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Acronyms

Acronym	Description
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
NRW	Natural Resources Wales

Units

Unit	Description
km	Kilometres
m	Metre (distance)

1 Surface Water Abstraction Licences, Discharge Consents and Pollution Incidents

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1.1 This technical report provides information on surface water abstraction licences, discharge consents and pollution incidents that has been used to inform the baseline and assessment in Volume 3, Chapter 2: Hydrology and flood risk of the Environmental Statement as follows:

- Surface water abstraction licences are a good indication of how the surface watercourses are utilised
- Discharge consents may affect the baseline quality of the receiving surface water
- Pollution incidents identify where the quality of watercourses may have been affected by pollution.

1.2 Study area

1.2.1.1 The hydrology and flood risk study area focuses on areas landward of Mean High Water Springs (MHWS) and is described below and shown on Figure 1.1:

- The area of land to be temporarily or permanently occupied during the construction, operation and maintenance and decommissioning of the Mona Offshore Wind Project (hereafter referred to as the Mona Onshore Development Area)
- Surface water receptors and flood risk receptors located within 250 m of the Mona Onshore Development Area (excluding the Onshore Substation). The 250 m buffer is considered appropriate for data collection taking into account the likely zone of influence by hydrological receptors. The buffer has also been chosen to identify any existing receptors, assets or infrastructure that have the potential to be affected by temporary flood risk as a result of the Mona Offshore Wind Project
- Flood risk receptors located within 1 km of the Onshore Substation. The 1 km buffer was chosen primarily to identify any existing receptors, assets or infrastructure that have the potential to be affected by flood risk as a result of the Mona Offshore Wind Project.

1.3 Methodology

1.3.1.1 Details of the licences, consents and incidents have been obtained from a commercial data supplier (Groundsure Limited) and local planning authorities relevant to the Mona Offshore Wind Project (Denbighshire County Council and Conwy County Borough Council). The information is regulated by Natural Resource Wales (NRW) and the local planning authorities.

1.3.1.2 There are no surface water abstraction licences within the hydrology and flood risk study area with regards to surface water receptors. The closest abstractions are all historical and primarily relate to hydroelectric power generation. The abstractions are listed in Table 1.1 and shown on Figure 1.2.

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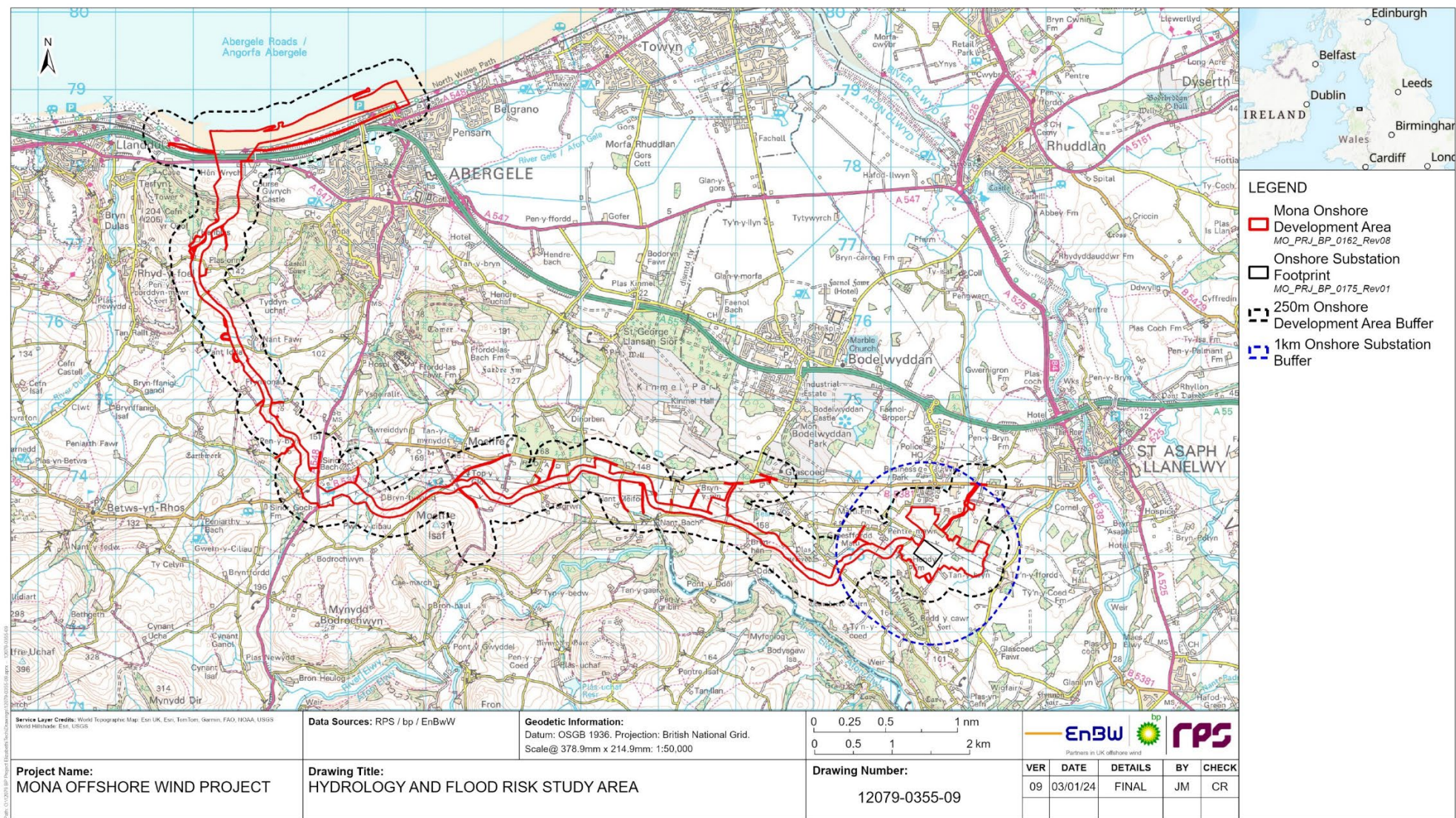


Figure 1.1: Mona hydrology and flood risk study area.

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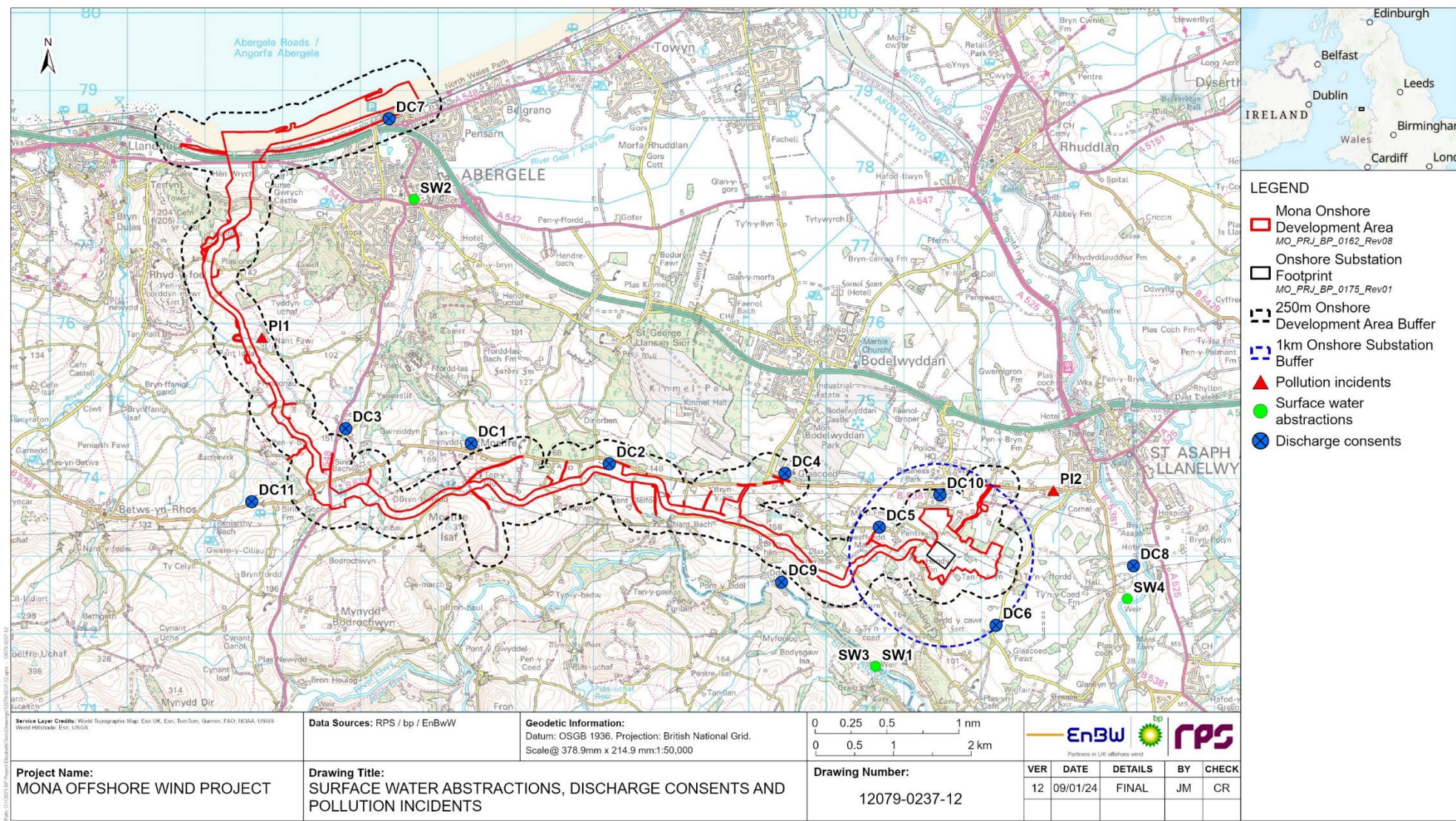


Figure 1.2: Surface water abstractions, discharge consents and pollution incidents.

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Table 1.1: Surface water abstractions

Details	Licence Holder	Details	Source	Status
SW1	Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn BT Licence No: WA/466/0006/001	Hydroelectric Power Generation	River Elwy at Cefn, St Asaph	Historical
SW2	Roberts And Co. Ltd	General Washing/Process Washing	River Gele	Historical
SW3	Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn BT Licence No: WA/466/0006/001	Hydroelectric Power Generation	River Elwy at Cefn, St Asaph	Historical
SW4	North Wales Hydro Power Limited	Hydroelectric Power Generation	Maes Elwy Hep	Historical

1.3.1.3 Pollution incidents are classified by NRW into one of four categories using the Common Incident Classification Scheme (Environment Agency, 2017). The different categories of pollution incidents are defined in Table 1.2 below.

Table 1.2: Pollution incident categories.

Pollution Incident Category	Location
Category 1	Major, serious, persistent or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
Category 2	Significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property.
Category 3	Minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property.
Category 4	Substantiated incident with no impact.

1.3.1.4 The closest pollution incidents to the Mona Onshore Development Area (with regards to surface water receptors) were identified and are shown on Figure 1.2. One pollution incident is located within the hydrology and flood risk study area and is described in Table 1.3

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Table 1.3: Pollution incident within the hydrology and flood risk study area (surface water receptors).

ID	Details	Pollutant Type and Description	Pollution Categories
PI1	Incident Date: 27/06/2001 Incident Identification: 11826	Pollutant: Agricultural Materials and Wastes Pollutant Description: Silage Liquors	Water Impact: Category 3 (Minor)

1.3.1.5 There are 11 discharge consents within the vicinity of the Mona Onshore Development Area with regards to surface water receptors (see Figure 1.2). Six of the consents are located within the hydrology and flood risk study and are listed below in Table 1.4.

Table 1.4: Discharge consents within the hydrology and flood risk study area (surface water receptors).

ID	Address	Details	Status
DC2	MOELFRE STW RHYL, RHYL	Effluent Type: SEWAGE DISCHARGES - FINAL/TREATED EFFLUENT - NOT WATER COMPANY Permit Number: CM0045701 Permit Version: 2 Receiving Water: TRIB OF AFON GELE	Status: Effective Issue date: 04/10/1993 Effective Date: 04/10/1993
DC4	GLASCOED WTW - PRESSURE FILTER, Glascoed, Denbighshire, WALES	Effluent Type: TRADE DISCHARGES - PROCESS EFFLUENT - WATER COMPANY (WTW) Permit Number: CM0062901 Permit Version: 5 Receiving Water: TRIB OF SARN CUT	Status: Effective Issue date: 24/09/2009 Effective Date: 01/01/2010
DC5	TREBANOG, GROESFFORDD, ABERGELE, CLWYD, LL22 9DR	Effluent Type: SEWAGE DISCHARGES - FINAL/TREATED EFFLUENT - NOT WATER COMPANY Permit Number: NPSWQD004297 Permit Version: 1 Receiving Water: TRIB OF THE CLWYD	Status: NEW CONSENT (WRA 91, S88 & SCHED 10 AS AMENDED BY Issue date: 22/09/2008 Effective Date: 22/09/2008 -
DC6	CEFN MAIRWEN STW	Effluent Type: SEWAGE DISCHARGES - FINAL/TREATED EFFLUENT - WATER COMPANY Permit Number: CM0067501 Permit Version: 2 Receiving Water: UN-NAMED TRIB OF RIVER ELWY	Status: Effective Issue date: 24/09/2009 Effective Date: 01/01/2010

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ID	Address	Details	Status
DC7	CASTLE COVE CARAVAN PARK, PENSARN, ABERGELE, Conwy, LL22 7PP	Effluent Type: SEWAGE DISCHARGES - FINAL/TREATED EFFLUENT - NOT WATER COMPANY Permit Number: CG0428301 Permit Version: 2 Receiving Water: Groundwater via infiltration system	Status: Effective Issue date: 26/11/2012 Effective Date: 26/11/2012
DC10	ST ASAPH BUSINESS PARK PUMPING STN, ST ASAPH BUSINESS PK PUMPING STN, ST ASAPH BUSINESS PARK, ST ASAPH, DENBIGHSHIRE, LL17 0LJ	Effluent Type: SEWAGE DISCHARGES - PUMPING STATION - WATER COMPANY Permit Number: CG0392601 Permit Version: 1 Receiving Water: PENGWERN DITCH	Status: Effective Issue date: 20/05/2002 Effective Date: 20/05/2002

1.4 References

Groundsure Insight Report: Mona Onshore Route, Report Ref. GSIP-2022-12806-10820 (A to E). 27 June 2022 (available on request)]

Environment Agency, 2017: Incidents and their classification the Common Incident Classification Scheme (CICS) Version 12