

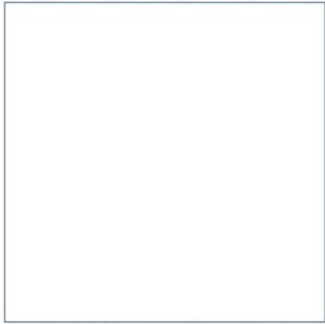
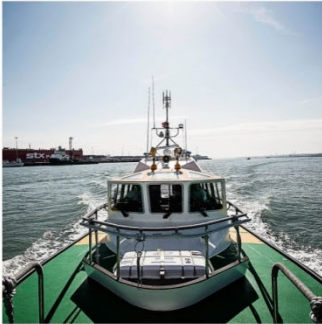
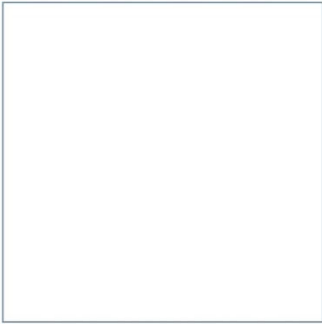
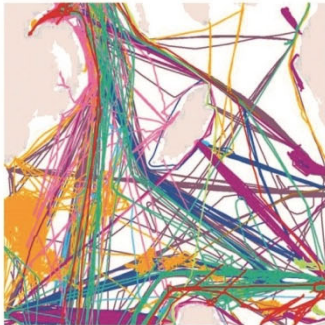
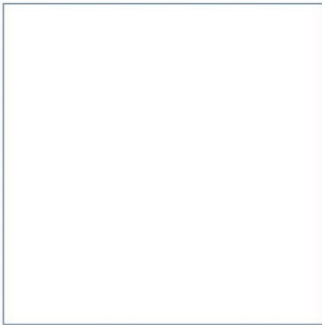
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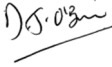
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WNMP Policy No.	WNMP Policy		Does the Project Have the Potential to Impact the Policy?	How Does the Proposed Project Comply with the Policy?
GEN_01	Planning policy	There is a presumption in favour of the sustainable development of the plan area in order to contribute to Wales' well-being goals.	Project will have a positive impact on this policy.	The contribution of the Mostyn Energy Park Extension (MEPE) Project to Wales' well-being goals is discussed in the Legislative and Consenting Framework Chapter 4 of the ES (specifically Sections 4.9.3 and 4.9.4). The proposed development is considered to be consistent with these goals, and provides a positive contribution to Objective 1 of the Welsh National Marine Plan (WNMP), and 'A Prosperous Wales' and 'A Resilient Wales' well-being goals of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.
GEN_02	Planning policy	Relevant public authorities should take a proportionate, risk-based approach to application of relevant marine planning policies in decision making.	Policy is not applicable to the applicant for the project.	This policy is directed towards public authorities to encourage a proportionate and risk-based approach to decision making and is therefore not applicable to the applicant for the MEPE Project.
ECON_01	Sustainable economic growth	Proposals for economically sustainable activities are encouraged, particularly where they contribute to: • the sustainable management of natural resources thereby supporting ecosystem resilience; • a more resilient economy; • employment opportunities particularly for coastal communities; • protecting and creating employment at all skill levels; • maintaining communities with a high-density of Welsh speakers; and/or • tackling poverty by supporting deprived coastal communities.	Project will have a positive impact on this policy.	The MEPE Project will deliver infrastructure upgrades at the Port to enable it to support and service the current and anticipated future growth in the offshore wind industry off the northern coast of Wales and in the Irish and Celtic Seas. The Port is strategically placed to support the offshore energy sector, and in doing so will continue to support the economic development of the area. The proposed development will provide societal benefits, particularly in terms of providing opportunities for employment. Other potential socio-economic direct and indirect benefits of the project include those related to opportunities for improving skills and local economic growth and regeneration benefits. The rationale and importance of the MEPE Project in delivering economic growth and sustainability is discussed in the ES, specifically in the Proposed Development Chapter 2 (Section 2.2) and the Legislative and Consenting Framework Chapter 4 (Section 4.9).
ECON_02	Coexistence	Proposals should demonstrate how they have considered opportunities for coexistence with other compatible sectors in order to optimise the value and use of the marine area and marine natural resources.	Project will have a positive impact on this policy.	The MEPE Project will enable the Port of Mostyn, and the wider community, to promote investment and development of the renewable energy sector off the northern coast of Wales, and the Irish and Celtic Seas, and also support investors and their supply chains to secure long-term economic growth for the area. In addition, the Port of Mostyn's and Dee Conservancy's Marine Safety Management System (SMS), including issuing Local Notices to Mariners, will be followed so that other marine activities and use of the marine area will not be significantly affected during construction and operation, and the proposed development can co-exist with other activities. Further details of the SMS are provided in the Commercial and Recreational Navigation Chapter of the ES (Chapter 10).
SOC_01	Access to the marine environment	Proposals that maintain or enhance access to the marine environment are encouraged.	Project will have a positive impact on this policy.	The MEPE Project would ensure the continuation of the Port of Mostyn, improving access to the marine environment and the businesses it supports. In addition, the Port of Mostyn's and Dee Conservancy's Marine SMS will be followed so that other marine activities and access to the marine environment will be maintained and not significantly affected during construction and operation. Further details of the SMS are provided in the commercial and recreational navigation chapter of the ES (Chapter 10).
SOC_02	Well-being of coastal communities	Proposals that contribute to the well-being of coastal communities are encouraged.	Project will have a positive impact on this policy.	See GEN_01.

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SOC_03	Marine pollution incidents	Proposals should demonstrate how they minimise their risk of causing or contributing to marine pollution incidents.	Project will support this policy.	During the construction of the MEPE Project, the risk of causing or contributing to marine pollution incidents will be managed through the implementation of best-practice measures which will be set out in a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP). During operation, the Port of Mostyn will follow existing control and management measures in place to minimise the risk of causing or contributing to marine pollution incidents, including the 'Dee Estuary Oil Spill Contingency Plan', 'Bunker Checklist' and 'Mostyn Docks Limited Waste Management Plan'. These are further detailed in the ES, specifically the Project Methodology Chapter 3, the Water and Sediment Quality Chapter 7 and the Commercial and Recreational Navigation Chapter 10.
SOC_04	Welsh language and culture	Proposals that contribute to the promotion and facilitation of the use of the Welsh language and culture are encouraged.	Project will have a positive impact on this policy.	The MEPE Project will promote Welsh culture by supporting the developing renewable energy sector, thereby helping to promote wider awareness of the Welsh culture and language. In addition, the proposed development will provide opportunities for local employment, developing locally based skills, and in turn local economic growth and associated social benefits.
SOC_05	Historic assets	Proposals should demonstrate how potential impacts on historic assets and their settings have been taken into consideration and should, in order of preference: a) avoid adverse impacts on historic assets and their settings; and/or b) minimise impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate impacts where they cannot be minimised. If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding. Opportunities to enhance historic assets are encouraged.	Project will conform to this policy and has the potential to result in a positive impact on this policy.	An assessment of the potential impacts of the MEPE Project on historic assets and their settings during construction and operation is presented in Chapter 12 of the ES and aligns with this policy. Following the application of appropriate mitigation, the residual impacts will be insignificant. There is also the potential for certain mitigation measures, namely geoarchaeological assessment of geotechnical surveys, to result in major beneficial effects. Further information on the proposed mitigation measures and residual impacts is presented in the Cultural Heritage and Marine Archaeology Chapter of the ES (see Section 12.8 and Table 12.7).
SOC_06	Designated landscapes	Proposals should demonstrate how potential impacts on the purposes and special qualities for which National Parks or Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty have been designated have been taken into consideration and should, in order of preference: a) avoid adverse impacts on designated landscapes; and/or b) minimise impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate impacts where they cannot be minimised. If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding. Opportunities to enhance designated landscapes are encouraged.	Project will not impact on this policy.	Landscape/seascape and visual impacts have been scoped out of the EIA as noted and agreed by NRW in their Scoping Opinion. Further details on the justification for scoping this topic out of the assessment is included in the Impact Assessment Approach Chapter 5 of the ES (see Table 5.3).
SOC_07	Seascapes	Proposals should demonstrate how potential impacts on seascapes have been taken into consideration and should, in order of preference: a) avoid adverse impacts on seascapes; and/or b) minimise impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate impacts where they cannot be minimised. If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding. Opportunities to enhance seascapes are encouraged.	Project will not impact on this policy.	See SOC_06.

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SOC_08	Resilience to coastal change and flooding	Proposals should demonstrate how they are resilient to coastal change and flooding over their lifetime.	Project will support this policy.	The final surface level of the reclamation will be 12 m above Chart Datum (CD) which will match the existing level of the quay which is not at an existing significant risk of flooding. Chapter 6 of the ES presents an assessment of the MEPE Project on physical processes (flows, water levels, waves and sediments) and how they may potentially impact that local coastline and the dynamic nearshore sandbank and channel system. Potential impacts arising from the MEPE Project on flood risk have been assessed in the Flood Risk and Drainage Chapter 11 of the ES and Flood Consequence Assessment (FCA) included in Appendix 11.1 (Volume 2 of the ES). A number of surface water management measures and existing standard working practices will continue to be followed which will ensure the area will remain resilient to coastal change and flooding.
SOC_09	Effects on coastal change and flooding	Proposals should demonstrate how they: avoid significant adverse impacts upon coastal processes; and minimise the risk of coastal change and flooding; Proposals that align with the relevant Shoreline Management Plan(s) and its policies are encouraged.	Project will comply with this policy.	See SOC_08. The MEPE Project will not result in significant effects on physical processes or flood risk and drainage receptors. It will also align with the 'hold' the line' policy approach in this section of the coastline in the short, medium and long term.
SOC_10	Minimising climate change	Proposals should demonstrate how they, in order of preference: a) avoid the emission of greenhouse gases; and/or b) minimise them where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate them where they cannot be minimised. Where significant emission of greenhouse gases cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals for regulated activities must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding.	Project will conform to this policy and has the potential to result in a positive impact on this policy.	The MEPE Project will deliver infrastructure upgrades to enable it to support and service the current and anticipated future growth in the offshore wind industry. In doing so, it will support a number of climate change targets and policies to reduce emissions to net zero. The project's specific purpose in supporting the current and future offshore wind energy sector will therefore seek to minimise climate change. The role of the MEPE Project in delivering these targets and policies is discussed in the ES, specifically in the Proposed Development Chapter 2 (Section 2.2) and the Legislative and Consenting Framework Chapter 4 (Section 4.9). Air quality and greenhouse gas emissions have been scoped out of the EIA as noted and agreed by NRW in their Scoping Opinion. Further details on the justification for scoping this topic out of the assessment is included in the Impact Assessment Approach Chapter 5 of the ES (see Table 5.3).
SOC_11	Resilience to climate change	Proposals should demonstrate that they have considered the impacts of climate change and have incorporated appropriate adaptation measures, taking into account Climate Change Risk Assessments for Wales. Proposals that contribute to climate change adaptation and/or mitigation are encouraged.	Project will comply with this policy.	See SOC_11. Consideration of the impact of the proposed development on climate change and the effects of climate change on the proposed development is included in each of the EIA topic assessment chapters of the ES.
ENV_01	Resilient marine ecosystems	Proposals should demonstrate how potential impacts on marine ecosystems have been taken into consideration and should, in order of preference: a) avoid adverse impacts; and/or b) minimise impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate impacts where they cannot be minimised. If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding. Proposals that contribute to the protection, restoration and/or enhancement of marine ecosystems are encouraged.	Project will conform to this policy and has the potential to result in a positive impact on this policy.	The potential impacts of the MEPE Project on marine ecosystems have been assessed in the Nature Conservation and Marine Ecology Chapter 8 of the ES. With the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, significant impacts on marine ecology receptors will be avoided and/or minimised. In addition, as described in the Proposed Methodology Chapter 3 of the ES, the MEPE Project will provide additional marine ecological enhancements to support natural mudflat restoration.
ENV_02	Marine Protected Areas	Proposals should demonstrate how they: avoid adverse impacts on individual Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and the coherence of the network as a whole; have regard to the measures to manage MPAs; and avoid adverse impacts on designated sites that are not part of the MPA network.	Project will comply with this policy.	A Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) has been undertaken and is included in Appendix 8.5 of the ES (Volume 2). Based on available evidence, there is considered to be no potential for an adverse effect on the integrity (AEOI) of the interest features or conservation objectives of European/Ramsar sites either alone and/or in-combination with other plans and projects.

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ENV_03	Invasive non-native species	Proposals should demonstrate how they avoid or minimise the risk of introducing and spreading invasive non-native species. Where appropriate, proposals should include biosecurity measures to reduce the risk of introducing and spreading of invasive non-native species.	Project will comply with this policy.	The risk of introducing and spreading invasive non-native species during construction and operation of the MEPE Project is assessed in the Nature Conservation and Marine Ecology Chapter 8 of the ES. In accordance with standard good practice, biosecurity control measures during construction will be included within the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). The impacts of ballast water discharge are also assessed in the Commercial and Recreational Navigation Chapter 10 of the ES. The Port of Mostyn will continue to comply with their ballast water management advice and ensure vessels maintain a ballast water management plan and a ballast water record book.
ENV_04	Marine litter	Proposals should demonstrate how they: avoid the deliberate introduction of litter into the marine plan area; and minimise the risk of accidental release of litter.	Project will not impact on this policy.	The MEPE Project will not introduce litter into the marine environment.
ENV_05	Underwater noise	Proposals should demonstrate that they have considered man-made noise impacts on the marine environment and, in order of preference: a) avoid adverse impacts; and/or b) minimise impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate impacts where they cannot be minimised. If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding.	Project will comply with this policy.	The proposed development will not result in any significant adverse underwater noise effects that are not possible to avoid and/or minimise to environmental acceptable levels through the application of appropriate mitigation measures. Further details are provided in the Nature Conservation and Marine Ecology Chapter 8 of the ES.
ENV_06	Air and water quality	Proposals should demonstrate that they have considered their potential air and water quality impacts and should, in order of preference: a) avoid adverse impacts; and/or b) minimise adverse impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate adverse impacts where they cannot be minimised. If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding.	Project will comply with this policy.	Air quality has been scoped out of the EIA as noted and agreed by NRW in their Scoping Opinion. Further details on the justification for scoping this topic out of the assessment is included in the Impact Assessment Approach Chapter 5 of the ES (see Table 5.3). Water quality impacts associated with the marine elements of the MEPE Project have been assessed in the Water and Sediment Quality Chapter 7 of the ES. The risk of potential pollution incidents as a result of a navigational incident is assessed in the Commercial and Recreational Navigation Chapter 10 of the ES. The risks of pollution incidents during the landside construction works have been assessed in the Flood Risk and Drainage Chapter 11 of the ES.
ENV_07	Fish species and habitats	Proposals potentially affecting important feeding, breeding (including spawning & nursery) and migration areas or habitats for key fish and shellfish species of commercial or ecological importance should demonstrate how they, in order of preference: a) avoid adverse impacts on those areas; and/or b) minimise adverse impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate adverse impacts where they cannot be minimised; If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding.	Project will comply with this policy.	Potential impacts to fish species and habitats have been assessed in the Nature Conservation and Marine Ecology Chapter 8 of the ES. With the adoption of appropriate mitigation measures, it is considered that significant impacts on for fish, namely effects of underwater noise and vibration during construction, can be reduced to acceptable levels.
GOV_01	Cumulative effects	Proposals should demonstrate that they have assessed potential cumulative effects and should, in order of preference: a) avoid adverse effects; and/or b) minimise effects where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate effects where they cannot be minimised. If significant adverse effects cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding. Proposals that contribute to positive cumulative effects are encouraged.	Project will comply with this policy.	The potential cumulative and in-combination effects of the MEPE Project has been assessed in the Cumulative and In-combination Effects Chapter 13 of the ES. The proposed works alone (intra-project effects) and other plans, projects and/or activities (inter-project effects) will not result in any significant adverse cumulative and/or in-combination effects.

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GOV_02	Cross-border and plan compatibility	Relevant public authorities, in making their decisions, should have regard to: any applicable policy in a relevant marine plan; any applicable policy in relevant terrestrial development plans or related documents; the Natural Resources Policy; any relevant local well-being plan(s) (including the local well-being assessment); and evidence in any relevant Area Statement(s) produced by Natural Resources Wales (NRW).	Policy is not applicable to the applicant for the project.	This policy is directed towards public authorities to consider the cross-border and plan compatibility of the project and is therefore not applicable to the applicant for the MEPE Project. A review of policies considered relevant to the proposed development is included in the Legislative and Consenting Framework Chapter 4 (Section 4.9).
SCI_01	Using sound science responsibly	Relevant public authorities should make decisions using sound evidence and a risk-based, proportionate approach. Where appropriate they should apply the precautionary principle and consider opportunities to apply adaptive management.	Policy is not applicable to the applicant for the project.	This policy is directed towards public authorities to encourage the use of sound evidence and a proportionate and risk-based approach to decision making and is therefore not applicable to the applicant for the MEPE Project.
AGG_01a	Aggregates (supporting)	Proposals for new aggregate extraction will be supported, within any tonnage limits, where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Policy is not applicable to the project.	This policy is directed at new aggregate extraction projects and is therefore not directly relevant to the MEPE Project. Furthermore, the proposed development will not directly interact with this sector as noted in the Cumulative and In-combination Effects Chapter 13 of the ES. However, it is recognised that the MEPE Project will enable and support future offshore wind farm development which may involve the use of gravity based foundations which are made of precast concrete (i.e. aggregate) and, therefore, may potentially indirectly increase the need for new aggregate extraction.
AGG_01b	Aggregates (supporting)	Relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities: for the sustainable use of wider marine aggregate natural resources; to define and, once in place, further develop and refine Strategic Resource Areas for aggregates in order to support the sustainable development of the aggregate sector through marine planning.	Policy is not applicable to the applicant for the project.	This policy is directed towards public authorities and the aggregates sector and is therefore not applicable to the applicant for the MEPE Project.
AQU_01a	Aquaculture (supporting)	Proposals for new aquaculture developments will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Policy is not applicable to the project.	This policy is directed at new aquaculture development projects and is therefore not relevant to the MEPE Project. Furthermore, the proposed development will not interact with this sector and therefore will not indirectly affect this policy.
AQU_01b	Aquaculture (supporting)	Relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities for the sustainable use of aquaculture resources including the identification of: natural resources that provide aquaculture potential opportunities to define and, once in place, further develop and refine Strategic Resource Areas for aquaculture in order to support the sustainable development of the aquaculture sector through marine planning.	Policy is not applicable to the applicant for the project.	This policy is directed towards public authorities and the aquaculture sector and is therefore not applicable to the applicant for the MEPE Project.

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D&D_01	Dredging and disposal (supporting)	Proposals that maintain navigable channels and long term access to open at-sea disposal sites for appropriate material will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Project will comply with this policy.	The MEPE Project will involve dredging the existing main navigation channel to provide access to vessels that will use the new berthing frontage. A proportion of the suitable capital dredge arisings is proposed to be reused as infill material for the landside works and the remainder disposed of at the existing at sea disposal site. Once the constructed quay is operational, a maintenance dredging and disposal programme for the new berth, harbour area and navigation channel will be put in place. The MEPE Project is considered to comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of the Welsh National Marine Plan (WNMP) and should therefore be supported. Further information on the proposed development is included in the Proposed Methodology Chapter 3 of the ES. A review of policies considered relevant to the MEPE Project is included in the Legislative and Consenting Framework Chapter 4 (Section 4.9).
ELC_01a	Low carbon energy (supporting) wind	Proposals for offshore wind energy generation will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations. Proposals for wind >350MW will be considered by UK Government in accordance with relevant national policy. In determining an NSIP for a wind proposal, the decision maker will have regard to this plan. Any determination in relation to energy developments of any scale will be taken in accordance with this plan alongside any other relevant considerations.	Policy is not applicable to the project.	This policy is directed at offshore wind energy projects and is therefore not relevant to the MEPE Project. Furthermore, the proposed development will not significantly interact with this sector and therefore will not indirectly affect this policy. The potential interactions with this sector is considered in more detail in the Cumulative and In-combination Effects Chapter 13 of the ES.
ELC_01b	Low carbon energy (supporting) wind	In order to understand future opportunities for offshore wind development, including floating technologies, this plan supports strategic planning for the sector. Relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities for the sustainable use of wind energy resources including identification of: • natural resources that provide potential opportunity for future use; • evidence to de-risk consenting for the sector; and • opportunities to define and, once in place, further develop and refine Strategic Resource Areas for offshore wind energy resource safeguarding; in order to support the sustainable development of the sector through marine planning. Relevant public authorities should make appropriate evidence available to support planning and decision making in order to support the sustainable development of the sector through marine planning, where it is appropriate to do so.	Policy is not applicable to the applicant for the project.	This policy is directed towards public authorities and the offshore wind sector and is therefore not applicable to the applicant for the MEPE Project.
ELC_02a	Low carbon energy (supporting) wave	Proposals for wave energy generation will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Policy is not applicable to the project.	This policy is directed at wave energy projects and is therefore not relevant to the MEPE Project. Furthermore, the proposed development will not interact with this sector and therefore will not indirectly affect this policy.

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ELC_02b	Low carbon energy (supporting) wave	In order to understand future opportunities for wave energy development, relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities for the sustainable use of wave energy resources including identification of: • natural resources that provide potential opportunity for future use; • evidence to de-risk consenting for the sector; and • opportunities to define and, once in place, further develop and refine Strategic Resource Areas for wave energy resource safeguarding; in order to support the sustainable development of the sector through marine planning. Relevant public authorities should make appropriate evidence available to support planning and decision making in order to support the sustainable development of the sector through marine planning, where it is appropriate to do so.	Policy is not applicable to the applicant for the project.	This policy is directed towards public authorities and the wave energy sector and is therefore not applicable to the applicant for the MEPE Project.
ELC_03a	Low carbon energy (supporting) tidal stream	Proposals for tidal stream energy generation will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Policy is not applicable to the project.	This policy is directed at tidal stream energy projects and is therefore not relevant to the MEPE Project. Furthermore, the proposed development will not significantly interact with this sector and therefore will not indirectly affect this policy. The potential interactions with this sector is considered in more detail in the Cumulative and In-combination Effects Chapter 13 of the ES.
ELC_03b	Low carbon energy (supporting) tidal stream	In order to understand future opportunities for tidal stream energy development, relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities for the sustainable use of tidal stream energy resources including identification of: • natural resources that provide potential opportunity for future use; • evidence to de-risk consenting for the sector; and • opportunities to define and, once in place, further develop and refine Strategic Resource Areas for tidal stream energy resource safeguarding; in order to support the sustainable development of the sector through marine planning. Relevant public authorities should make appropriate evidence available to support planning and decision making in order to support the sustainable development of the sector through marine planning, where it is appropriate to do so.	Policy is not applicable to the applicant for the project.	This policy is directed towards public authorities and the tidal stream energy sector and is therefore not applicable to the applicant for the MEPE Project.

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ELC_04	Low carbon energy (supporting) tidal range	In order to understand future opportunities for tidal range development, strategic planning for the sector is encouraged. Relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collect evidence to support understanding of environmental constraints and opportunities for the sustainable use of the tidal range resource; • support understanding of the optimal siting of tidal lagoon developments across Wales as part of a wider, UK perspective; and • identify opportunities to define and, once in place, further develop and refine Strategic Resource Areas for tidal lagoon safeguarding purposes. Relevant public authorities should make appropriate evidence available to support planning and decision making in order to support the sustainable development of the sector through marine planning, where it is appropriate to do so. 	Policy is not applicable to the applicant for the project.	This policy is directed towards public authorities and the tidal range energy sector and is, therefore, not applicable to the applicant for the MEPE Project. However, it is worth noting that the Port of Mostyn is seeking to develop a tidal range project within the Dee Estuary, adjacent to the Port.
O&G_01a	Oil and gas (supporting)	Proposals that maximise the economic recovery of oil and gas sustainably will be supported where they comply with the objectives of this plan, and fully meet the environmental safeguards contained within the statutory processes of awarding production licences and subsequent activity-specific approvals. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Policy is not applicable to the project.	This policy is directed at oil and gas projects and is therefore not relevant to the MEPE Project. Furthermore, the proposed development will not interact with this sector and therefore will not indirectly affect this policy.
O&G_01b	Oil and gas (supporting)	Welsh Government policy is to avoid the continued extraction of fossil fuels in intertidal areas and estuaries and coastal inlet waters that fall within the Welsh onshore licence area. Applications for new petroleum licenses in these areas should not be supported, unless required for mine safety or scientific purposes. Proposals for the development and extraction of oil and gas in these areas with land based elements must provide robust and credible evidence to demonstrate how they conform to the Planning Policy Wales Energy Hierarchy for Planning, including how they make a necessary contribution towards decarbonising the energy system.	Policy is not applicable to the project.	This policy is directed at oil and gas projects and is therefore not relevant to the MEPE Project. Furthermore, the proposed development will not interact with this sector and therefore will not indirectly affect this policy.
O&G_02	Oil and gas (supporting)	Proposals that support the long-term development of carbon capture and storage technology will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Policy is not applicable to the project.	This policy is directed at carbon capture and storage projects and is therefore not relevant to the MEPE Project. Furthermore, the proposed development will not interact with this sector and therefore will not indirectly affect this policy.
FIS_01a	Fisheries (supporting)	Proposals that support and enhance sustainable fishing activities will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Policy is not applicable to the project.	This policy is directed at fishing activities and is therefore not relevant to the MEPE Project. The potential effects of the proposed development on fisheries is assessed in the Fisheries Chapter 9 of the ES. The proposed development will not significantly interact with this sector and therefore will not indirectly affect this policy.

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FIS_01b	Fisheries (supporting)	Relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities to develop a strategic evidence base to improve understanding of opportunities for the sustainable development of fisheries in order to support the sustainable development of the fisheries sector through marine planning.	Policy is not applicable to the project.	This policy is directed towards public authorities and the fisheries sector and is therefore not applicable to the applicant for the MEPE Project.
P&S_01a	Ports and shipping (supporting)	Proposals for ports, harbours and shipping activities will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Project will comply with this policy.	The marine works for the MEPE Project will involve the construction of a new quay wall so as to provide, together with a retained section of existing quay, a continuous berthing frontage. A Roll-on Roll-off (Ro-Ro) pontoon linkspan may need to be constructed and two alignment options are being considered, one set within the new quay wall and one along the existing harbour frontage. In addition, four existing dolphins (piles) at the Port may need to be relocated and installed within the harbour area to create a berth for Service Operation Vessels (SOVs) that provide operation and maintenance (O&M)S requirements for the offshore wind sector. The landside works for the MEPE Project will involve an infill behind the newly created quay wall (i.e. a small reclamation of the harbour area). The reclaimed area will comprise hardstanding that will be used as a storage/laydown area. The MEPE Project is considered to comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of the WNMP and should therefore be supported. Further information on the proposed development is included in the Proposed Methodology Chapter 3 of the ES. A review of policies considered relevant to the MEPE Project is included in the Legislative and Consenting Framework Chapter 4 (Section 4.9).
P&S_01b	Ports and shipping (supporting)	Relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities to support the sustainable development of the ports and shipping sector through marine planning.	Project will comply with this policy.	The Port of Mostyn has ongoing engagement with NRW and Welsh Government to discuss aspirations and opportunities to support the sustainable development of the Port and local area.
P&S_02	Ports and shipping (supporting)	Proposals that provide for the maintenance, repair, development and diversification of port and harbour facilities will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Project will comply with this policy.	The MEPE Project will deliver infrastructure upgrades at the Port to enable it to support and service the current and anticipated future growth in the offshore wind industry. The MEPE Project is considered to comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of the WNMP and should therefore be supported. Further information on the proposed development is included in the Proposed Methodology Chapter 3 of the ES. A review of policies considered relevant to the MEPE Project is included in the Legislative and Consenting Framework Chapter 4 (Section 4.9). The rationale and importance of the MEPE Project, in terms of the opportunities for diversification of ports into new activities is also discussed in the ES, specifically in the Proposed Development Chapter 2 (Section 2.2).
CAB_01	Subsea cabling (supporting)	Proposals that facilitate the growth of digital communications networks and/or the optimal distribution of electricity will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Policy is not applicable to the project.	This policy is directed at subsea cable projects and is therefore not relevant to the MEPE Project. Furthermore, the proposed development will not interact with this sector and therefore will not indirectly affect this policy.

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T&R_01a	Tourism and recreation (supporting)	Proposals that demonstrate a positive contribution to tourism and recreation opportunities and policy objectives (for the sector) around the Welsh coast will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Policy is not applicable to the project.	This policy is directed at projects that support tourism and recreation and is therefore not relevant to the MEPE Project. Furthermore, the proposed development will not interact with this sector and therefore will not indirectly affect this policy.
T&R_01b	Tourism and recreation (supporting)	Relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities for sustainable tourism and recreation around the Welsh coast, including: a) developing a strategic evidence base to improve understanding of current and potential tourism and recreation activities, including eco-tourism and other low impact activities; and b) opportunities to define areas of future opportunity for tourism and recreation; in order to support the sustainable development of the tourism and recreation sector through marine planning.	Policy is not applicable to the project.	This policy is directed towards public authorities and the tourism and recreation sector and is therefore not applicable to the applicant for the MEPE Project.
SAF_01	Safeguarding existing activity	a: Proposals likely to have significant adverse impacts upon an established activity covered by a formal application or authorisation must demonstrate how they will address compatibility issues with that activity. Proposals unable to demonstrate adequate compatibility must present a clear and convincing case for the proposal to progress under exceptional circumstances. b: Proposals likely to have significant adverse impacts upon an established activity not subject to a formal authorisation must demonstrate how they will address compatibility issues with that activity. Proposals unable to demonstrate adequate compatibility must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding. Under SAF 01 a and b, compatibility should be demonstrated through, in order of preference: a. Avoiding significant adverse impacts on those activities, and/or b. Minimising significant adverse impacts where these cannot be avoided; and/or c. Mitigating significant adverse impacts where they cannot be minimised.	Project will comply with this policy.	See ECON_02. The MEPE Project will safeguard the Port of Mostyn for the long term. Potential impacts to existing fishing activities have been assessed in the Fisheries Chapter 9 of the ES. Potential impacts to existing port activities have been assessed in the Commercial and Recreational Navigation Chapter 10 of the ES. In addition, the potential interactions with other relevant projects and activities has been assessed in the Cumulative and In-combination Effects Chapter 13 of the ES.
SAF_02	Safeguarding strategic resources	Proposals which may have significant adverse impacts upon the prospects of any sector covered by this plan to engage in sustainable future strategic resource use (of resources identified by an SRA) must demonstrate how they will address compatibility issues with that potential resource use. Proposals unable to demonstrate adequate compatibility must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding. Compatibility should be demonstrated through, in order of preference: a. Avoiding significant adverse impacts on this potential strategic resource use, and/or b. Minimising significant adverse impacts where these cannot be avoided; and/or c. Mitigating significant adverse impacts where they cannot be minimised.	N/A	See SAF_02. The proposed development will not significantly impact on any other sector or potential strategic resource use.

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DEF_01	Defence (safeguarding)	Proposals that: • potentially affect Ministry of Defence (MOD) Danger Areas, Exercise Areas or strategic defence interests; and/or • potentially interfere with communication, surveillance and navigation facilities necessary for defence and national security; should only be authorised with the agreement of MOD.	Policy is not applicable to the project.	The proposed development will not interact or affect any known MOD assets or interests.

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