilisation hours

Following discussions at Issue Specific Hearing 6, the Applicant has considered the most appropriate way to control noise during the mobilisation hours. Commitments have been added to the Outline Code of Construction Practice (J26 F05), Outline Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (J26.3 F03) and the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (J26.13 F03). An explanation of the approach the Applicant has taken to this matter can be found in response to ISH6 HAP 29 (S_D6_3).

Hydrogeological Risk Assessment

The Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Hydrogeological Risk Assessment (S_D6_8) has been submitted to the examination. This document was provided to Mr Chambers at Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery on 20 December 2024 and the Applicant is in the process of arranging a meeting with Mr Chambers for early in the new year. The Outline Construction Surface Water and Drainage Management Plan (J26.6 F03) has been updated to provide further detail on groundwater management measures.

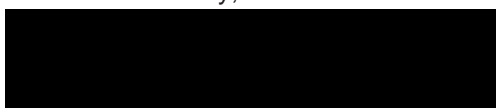
Trial Trenching

The Applicant has submitted the Trial Trenching Report (S_D6_7) which presents the findings of the trial trenching survey campaign undertaken in 2024. The report follows on from the Trial Trenching Report in Volume 7, Annex 5.5: Trial Trenching report (APP-148 and APP-149). A total of 261 of the 284 trenches proposed for the Mona Offshore Wind Project were excavated across the survey campaign. The findings of the survey have informed the archaeological mitigation strategy presented in the updated Outline Onshore Written Scheme of Investigation (J23 F03) submitted at Deadline 6. The Outline Onshore Written Scheme of Investigation (J23 F03) has been agreed with Cadw and Heneb: Clwyd-Powys Archaeology and Gwynedd Archaeology and this is reflected in their Statements of Common Ground (S_D1_22 F02 and S_D1_23 F02, respectively) that have also been submitted at Deadline 6.

Rule 17 letter (request for further information) – 20 December 2024

The Applicant thanks the ExA for the Rule 17 letter of 20 December and will respond as requested at Deadline 7.

Yours faithfully,



Mona Consents Lead