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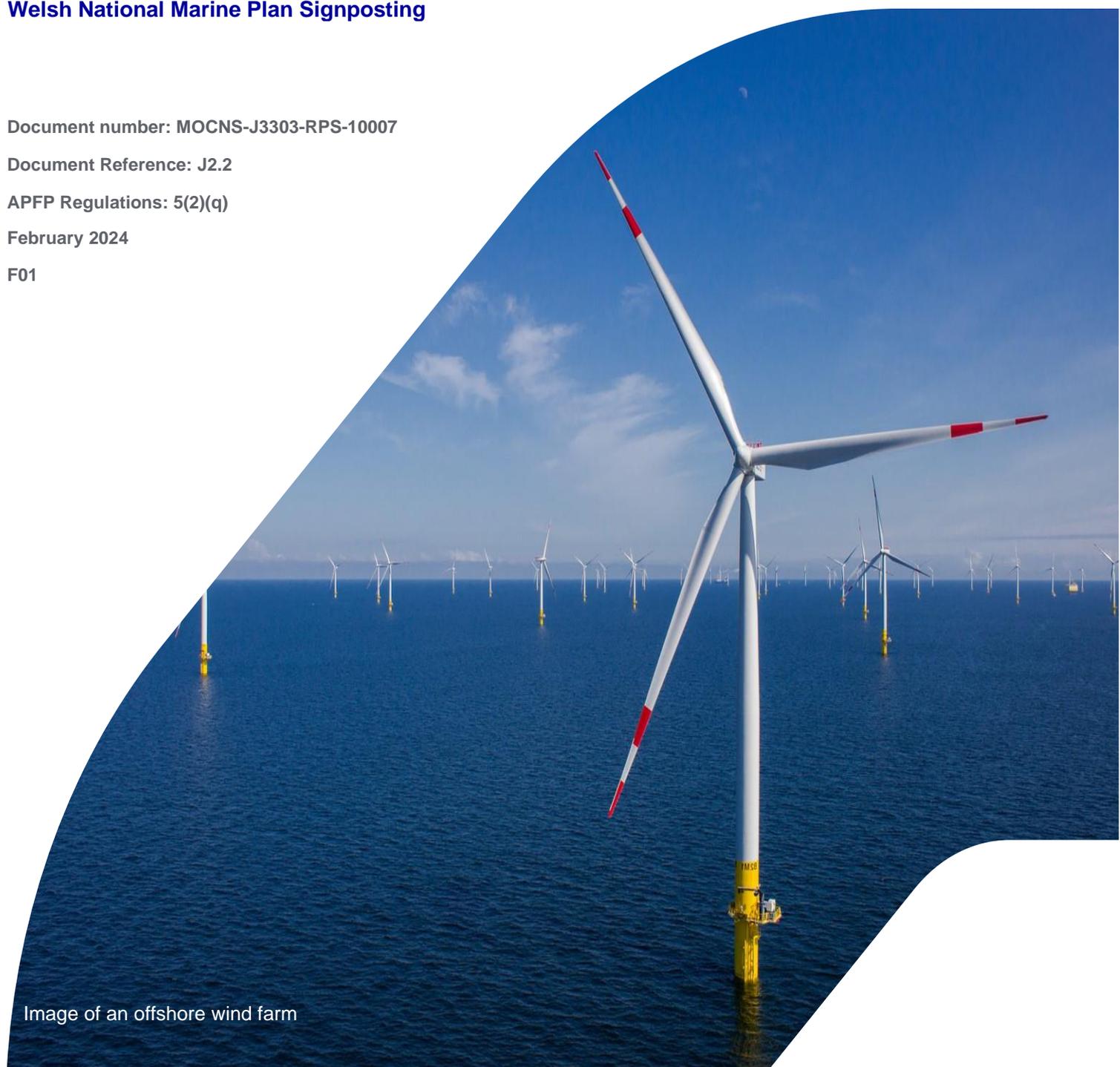


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WNMP Policy No.	WNMP Policy	Does the project have the potential to impact the Policy?	How Does the Proposed Project Comply with the Policy?
GEN_01	Planning policy There is a presumption in favour of the sustainable development of the plan area in order to contribute to Wales' well-being goals.	Yes	The Planning Statement (Document Reference J2) describes how the Mona Offshore Wind Project complies with planning policies and regulations. The seven well-being goals seek to support a prosperous, resilient, more equal, healthier Wales with cohesive communities, a vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language. As a renewable energy project, the Mona Offshore Wind Project will contribute to longer-term ecological resilience and community health in its contribution to green energy. Information to demonstrate contributions to the well-being goals is provided in the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume 4, Chapter 3: Socio-economics of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F4.3) demonstrates that the Mona Offshore Wind Project may have significant beneficial impacts on employment, Gross Value Added, and supply chain demand which are expected to contribute to prosperity and economic resilience through job creation. • Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) describes how the Applicant has demonstrated a commitment to sustainable development and sought to reduce potential impacts to sensitive and valued receptors (e.g. designated sites) through site selection and design refinement. • The Community and Linguistic Impact Assessment (Document Reference E5) for the Mona Offshore Wind Project predicts no long-term negative impacts upon Welsh language. • Volume 1, Chapter 2: Policy and legislative context of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.2) sets out the local, national and international policy and legislation that the Mona Offshore Wind Project meets, in alignment with this well-being goal for a globally responsible Wales. • Volume 4, Chapter 4: Human health of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F4.4) predicts that wider societal infrastructure and resources in relation to renewable energy generation will have a moderate beneficial effect for population health, which is significant in EIA terms.
GEN_02	Planning policy Relevant public authorities should take a proportionate, risk-based approach to application of relevant marine planning policies in decision making.	Yes	The onus for compliance with this policy is on the relevant public authorities. To support the relevant authorities with compliance with this policy, the Environmental Impact Assessments reported in the Environmental Statement for the Mona Offshore Wind Project provides a proportionate, risk-based approach to the assessment of risk for relevant receptors, based on the characterisation of risks and the adoption of measures to avoid or minimise these risks. The technical assessments are provided in Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document References F2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document References F.3.1 – 11 and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) of the Environmental Statement, supported by the technical reports in Volume 6, 7 and 8 of the Environmental Statement. The potential interactions of the Mona Offshore Wind Project with marine planning policies are highlighted, where relevant.
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.	Yes	Volume 1, Chapter 2: Policy and legislative context of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.2) demonstrates that the Mona Offshore Wind Project would contribute significantly towards the national renewable energy targets for Wales and help the UK to achieve its net zero ambitions by reducing reliance on high carbon energy sources such as burning coal and gas, thereby supporting ecosystem resilience. The potential beneficial impact of the Mona Offshore Wind Project on employment opportunities is assessed in Volume 4, Chapter 3: Socio-economics of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F4.3). The Applicant has provided an Outline Skills and Employment Plan (Document Reference J24) which has been included as a requirement of the draft DCO. The Outline Skills and Employment Plan (Document Reference J24) contains outline commitments on education and careers engagement, the transition of workers from declining industries to the sector, employability and recruitment, diversity and equal opportunities, workforce and advanced skills development. A full Skills and Employment Plan will be agreed post-consent. The technical assessments provided within the Environmental Statement for the Mona Offshore Wind Project consider ecological impacts and the management measures that minimise impacts and support the environmental sustainability of the project; these are summarised in the Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule (J10). A Community and Linguistic Impact Assessment (Document Reference E5) has been provided as supporting documentation to the Application for the Mona Offshore Wind Project.
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.	Yes	Measures designed to promote co-existence with commercial fisheries are provided in Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial fisheries of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.6), which include a commitment to develop a Fisheries Co-existence and Liaison Plan (which accords with the Outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-existence Plan (Document Reference J13) which has been submitted as part of the Development Consent Order application). The Fisheries Co-existence and Liaison Plan is secured within the deemed marine licence in Schedule 14 of the draft DCO and expected to be secured within the standalone NRW marine licence.

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SOC_01	Access to the marine environment	Proposals that maintain or enhance access to the marine environment are encouraged.	Yes	Measures to facilitate the continued operation of commercial fisheries are provided in Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial fisheries of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.6), which includes a commitment to develop a Fisheries Co-existence and Liaison Plan (see Outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-existence Plan (Document Reference J13). Fishing is assumed to continue within the Mona Array Area and Mona Offshore Cable Corridor and Access Areas. To mitigate the impact of loss or restricted access to fishing grounds, and in order to ensure co-existence of the operational Mona Offshore Wind Project and fishing activities, the final Mona array layout will include a scallop mitigation zone. Further details are provided in the Outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-Existence Plan (Document Reference J13). During construction and decommissioning, some restrictions on vessel movements within the Mona Array Area and the Mona Offshore Cable Corridor will be required to protect the health and safety of all users of the sea. The Safety Zone Statement (Document Reference J6) sets out the Applicant's approach to the use of these measures. Temporary exclusion zones during construction and decommissioning are discussed in Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial fisheries of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.6) and Volume 2, Chapter 7: Shipping and navigation of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.7). Volume 2, Chapter 10: Other sea users of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.10) presents the impact assessment undertaken for the Mona Offshore Wind Project in relation to other sea users, and identifies measures adopted as part of the Mona Offshore Wind Project to manage potential negative interactions.
SOC_02	Well-being of coastal communities	Proposals that contribute to the well-being of coastal communities are encouraged.	Yes	Volume 4, Chapter 4: Human health assessment of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F4.4) predicts that wider societal infrastructure and resources in relation to renewable energy generation will have a moderate beneficial effect for population health, which is significant in Environmental Impact Assessment terms. Volume 4, Chapter 3: Socio-Economics of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F4.3) demonstrates that the Mona Offshore Wind Project may have significant beneficial impacts on employment, Gross Value Added, and supply chain demand which are expected to contribute to prosperity and economic resilience through job creation. The consideration of potential indirect effects on recreation provided in Volume 4, Chapter 3: Socio-economics of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F4.3) indicates that there are unlikely to be any material impacts on tourism as a result of the Mona Offshore Wind Project.
SOC_03	Marine pollution incidents	Proposals should demonstrate how they minimise their risk of causing or contributing to marine pollution incidents.	Yes	Measures to minimise the risk of causing or contributing to pollution will be set out in standard post consent plans which include an Environmental Management Plan, which will provide a Marine Pollution Contingency Plan (MPCP). These plans will include planning for accidental spills and address all potential contaminant releases. The MPCP will also set out industry good practice and OSPAR, International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and MARPOL (International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships) guidelines for preventing pollution at sea.
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.	Yes	The Community and Linguistic Impact Assessment (Document Reference E5) for the Mona Offshore Wind Project predicts either a neutral (construction) or 'no noticeable' (operations) effect on Welsh as a community language. To promote the Welsh language and facilitate access to the Environmental Statement, a Non-technical summary of the Mona Offshore Wind Project Environmental Statement Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1), the executive summary of the Consultation Report (Document Reference E3) and the executive summary of the Planning Statement (Document Reference J2) are provided in the Welsh language. All external advertisements/signs erected as part of the Mona Offshore Wind Project are bilingual.
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 avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding. Opportunities to enhance historic assets are encouraged.	Yes	The Environmental Impact Assessment has considered the potential adverse and beneficial impacts on the historic environment and their settings during each phase of the Mona Offshore Wind Project in Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic environment of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F3.5) and Volume 2, Chapter 8: Seascape and visual resources of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.8) respectively. The significance of all known and potential heritage assets within the Mona marine archaeology study area have been assessed in Volume 2, Chapter 9: Marine archaeology of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.9), supported by Volume 6, Annex 9.1: Marine archaeology technical report of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F6.9.1). A description of the relevant heritage assets landward of Mean Low Water Springs is provided in Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic environment of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F3.5). Additional information regarding the settings of certain heritage assets and the contribution that the setting makes to their significance is provided Volume 7, Annex 5.6 of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F7.5.6). The measures adopted as part of the Mona Offshore Wind Project for marine archaeology are set out in the Outline Written Scheme of Investigation and Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries (Document Reference J18), which have been submitted with the Application for consent, and will ensure the avoidance of important heritage assets, including archaeological sites and historic wrecks. The iterative approach to development of measures adopted as part of the Mona Offshore Wind Project within the EIA (and how the effects have been avoided, minimised and mitigated) is presented in Volume 1, Chapter 5: Environmental Impact Assessment methodology of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.5).

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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.	Yes	No elements of the Mona Offshore Wind Project lie within internationally or nationally designated landscapes as reported in Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic environment of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F3.5) and Volume 2, Chapter 8: Seascape and visual resources of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.8). The Seascape Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment study area for both onshore and offshore elements of the Mona Offshore Wind Project include areas of internationally and/or nationally designated areas of land. The potential effect on the Isle of Anglesey Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB and Eryri (Snowdonia) National Park is documented in Volume 6, Annex 8.5: International and nationally designated landscapes study (Document Reference F6.8.4). The effects on tourism and recreation are considered in Volume 3, Chapter 7: Land use and recreation of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F3.7). The iterative approach to development of measures adopted as part of the Mona Offshore Wind Project within the EIA (and how the effects have been avoided, minimised and mitigated) is presented in Volume 1, Chapter 5: Environmental Impact Assessment methodology of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.5). Landscape mitigation proposals for the onshore transmission/substation component provide an opportunity to build in climate resilient solutions for the Mona Offshore Wind Project. These are outlined in Volume 3, Chapter 6: Landscape and visual resources of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F3.6).
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.	Yes	Seascape landscape and visual resources and receptors are considered within Volume 2, Chapter 8: Seascape and visual resources of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.8) and Volume 3, Chapter 6: Landscape and visual resources of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F3.6). Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) demonstrates how the Applicant has sought to avoid potential impacts to receptors through design refinement. The iterative approach to development of measures adopted as part of the Mona Offshore Wind Project within the EIA (and how the effects have been avoided, minimised and mitigated) is presented in Volume 1, Chapter 5: Environmental Impact Assessment methodology of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.5).
SOC_08	Resilience to coastal change and flooding	Proposals should demonstrate how they are resilient to coastal change and flooding over their lifetime.	Yes	The resilience to flood risk within the Mona Onshore Development Area and the Mona Onshore Substation are set out within Volume 3, Chapter 2: Hydrology and flood risk of the Environmental Statement (F.3.2) and Volume 7, Annex 2.1: Flood Consequences Assessment of the Environmental Statement (F.7.2.1). The project design detailed in Volume 1, Chapter 3: Project description of the Environmental Statement (F.1.3) takes into consideration the potential impacts of physical processes on project infrastructure.
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.	Yes	The assessment and the proposed measures adopted as part of the Mona Offshore Wind Project presented in Volume 3, Chapter 2: Hydrology and flood risk of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F3.2) have taken into account the requirements of the River Basin Management Plan and Shoreline Management Plan to ensure all potential impacts on the water environment are mitigated to within acceptable levels. Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical Processes of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.1) considers the effect of the Mona Offshore Wind Project on physical processes (tidal current, wave climate, littoral currents and sediment transport), supported by hydrodynamic modelling (Volume 6, Annex 1.1: Physical processes technical report of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F6.1.1)). Mitigation measures are set out in Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical Processes of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.1) and also described in Volume 1, Chapter 3: Project description of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.3). Volume 4, Chapter 2: Climate change of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F4.2) presents the assessment of the potential effects of the Mona Offshore Wind Project on and from climate change.
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.	Yes	Volume 1, Chapter 2: Policy and legislative context of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.2) establishes that the development of offshore wind energy is a policy focus to address climate change reduce reliance on high carbon energy sources, such as burning coal and gas. The Mona Offshore Wind Project would contribute significantly towards the national renewable energy targets for Wales and in helping the UK to achieve its net zero ambitions. Volume 4, Chapter 2: Climate change of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F4.2) presents the potential environmental effects of the Mona Offshore Wind Project on climate change (greenhouse gas emissions) and highlights any necessary monitoring and/or mitigation measures which could prevent, minimise, reduce or offset the possible environmental effects on climate change. The assessment of the potential effects of the Mona Offshore Wind Project on climate change is supported by Volume 8, Annex 2.1: Greenhouse gas assessment technical report of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F8.2.1).

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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.	Yes	Volume 4, Chapter 2: Climate change of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F4.2) presents the assessment of the potential effects of the Mona Offshore Wind Project on and from climate change. The chapter provides an assessment of climate risk and resilience for the relevant elements of the Mona Offshore Wind Project to reduce emissions associated with Mona Offshore Wind Project. Volume 4, Chapter 2: Climate change of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F4.2) also draws upon information contained within Volume 8, Annex 2.2 Climate change risk assessment technical report of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F8.2.2). Volume 1, Chapter 2: Policy and legislative context of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.2) establishes considers the contribution of the Mona Offshore Wind Project to local and national policy and targets concerning Green House Gasses and climate resilience. Landscape mitigation proposals for the onshore transmission and substation components provide an opportunity to build in climate resilient solutions for the Mona Offshore Wind Project. These are outlined in Volume 3, Chapter 6: Landscape and visual resources of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F3.6).
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.	Yes	The potential for likely significant effects on marine ecology receptors from interactions with the Mona Offshore Wind Project (and other cumulative effects) have been assessed in Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology (Document Reference F2.2), Chapter 3: Fish and shellfish ecology (Document Reference F2.3), Chapter 4: Marine mammals (Document Reference F2.4) and Chapter 5: Offshore ornithology (Document Reference F2.5) of the Environmental Statement. Measures adopted as part of the Mona Offshore Wind Project to prevent, minimise, reduce or offset the possible environmental effects of the Mona Offshore Wind Project are set out in the respective topic chapters and summarised in the Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule (J10). Impacts on supporting processes are assessed in Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical processes of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.1). The inter-relationships between these environmental topic areas and accumulation of, and interrelationship between, effects (including climate change) which might affect marine ecosystems has been assessed in Volume 2, Chapter 11: Inter-related effects (offshore) of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.11). The iterative approach to development of measures adopted as part of the Mona Offshore Wind Project within the EIA (and how the effects have been avoided, minimised and mitigated) is presented in Volume 1, Chapter 5: Environmental Impact Assessment methodology of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.5).
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.	Yes	Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) describes the site selection and design refinement process followed by the Applicant to avoid or minimise interactions with sensitive receptors such as Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). The potential for interactions with European sites comprising the National Site Network is considered within the Information to Support an Appropriate Assessment (ISAA) for the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) the Mona Offshore Wind Project (Document Reference E1 - 1.3). The ISAA indicates that adverse impacts on European sites have been avoided by the mitigation listed therein. The potential for interactions with Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs) is considered within the Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) Screening Report (Document Reference E2). No MCZs spatially overlap with the Mona Offshore Wind Project and no MCZs are within the Zones of Influence identified for impact pathways that have the potential to affect benthic habitat and fish features of MCZs in the region. It is considered that the construction, operations and maintenance and decommissioning of the Mona Offshore Wind Project is unlikely to have the potential to affect the interest features of any MCZ directly or indirectly.
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.	Yes	Effects arising from the introduction and spread of invasive non-native species (INNS) have been assessed across all phases of the Mona Offshore Wind Project (see Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology (Document Reference F2.2) and Chapter 3: Fish and shellfish ecology (Document Reference F2.3)) of the Environmental Statement. The implementation of an Offshore Environmental Management Plan as part of the measures adopted by the Mona Offshore Wind Project will manage and reduce the risk of introduction or spread of invasive species. Included in the Offshore Environmental Management Plan will be a Biosecurity Risk Assessment as well as an INNS Management Plan which will detail the measures to ensure vessels comply with the International Maritime Organization ballast water management guidelines.
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.	Yes	An Offshore Environmental Management Plan will be implemented as part of the Mona Offshore Wind Project, which will aim to manage and reduce the risk of the deliberate or accidental release of litter into the marine plan area. The Offshore Environmental Management Plan will provide the necessary project requirements which will include management of waste in the marine environment. It will also set out industry good practice and OSPAR, International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and MARPOL (International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships) guidelines for preventing pollution at sea.

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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.	Yes	Volume 5, Annex 3.1: Underwater sound technical report of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F5.31) presents the results of a desktop study that considers the potential effects of underwater sound on the marine environment from construction of the Mona Offshore Wind Project. The results from this underwater sound technical report have been used to inform the following chapters of the Environmental Statement in order to determine the potential impact of underwater sound on marine life: Volume 2, Chapter 3: Fish and shellfish ecology of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.3), Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine mammals of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.4) and Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial fisheries of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.6). Primary and tertiary measures relevant for marine mammals which have been adopted as part of the Mona Offshore Wind Project are detailed in Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine mammals (Document Reference F2.4) and Volume 2, Chapter 3: Fish and shellfish (Document Reference F2.3) of the Environmental Statement. These measures will accord with those set out in the Outline Underwater sound Management Strategy (Document Reference J16) which has been submitted with the Application and has been prepared to investigate options to reduce any potential significant impacts such that there will be no residual significant effects from the Mona Offshore Wind Project. An Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol (Document Reference J21) has also been provided at Application and presents appropriate mitigation for activities that could potentially lead to injurious effects on marine mammals including piling, UXO clearance and some types of geophysical activities. The Underwater sound management strategy and the Marine mammal mitigation protocol are secured within the deemed marine licence in Schedule 14 of the draft DCO and expected to be secured within the standalone NRW marine licence.
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.	Yes	The assessments and proposed measures presented in Volume 3, Chapter 10: Air quality (Document Reference F3.10) and Volume 3, Chapter 2: Hydrology and flood risk (Document Reference F3.2) of the Environmental Statement have taken into account potential impacts on air quality and the water environment respectively and demonstrate that these are mitigated to within acceptable levels. An assessment of physical characteristics offshore is presented in Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical processes of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.1). Volume 6, Annex 2.2: Water Framework Directive Coastal Waters Assessment of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F6.2.2) covers the receptors that are protected by Water Framework Directive. The iterative approach to development of measures adopted as part of the Mona Offshore Wind Project within the EIA (and how the effects have been avoided, minimised and mitigated) is presented in Volume 1, Chapter 5: Environmental Impact Assessment methodology of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.5).
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.	Yes	The baseline of spawning habitats for commercially and ecologically important fish and shellfish species (and the areas of essential fish habitat potentially impacted by the Mona Offshore Wind Project) have been identified in Volume 6, Annex 3.1: Fish and shellfish ecology technical report of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F6.3.1). Impacts and mitigation for species of commercial importance are considered in Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial fisheries of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.6). These chapters document the measures adopted as part of the Mona Offshore Wind Project that reduce effects on fish and shellfish receptors to within acceptable levels. Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) describes how the Applicant has sought to reduce potential impacts to sensitive receptors through design refinement. The iterative approach to development of measures adopted as part of the Mona Offshore Wind Project within the EIA (and how the effects have been avoided, minimised and mitigated) is presented in Volume 1, Chapter 5: Environmental Impact Assessment methodology of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.5).
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.	Yes	All technical chapters of the Environmental Statement (specifically, Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document References F2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document Reference F.3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) assess potential cumulative effects. The offshore chapters in Volume 2 of the Environmental Statement are supported by Volume 5, Annex 5.1: Cumulative effects screening matrix (Document Reference F5.5.1), Volume 6, Annex 5.6: Offshore ornithology population viability assessment technical report (Document Reference F6.5.6) and Volume 6, Annex 7.1: Navigational risk assessment (Document Reference F6.7.1) of the Environmental Statement. The methodology applied of the consideration of cumulative effects is presented in Volume 1, Chapter 5: Environmental Impact Assessment methodology of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.5).

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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).	Yes	The onus for compliance with this policy is on the relevant public authorities. The technical assessments reported in the Environmental Statement (specifically, Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document References F.2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document References F.3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4)) support compliance, through the consideration of relevant marine and terrestrial policy and potential for likely significant effects on policy priorities and local well-being, where relevant.
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.	Yes	The onus for compliance with this policy is on the relevant public authorities. To support the relevant authorities with compliance with this policy, the technical assessments reported in the Environmental Statement (specifically, Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document References F.2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document References F.3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4)) follow an evidence based, proportionate approach, grounded in the precautionary principle. The Environmental Impact Assessment methodology applied is presented in Volume 1, Chapter 5: Environmental Impact Assessment methodology of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.5). The Applicant has sought to agree the evidence, data sources and methods for data collection used in the EIA, HRA and Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) Assessment with stakeholders as reported in the technical assessment chapters, the Consultation report (Document Reference E3) and Technical Engagement Plan (E4). The Habitats Regulations Assessment and MCZ Assessment of the Mona Offshore Wind Project (Document References E1.1 – 1.4 and E.2 respectively) are also grounded on the precautionary principle and, for the HRA, evidence that supports the absence of risk beyond all reasonable scientific doubt.
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.	No	The Mona Offshore Wind Project is not a proposal for new aggregate extraction. The Applicant has considered potential interactions between the Mona Offshore Wind Project with new aggregate extraction proposals within the Environmental Impact Assessment within the cumulative effects assessments of the technical chapters (refer to Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document References F.2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document References F.3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and Onshore Combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) of the Environmental Statement). Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) describes the process the Applicant followed to select the site and the environmental and technical factors considered. This process followed the Crown Estate led site selection process for the Round 4 bidding areas, which also considered potential interactions with other marine resources.
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.	No	The Mona Offshore Wind Project is not a proposal for new aggregate extraction. The Applicant has considered potential interactions between the Mona Offshore Wind Project with new aggregate extraction proposals within the Environmental Impact Assessment within the cumulative effects assessments of the technical chapters (refer to Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document References F.2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document References F.3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and Onshore Combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) of the Environmental Statement). Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) describes the process the Applicant followed to select the site and the environmental and technical factors considered. This process followed the Crown Estate led site selection process for the Round 4 bidding areas, which also considered potential interactions with other marine resources.
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.	No	The Mona Offshore Wind Project is not a proposal for a new aquaculture development. The Applicant has considered potential interactions between the Mona Offshore Wind Project with new aquaculture developments within the Environmental Impact Assessment within the cumulative effects assessments of the technical chapters (refer to Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document References F.2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document References F.3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) of the Environmental Statement). Volume 2, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) describes the process the Applicant followed to select the site and the environmental and technical factors considered. This process followed The Crown Estate led site selection process for the Round 4 bidding areas which also which also considered potential interactions with other marine resources.

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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.	Yes	The onus for compliance with this policy is on the relevant public authorities. To support the relevant authorities with compliance with this policy, Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) describes the process the Applicant followed to select the site and the environmental and technical factors considered. This process followed The Crown Estate led site selection process for the Round 4 bidding areas which also which also considered potential interactions with other marine resources. Consultation with stakeholders did not identify conflicts between the Mona Offshore Wind Project and natural resources that might provide aquaculture potential opportunities (refer to the Consultation Report (Document Reference E.3) and Technical Engagement Plan (Document Reference E4)).
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.	Yes	Dredging, disposal activities and seabed clearance/secondary scour and shipping routes are assessed within Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical processes (Document Reference F2.1) and Volume 2, Chapter 7: Shipping and navigation (Document Reference F2.7) of the Environmental Statement respectively. The Mona Offshore Wind Project is not expected to interfere with access to navigable channels and disposal sites and demonstrates compliance with relevant general and sector safeguarding policies. Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) describes the process the Applicant followed to select the site and the environmental and technical factors considered. This process followed The Crown Estate led site selection process for the Round 4 bidding areas which also which also considered potential interactions with other marine resources.
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.	Yes	To assist the decision maker in its determination of the Mona Offshore Wind Project (as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project for a wind proposal), the project has been considered in the context of national policies, including the general sector safeguarding policies of the WNMP. Volume 1, Chapter 2: Policy and legislative context of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.2) demonstrates that the development of offshore wind energy is a policy focus to address climate change reduce reliance on high carbon energy sources. Further, that the Mona Offshore Wind Project would contribute significantly towards the national renewable energy targets for Wales and in helping the UK to achieve its net zero ambitions.

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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.	Yes	The onus for compliance with this policy is on the relevant public authorities. Evidence available to support strategic planning and decision making is provided in the Planning Statement (J2) and the National Policy Statement Tracker (appendix) (Document Reference J2.1). To support the relevant authorities with compliance, the Applicant has led a comprehensive programme of consultation with stakeholders (as reported in the technical assessment chapters (Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document Reference F2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document Reference F3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) of the Environmental Statement), the Consultation Report (Document Reference E.3) and Technical Engagement Plan (Document Reference E4). Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) describes the process the Applicant followed to select the site and the environmental and technical factors considered. This process followed The Crown Estate led site selection process for the Round 4 bidding areas which also which also considered potential interactions with other marine resources.
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.	No	The Applicant has considered potential interactions between the Mona Offshore Wind Project with potential new wave energy developments within the Environmental Impact Assessment within the cumulative effects assessments of the technical chapters (refer to Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document Reference F.2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document Reference F.3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) of the Environmental Statement). Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) describes the process the Applicant followed to select the site and the environmental and technical factors considered. This process followed The Crown Estate led site selection process for the Round 4 bidding areas which also which also considered potential interactions with other marine resources.
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.	Yes	Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) describes the process the Applicant followed to select the site and the environmental and technical factors considered. This process followed The Crown Estate led site selection process for the Round 4 bidding areas which also which also considered (and sought to minimise) potential interactions with other marine resources. The evidence-based technical assessments within the Environmental Statement (Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document References F.2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document References F.3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4)) are provided to support the relevant authorities with planning and decision making and the sustainable development of the sector.

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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.	No	The Mona Offshore Wind Project is not a proposal for tidal stream energy generation. The Applicant has considered potential interactions between the Mona Offshore Wind Project with potential tidal stream energy developments within the Environmental Impact Assessment within the cumulative effects assessments of the technical chapters (refer to Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document References F.2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document References F.3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) of the Environmental Statement). Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) describes the process the Applicant followed to select the site and the environmental and technical factors considered. This process followed The Crown Estate led site selection process for the Round 4 bidding areas which also which also considered potential interactions with other marine resources.
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.	No	The Mona Offshore Wind Project is not a proposal for tidal stream energy generation. The onus to make appropriate evidence available to support planning and decision making is on the relevant public authorities. The evidence-based technical assessments within the Environmental Statement (Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document References F.2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document References F.3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) of the Environmental Statement) are provided by the Applicant to support the relevant authorities with planning and decision making and the collaborative development of the sector.
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: • 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.	No	The Mona Offshore Wind Project is not a proposal for tidal range development. The onus to make appropriate evidence available to support planning and decision making is on the relevant public authorities. The evidence-based technical assessments within the Environmental Statement (Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document References F.2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document References F.3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) of the Environmental Statement) are provided by the Applicant to support the relevant authorities with planning and decision making and the collaborative development of the sector.

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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.	No	The Mona Offshore Wind Project is not a proposal to maximise the economic recovery of oil and gas. The Applicant has considered potential interactions between the Mona Offshore Wind Project with oil and gas proposals within the Environmental Impact Assessment within the cumulative effects assessments of the technical chapters (refer to Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document Reference F.2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document References F.3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) of the Environmental Statement). Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) describes the process the Applicant followed to select the site and the environmental and technical factors considered. This process followed The Crown Estate led site selection process for the Round 4 bidding areas which also which also considered potential interactions with other marine resources.
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.	No	The Mona Offshore Wind Project is not an Application for a new petroleum licence to extract of fossil fuels in intertidal areas and estuaries and coastal inlet waters. Volume 1, Chapter 2: Policy and legislative context of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F.1.2) demonstrates that the Mona Offshore Wind Project would contribute significantly towards the national renewable energy targets for Wales and help the UK to achieve its net zero ambitions by reducing reliance on high carbon energy sources such as burning coal and gas.
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.	No	The Mona Offshore Wind Project is not a proposal for the development of carbon capture and storage technology. The Applicant has considered potential interactions between the Mona Offshore Wind Project with carbon capture projects within the Environmental Impact Assessment within the cumulative effects assessments of the technical chapters (refer to Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document Reference F2.1 – 11) , Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document Reference F3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) of the Environmental Statement). Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) describes the process the Applicant followed to select the site and the environmental and technical factors considered. This process followed The Crown Estate led site selection process for the Round 4 bidding areas which also which also considered potential interactions with other marine resources. The Applicant continues to engage with offshore hydrocarbon industry stakeholders potentially impacted by the project.
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.	Yes	As part of the assessment of potential interactions between the Mona Offshore Wind Project and commercial fisheries (reported in Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial Fisheries of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.6)), the Applicant has included a commitment to develop a Fisheries Co-existence and Liaison Plan (refer to Outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-existence Plan (Document Reference J13) which has been submitted as part of the application for consent). The Applicant has undertaken a consultation programme with commercial fisheries stakeholders to ensure that the project design can, where possible, support the fishing sector (further information in Volume 6, Annex 6.1: Commercial fisheries technical report of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F6.6.1)).
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.	Yes	The onus for compliance with this policy is on the relevant public authorities. The site-specific surveys undertaken (as agreed with the members of the Benthic Ecology, Fish and Shellfish and Physical Processes Evidence Plan Expert Working Group) support the evidence base and provide useful information on general seabed types, sediment suitability for fish spawning and/or habitat for benthic species within the fish and shellfish ecology study area. These surveys also provide opportunistic fish and shellfish records which have been extracted from the survey data to inform the baseline characterisation. These surveys are reported in Volume 6, Annex 3.1: Fish and Shellfish Ecology Technical Report of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F6.3.1).

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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.	No	The Mona Offshore Wind Project is not a proposal for a port, harbour or shipping activity. The Applicant has considered potential interactions between the Mona Offshore Wind Project with ports, harbours and shipping within the Environmental Impact Assessment within the cumulative effects assessments of the technical chapters (refer to Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document References F.2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document References F.3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) of the Environmental Statement. Volume 2, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) describes the process the Applicant followed to select the site and the environmental and technical factors considered. This process followed The Crown Estate led site selection process for the Round 4 bidding areas which also which also considered potential interactions with other marine resources.
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.	Yes	The Applicant has consulted extensively with stakeholders with shipping interests, including ports, as reported in Volume 2: Chapter 7: Shipping and navigation of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F2.7) and the Consultation report and appendix (E.3 and E.3.9) and Technical Engagement Plan (E.4).
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.	No	The Mona Offshore Wind Project is not a proposal for the maintenance, repair, development and diversification of port and harbour facilities. The Applicant has considered potential interactions between the Mona Offshore Wind Project with ports, harbours the Environmental Impact Assessment within the cumulative effects assessments of the technical chapters (refer to Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document References F.2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document References F.3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) of the Environmental Statement). Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site selection and consideration of alternatives of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.4) describes the process the Applicant followed to select the site and the environmental and technical factors considered. This process followed The Crown Estate led site selection process for the Round 4 bidding areas which also which also considered potential interactions with other marine resources.
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.	No	The Mona Offshore Wind Project is not a proposal to grow digital communications networks or the optimal distribution of electricity in Wales. The Applicant has considered potential interactions between the Mona Offshore Wind Project with digital communications networks and subsea cables within the Environmental Impact Assessment within the cumulative effects assessments of the technical chapters (refer to Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document Reference .2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document Reference F3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) of the Environmental Statement).
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.	Yes	The consideration of potential indirect effects on recreation is considered in Volume 2, Chapter 10: Other Sea Users (Document Reference F2.10), Volume 2, Chapter 8: Seascape and visual resources (Document Reference F2.8) and Volume 4, Chapter 3: Socio-economics of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F4.3). These assessments indicate that there are unlikely to be any material impacts on tourism as a result of the Mona Offshore Wind Project. The Mona Offshore Wind Project will consider opportunities to create positive contributions to the recreational network. These opportunities have been reported in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Strategy (Document Reference J27).
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.	Yes	The onus for compliance with this policy is on the relevant public authorities. To support the relevant authorities with compliance with this policy, the Applicant has provided technical assessments (and evidence base) that consider potential interactions between the Mona Offshore Wind Project and tourism and recreation (refer to Volume 2, Chapter 10: Other Sea Users (Document Reference F2.10), Volume 2, Chapter 8: Seascape and visual resources (Document Reference F2.8) and Volume 4, Chapter 3: Socio-economics of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F4.3). The Mona Offshore Wind Project will consider opportunities to create positive contributions to the recreational network. These opportunities are acknowledged by the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Strategy (Document Reference J26.17).

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SAF_01	<p>Safeguarding existing activity</p> <p>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.</p>	Yes	<p>The Applicant has considered other activities and the potential for interactions between these activities, both on and offshore, and the Mona Offshore Wind Project in the technical assessments presented in Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document References F2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document References F3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) of the Environmental Statement. The iterative approach to development of measures adopted as part of the Mona Offshore Wind Project within the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (and how the effects have been avoided, minimised and mitigated) is presented in Volume 1, Chapter 5: Environmental Impact Assessment methodology of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.5).</p> <p>The EIA predicts a likely significant adverse effect on ferry adverse weather routing (Isle of Mann Steam Packet Corporation). The Applicant has committed to engaging with affected stakeholders. The Applicant will seek to continue this engagement beyond submission of the application and run in parallel with the application determination process.</p> <p>Volume 1, Chapter 2: Policy and legislative context of the Environmental Statement (F1.2) demonstrates that the Mona Offshore Wind Project would contribute significantly towards the national renewable energy targets for Wales and help the UK to achieve its net zero ambitions.</p>
SAF_02	<p>Safeguarding strategic resources</p> <p>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.</p>	Yes	<p>The Applicant has considered the potential for significant adverse impacts on other industries with the Environmental Impact Assessment, including the shipping sector and commercial fisheries from the Mona Offshore Wind Project. These considerations are documented within the cumulative effects assessments of the technical chapters (refer to Chapters 1-11 of Volume 2: Offshore chapters (Document References F.2.1 – 11), Chapters 1-11 of Volume 3: Onshore chapters (Document References F.3.1 – 11) and Chapters 1-4 of Volume 4: Offshore and onshore combined chapters (Document References F.4.1 – 4.4) of the Environmental Statement). The iterative approach to development of measures adopted as part of the Mona Offshore Wind Project within the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (and how the effects have been avoided, minimised and mitigated) is presented in Volume 1, Chapter 5: Environmental Impact Assessment methodology of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F1.5).</p> <p>Volume 1, Chapter 2: Policy and legislative context of the Environmental Statement (F1.2) demonstrates that the Mona Offshore Wind Project would contribute significantly towards the national renewable energy targets for Wales and help the UK to achieve its net zero ambitions.</p>
DEF_01	<p>Defence (safeguarding)</p> <p>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.</p>	Yes	<p>The assessment of on and offshore defence interests, including civil and military aviation radar is provided in Volume 4, Chapter 1: Aviation and radar of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F4.1), supported by Volume 8, Annex 1.1: Aviation and radar technical report of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference F8.1.1). The MOD has been consulted with regard to the potential for the Mona Offshore Wind Project to interfere with aviation activities, including with military aviation radar, Royal Air Force operations and aviation activity in Practice and Exercise Areas (PEXAs).</p>