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Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Limited
The proposed Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Order
PINS Reference: EN01011

Dear Sirs,

Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Limited (the Applicant) encloses the documents mentioned in the table below in response to advice issued by the Planning Inspectorate on 18 May 2022 under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008. Where appropriate the Applicant also provides specific responses in the table below the points raised by the Planning Inspectorate in the section 51 advice.

In addition to the changes mentioned in the table, the Applicant has made the following amendments:

- Updated the Guide to the DCO Application to reflect the updated documents and associated document revision status.
- Updated the marine mammal chapter to correct some minor typographic heading errors that were noted by the Applicant.
- Provided an audit document which presents a list of all project parameters within the marine environment, and anticipates which ML those parameters should be applicable to and secured in.
- Prepared a Schedule of Changes to reflect the amendments made to the Book of Reference since the application was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 20th April 2022.

If the Applicant can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Alex Herbert (Offshore Consents Manager) on alex.herbert@rwe.com or 07384 807 478.

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Yours faithfully,

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PINS comment	The Applicant's response
Given the individual circumstances of this case, the Inspectorate advises taking a precautionary approach to consultation under s42(1)(a) of PA2008 to ensure that all persons potentially affected by, or potentially likely to have an interest in the application are given the opportunity to participate fully in the Examination of the application. On this basis, the Applicant may wish to serve notice on the bodies listed in Box 6 of the section 55 checklist when it serves notice of the accepted application under s56(2)(a) of the PA2008; unless there is a specific justification why this is not necessary.	The Applicant can confirm that notice will be served to all 14 additional 'precautionary' consultees, as part of s56 requirements, in a letter dated 30 May 2022.
There are minor errors and omissions, as detailed in Box 30 of the acceptance checklist.	The document has been reviewed and amended where required.
Woodland areas could be usefully coloured/shaded – an alternative shading for Ancient Woodlands would be useful.	The Applicant has updated the Ancient Woodland shapefile with a light blue solid colour. The woodland shapefile symbology has remained the same. The Applicant has updated the plan with the updated shapefile, and identified a discrepancy between the areas illustrated in the Version A of the Plan and the current Version B. Whilst the discrepancy exists between the versions of the Plan, ancient woodland has been assessed in the onshore biodiversity chapter of the ES (application ref: 6.3.5) consistently with the appropriate extents. See page 84, Figure 10 <i>et seq</i> of the onshore biodiversity chapter for further reference.

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In the Book of Reference (BoR), sheet numbers where plots are located are not included and Plot 10 is not obvious in the onshore Land Plans.	The Applicant has included plot numbers (in so far as they are shown on each sheet) within the legend on each sheet of the Land Plans.
It would be helpful for the sheet numbering of plans to reflect the numbering of areas identified on the relevant Key Plans and to ensure the extents shown on Key Plans reflect the extents of the relevant plans sheet, particularly area '1'.	The sheet numbering of all plans (with the exception of the Land Plans Onshore) has been updated. The numbering on the key plan now reflects the numbering of subsequent sheets.
Plans should be checked to ensure that plot label arrows point to the inside of plots, as opposed to the boundary lines. The crossing of plot label lines should be avoided.	The Applicant has reviewed the land plans and updated the label arrows as required.
It would be helpful for there to be consistency between the description of yellow, blue and pink plots on the onshore Land Plans legend and the description in Table 1 of the BoR.	The Applicant has updated Table 1 of the BoR to show the relevant descriptors used to describe the type of acquisition in the land plans and BoR.
On Sheet 1 of 10 of the onshore Land Plans there is an unnumbered plot to the east of Plot 12 and on Sheet 2 of 10 Plot 78 is not labelled on the inset. Insets on all sheets require review to ensure they are clear, legible, have all plots labelled and reflect the correct inset extents.	The Applicant has reviewed all inset plans and made any necessary amendments.

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Ensure all plots are shown clearly on the plans. For example, Plot 113 on Sheet 3 of 10 of the onshore Land Plans is not discernible.	The Applicant has reviewed the land plans and added additional inset plans to assist with discerning particularly small plots. Specifically in respect of Plot 113, the inset plan has been extended to incorporate this plot.
In the Works Plans, 'Work No 23' should be labelled on Sheets 9 and 11.	Two additional labels with "Work No 23" have been added on the relevant pages of the Works Plans.
The legend in the Street Works and Access Plan refers to Schedule 4 instead of Schedule 3 of the dDCO.	The legend has been updated to reflect the correct Schedule.
Footpath names on the Temporary Stopping Up of Public Rights of Way Plans could be enlarged.	The size of labels for both the footpaths and the extents of public rights of way have been increased from 16pt to 24pt.
It would be useful to annotate heritage assets on the Historic Environment Plan, and this Plan and the Location Plan are both referenced '2.1'.	The labels of UKHO Wrecks and Obstruction, Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments, Conservation Areas and Registered Historic Parks have been added on the map.
A list/table in any subsequent plans to identify any revisions would be useful.	The revision number is noted in the title box of all figures

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The ES as currently drafted provides brief information about the expertise of the companies responsible for compiling the relevant chapters of the ES. However, given the requirements of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, consideration should be given to updating the ES to provide the necessary information in relation to the key individual experts involved in each ES topic.	The ES introductory chapter has been updated to more fully describe the expertise of the technical authors, and to more accurately capture the final list of ES documents submitted in support of the application.
Volume 2 Chapter 10 (Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment) - paragraph 3 references to figures and visualisations appear incorrect. It would be helpful to highlight all reported significance of effect conclusions in the text of the chapter for ease of reading	The Applicant can confirm that this stylistic correction has been made in the revised chapter, as submitted.
Volume 2 Chapter 15 (Offshore conclusions) - incorrect column headings in Table 3 Ornithology	This typographic error has been corrected in the revised chapter, as submitted.
Volume 3 Chapter 2 (Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment) - the location of some of the receptors mentioned in Table 11 are unclear (e.g. Plas Lorna). It would be helpful to have a plan showing the location of these receptors	A revision has been made to Figure 2.6 F-J to better illustrate the location of these receptors; now included in application ref: 6.6.2.2.7.1. Minor edits have been made to the chapter to reflect this.
Volume 3 Chapter 3 (Socio-economics) - the figures in Table 12 do not appear to add up.	This typographic error has been corrected in the revised chapter, as submitted.

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Volume 3 Chapter 11 (Air Quality) - Table 4 refers twice to a 'NVMP'. Should this instead refer to an 'AQMP'?	This typographic error has been corrected in the revised chapter, as submitted.
The Report to Inform the Appropriate Assessment Annex 3 refers to Figure 40 but this does not appear to have been included in the document. The Applicant is requested to provide a revised version of Annex 3 which includes this figure.	This omission has been corrected in the revised annex, as submitted.
There appears to be a number of inconsistencies within the dDCO, including;	The Applicant has made amendments to the DCO which addresses the comments raised by PINS. The full list of amendments is set out in the Schedule of Changes enclosed with this letter. The Applicant also encloses a new clean version of the DCO and a comparison document to show the changes made.
Article 3(2) - this refers to 'MLW' but MLW is not defined in Article 2.	
Article 11(1) – the correct name of the plan is the 'temporary stopping up of public rights of way plan'.	
Article 40(1)(i) & (j) – the document name is inconsistent with the name of the document submitted.	
Schedule 1 – this states that 'Work Nos. 1, 1A, 2, 2A and 3 are to be constructed seaward of MHWS within the area delineated by the co-ordinates shown on the order limits plan and listed in the Table 1 below...'. However, the 'order limits plan' is not defined in Article 2 and it appears that these co-ordinates are shown in the document entitled 'Location Plan' (2.1), which is also not defined in Article 2.	

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Schedule 3 – points BI and BJ shown on the last page of the street works and access plan have been omitted.	
Schedule 4, columns 1 and 2 – inconsistencies between the information in these columns and the information shown on the temporary stopping up of public rights of way plan, and the naming of the plan is the ‘temporary stopping up of public rights of way plan’.	
Schedule 5, column 1 – References to AC-Q do not appear on the street works and access plans. ‘AC-Q1’ and ‘AC-Q2’ appear on the plans but are omitted from Schedule 5. It would also be helpful to identify the relevant sheet numbers.	
In addition to the above, the Applicant should undertake a general review of the dDCO for consistency, grammar and punctuation.	
It would be helpful for the Applicant to provide the Inspectorate with a full set of hard-copy visualisations at the correct viewing size relating to: a) the Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment; and b) the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, to assist the Examining Authority, when appointed, during any site visits.	The Applicant can confirm that the requested full set of hard copy visualisations will be provided.

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'Appendix 1' and 'Appendix 2' which are referred to within the Funding Statement (doc 4.2)	The Applicant apologises for this omission, and can confirm this appendix has now been provided, as part of a revised Funding Statement document.
'5.8.6 2021/2022 Ground Conditions' and '5.11.1 Construction Dust Assessment Methodology' which are referred to in Table 1 of Volume 1 Chapter 1: Introduction (doc 6.1.1). '5.11.2 Annex 11.2 Technical Note – Electromagnetic Frequencies' is referred to in the same table. However, there is no apparent document with this reference.	The Applicant can confirm that Table 1 of Chapter 1 (Introduction) has been updated to more accurately reflect the documents submitted in support of the Application. The construction dust methodology document forms part of the ES chapter, and the EMF note is provided at 6.5.12.1 (Annex 12.1)
Volume 5, Annex 5.8: Breeding Bird Survey Report (BBSR) (doc 6.5.5.8) refers to a confidential 'Appendix 04'. This does not appear to have been provided. In addition, Figures 3.1 and 3.2 have been provided as part of the BBSR rather than as part of a confidential 'Appendix 04' as suggested.	The Applicant can confirm this appendix has now been provided as part of the confidential documents library, with an updated Annex 5.8 for completeness.
The Applicant's section 55 checklist refers to an 'Onshore Archaeological Trial Trenching Evaluation Report (interim) 8.15'. This document does not appear to have been provided and nor does it appear to be referred to elsewhere.	The Applicant can confirm that this document now forms part of the outline written scheme of investigation provided in 6.5.8.5 (Annex 8.5 of Volume 5). Table 1 of the Introduction chapter has been updated accordingly.

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