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Subject: RE: The Llyr Floating Offshore Wind Farm - Request for consultation on additional Band 1 Marine Licence application

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Dear Richard,

Many thanks for the update. Happy to confirm that our advice for the survey would remain the same. There are couple of known wrecks within/adjacent to the additional survey area off Freshwater West, but these are well charted/located by the UKHO.

Yours

Julian



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Subject: RE: The Llyr Floating Offshore Wind Farm - Request for consultation on additional Band 1 Marine Licence application

Dear Julian,

Further to our consultation with you on additional survey works needed for the Llyr project (as per thread below) we have made a small amendment to the survey area originally proposed in our email of 7th September.

I have attached a figure to show the change (the figure labelled 'updated' shows the change to the survey area, whilst the figure labelled 'previous' shows the previous survey area, for comparison). The survey area now includes a slightly larger portion within the nearshore area, shown in grey, where we anticipate there to be minimal vessel traffic compared to areas further offshore. The survey methods, and likely survey duration, remain unchanged.

Due to the location of this additional survey area we believe this small change is unlikely to have an impact on any archaeological features, as per your previous advice. However, please could you confirm that this is the case?

Thank you so much for your time and we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Richard

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Dear Amelia,

Thanks for your email.

Our advice on the revised application would be the same as for the original one last May. I have looked that up, and it was as follows:

"We have no objections to the proposed survey on the basis of any impact that it might have on underwater cultural heritage. The only caveat to this would be that there are a large number of documented losses of ships in Welsh waters for which there is no confirmed location. There is therefore some potential for encountering previously unknown seabed remains. In the unlikely event of that happening, we would be very grateful if you could inform us of the location and the nature of anything found."

Julian



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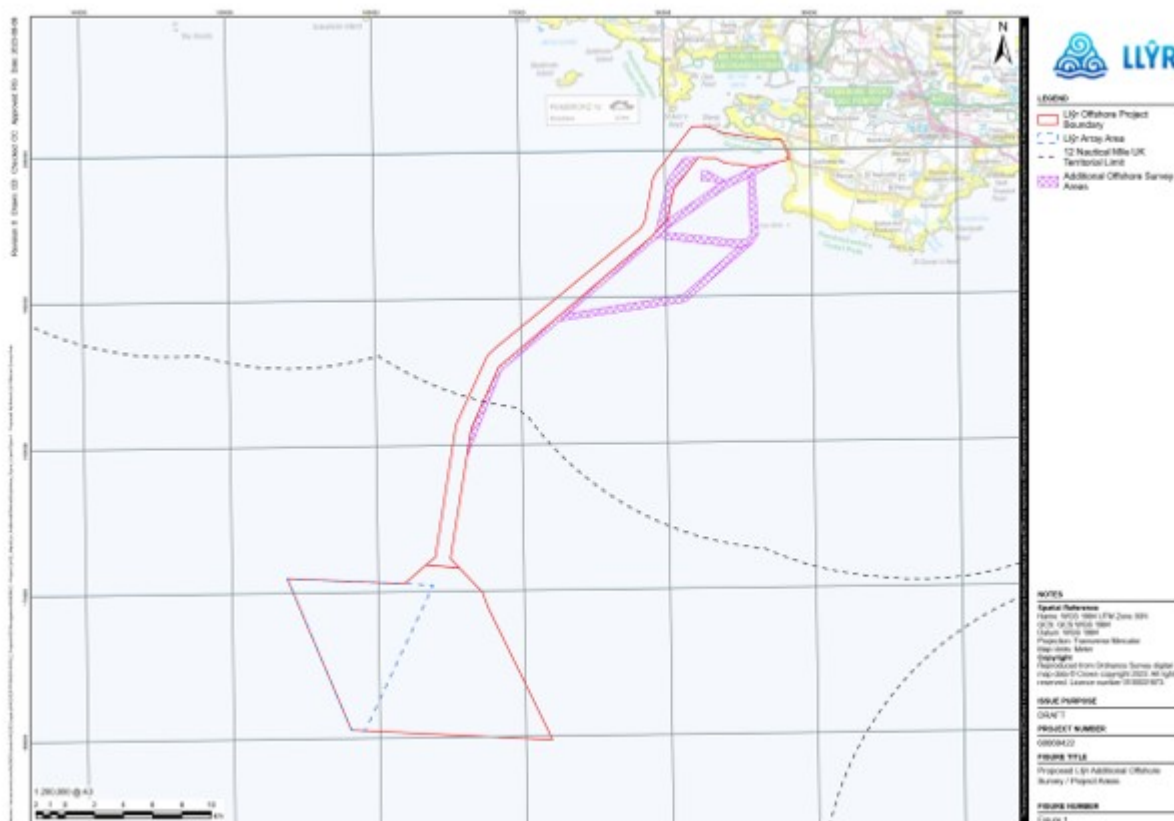
Subject: The Llyr Floating Offshore Wind Farm - Request for consultation on additional Band 1 Marine Licence application

Good morning Julian,

As part of the Llyr Floating Offshore Wind Farm project in the Celtic Sea, run by Floventis (a Joint Venture company between Cierco and SBM Offshore) we are applying for a new Band 1 Marine Licence to conduct further offshore surveys in an additional survey area.

Following previous contact between yourselves and Floventis in May 2022 for the original Band 1 Marine Licence application, we would like to request further consultation from the RCAHMW on this additional survey area.

Please see the image below which shows the additional survey area. I previously tried emailing with a shapefile and a pdf of correspondence from May 2022 also attached but the email bounced back because of the attachments. Please let me know if you also require the shapefile and I can arrange for it to be sent over separately. Please also note that the methodology has slightly changed since my previous email, with use of an ROV now removed.



The aim of the survey is to collect additional geophysical and benthic ecology data to supplement baseline data previously collected. The additional survey will consist of a maximum of 30 sediment grab samples of 0.1m² each within the area outlined on the attached figure. Collection of bathymetry using multibeam echosounding (MBES) and side scan sonar (SSS), plus sub-bottom profiling (SBP) data to identify seabed geology will also be used. The locations of the grab samples will be determined based on the bathymetry data.

The expectation is that the survey will take place between 1st September and 31st December 2023. The additional survey area is estimated to be completed within approximately 20 days, with up to 10 days of geophysical activity. The geotechnical/environmental activities (i.e. grab sampling) are expected to take approximately 10 days. Therefore, the total survey duration, including allowance for weather downtime and tides is estimated to be 30 days.

Please could you confirm that the additional survey, particularly the grab samples, will be unlikely to affect any archaeological features or ancient and historic monuments in Welsh waters?

Thank you for your time. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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