

AWEL Y MÔR OFFSHORE WIND FARM

SECTION 56 PLANNING ACT 2008

REGULATION 9 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER ("DCO")

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has accepted an application by **Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Limited (the "Applicant")** of Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, United Kingdom, SN5 6PB for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under the Planning Act 2008 ("the Application"). The Application was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State C/O the Planning Inspectorate ("PINS") on 20/04/2022 and was accepted on 18/05/2022. The reference number applied to the Application by PINS is EN010112.

The Application relates to the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of an offshore wind farm, located approximately 10 kilometres off the coast of North Wales in the Irish Sea; including up to 50 wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure making landfall at Ffrith Beach, east of Rhyl, and in the County of Denbighshire, the installation of underground cables and the construction of an electrical substation and associated infrastructure in order to connect the development to the National Grid's existing substation at Bodelwyddan (the "Project").

The proposed DCO will, amongst other things, authorise the construction, operation and decommissioning of offshore and onshore elements to supply an offshore wind farm, including: an offshore wind turbine generating station with a gross electrical output capacity of over 350 megawatts, comprising up to 50 wind turbine generators with associated foundations, a maximum rotor diameter of 306m and a maximum tip height of 332m above Mean High Water Springs (MHWS); up to two offshore substation platforms with associated foundations; one meteorological mast with associated foundations, LiDAR buoys, mooring buoys and navigational buoys; installation of a subsea cable (up to 10km in length) to the Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm; a network of subsea inter-array cables (up to 116km in length) including cable protection, connecting the wind turbines to each other and to the offshore substation platforms including cable crossings; up to two subsea cable circuits including cable crossings, cable protection, from the offshore substation platforms to shore, with a total cable length of approximately 70km; cofferdams and trenchless installation works at landfall; and scour protection, as required, for foundations and cables.

Onshore elements include: transition joint bays to connect the offshore cables and the onshore cables at Rhyl; up to two buried cable circuits from the transition joint bays at Rhyl under the A525, the River Clwyd, the A547 and the A55 to a new electrical substation west of the St Asaph Business Park at Bodelwyddan, including cable ducts, jointing and trenchless installation works and associated accesses and temporary construction compounds; the construction of a new electrical substation at Bodelwyddan together with associated equipment, accesses, landscaping and a temporary construction compound; and up to two buried 400kV cable circuits connecting the new substation to the National Grid substation at Bodelwyddan, including cable ducts, jointing and trenchless installation works.

The DCO would also authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of an offshore wind farm including: the permanent and compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights for the Project; overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land for the Project; the application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project including, inter alia, legislation relating to compulsory acquisition; temporary construction areas and access roads together with works to secure vehicular and/or pedestrian means of access for the Project, including alterations to bridges and removal and remediation of

groynes; and such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The Project is Environmental Impact Assessment Development as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Accordingly, the Application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement (“ES”), which will be available for inspection free-of-charge, along with the application form and accompanying application documents, including the Project’s Non-Technical Summary (NTS), and plans and maps showing the location of the proposed development, through the project page on PINS’ national infrastructure planning website under the “Documents” tab: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/awel-y-mor-offshore-wind-farm/>. The application documents will remain on PINS’ website until at least the end of the relevant representation period on 6 July 2022.

In addition to this, you may also access these documents digitally free-of-charge, at the following locations laid out in the table below, also through PINS’ website listed above, and until at least the end of the relevant representation period on 6 July 2022. Please check the facility’s website in advance to confirm opening hours and any booking requirements that might be required to access the documents digitally through the computers available at the respective locations.

Location	Address	Opening hours
Denbighshire	Prestatyn Library: Kings Ave, Prestatyn LL19 9LH, UK	https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/leisure-and-tourism/libraries/prestatyn.aspx
	Rhyl Library: 11A Church St, Rhyl LL18 3AA, UK	https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/leisure-and-tourism/libraries/rhyl.aspx
	Rhuddlan Library: 9 Vicarage Ln, Rhuddlan, Rhyl LL18 2UE, UK	https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/leisure-and-tourism/libraries/rhuddlan.aspx
	St Asaph Library: Library, The Roe, Saint Asaph LL17 0LU, UK	https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/leisure-and-tourism/libraries/st-asaph.aspx
Flintshire	Holywell Library: Holywell Leisure Centre, North Road, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 7UZ Flintshire	https://aura.wales/holywell-library/
Conwy	Colwyn Bay Library: Woodland Rd West, Colwyn Bay LL29 7DH	https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Libraries-Museums-and-Archives/Libraries/Libraries-and-opening-times/Colwyn-Bay-Library.aspx
	Llandudno Library: 48 Mostyn St, Llandudno LL30 2RP	https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Libraries-Museums-and-Archives/Libraries/Libraries-and-opening-times/Llandudno-Library.aspx
	Abergele Library: Market St, Abergele LL22 7BP	https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Libraries-Museums-and-Archives/Libraries/Libraries-and-opening-times/Abergele-Library.aspx
	Llanfairfechan Library: Village Rd, Llanfairfechan LL33 0AA	https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Libraries-Museums-and-Archives/Libraries/Libraries-and-opening-times/Llanfairfechan-Library.aspx
Gwynedd	Bangor Public Library Gwynedd Road, LL57 1DT	https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Residents/Libraries-and-archives/Your-local-library/Bangor-library.aspx
Isle of Anglesey	Llyfrgell Porthaethwy Library: Wood St, Menai Bridge LL59 5AS, United Kingdom	https://www.anglesey.gov.uk/en/Residents/Libraries/Find-your-local-library/Menai-Bridge-Library.aspx
	Beaumaris Library: Grammar School Lane, Beaumaris LL58 8AL	https://www.anglesey.gov.uk/en/Residents/Libraries/Find-your-local-library/Beaumaris-Library.aspx

If you require alternative methods for inspection of the ES or any other parts of the application documentation, or have any queries on accessing documents, please telephone the Applicant on:

0800 197 8232 or email: awelymor@rwe.com. The Applicant is also able to provide guidance on accessing any of the application documents using PINS' website or can, upon request, provide a USB stick free-of-charge containing any parts of the application documentation. Hard copies of the NTS can also be provided free-of-charge upon request during the registration period. Provision of hard copies of the ES will be subject to a maximum charge of £8,000, plus VAT, to cover printing and delivery costs.

Any person may register as an Interested Party by submitting a Relevant Representation on the Application during the representation period, which must be made directly to PINS (effectively giving notice of any interest in, or objection to, the Application). Any Relevant Representation must be submitted on the required registration form provided by PINS, and must include details of the party's name, address and telephone number, along with a summary of key points laying out the basis on which the representation is made. Please refer to detailed advice supplied by PINS regarding this process, in their *Advice Note 8.2: How to Register to Participate in an Examination*, found online here:

[Advice Note 8.2: How to register to participate in an Examination | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

PINS' Registration form must be completed, and can be accessed online through the project page on PINS' website here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/awel-y-mor-offshore-wind-farm/>

Please contact PINS directly for any hard copy Registration forms, by telephoning them on **0303 444 5000**, and quoting the name of the Application and PINS' reference number: EN010112. A completed hard copy form can be submitted to PINS at the following address:

The Planning Inspectorate (PINS)
Temple Quay House
Temple Quay
BRISTOL
BS1 6PN

Please quote PINS' reference number EN010112 in all correspondence with PINS about this Application.

Please note that all representations submitted will be published on PINS' website and will be subject to their privacy policy, found online here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notice/customer-privacy-notice>

Relevant representations can be made to PINS up to and including 6 July 2022.

Further information about the Application may be obtained from the Awel y Môr project team at RWE Renewables UK, through the details provided directly below:

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