

Apply to vary a marine licence

Variation request details

Marine licence number
RML2323v1

Expiry date of current licence
* 31/12/2024

Licence holder name
Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Ltd

Variation type
Complex change

Brief description of licence variation that is required.

(Identify licence condition numbers and reference the supporting documents within your current licence which are likely to be affected)

The Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm (AyM) onshore Ground Investigation campaign is due to commence in April 2024. Part of the onshore campaign includes 3 boreholes and 3 Cone Penetration Tests (CPTs) within the intertidal region of the export cable corridor (below MHWS).

The programme is for the intertidal boreholes to be collected at the start of April for four days to coincide with spring low tides and therefore allow access for as long as possible.

The Marine Licence (RML2323v1) covering the offshore site investigation campaign includes the intertidal boreholes, however, the offshore methodology comprising of a jack-up barge to collect boreholes would be inappropriate in the intertidal area. Therefore, AyM propose to collect the boreholes in the intertidal area via onshore access, using light cable percussion drilling methodologies as part of the onshore ground investigation works. The works will be undertaken by Geotechnics Ltd.

Access to the site will be through access to the beach at Ffrith Beach via Ferguson Avenue LL19 7YA. This access is agreed as set out in our Development Consent Order (DCO) limits. Vehicle use and access to be kept to a minimum in order to maintain access to beach car park and bowls centre.

The Construction Phase Plan produced by Geotechnics Ltd. is attached. Please note that this is also currently being reviewed internally by the AyM HSE team. The onshore contractor is also required to comply with the outline management plans as submitted during the Examination (including the outline pollution prevention and emergency incident response plan also attached) and approved as part of the DCO for the project.

Article 15 of the DCO allows AyM to enter into any land within the DCO order limits and (a) survey or investigate the land and (b) make trial holes in such positions on the land as the undertaker sees fit to investigate the nature of the surface layer and subsoil and remove soil samples. As such we do not need the approval of Denbighshire County Council in order to undertake these works.

AyM have been advised by the NRW MLT that a further variation to RML2323v1 should be submitted in order for the licence to account for the intertidal methodology and associated works.

The following files are attached to this variation submission:

- A copy of the current Marine Licence for the ground investigation works, RML2323v1;
- The foreshore Construction Phase Plan (CPP) for the works. The borehole and CPT works to be undertaken are described on pages 4 and 5 of the document. Onshore access details are described on page 17;
- Onshore Written Scheme of Investigation, including details of geo/archaeological watching brief methodologies that will be undertaken by Wessex Archaeology. This has been approved by Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust and shared with RCAHMS. Figures 1 and 2 illustrate the locations of the two boreholes that will be monitored;
- Image of the cable percussion rig to be used to drill the boreholes;
- Image of the CPT equipment;
- AyM Outline Pollution Prevention and Emergency Incident Response Plan (clean) submitted at Deadline 2, 09 Nov 2022, Rev C, Document Reference 2.37.

Please upload all supporting information for this request (where applicable)

- File: RML2323v1 Marine Licence.pdf - [Download](#)
- File: PN234604 AYM Foreshore work CPP Rev02.pdf - [Download](#)
- File: 231905_AwelYMor_Onshore_GI_WB.pdf - [Download](#)
- File: CPT Rig.pdf - [Download](#)
- File: CP Rig.jpg - [Download](#)
- File: EN010112-000899-2.37_D2_AyM_Outline_Pollution_Prevention_and_Emergency_Incident_Response_Plan_Clean_RevC.pdf - [Download](#)

When are you looking to start work requiring the variation?

* 31/03/2024

Application fee

Please provide the method of payment

BACS

Complex variations only

Complex variations are charged at an hourly rate of £120 and are invoiced in arrears. Please complete the details below that are required for invoicing.

Customer name	Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Ltd
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Declaration

If you would like a copy of your form, please provide your preferred email address below:

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I declare that the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this application may be refused, or approval withdrawn if I give false or incomplete information.

Please type your name and date this form to confirm that the information you have provided is correct.

WARNING: It is an offence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, under which this application is made, to fail to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information. This could invalidate any licence granted.

Name	Jo Pickard
Date	08/03/24
Position in company	Senior Consents Manager

