

MONA OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT

Confirmation of Offshore Ornithological Updates at Deadline 7

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16 January 2025The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Directorate
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Dear Madam / Sir,

Planning Act 2008

The proposed Mona Offshore Wind Farm

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As outlined in the Cover Letter (S_D7_1) which accompanied the Applicant's Deadline 7 submissions, the Applicant has undertaken a final update to Volume 2 Chapter 5: Offshore Ornithology (F2.5 F04) and the HRA Stage 2 ISAA Part Three: SPAs and Ramsar sites Assessments (E1.3 F03) to provide the relevant examination materials as a series of additional Annexes to the Environmental Statement chapter and ISAA at Deadline 7. The relevant updates were shared with the necessary interested parties (IPs) (including NRW (A), the JNCC and Ørsted IPs) via email on 8 January 2025 with additional HRA information provided to the Ørsted IPs on 13 January 2025. This information was shared to enable the IPs to have regard to this in their final submissions at Deadline 7.

NRW (A) has kindly shared its Deadline 7 submission with the Applicant in advance of this being published on the Planning Inspectorate website. The Applicant notes that this states the following in relation to the additional estimates for North Hoyle and Barrow included in the Cumulative Effects Assessment and in-combination assessments:

*“With regard to inclusion of these two additional historic projects in the in-combination assessments for the other features of relevant Welsh SPAs and the cumulative assessments for relevant species and SSSIs, the Applicant has provided the updated figures they intend to submit at Deadline 7 to NRW (A) via email on 08 January 2025. We have reviewed this information and note that whilst the updated cumulative and in-combination total numbers (which the Applicant intends to submit) increase slightly with the inclusion of these two additional historic projects, the additions are so small that they would not alter our conclusions made for all species and site/feature combinations as detailed in our Deadline 6 response, REP6-137. Therefore, **subject to these figures being identical***

***to those intended to be submitted as part of the updated cumulative and in-combination assessments at Deadline 7, we maintain our position that a significant adverse effect (from an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) perspective) can be ruled out for all species except great black-backed gull cumulative collision and kittiwake cumulative collision for the Great Orme's Head SSSI. We also maintain our position that an adverse effect on site integrity (AEoSI) can be ruled out for in-combination impacts for all seabird qualifying features of the Skomer, Skokholm and seas off Pembrokeshire SPA and of the Aberdaron Coast SPA from a HRA perspective.'* (Applicant's emphasis)**

In light of this, the Applicant wishes to confirm that the numbers presented in the offshore ornithology submissions submitted at Deadline 7 are identical to those shared with the IPs via email on 8 and 13 January 2025. On this basis, the Applicant does not anticipate any change to the position of the statutory nature conservation bodies in respect of the Applicant's EIA and HRA conclusions.

Yours faithfully,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Paul Carter.

Paul Carter
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