

Marine Licensing Variation Decision

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

Applicant:
Gwynt y Mor Offshore Wind Farm Limited

Application reference no:
RML2109v2

Gwynt y Mor Wind Farm in Liverpool Bay

**Removal of the Gwynt y Mor Wind Farm
Meteorological Mast**

17 June 2025

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OUR DECISION

Based on all the information available, and having regard to all relevant considerations NRW has decided to issue a variation to the Existing Marine Licence.

This decision document:

- explains how the Variation has been determined, having regard to the relevant legal framework outlined in section 4;
- explains how relevant considerations have been taken into account and how each of the legal requirements have been considered in determining the Variation;
- provides a record of the decision-making process; and
- sets out the reasons for any conditions imposed in connection with any marine licence granted pursuant to the Variation.

1 APPLICATION DETAILS

1.1 The Variation

Applicant name and address	The Applicant is the company set out below: Company name: Gwynt y Mor Wind Farm Limited Company number: 03697015 Address: RWE Renewables UK Ltd, Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, SN5 6PB.
Variation reference number	RML2109v2
Existing Marine Licence reference number	RML2109v1
Description of variation	Variation to extend the Marine Licence end date to 30 September 2026
Proposal[s] covered by the Variation Application	Removal of the Gwynt y Mor Wind Farm meteorological mast which includes topside lattice structure removal, monopile removal, scour protection removal and a seabed survey. (the Project)
Licensable marine activities	Topside lattice structure removal Removal of monopile Scour protection removal (the Proposed Activities)
Marine Plan area	Welsh inshore region and Welsh offshore region

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2 VARIATION APPLICATION PROCEDURE

2.1 The Variation

The Variation Application was accepted by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) considered duly made on **09 June 2025**. This means we considered it was in the correct form and contained sufficient information for us to begin our determination, but not that it necessarily contained all the information we needed to complete that determination, and the documents considered may therefore include documents provided after the Variation Application was first made.

2.2 Documents considered

In reaching its decision, NRW has considered the documents listed in section 1 of this decision document along with such other information provided by the Applicant or received during any consultation, that NRW considered relevant.

2.3 Commercial Confidentiality

The Applicant made no claim that any information forming part of the Variation was subject to commercial confidentiality and we have not received any information in relation to the Variation that appears to be commercially confidential.

2.4 Environmental impact Assessment

Council Directive 2011/92/EU (as amended) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment aims to protect the environment and the quality of life by ensuring that projects which are likely to have significant environmental effects by virtue of their nature, size or location are subject to an environmental impact assessment (EIA) before permission is granted.

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 ("the Regulations") transpose the EIA Directive in Wales and England for marine licence applications.

Having considered the Variation Application NRW has determined that it does not constitute a development requiring EIA under the Regulations.

3 CONSULTATION

As there were no changes to the licensable activities no additional impacts are expected above that which were considering during the determination of RML2109v2, NRW PS did not consider it appropriate to reconsult on this occasion.

4 Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on all the information available, NRW's decision is to grant the variation to the Existing Marine Licence sought by the Variation Application. RML2109v2 is a routine change to extend the expiry date of the licence by 12 months and as such we refer to section 4 of the decision document for RML2109v1 and RML2109 regarding the relevant legal framework and how each of the legal requirements have been considered. The decision document can be found here [Public register - Customer Portal](#) by searching for RML2109.

AUTHORISATION

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The licence end date has been extended by **12 months** from **30 September 2025** to **30 September 2026**.

The contact details for Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers in section 5 have been updated from wfmccmpc@gov.wales to MarineLicencingEnforcement@gov.wales