



Meeting note

Project name	Mona Offshore Wind Project
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Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	1 February 2024
Meeting with	Mona Offshore Wind Limited
Venue	Microsoft Teams
Meeting objectives	Project Update Meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed, and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Project Overview

The Applicant confirmed that engagement with Expert Working Groups, navigation stakeholders and Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Marine Licencing Team was ongoing and detailed in the Consultation Report.

The Applicant confirmed that in relation to the Deemed Marine Licence (ML) within the application draft Development Consent Order (DCO) and the standalone ML application for the transmission assets a Marine Licence Principles document would detail how the MLs will align. This would be discussed with NRW prior to the DCO application submission. The Applicant informed that if the DCO application was accepted into examination the ML application in respect of the transmission assets would then be submitted to NRW.

Statutory Consultation

The Applicant informed of a follow up consultation for seldom heard groups, including email, postal and telephone correspondence.

Bodelwyddan Town Council was consulted as a s47 consultee and not a s42 consultee. Therefore, it was not issued a s48 notice. However, communications were sent to the Clerk and its community centre was used for two consultation events. The Council were therefore informed of the Proposed Development. The Applicant confirmed that this has been clearly explained in the Consultation Report.

The Applicant explained that nine new s44 interests had been identified and all consultation materials were provided with 28 days to respond.



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DCO Programme and Timeline

The Applicant confirmed that the DCO application submission was due at the end of February 2024.

The Applicant discussed the pre-submission letter to confirm understanding of requirements detailed and confirmed that, if the DCO application is accepted, publication of documents is preferred after Acceptance.

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The Applicant confirmed that National Grid's Bodewyddan substation extension application (under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) had not yet been submitted to the local authority, however the Applicant had included as much detail as possible in the Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA). The CEA included information obtained through National Grid's scoping process. Due to multiple Irish Sea projects being in the DCO application process simultaneously, the Applicant informed that the CEA may need to be updated as and when it is made available. The Applicant confirmed it would update the CEA if requested by the Examining Authority (ExA) during examination.

The Applicant enquired about the need for updates to the Environmental Statement during examination. The Inspectorate advised that individual chapters can be updated throughout the process, depending on the nature of the changes and the preference of the ExA.

Specific decisions/ follow-up required?

The following actions were agreed:

- The Applicant to trial submission, prior to the formal DCO application submission.