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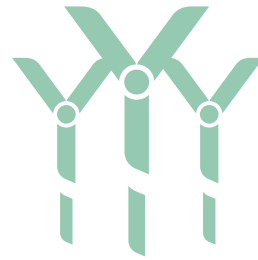
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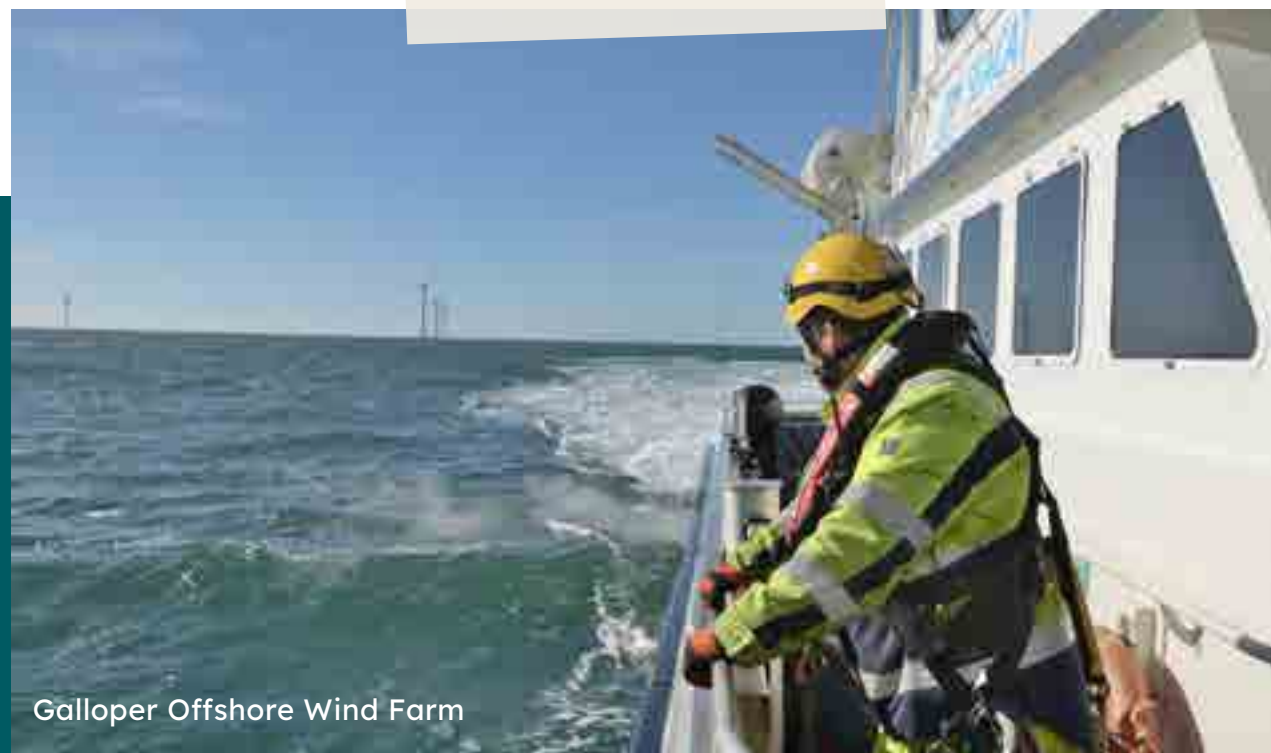


Thank you for taking the time to read the latest updates from the Awel y Môr team.

The examination of the project's application for a Development Consent Order is well underway, as we work towards achieving planning consent for Wales' biggest renewables investment this decade.

Here you'll find the latest on the hearings themselves, as well as results from the informal consultation we ran earlier this year on what a community benefits package might look like in the future.

With a capacity equivalent to powering more than 500,000 homes, Awel y Môr represents a key element of the UK Government's energy security strategy, which is targeting the deployment of enough offshore wind to power every residence across Wales, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland by 2030.



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Second round of examination hearings to begin

The second round of public hearings is poised to begin, with the Examining Authority appointed by the UK Planning Inspectorate (PINS), revealing the topics up for discussion.

The two issue-specific hearings will take place on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 December, and will look at seascape and related issues, and the proposed substation site respectively.

All are open to the public to either attend in-person at Venue Cymru, or stream online, although those looking to be physically present are asked to register their wish to do so with PINS in advance.

These two hearings follow a first round, which took place in September.

The examination represents the final opportunity for interested parties to submit their views on our proposals.

Paul Carter, senior consents manager, said: "We're really into the thick of the Development Consent Order examination now, with the team working hard to answer the Examining Authority's queries."

"As such a significant investment and opportunity, we also have team members helping develop plans for the local supply chain, for skills and education, to ensure the region is well-placed to reap the benefits the project offers."

The link with which to stream the sessions can be found on the [UK Planning Inspectorate](#) website.

The examination is set to conclude in March 2022.

Consultation reveals top priorities for community benefits package.

Support for training and employment, as well as climate change and the natural environment were among the top priorities suggested during a first-round of informal consultation on a prospective community benefits package.

More than 400 individuals had their say, with the package planned to come into effect once the Awel y Môr wind farm is operational, which is anticipated to be 2030.

The project team carried out the consultation earlier in 2022, asking what the objectives of any community benefits package should be, as well as how it might be administered and by whom.

The aim was to inform proposals for how Awel y Môr might best support communities in future, and what the guiding principles for a community benefits package should be.

You told us that any benefits package should put local communities at its heart.

The majority also strongly agreed that any benefits package should be led by local people, and take a strategic approach



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across north Wales by taking into account the other support available from renewables, as well as involving young people specifically in the decision-making.

The team will now consider its next steps in response.

Tamsyn Rowe, project manager, said: "We were really pleased to receive so many responses, including through the medium of Welsh."

"Now we have started a conversation on how a community benefits package should work, we hope to continue listening to people's views and to develop and refine plans as the project progresses."



Team members from RWE attended a science, technology, engineering and maths-focussed careers event (STEM) at Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's Coleg Llangefni site, alongside other north Wales businesses, to help give young people an idea of the range of careers offered within the renewable energy sector.

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