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1 Landscape Enhancement Scheme Principles

1.1 Introduction

- 1 This document sets out the agreed principles of the Landscape Enhancement Scheme which are to be secured under Requirement 26 of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (Document 8.9 of the Applicant's Deadline 8 submission).
- 2 These principles will form the basis for the development and delivery of the Landscape Enhancement Scheme under a Section 106 planning agreement.
- 3 The agreed principles of the Landscape Enhancement Scheme are set out in Section 1.2 and a long list of projects identified by the North Wales Local Planning Authorities (NW LPAs) is provided in Section 1.3.

1.2 Key Principles

- 4 The agreed principles of the Landscape Enhancement Scheme are set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Principles of the Landscape Enhancement Scheme.

PRINCIPLE	DETAIL
Mechanism for delivery	<p>A section 106 planning agreement, bound to land within Denbighshire that is within the control of the Applicant.</p> <p>Agreement to be put in place with Denbighshire County Council (DCC) as the host authority, but to provide for the involvement of other relevant parties in steering group.</p> <p>Final agreement to be signed by DCC but only with the approval of all other parties.</p>

PRINCIPLE	DETAIL
Spatial Scope	<p>Focused on the Anglesey Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), (including Anglesey Heritage Coast) Eryri National Park (ENP) and the Great Orme Heritage Coast.</p> <p>'Preliminary Enhancement Areas' have been identified based on overlap between the LANDMAP Visual and Sensory Evaluation areas and the Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm (AyM) Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV), in those designated areas where significant effects are predicted to occur in order to tie enhancements to areas of significant effect within the affected designations.</p> <p>Preliminary Enhancement Areas would form the areas of focus for potential enhancement projects to ensure enhancement is material to the effects of the scheme, whilst also allowing flexibility in the delivery of wider projects.</p> <p>Whilst the Preliminary Enhancement Areas would be the areas of focus for potential enhancement projects, these are not representative of the extent of significant effects and are not limited to areas where only the Applicant considers there to be significant effects.</p>
Project scope	<p>To be based on long-list of projects provided by the group (indicatively set out in Section 1.3). The Applicant is supportive of the principle of projects being in the control of the group, provided they support the goal of landscape enhancement.</p> <p>The Final project scope is to be determined by the Steering Group.</p>
Fund timings	<p>Annual payments- commencing on full operation of AyM.</p> <p>Payments annually until commencement of decommissioning of AyM.</p>

PRINCIPLE	DETAIL
Fund size	£5,000,000
Payment profile	<p>50% of fund to be paid through equal annual payments for operational years 1-20.</p> <p>50% of fund to be paid through equal annual payments for operational years 21-30.</p> <p>The fund is to be split amongst the three impacted designated landscapes and this split is to be based on the significance of the impacted as confirmed in the ES that supports the planning application. The NW LPAs are in the process of agreeing the split and an updated position paper will be submitted before the Inspectors Report to confirm the agreed split.</p> <p>Any funding not spent within five years of payment is to be returned to AyM.</p>
Fund start and index	<p>First payment in first year of full operation.</p> <p>Consumer Price Index (CPI) applies from date of signing until the date on which it is due or paid (if earlier)</p>
Steering Group	<p>Representatives from IACC, SNP, CCBC, NRW and DCC.</p> <p>Terms of Reference (ToR) to be developed to define how group assigns funds.</p> <p>To consult other parties where relevant – Gwynedd Council, Gwynedd Archaeological Planning Service (GAPS) and National Trust. The Applicant has met with National Trust and GAPS separately to communicate this.</p>

1.3 Project Long-List

- 5 The final project long-list is to be determined, however as identified in Table 1, the Landscape Enhancement Scheme is to be based on a long-list of projects provided by the NW LPAs, listed in the bullet points below:

- Surveys of hedges, stone walls and cloddiau to identify the extent and condition of traditional field boundaries;
- Measures for the restoration of traditional field boundaries;
- Measures for the restoration and enhancement of important habitats, such as limestone grassland, woodland, hedgerows, roadside verges and red squirrel habitats and to improve the connectivity between habitats;
- Measures for the control of non-native invasive species;
- Drainage management measures for ditches and surface water courses, to enhance water quality for habitats and species;
- Measures in relation to public rights of way, conservation areas, historic buildings, archaeology, ancient monuments linked to the aims and objectives of the designated Landscapes' Management Plans;
- Manage car parks and points of access to conserve tranquillity and avoid visual intrusion;
- Manage people access to spread the load over a wider geographical area to limit pressure on 'honey pot' sites;
- Support the conservation and understanding Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS)
- Measures to address ash dieback recovery and climate adaptation;
- Proposals to bury overhead cables underground, in conjunction with statutory undertakers;
- Proposals to screen or improve the appearance of unsightly structures e.g. electricity substations, visitor centres;
- Support for Rural Skills Programmes including events, recreational activities and environmental improvement measures that benefit from and promote The Anglesey Geopark (GeoMôn) and The Dark Skies Initiative;
- Improving accessibility to and promotion of the Wales Coast Path;
- Installing information/interpretation boards on or near the Wales Coast Path which give information about the local area including its history and ecology; and
- Additional signage and directional signage for the Wales Coast Path; and other matters which will improve the Wales Coast Path as agreed between the Parties.



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