

# MONA OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT

## Response to the Examining Authority's Rule 17 Letter

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Image of an offshore wind farm

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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 response to the Examining Authority's Rule 17 letter issued on 8 January 2025 requesting further information in several areas. The Applicant's response is detailed below.

### **Landscape enhancement scheme**

- 1.1.1.1 The Applicant has engaged with the Isle of Anglesey County Council (IoACC) and Natural Resource Wales Advisory (NRW-A) regarding a landscape enhancement scheme, and following a meeting on 7 January 2025 has agreed to the principles of the scheme, set out in S\_D7\_30. Agreement on this matter is captured in the IoACC SoCG (S\_D1\_10 F03, reference IOACC.SLV.14) and NRW-A SLVIA SoCG (S\_D1\_14 F02, reference NRW.SVR.12) submitted at Deadline 7.
- 1.1.1.2 As part of the engagement on the landscape enhancement scheme the Applicant has revised its position, and has committed to secure the scheme, rather than offering it on a without prejudice basis. The Draft Development Consent Order (Draft DCO) (C1 F08) has been updated at Requirement 28 (Schedule 2) to include a landscape enhancement scheme requirement.
- 1.1.1.3 The landscape enhancement scheme principles (S\_D7\_30) sets out that the scheme principles will form the basis of a Section 106 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 agreement (s106 agreement), to be engaged on with the relevant parties. The intention of the Applicant is that the s106 agreement will be provided to the Secretary of State, in an agreed form, in advance of the decision on the Mona DCO Application. The s106 agreement would be bound to land within the control of the Applicant within Denbighshire. Denbighshire County Council (DCC) have agreed that Requirement 28 provides an appropriate mechanism for the discharge of the landscape enhancement scheme, as captured in the DCC SoCG (S\_D3\_22 F04, reference DCC.DCO.15).

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

### Schedule 2

- 1.1.1.4 The Draft DCO (C1 F08) has been updated at Requirement 6 (Schedule 2) to refer to finished ground level being a maximum of 61 metres above ordnance datum.

### Schedule 14

- 1.1.1.5 The Applicant has been in discussion with NRW-A with regards to comments raised regarding possible physical processes impacts from cable installation offshore. In particular to ensure that in the event any cable protection exceeds 5% of navigable depth referenced to Chart Datum, NRW-A would also be a named consultee. NRW-A's concerns are focussed on the nearshore area where they considered if cable protection laid with cable protection which exceeds 5% of navigable depth was installed, there may be a significant effect on physical processes. These discussions have been set out in submissions to the Examination including (REP2-080, REP4-047, REP5-061 and REP6-096).
- 1.1.1.6 The nearshore area is covered by the standalone NRW marine licence. As such, the Applicant updated the Marine Licence Principles Document at Deadline 5 (REP5-022 - see the 'Offshore Construction Method Statement' row) and that the Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule (MMS) was also updated at Deadline 6 (REP6-026 - see row 8 of the MMS). These updates confirm that it is anticipated that the standalone NRW marine licence will contain a condition controlling the details of cable installation. This condition will require a cable specification and installation plan to be submitted to the licencing authority for approval prior to licensable activities commencing and for which it is anticipated NRW-A will also be a named consultee (in addition to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and Trinity House). NRW-A will be consulted, through the process of discharging the final cable specification and installation plan, with regards to agreeing a suitable alternative position (by way of additional steps to be taken by the undertaker) in the event 5% depth is exceeded.
- 1.1.1.7 As this is a matter for the standalone NRW marine licence only, the Draft DCO does not need to be updated in this regard. This position has been agreed with NRW (Advisory) as confirmed in the Statement of Common Ground between Mona and NRW (A) - Offshore (S\_D1\_12 F03).

### **IGP Solar 21 Limited**

- 1.1.1.8 The Applicant notes that an EIA Scoping request was submitted to Denbighshire County Council on 23 December 2024 on behalf of Island Green Power UK Limited for the Bodelwyddan Solar and Energy Storage project (planning application reference number 40/2024/1575/EIA-SCO). The Applicant has reviewed this information and has provided an updated Cumulative Effects Assessment at Deadline 7 (S\_D7\_5).

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

- 1.1.1.9 The Applicant has reviewed the Planning Statement and the Land Use and Recreation chapter (F3.7 F02) and can confirm that the sentence "Recreational use, although the effects on the Wales Coast Path and NCR 5 will be temporary during the construction phase only" was included in paragraph 1.6.4.4 of the Planning Statement in error. This has been corrected in the errata sheet attached to the cover the latest version of the Planning Statement submitted at Deadline 7 (J2 F02). The Applicant can confirm that there will be no significant effects on the Wales Coastal Path or National Cycle Route 5 as a result of the Mona Offshore Wind Project as trenchless techniques will be used at these locations.

Yours faithfully,

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