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Acronyms and abbreviations

Acronym or Abbreviation	Definition	Acronym or Abbreviation	Definition
DAT	Dyfed Archaeological Trust	NFFO	National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment	NRW	Natural Resources Wales
ES	Environmental Statement	OFWAT	Water Services Regulation Authority
IFCA	Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	PCNPA	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority
IAA	Irish Aviation Authority	PCC	Pembrokeshire County Council
IFPO	Irish Fish Producers Organisation	PEDW	Planning and Environment Decisions Wales
IFCA	Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	PINS	Planning Inspectorate
JNCC	Joint Nature Conservation Council	RCAHMW	Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales
MCA	Maritime and Coastguard Agency	RSPB	Royal Society for Protection of Birds
MHPA	Milton Haven Port Authority	RYA	Royal Yachting Association
MOD	Ministry of Defence	WFA-CPC	Welsh Fishermen's Association - Cymdeithas Pysgotwyr Cymru

Glossary of project terms

Term	Definition
The Applicant	The developer of the Project, Llŷr Floating Wind Limited.
Array	All wind turbine generators, inter array cables, mooring lines, floating sub-structures and supporting subsea infrastructure within the Array Area, as defined, when considered collectively, excluding the offshore export cable(s).
Array Area	The area within which the wind turbine generators, inter array cables, mooring lines, floating sub-structures and supporting subsea infrastructure will be located.
Floventis Energy	A joint venture company between Cierco Ltd and SBM Offshore Ltd of which Llŷr Floating Wind Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary.
Landfall	The location where the offshore export cable(s) from the Array Area, as defined, are brought onshore and connected to the onshore export cables (as defined) via the transition joint bays (TJB).
Llŷr 1	The proposed Project, for which the Applicant is applying for Section 36 and Marine Licence consents. Including all offshore and onshore infrastructure and activities, and all project phases.
Marine Licence	A licence required under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for marine works which is administered by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Marine Licensing Team (MLT) on behalf of the Welsh Ministers.



Term	Definition
Offshore Development Area	The footprint of the offshore infrastructure and associated temporary works, comprised of the Array Area and the Offshore Export Cable Corridor, as defined, that forms the offshore boundary for the S36 Consent and Marine Licence application.
Offshore Export Cable	The cable(s) that transmit electricity produced by the WTGs to landfall.
Offshore Export Cable Corridor (OfECC)	The area within which the offshore export cable circuit(s) will be located, from the Array Area to the Landfall.
Onshore Development Area	The footprint of the onshore infrastructure and associated temporary works, comprised of the Onshore Export Cable Corridor and the Onshore Substation, as defined, and including new access routes and visibility splays, that forms the onshore boundary for the planning application.
Onshore Export Cable(s)	The cable(s) that transmit electricity from the landfall to the onshore substation.
Onshore Export Cable Corridor (OnECC)	The area within which the onshore export cable circuit(s) will be located.
proposed Project	All aspects of the Llŷr 1 development (i.e. the onshore and offshore components).
Onshore Substation	Located within the Onshore Development Area, converts high voltage generated electricity into low voltage electricity that can be used for the grid and domestic consumption.
Section 36 consent	Consent to construct and operate an offshore generating station, under Section 36 (S.36) of the Electricity Act 1989. This includes deemed planning permission for onshore works.



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6. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

6.1 Introduction

1. This chapter of the Environmental Statement (ES) presents an overview of the consultation and engagement activities which have been carried out as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. It includes an overview of the approach and objectives of the consultation and engagement and identifies the key stakeholders and phases of engagement relevant to the proposed Project.
2. The process of consultation and engagement is critical to the development of a comprehensive and balanced ES. Views of key consultees serve to focus the environmental studies and help identify specific matters which require further investigation. Consultation has enabled mitigation measures to be incorporated into the proposed Project design, thereby limiting adverse impacts and enhancing benefits.
3. This chapter should be read in conjunction with the following linked and supporting documents:
 - **Appendix 6A: Technical Engagement Log.**

6.2 Approach to Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

4. The overarching approach to stakeholder engagement for the proposed Project was developed in compliance with the requirements of the following legislation (discussed in more detail in **Chapter 02: Legislation, Policy and Guidance**):
 - The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017; and
 - The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (for projects requiring a marine licence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009). This was amended by the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment (Amendment) Regulations 2017.
5. The main objectives of the stakeholder and public consultation were as follows:
 - To ensure stakeholders were consulted at the appropriate time and their views considered;
 - To understand stakeholders, their objectives, and requirements;
 - To ensure an appropriate flow of information with consistent messaging;
 - To help create an integrated team and a unified approach to engagement by all the proposed Project partners;
 - To highlight and articulate the benefits of the proposed Project in a meaningful way;
 - To proactively manage any concerns raised;
 - To build trust with stakeholders and develop support for the proposed Project;
 - To help identify issues that can be examined more fully as part of the environmental survey work; and
 - To log, collate, track and report on stakeholder engagement activities in a consistent, professional and efficient way.



6.2.1. Stakeholder Mapping

6. To meet the engagement objectives set out in **Section 6.2** above, a stakeholder mapping exercise was undertaken.
7. The proposed Project has a wide range of stakeholders, including local authorities, statutory bodies, local communities, and specialist interest groups. All these groups and individuals have differing interests that require tailored levels and methods of consultation.
8. A comprehensive stakeholder mapping exercise was undertaken to identify a list of key stakeholders that may have an interest in or influence on the proposed Project.
9. The stakeholder mapping exercise identified the following main groups as relevant to the proposed Project:
 - Technical stakeholders;
 - Local Planning Authorities;
 - Members of Parliament and Senedd;
 - Elected members at relevant Local Planning Authorities;
 - Community Councils;
 - Local businesses;
 - Community groups;
 - Other local projects;
 - Landowners;
 - Delivery partners; and
 - Non-Governmental Organisations and environmental groups.

6.3 Key Engagement Phases

10. The key phases of engagement for the proposed Project are set out in **Table 6-1** and described in more detail in **Sections 6.3.2 to 6.3.7**.

Table 6-1. Phases of engagement and consultation

Phase of engagement / consultation	Date	Description
Early Engagement	2018 – 2021	To inform the proposed Project site selection and options development process.
Scoping Consultation	06 April – 06 July	To define and agree the approach to the EIA and technical content of this ES with key statutory and non-statutory consultees.
EIA Technical Engagement	May 2022 – March 2024	To address concerns and queries raised during the Scoping consultation phase and confirm the approach to the EIA.
Introductory Public Engagement	July 2023	To introduce the Applicant and the proposed Project to the public.
Public Consultation	15 January – 11 February 2024	To seek input on the proposed Project from the public. The results of the consultation undertaken, and a summary of feedback received are presented within the Consultation Report.



6.3.2. Early Engagement

11. The Applicant engaged with several organisations in the early development of the proposed Project. The purpose of the early engagement was to explore the potential for a development to be taken forward and to inform the proposed Project site selection and options development process.
12. The following stakeholders were consulted during the early engagement phase of the proposed Project, as detailed in **Chapter 03: Alternatives**:
 - The Crown Estate;
 - The Planning Inspectorate¹;
 - Natural Resources Wales;
 - Welsh Government;
 - National Grid Electricity System Operator (Electricity Transmission Team); and
 - Industry organisations such as Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult.

6.3.3. Scoping Consultation

13. As detailed in **Chapter 05: EIA Approach and Methodology**, the Scoping Report was submitted to Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and Planning and Environmental Decision Wales (PEDW) in April 2022 with representations from several key stakeholders received as part of the determination process. The EIA Scoping consultation feedback was used to define and agree on the most appropriate assessment approach and technical content of this ES. A summary of each Scoping response received and a description of how the feedback is addressed in the ES and is provided in **Appendix 5C: EIA Scoping Opinion Responses** and discussed in the relevant technical chapters (**Chapters 07 to 30**) as appropriate.

6.3.4. EIA Technical Engagement

14. Ongoing technical engagement was undertaken throughout the development of the ES to address concerns and queries regarding the proposed Project and to confirm the approach to the ES. The frequency of engagement was tailored to the requirements of each stakeholder, including monthly meetings between the Applicant and NRW, and less regular engagement with Pembrokeshire County Council and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority.
15. A list of stakeholders consulted during the EIA technical engagement is provided in **Table 6-2** which sets out the stakeholders relevant to the marine and / or terrestrial environments. A summary of the main comments raised and how the feedback has informed the ES is provided within each technical chapter (**Chapters 07 to 30**).
16. The Technical Engagement Log (**Appendix 6A**) details the EIA technical engagement undertaken by each topic area.

¹ The functions of Planning Inspectorate Wales transferred to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales on 1 October 2021.



Table 6-2. Stakeholders consulted during EIA technical engagement for the proposed Project

Theme	Stakeholders
Project-wide Engagement	
Project-wide	NRW; The Crown Estate; Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC); Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA); and Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW).
Terrestrial Environment (Volume 2)	
Seascape and Landscape (Chapter 07) and Seascape, Landscape and Visual (Chapter 23)	NRW; PCNPA; and PCC.
Ecology and Biodiversity (Chapter 08)	NRW; and PCC.
Historic Environment and Cultural Heritage (Chapter 09)	Cadw; and Dyfed Archaeological Trust (DAT).
Water Environment (Chapter 10)	NRW; and PCC.
Geology and Hydrogeology (Chapter 11)	PCC; PCNPA; and NRW.
Agriculture and Soils (Chapter 12)	NRW
Traffic and Transport (Chapter 13)	Milton Haven Port Authority (MHPA); and PCC.
Air Quality (Chapter 14)	PCC
Noise and Vibration (Chapter 15)	PCC
Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism (Chapter 16)	PCNPA
Marine Environment (ES Volume 3)	
Physical Environment (Chapter 17)	NRW
Marine Water Quality (Chapter 18)	NRW
Benthic Ecology (Chapter 19)	NRW
Fish and Shellfish Ecology (Chapter 20)	Natural England; and



Theme	Stakeholders
	NRW.
Marine Mammals (Chapter 21)	NRW; and (Joint Nature Conservation Committee) JNCC.
Ornithology (Chapter 22)	NRW; JNCC; Royal Society for Protection of Birds (RSPB) Cymru; The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales; North Wales Wildlife Trust; Severn Estuary Partnership; Whale and Dolphin Conservation; Marine Conservation Society; and Natural England.
Marine Archaeology (Chapter 24)	Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW); and DAT.
Shipping and Navigation (Chapter 25)	France – From Nord; MHPA; Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA); Trinity House; UK Chamber of Shipping; Stena Line; Irish Ferries; and Royal Yachting Association (RYA).
Commercial Fisheries (Chapter 26)	National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations (NFFO); Welsh Fishermen's Association - Cymdeithas Pysgotwyr Cymru (WFA-CPC); Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA); Devon and Severn IFCA; Belgium – Rederscentrale; France - From Nord; Irish Fish Producers Organisation (IFPO); and Welsh Government, Marine and Fisheries Division.
Aviation and Radar (Chapter 27)	NATS Safeguarding; Ministry of Defence (MOD); Irish Aviation Authority (IAA); and Cornwall Airport Newquay.
Other Sea Users (Chapter 28)	N/A

6.3.5. Public Engagement

17. In advance of the public consultation, the Applicant carried out three 'Public Awareness Days' in July 2023 across the region. These events were designed to introduce the Applicant to the public and share high level information on the proposed Project in advance of the public



consultation. Further detail on the Public Awareness Days is available in the Consultation Report.

6.3.6. *Public Consultation*

18. A public consultation was undertaken prior to the submission of the ES.
19. A Community Consultation Commitment was prepared detailing the Applicant's approach to public consultation. This was shared with PCC in advance of the public consultation, to seek feedback on the approach. PCC confirmed they had no comments.
20. The consultation:
 - Ran over a four-week period between 15 January 2024 and 11 February 2024.
 - Was publicised through a variety of channels, including a postcard drop to the local community, press releases, newspaper advertisements, social media posts, stakeholder newsletters and posters across the region. Emails and letters were sent to stakeholders including technical bodies, elected politicians and community groups.
 - Materials were made available online via the Applicant's website and Virtual Consultation Room, in local libraries and could be requested from the Applicant.
21. Three drop-in events were held at accessible locations for the public to view plans and engage with the project team; including technical specialists who were available to address specific questions.
22. The Consultation Report provides further detail regarding the delivery of public consultation as well as a summary of feedback received, along with the Applicant's response to the consultation feedback.

6.3.7. *Application submission*

23. On submission of the application, the Electricity (Offshore Generating Stations) (Applications for Consent) (Wales) Regulations 2019 prescribes that the Applicant must serve notice on certain parties and publicise notice of the application.
24. The Applicant will publish the notice in the following newspapers as shown in **Table 6-3**:

Table 6-3. S36 application submission newspaper notices

Notice	Outlet	Number of editions
S36 - English & Welsh	Western Telegraph & Milford Mercury	2
S36 - English only	Lloyds List	1
S36 - English only	Fishing News	1
S36 - English only	London Gazette	1
S36 - English only	The Times	1
S36 - English & Welsh	Western Mail	1

25. There is also a requirement for notification on submission of an application for a Marine Licence as detailed in Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.
26. The Applicant will publish the notice in the following newspapers as shown in **Table 6-4**:

Table 6-4. Marine Licence application submission newspaper notices

Notice	Outlet	Number of editions
Marine Licence - English & Welsh	Western Telegraph & Milford Mercury	2



27. The Applicant will provide printed copies of the application documents to the following organisations:
- NRW;
 - PEDW;
 - PCC; and
 - PCNPA.
28. Copies will be made available of the application documents, including the Site Location Plan showing the location of the proposed Project and the ES, on the project website www.llyrwind.com. In addition, copies may be inspected free of charge at the following locations and during the following hours as shown in **Table 6-5**:

Table 6-5. Deposit point locations

Location	Opening hours
Pembrokeshire County Council The Riverside Library, Gallery and Visitor Information Off Swain Square Haverfordwest Pembrokeshire SA61 2AN	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 – 17:00 Tuesday 10:00-17:00
Pembroke Dock Library Water Street Pembroke Dock SA72 6DW	Monday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 – 17:00 Wednesday 10:00 – 18:30 Saturday 10:00-12:30