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The Applicant

Our Ref: EN010137

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Dear Sir/ Madam

**The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17**

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

**Request for further information**

We are writing under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended). The matters below are directed to the Applicant but other Interested Parties may also wish to respond to this request.

**Landscape enhancement scheme**

The ExA notes that discussions with Natural Resources Wales Advisory (NRW (A)) and the Isle of Anglesey County Council are ongoing regarding the provision of a without prejudice scheme and that the Applicant intends on providing a further update on this matter at D7. If the ExA is to take into account any enhancement scheme in its recommendation, then a mechanism of securing the scheme must be before it at the close of the Examination. Therefore, the ExA requests that the Applicant provides this, on a without prejudice basis, at D7.

**Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) [REP6-016]**

**Schedule 2**

The dDCO prescribes the maximum dimensions of the key elements of the infrastructure including the height of any building and electrical equipment through Requirement 6 (R6). The heights of the infrastructure relate to finished ground level, which is not defined in the dDCO. The Design Principles Document [REP6-024] refers to the level of the platform as the finished ground level and states that it is anticipated to be between 57 and 61m AOD

depending on the topography and design. At D7, the Applicant is asked to consider whether the maximum level should also be prescribed in R6 or via another mechanism?

#### Schedule 14

Commitment 14 of the Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule [REP6-026] states that development of, and adherence to, an Offshore Construction Method Statement, including a Cable Specification and Installation Plan (CSIP) would help to ensure that no more than 5% reduction in water depth would occur at any point along the Mona offshore cable corridor without prior written approval from the Licensing Authority in consultation with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) and Trinity House. In the event any cable protection exceeds 5% of navigable depth referenced to Chart Datum, NRW (Advisory) would also be a named consultee with regards to agreeing a suitable alternative position. Can the Applicant ensure that this measure is fully transposed into Schedule 14, Part 2, Condition 18(d)(bb) of the dDCO at D7.

#### IGP Solar 21 Limited

Cefn Meiriadog Community Council [AS-032] has brought the ExA's attention to the submission of details relating to the proposed battery storage facility on land at Pentre Mawr. In your response to the ExA's first written questions you stated that as no information was within the public domain for the project, potential cumulative impacts could not be assessed. On the basis of information that is now within the public domain, please provide an update to the Cumulative Effects Assessment by D7.

#### Significance of effects on Wales Coast Path and National Cycle Route 5 (NCR 5)

In paragraph 1.6.4.4 of your Planning Statement [APP-186] you identify one of the Proposed Development's potentially significant adverse effects as relating to recreational use, although you add that the effects on the Wales Coast Path and NCR 5 would be temporary, during the construction phase only.

In contrast, in your summary of effects in paragraphs 1.5.19.14 to 1.5.19.18 inclusive of that same document, you conclude that no significant effects are considered likely to occur with respect to land use and recreation as a result of the Proposed Development. This accords with what you say in Chapter 7 (Volume 3): Land use and recreation of the Environmental Statement at: Section 7.8.6 Recreation – Wales Coast Path and NCR 5; paragraph 7.13.1.2; and Table 7.27: Summary of potential environmental effects, mitigation and monitoring.

In Table 4.1: Outline PRow management measures of your Outline Public Rights of Way Management Strategy [REP6-064], in respect of the Wales Coast Path and NCR 5 you say that '*No PRow management measures required. Trenchless techniques will be used at this location to avoid requirements for the temporary stopping up of these PRow*'.

Please clarify the contradiction between this cited evidence and your conclusion in paragraph 1.6.4.4 of your Planning Statement. Does that paragraph need to be changed in respect of recreational use? If it correctly represents your position, then please signpost the associated evidential basis to support that conclusion.

The deadline to respond is **Deadline 7, 14 January 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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**Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors**

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