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## GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

CRM	Collision Risk Model
DCO	Development Consent Order
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ERM	Encounter Rate Model
ES	Environmental Statement
FEED	Front End Engineering Design
FLO	Fisheries Liaison Officer
GAFLAG	Gwynedd and Anglesey Fisheries Local Action Group
GAPS	Gwynedd Archaeological Planning Service
HRA	Habitats Regulations Assessment
IFCA	Association of Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities
IoACC	Isle of Anglesey County Council
MCA	Maritime and Coastguard Agency
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
MoD	Ministry of Defence
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NRA	Navigation Risk Assessment
NRW	Natural Resources Wales
NWFCL	North Wales Fishermen's Co-operative Limited
ODA	Onshore Development Area
PHA	Preliminary Hazard Analysis
PID	Public Information Day
PINS	Planning Inspectorate
PR	Public Relations
PVA	Population Viability Analysis
RCAHWW	Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales
RNLI	Royal National Lifeboat Institution
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
RYA	Royal Yachting Association
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SLVIA	Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
SMRU	Sea Mammal Research Unit
SNCB	Statutory Nature Conservation Body
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
TWAO	Transport and Works Act Order
TWG	Technical Working Group
UK	United Kingdom
WEFO	Welsh European Funding Office

WFA	Welsh Fishermen's Association
ZTV	Zone of Theoretical Visibility

## 6. CONSULTATION

### 6.1. INTRODUCTION

1. This chapter of the Environmental Statement (ES) presents and summarises the project wide consultation undertaken relating to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Morlais Project (the Project). Within each technical chapter, all specific, relevant stakeholder consultations are also presented in further detail.
2. Menter Môn has developed a Consultation Report (**Document MOR/RHDHV/DOC/0066, Consultation Report**) which sets out the pre-application engagement and consultation undertaken in relation to the Project, including statutory and non-statutory interests. The ES and Consultation Report will accompany the Transport and Works Act Order (TWAo) and Marine Licence applications.

### 6.2. POLICY AND LEGISLATION

3. The Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 specifically required that the TWAo application be accompanied by *“a report summarising the consultations that have been undertaken, including confirmation that the applicant has consulted all those named in column (2) of the tables in Schedules 5 and 6 to these Rules where authority is sought for works or other matters described in column (1) of those tables”*.
4. Consultation in relation to the EIA must also include statutory consultation (i.e. scoping and consultation undertaken in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017, and the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (herein collectively known as ‘the EIA Regulations’), and non-statutory consultation (i.e. consultation not required by the Regulations but undertaken to support the EIA process). Non-statutory consultation includes further engagement with relevant statutory bodies, and engagement/consultation with other organisations that have a relevant science-based interest.
5. Schedules 5 and 6 of the Procedure Rules primarily relate to the consultation required once the application has been made; however, Menter Môn has chosen to front-load engagement and consultation to maintain open engagement with the public, statutory consultees and other stakeholders throughout the pre-application process in order to optimise communications and information sharing, and to inform the EIA process.

Drawing upon experience of other consenting regimes that have procedures to obligate developers to undertake pre-application engagement and consultation, such as the Development Consent Order (DCO) process under the Planning Act 2008, Menter Môn applied a technical working group and “statement of common ground” approach to management of selected key environmental issues for the EIA process, in particular with respect of the TWAo application, but also in support of wider EIA consultation requirements and the Marine Licence.

### 6.3. GENERAL APPROACH TO CONSULTATION

6. Menter Môn recognises that effective and meaningful consultation is an integral part of its development activities and is committed to ensuring an open and transparent approach to engagement and consultation with stakeholders.
7. Early engagement of local communities, local authorities and statutory consultees aims to bring about the following shared benefits:
  - To allow the public to influence how the Project is developed and how it is integrated in the community by providing the Morlais development team with feedback on potential options;
  - To help local people and stakeholders understand better what the Project means for them;
  - To obtain important information about the economic, social and environmental impacts of the Project – helping Morlais to identify unsuitable Project options as early as possible;
  - To enable potential mitigating measures to be considered and, where appropriate, built into the Project before the application is submitted; and
  - To identify new ways in which the Project could support wider strategic and/or local objectives.
8. Public engagement and consultation was undertaken to engage with user groups, communities and individuals potentially affected by the Project. These groups were provided with Project details, an explanation of the EIA process and an overview of studies and surveys being undertaken. This process provided the framework for expression of opinions, information sharing and stakeholder feedback. A summary of public engagement and consultation is set out in the Consultation Report (**Document MOR/RHDHV/DOC/0066, Consultation Report**).
9. The purpose of early EIA stakeholder consultation on the Project is to enable discussion of the proposals and potential impacts with stakeholders and to seek feedback so that comments can inform proposals, including the EIA and Front End Engineering Design (FEED) process.

### 6.4. APPROACH TO EIA CONSULTATION

#### 6.4.1. Background

10. Two scoping reports were previously submitted to Natural Resources Wales (NRW), the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and the Isle of Anglesey County Council (IoACC) in support of earlier (lower capacity) versions of the Project. However, the proposed installed capacity of the Project has since been increased and the Project is now seeking consent for up to 240 MW capacity. A further request for scoping opinion was therefore submitted to the Welsh Government and NRW in April 2018, which supersedes the earlier scoping reports.
11. The Welsh Government and NRW provided a detailed scoping opinion, which has been the starting point for consultation on the Project. Consultation with the Welsh Government and NRW has been ongoing throughout the EIA to discuss developments in the Project, scope and design

parameters, and to agree methodologies and approaches used for environmental surveys and assessments during the EIA process.

12. Royal HaskoningDHV and MarineSpace have led consultation with statutory consultees and regulators for the TWAO and the Marine Licence during the EIA process. Statutory consultation has been undertaken, with focus on Welsh Government – Planning Section; NRW; and IoACC. In addition, although not a statutory body, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) as a key landowner has been included in consultation undertaken by Royal HaskoningDHV and MarineSpace.
13. Royal HaskoningDHV and MarineSpace led all technical EIA consultation, including leading on communications with Cadw, IoACC, NRW (in its capacity as a Statutory Nature Conservation Body (SNCB)) and RSPB, as well as fisheries stakeholders. Although not required as statutory documents under Schedule 5 and 6 of the Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006, Menter Môn is submitting Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) on key technical issues; marine mammals, marine ornithology and seascape, landscape and visual impact assessment (SLVIA).
14. Royal HaskoningDHV also led on consultation with the following non-statutory conservation stakeholders: North Wales Wildlife Trust; Gwynedd Archaeological Trust; UK Whale and Dolphin Conservation Trust; and Marine Conservation Society.
15. Navigation and shipping consultation, including recreational interests, was led by the Navigation Risk Assessment (NRA) Consultants, Marico Marine, with review by RHDHV and MarineSpace.
16. Community engagement and other non-statutory consultation was undertaken by Menter Môn with support from the appointed Public Relations (PR) Company, Ateb. The focus of this engagement and consultation was to increase awareness of the Project, share information and invite comments. In addition to promoting the Project and sharing information on the proposals, two series of public information days (PIDs) were held. Further information on community engagement and other non-statutory consultation is included within the Consultation Report (**Document MOR/RHDHV/DOC/0066, Consultation Report**).

#### **6.4.2. EIA Scoping Opinion**

17. Scoping responses were received from NRW and the Welsh Government and have been taken into account within the EIA (**Chapters 7 to 26**). Direct responses to the Welsh Government as part of this process were received from Cadw, MMO and NRW, in its capacity as a SNCB. The formal scoping responses from NRW and the Welsh Government are provided in **Appendix 6.1 (Volume III)**.
18. Following receipt of the Scoping Opinion, Menter Môn undertook a series of preliminary meetings to discuss the Project further with key EIA stakeholders.
19. Menter Môn has reviewed consultation responses received and in light of the feedback, has made a number of key decisions in relation to the project design and site selection which are outlined in **Chapter 2, Project Description** and **Chapter 3, Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives**, respectively.



### 6.4.3. Technical Working Groups and Statements of Common Ground

#### 6.4.3.1. Technical Working Groups

20. Menter Môn also assembled Technical Working Groups (TWG) to discuss key topic areas. TWGs are a way to discuss the methods used for data collections and analysis, use of the data itself, assessment methods, and results. These can then be brought to bear on mitigation and management of impacts, and in particular adaptive management approaches which may be adopted to address impact pathway or receptor sensitivity or receptor vulnerability unknowns. The aim is to undertake a process of review, discussion and where possible, agreement, in a 'face to face' environment where the aim is to air and resolve disagreements or agree approaches which will allow this to be achieved.
21. Three TWGs were established to enable technical discussions with experts from relevant stakeholders, as follows:
  - Marine Mammals;
  - Ornithology; and
  - SLVIA.
22. The main participants of the TWGs were technical experts mainly drawn from NRW and, for landscape matters, from IoACC. Three meetings were held for each TWG pre-application (**Table 6-1**). The groups may meet post application as appropriate and as directed by the regulator to resolve remaining issues. A clear agenda was agreed for each meeting detailing the issues to be discussed, the questions set out to answer and the aim of the process.

**Table 6-1 Technical Working Group Meeting Details**

Topic	Date	Attendees	Agenda
Marine Mammals First TWG Meeting	27 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	NRW, Menter Môn, Royal HaskoningDHV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project background (recap)</li> <li>▪ Review of project design envelope</li> <li>▪ Species, density estimates, reference populations and management units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scale of assessment</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Approach to Collision Risk Model (CRM)/Encounter Rate Model (ERM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Species parameters and dive profiles</li> <li>▪ Appropriate avoidance rates</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Use of population modelling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ iPCoD</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Approach to assessment / potential impacts</li> <li>▪ Cumulative assessment</li> <li>▪ Phased deployment</li> </ul>
Marine Mammals Second TWG Meeting	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	NRW, Menter Môn, Royal HaskoningDHV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overview of tidal device design envelope</li> <li>▪ Tidal device parameters</li> <li>▪ Collision risk models: ERM and CRM</li> <li>▪ Environmental parameters: water depth and current speed</li> </ul>

Topic	Date	Attendees	Agenda
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marine mammal species: density estimates and reference populations</li> <li>Marine mammal parameters: body length and width; dive profiles and parameters</li> <li>Avoidance rates</li> </ul>
Marine Mammals Third TWG Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	NRW, Menter Môn, Royal HaskoningDHV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary of density estimates and reference populations for species and Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) used in the assessments.</li> <li>Overview of assessments for ES and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), including underwater noise, disturbance, barrier effects, changes in prey / habitat loss and collision risk.</li> <li>PCoD – update.</li> <li>Proposed approach to monitoring and mitigation.</li> </ul>
Ornithology First TWG Meeting	13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	NRW, Menter Môn, Royal HaskoningDHV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project background (recap)</li> <li>Review of project design envelope</li> <li>Species, conservation sites and populations to be included</li> <li>Appropriate spatial scale for assessment</li> <li>Review species parameters and vulnerability by species/group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Above water</li> <li>Submerged</li> <li>Foraging distances</li> </ul> </li> <li>Approach to CRM/ERM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate avoidance rates</li> </ul> </li> <li>Potential Biological Removal</li> <li>Approach to assessment / potential impacts</li> <li>Cumulative assessment</li> <li>Summary</li> </ul>
Ornithology Second TWG Meeting	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	NRW, Menter Môn, Royal HaskoningDHV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of CRM and ERM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Methods, limitations, interpretation, role in EIA</li> </ul> </li> <li>Device parameters and overview of modelling scenarios</li> <li>Bird input parameters (densities and diving behaviour) and sources of information</li> <li>Avoidance rates: what might be appropriate and why?</li> <li>Presentation and review of preliminary results</li> <li>Plans for future work</li> </ul>

Topic	Date	Attendees	Agenda
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtaining feedback on work already undertaken and planned</li> </ul>
Ornithology Third TWG Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	NRW, Menter Môn, Royal HaskoningDHV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outstanding points and queries raised in first and second TWG meetings</li> <li>Progress update on Marine Ornithology EIA, including ERM/CRM and Population Viability Analysis (PVA) for Holy Island Coast Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)</li> <li>Progress update on Marine Ornithology HRA</li> <li>Progress update on Terrestrial Ornithology EIA - chough</li> </ul>
SLVIA First TWG Meeting	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	NRW, IoACC, Menter Môn, Royal HaskoningDHV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project background (recap)</li> <li>Review of Project Design Envelope</li> <li>Baseline data collection</li> <li>Assessment methodology</li> <li>Night time lighting assessment</li> <li>Offshore Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) parameters and proposed viewpoints</li> <li>Onshore ZTV parameters (including proposed viewpoints) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grid connection substation</li> <li>Landfall substation</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cumulative assessment</li> </ul>
SLVIA Second TWG Meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	NRW, IoACC, Menter Môn, Royal HaskoningDHV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project background (recap)</li> <li>Review of Project Design Envelope</li> <li>Offshore Project Design Envelope: Draft Layout</li> <li>Draft Visualisations</li> <li>Viewpoint assessment (update)</li> <li>Night time lighting assessment (update)</li> <li>Navigation Lighting update</li> <li>Onshore Design Review</li> <li>Landfall substation</li> <li>Grid connection substation</li> <li>Mitigation – colour guide</li> </ul>
SLVIA Third TWG Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	NRW, IoACC, Menter Môn, Royal HaskoningDHV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of Project Design Envelope (offshore elements)</li> <li>Mitigated design envelope - careful consideration of NRW/IACC comments</li> <li>Draft visualisations</li> <li>Assessment scope update (viewpoint selection and night time photography)</li> <li>Landfall substation</li> <li>Scheme design work undertaken following second TWG</li> </ul>

Topic	Date	Attendees	Agenda
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Draft visualisations</li> <li>▪ Assessment scope considerations (viewpoint selection)</li> <li>▪ Grid substations</li> <li>▪ Scheme proposals</li> <li>▪ Assessment scope considerations (viewpoint selection)</li> </ul>

#### 6.4.3.2. Statements of Common Ground

23. The main mechanism for capturing the works undertaken and agreed positions reached within each of the TWGs is through the development of SoCG: living documents that capture the work, and agreed positions achieved by each group. Menter Môn has endeavoured to agree SoCG on key technical issues relating to those topic areas in order to aid the Welsh Government and NRW in understanding where there is substantial agreement with stakeholders and where additional management measures and mitigation may be required.
24. The SoCG were developed over the course of the consenting programme as follows:
  - A series of TWG meetings were held with the key parties relevant to the issue under discussion, in most instances this was the NRW technical experts, with the IoACC as appropriate (**Table 6-1**);
  - A record was kept of the TWG meetings through meeting minutes. The meeting minutes detail the key questions discussed, areas of disagreement and areas of agreement;
  - The meeting minutes allow each meeting to build upon the previous discussions sequentially and provide the source material for the SoCG, a report detailing the status of the discussions held, including the areas of agreement and of disagreement.
25. The SoCGs have been used to support the assessment undertaken during the EIA and will form the basis of any post application discussions required by the regulator, from a continuation of technical meetings through to potential preparation for a public inquiry.
26. The purpose of the SoCGs is to demonstrate the process followed to support the application, the agreement reached between parties and where disagreement still lies. They will support the inquiry stage of the consent process and demonstrate to the inspector the measures taken to reach application.
27. SoCGs have been produced for Marine Mammals (**Appendix 6.2, Volume III**), Marine Ornithology (**Appendix 6.3, Volume III**) and SLVIA (**Appendix 6.4, Volume III**). It should be noted that the SoCGs are live documents and will be updated following the continuation of TWGs post application, where required.

#### **6.4.4. Other Consultation Meetings on TWAO and Marine Licence Applications**

##### **6.4.4.1. Commercial Fisheries**

28. MarineSpace led this aspect of consultation on behalf of RHDHV, in liaison with Menter Môn and Ateb. The focus of consultation was on relevant organisations and vessel operators, including:

- Welsh Fishermen's Association (WFA);
- North Wales Fishermen's Co-operative Limited (NWFCL);
- Gwynedd and Anglesey Fisheries Local Action Group (GAFLAG); and
- Anglesey vessel owners and relevant operators operating locally to the project site.

29. Information was gathered on the following aspects of fisheries use of the Project area:

- Current and historical fishing activity;
- Spatial patterns of fishing activity;
- Temporal patterns of fishing activity;
- Relative importance and economics of fishing grounds;
- Onward market chain;
- Potential opportunities to provide support to the Project (supply chain); and
- Concerns and perceptions about the Project.

30. A summary of the above consultation is provided in **Table 6-2**.

##### **6.4.4.2. Shipping and Navigation**

31. Menter Môn's appointed Shipping and Navigation Risk consultants, Marico Marine, mapped navigation stakeholders and statutory consultees during the production of a Preliminary Hazard Analysis (PHA). Marico Marine met with the MCA to discuss the project and obtain their feedback on the proposed scope of work for the NRA, to ensure all potential issues are covered. The PHA report was issued to relevant navigational stakeholders for comment.

32. Winter and summer (14 day) marine traffic surveys were undertaken in 2017 and the collected data were used in the development of a NRA (**Appendix 15.1, Volume III**). A third winter survey was undertaken in April 2019 and informed the NRA. As part of the NRA, Marico Marine met with key shipping and navigational stakeholders. Meetings with the following organisations or their representatives were held during this process:

- Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA);
- Chamber of Shipping;
- Trinity House;
- WFA;
- Holyhead Harbour Master;

- Royal Yachting Association (RYA);
- Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI);
- Irish Ferries;
- Stena Line; and
- Local Recreational Clubs.

33. The same stakeholders were invited to participate in the Hazard Review Workshop, where hazards and associated impacts are identified and reviewed.

34. A summary of the above consultation is provided in **Table 6-2**.

#### **6.4.4.3. Ministry of Defence**

35. Consultation has also been undertaken with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) to understand the previous and/or current use of the site and any potential issues. The aim of this consultation was to confirm that there is no actual use of these areas or identify significant issues and agree solutions/mitigation as appropriate.

36. This consultation was carried out via the EIA Scoping process, with the MoD being issued the various versions of the EIA Scoping Report between 2015 and 2018. Responses were received from the MoD and incorporated into the EIA process.

#### **6.4.4.4. Environmental Interest Groups and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)**

37. Environmental groups have been contacted by email or telephone, providing a brief overview of the project and the timescales for the application. The Consultation Report also provides details of those groups invited to PIDs for the Project (**Document MOR/RHDHV/DOC/0066, Consultation Report**).

38. Feedback from each group at the PIDs is incorporated into the Consultation Report (**Document MOR/RHDHV/DOC/0066, Consultation Report**) and used in the relevant receptor impact assessments, as well as being outlined in the ES.

#### **6.4.4.5. Public Engagement**

39. Menter Môn has engaged with a diverse range of stakeholders and user groups regarding the proposed Project through a number of processes since 2015.

40. During the pre-application stage, Menter Môn engaged with relevant local authorities, landowners, community councils and other local stakeholders, in order to raise awareness of the Project, the proposals, to outline the consenting process and to highlight opportunities to input. The process of engagement and consultation with the community and other stakeholders is set out in the Consultation Report (**Document MOR/RHDHV/DOC/0066, Consultation Report**).

41. Menter Môn undertook engagement with local communities and user groups with support from Ateb, RHDHV and MarineSpace. Local communities and user groups identified for consultation were as follows:

- Community and Town Councils within/adjacent to the Project area;
- Local business owners;
- Tourism sector contacts; and
- Recreational groups (sailing, diving and recreational fishing).

42. The key elements of consultation undertaken are as follows:

- Drop in exhibitions held at locations within and adjacent to the Onshore Development Area, at which project information was made be available, and the project team was available to meet the public, answer questions, and discuss the project;
- First PID held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019; and
- Second PID held over three sessions on 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- Community engagement events and briefings with Community and Town Councillors;
- Recreation group meetings as appropriate;
- Newsletters distributed throughout the onshore project area. These newsletters were distributed prior to each PID event; in March and June;
- Leafleting relevant communities to 'capture' hard to reach groups; and
- Provision of a dedicated project website; and
- Publicity and awareness raising though media outlets, with focus on printed press, but potentially including radio and television if opportunities present.

43. Further information is set out in the Consultation Report (**Document MOR/RHDHV/DOC/0066, Consultation Report**)

#### **6.4.4.6. Landowner Engagement**

44. Consultation has been undertaken directly with landowners and interested parties including tenants, occupiers and other parties with land rights. Engagement with individual land owners within or adjacent to the proposed development was managed directly by Menter Môn, with support from their appointed Land Agent.
45. Menter Môn has engaged with landowners regarding survey access, through consultation meetings and during the land referencing process. Letters were sent to all potentially affected parties offering to meet to discuss the project proposals.
46. In addition, Menter Môn's land agents have contacted the affected landowners. A number of onshore cable route change suggestions have been put forward by those affected by the onshore development area (ODA). Menter Môn have been able to incorporate a number of those suggestions into the final design of the Project.
47. Further information on these discussions have been considered within **Chapter 3, Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives** where relevant and the Consultation Report (**Document MOR/RHDHV/DOC/0066, Consultation Report**).



#### 6.4.5. Summary of EIA Consultation

48. A summary of the statutory and non-statutory consultation undertaken for the Project is provided in **Table 6-2**. Note that the RSPB and SEACAMS are included here although their roles are not statutory, because of their science-based approach and availability of data to support the EIA process. A full list of non-statutory communication undertaken, such as with recreational groups, is presented within the Consultation Report (**Document MOR/RHDHV/DOC/0066, Consultation Report**).
49. In addition to the consultation activities presented below, Menter Môn met with the Planning Inspectorate and IoACC's Planning Officer on a regular basis throughout the development of the Project, to provide updates and to seek advice on subjects including the site selection process, approach to the EIA and drafting the application documents.





**Table 6-2 Overview of Statutory and Non-Statutory Consultation Made to Date**

Date	Consultee	Topic	Format	Content	Considerations to ES
24/08/2015	SEACAMS	Marine Mammals	Meeting	Introduction to Project and view on mammal data requirements for consent.	Feedback built into the EIA approach for <b>Chapter 12, Marine Mammals</b> .
24/05/2016	NRW	Project Introduction / Update	Meeting	Discussion of planning performance agreement and Project timescales.	Informed consenting strategy discussions for production of 2017 scoping report.
16/06/2016	Sea Mammal Research Unit (SMRU) & NRW	Project Design Envelope	Meeting	Project Design Envelope.	Feedback built into the 2017 Scoping Report.
17/06/2016	RSPB	Ornithology	Meeting	Project introduction, overview and status, RSPB local interest and concerns.	Feedback built into the EIA approach for <b>Chapter 11, Marine Ornithology</b> .
28/07/2016	SEACAMS & NRW	Marine Mammals	Meeting	Discussion around marine mammal survey data.	Feedback built into the EIA approach for <b>Chapter 12, Marine Mammals</b> .
24/05/2017	NRW	Project Introduction / Update	Meeting	Project update, summary of survey work undertaken to date.	No substantive feedback.
26/05/2017	RSPB	Ornithology	Meeting	Project update, summary of survey work undertaken to date.	No substantive feedback.
29/09/2017	NRW	Ornithology	Meeting	Update on progress with bird surveys, discussion regarding further survey effort.	Feedback built into the EIA approach for <b>Chapter 11, Marine Ornithology</b> .



Date	Consultee	Topic	Format	Content	Considerations to ES
13/12/2017	RSPB	Ornithology	Meeting	Update on progress with bird surveys.	Feedback built into the EIA approach for <b>Chapter 11, Marine Ornithology</b> .
09/01/2018	NRW	Consenting Strategy	Meeting	Project and consenting strategy update.	Informed consenting strategy decisions and requirements for submission of 2018 Scoping Report under DCO process.
17/01/2018	NRW & Welsh Government	Consenting Strategy	Meeting	Project update / discussion around consenting strategy.	Informed consenting strategy decisions and requirements for submission of 2018 Scoping Report under DCO process.
19/01/2018	Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO) & Welsh Government	Consenting Strategy	Meeting	Project update / discussion around consenting strategy.	Informed consenting strategy decisions and requirements for submission of 2018 Scoping Report under DCO process.
24/01/2018	RSPB	Ornithology	Meeting	Project Update.	No substantive feedback.
13/02/2018	IoACC	Onshore Ecology	Meeting	Discussion regarding the draft scope of works for the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey and proposed approach to Phase 2 surveys.	Feedback built into the EIA approach for <b>Chapter 19, Onshore Ecology</b> .
13/03/2018	IoACC	Onshore Ecology	Meeting	Discussion regarding the draft ecological survey methodology.	Feedback built into the EIA approach for <b>Chapter 19, Onshore Ecology</b> .
15/03/2018	Planning Inspectorate (PINS) & Welsh Government	Consenting Strategy	Meeting	Project inception meeting.	WG highlighted that if the DCO application was not accepted before the 1 April 2019, any Screening or Scoping Opinion issued by the Secretary of State would not carry any legal weight and the process would need to be carried out (in whole or in part) afresh by WG on behalf of the Welsh Ministers.  WG advised that it would be possible for the Applicant to seek consent using a Transport and Works Act Order. This informed the consenting strategy of the Project.



Date	Consultee	Topic	Format	Content	Considerations to ES
23/05/2018	IoACC	Onshore Ecology	Meeting	Discussion regarding proposed approach to great crested newt Phase 2 survey.	Feedback built into the EIA approach for <b>Chapter 19, Onshore Ecology</b> .
24/05/2018	IoACC	Project Introduction / Update	Meeting	Introduction to the revised project description and an explanation of the scoping process undertaken. Discussion of planned approach to technical consultation with IoACC. Discussion of planned engagement with councillors / council and community / town council.	No substantive feedback.
24/05/2018	SEACAMS	Marine Mammals	Meeting	Meeting to hear findings of marine mammal studies undertaken to date by SEACAMS. Presentation of density and behavioural studies to date. Outline of other study streams and opportunities with SEACAMS. Discussion regarding contributions to works.	Feedback built into the EIA approach for <b>Chapter 12, Marine Mammals</b> .
07/06/2018	IoACC	Project Introduction / Update	Meeting	Project presentation for the Anglesey Councillors.	No substantive feedback.
21/06/2018	NRW	Project Introduction / Update	Meeting	Project briefing and consultation planning.	No substantive feedback.
21/06/2018	NWFCL, Bangor Mussel Producers, Lleyn and District Inshore Fishermen's Association, Lleyn Fishermen's Association, Lleyn Pot	Commercial Fisheries	Email	Provided an update on the project, including notification of survey work, PIDs and project-specific FLO appointment.	No substantive feedback.



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	Fishermen's Association & WFA				
12/07/2018	Welsh Government & UK Highways	Traffic and Transport	Meeting	Discussion of a potential A55 crossing.	Concerns raised on proposed onshore cable route, informed FEED and project design envelope ( <b>Chapter 3, Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives</b> and <b>Chapter 4, Project Description</b> ).
16/08/2018	Welsh Government	Project Introduction / Update	Meeting	Project briefing and consultation planning.	No substantive feedback.
19/09/2018	NRW	Project Design Envelope	Meeting	Discussion of Project Design Envelope and approach to EIA.	Feedback built into the project description, ES, FEED and EIA approach ( <b>Chapter 3, Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives</b> and <b>Chapter 4, Project Description</b> ).
19/09/2018	Valley Community Council	Project Introduction / Update	Meeting	Project update.	No substantive feedback.
25/09/2018	Trearddur Bay Community Council	Project Introduction / Update	Meeting	Project update.	No substantive feedback.
26/09/2018	Chamber of Shipping	Project Introduction / Update	Meeting	Project introduction	The importance of maintaining a line of orientation across MDZ was discussed, which fed into FEED and offshore project design envelope ( <b>Chapter 4, Project Description</b> and <b>Chapter 15, Shipping and Navigation</b> ).
08/10/2018	Holyhead Town Council	Project Introduction / Update	Meeting	Project update.	No substantive feedback.
11/10/2018	Design Commission for Wales	Project Design Envelope	Meeting	Design review.	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 4, Project Description</b> and <b>Chapter 24, Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment</b>



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15/10/2018	Network Rail	Traffic and Transport	Meeting	Project rail crossing options.	Discussions informed FEED and project design envelope ( <b>Chapter 3, Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives</b> and <b>Chapter 4, Project Description</b> ).
17/10/2018	MCA	Shipping and Navigation	Meeting	Phase 1 consultation meeting as per NRA process.	Informed Navigation Risk Assessment and <b>Chapter 15, Shipping and Navigation</b> .
25/10/2018	Chamber of Shipping	Shipping and Navigation	Meeting	Phase 1 consultation meeting as per NRA process.	Informed Navigation Risk Assessment and <b>Chapter 15, Shipping and Navigation</b> .
30/10/2018	IoACC & NRW	SLVIA	Meeting	First SLVIA TWG Meeting (see <b>Table 6-1</b> ).	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 24, Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment</b> .
31/10/2018	Trinity House	Shipping and Navigation	Meeting	Phase 1 consultation meeting as per NRA process.	Informed Navigation Risk Assessment and <b>Chapter 15, Shipping and Navigation</b> .
05/11/2018	WFA	Commercial Fisheries	Meeting	Project update, discussion on project design and impacts on fisheries.	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 14, Commercial Fisheries</b> .
19/11/2018	WFA	Shipping and Navigation	Meeting	Meeting formed part of the formal NRA process being undertaken by Marico Marine. Input from WFA on fishing activity in/around MDZ and discussion on potential risks to inform the NRA.	Informed Navigation Risk Assessment and <b>Chapter 15, Shipping and Navigation</b> .
20/11/2018	Trearddur Bay Sailing Club, RNLI, Anglesey Water Sport & Anglesey School of Yachting	Shipping and Navigation	Meeting	Meeting formed part of the formal NRA process being undertaken by Marico Marine. Input from various stakeholders on marine activities in/around MDZ and discussion on potential risks to inform the NRA.	Informed Navigation Risk Assessment and <b>Chapter 15, Shipping and Navigation</b> .



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20/11/2018	Holyhead Harbour Master Office	Shipping and Navigation	Meeting	Meeting formed part of the formal NRA process being undertaken by Marico Marine. Input from various stakeholders on marine activities in/around MDZ and discussion on potential risks to inform the NRA.	Informed Navigation Risk Assessment and <b>Chapter 15, Shipping and Navigation.</b>
20/11/2018	Stena Line	Shipping and Navigation	Meeting	Meeting formed part of the formal NRA process being undertaken by Marico Marine. Input from Stena Line re: ferry operations in/around MDZ and discussion on potential risks to inform the NRA.	Informed Navigation Risk Assessment and <b>Chapter 15, Shipping and Navigation.</b>
21/11/2018	Irish Ferries	Shipping and Navigation	Meeting	Meeting formed part of the formal NRA process being undertaken by Marico Marine. Input from Irish Ferries re: ferry operations in/around MDZ and discussion on potential risks to inform the NRA.	Informed Navigation Risk Assessment and <b>Chapter 15, Shipping and Navigation.</b>
21/11/2018	RNLI	Shipping and Navigation	Meeting	Meeting formed part of the formal NRA process being undertaken by Marico Marine. Input from RNLI re: SAR operations in/around MDZ and discussion on potential risks to inform the NRA.	Informed Navigation Risk Assessment and <b>Chapter 15, Shipping and Navigation.</b>
23/11/2018	NWFCL, Bangor Mussel Producers, Lley and District Inshore Fishermen's Association, Lley Fishermen's Association, Lley Pot Fishermen's Association & WFA	Commercial Fisheries	Email	Provided a Project update and requested specific information on fishing activity and potential impacts.	No substantive feedback.



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27/11/2018	NRW	Marine Mammals	Meeting	First Marine Mammals TWG Meeting (see <b>Table 6-1</b> ).	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 12, Marine Mammals</b> and <b>HRA</b> .
03/12/2018	NWFCL, Bangor Mussel Producers, Lleyn and District Inshore Fishermen's Association, Lleyn Fishermen's Association, Lleyn Pot Fishermen's Association & WFA	Commercial Fisheries	Email	Follow-up mail to 23/11/18 mail.	No substantive feedback.
06/12/2018	Design Commission for Wales	Project Design Envelope	Meeting	Design Review.	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 4, Project Description</b> and <b>Chapter 24, Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment</b> .
13/12/2018	NRW	Ornithology	Meeting	First Ornithology TWG Meeting (see <b>Table 6-1</b> ).	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 11, Onshore Ornithology</b> and <b>HRA</b> .
19/12/2018	NWFCL, Bangor Mussel Producers, Lleyn and District Inshore Fishermen's Association, Lleyn Fishermen's Association, Lleyn Pot Fishermen's Association & WFA	Commercial Fisheries	Email	Request for meetings in January 2019 to gather information/discuss issues.	No substantive feedback.
04/02/2019	WFA NWFCL	Commercial Fisheries	Email	Confirmation from WFA and NWFCL that no members had taken the opportunity to arrange/attend proposed meetings.	No substantive feedback.



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19/02/2019	NRW	Ornithology	Meeting	Second Ornithology TWG Meeting (see <b>Table 6-1</b> ).	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 11, Onshore Ornithology</b> and <b>HRA</b> .
19/02/2019	NRW	Marine Mammals	Meeting	Second Marine Mammals TWG Meeting (see <b>Table 6-1</b> ).	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 12, Marine Mammals</b> and <b>HRA</b> .
27/02/2019	NRW	Water Resources and Flood Risk	Information Request	Preliminary opinion requested - free pre-application advice received regarding flood risk management.	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 17, Water Resources and Flood Risk</b> and <b>Appendix 17.1 Flood Consequence Assessment</b> .
12/03/2019	IoACC & NRW	SLVIA	Meeting	Second SLVIA TWG Meeting (see <b>Table 6-1</b> ).	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 24, Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment</b> .
13/03/2019	NWFCL, Bangor Mussel Producers, Lleyn and District Inshore Fishermen's Association, Lleyn Fishermen's Association, Lleyn Pot Fishermen's Association & WFA	Commercial Fisheries	Email	Notification of March PID.	No substantive feedback.
19/03/2019	IoACC & NRW	SLVIA	Meeting	Teleconference to discuss suitability of siting for landfall substation.	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 4, Project Description</b> and <b>Chapter 24, Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment</b> .
26/03/2019	NRW	Water Resources and Flood Risk	Information Request	Updated preliminary opinion requested following red line boundary update - updated pre-application advice received.	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 17, Water Resources and Flood Risk</b> and <b>Appendix 17.1 Flood Consequence Assessment</b> .
26/03/2019	IoACC	Noise and Vibration	Information Request	Requested advice on survey and assessment methodology	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 21, Noise and Vibration</b> .





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				approach - Approval of construction and operational assessment methodologies received including recommendations for data collection along cable corridor onshore, however, overall acceptance of survey.	
28/03/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Planning Service (GAPS)	Onshore Archaeology	Meeting	Dewi Jones at IoACC provided contact details as the council's lead advisor for archaeology. Provided GAPS with project overview, details of assessment and mitigation measures.	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 20, Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage</b> .
10/04/2019	IoACC	Air Quality	Information Request	Requested advice on assessment methodology – agreed that construction phase vessel and road traffic emissions could be scoped out. Also agreed that dust deposition monitoring is not strictly necessary. Also provided baseline information.	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 22, Air Quality</b> .
17/04/2019	IoACC & NRW	SLVIA	Meeting	Third SLVIA TWG Meeting (see <b>Table 6-1</b> ).	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 24, Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment</b> .
17/04/2019	IoACC	Water Resources and Flood Risk	Information Request	Private water supplies - details of the onshore development area was sent to IoACC and a search was undertaken within 2.5 km of the boundary. Response issued.	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 17, Water Resources and Flood Risk</b> and <b>Appendix 17.1 Flood Consequence Assessment</b> .
17/04/2019	RSPB	Ornithology	Meeting	Project update.	No substantive feedback.



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03/05/2019	NRW	Ornithology	Meeting	Third Ornithology TWG Meeting (see <b>Table 6-1</b> ).	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 11, Onshore Ornithology</b> and <b>HRA</b> .
10/05/2019	NRW	Marine Mammals	Meeting	Third Marine Mammals TWG Meeting (see <b>Table 6-1</b> ).	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 12, Marine Mammals</b> and <b>HRA</b> .
13/05/2019	Welsh Government & UK Highways	Traffic and Transport	Meeting	Project road crossing options.	Discussions informed FEED and project design envelope ( <b>Chapter 3, Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives</b> and <b>Chapter 4, Project Description</b> ).
09/05/2019	Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW)	Marine Archaeology	Email	Update on key findings of marine archaeological assessment.	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 13, Offshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage</b> .
16/05/2019	IoACC	Traffic and Transport	Information Request	Project update.	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 23, Traffic and Transport</b> .
22/05/2019	NWFCL, Bangor Mussel Producers, Lley and District Inshore Fishermen's Association, Lley Fishermen's Association, Lley Pot Fishermen's Association & WFA	Commercial Fisheries	Email	Notification of June PID.	No substantive feedback.
28/05/2019	NRW	SLVIA	Information Request	Draft SLVIA SoCG sent to NRW for comment.	Feedback checked against <b>Chapter 24, Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment</b> .
28/05/2019	IoACC	SLVIA	Information Request	Draft SLVIA SoCG sent to IoACC for comment.	Feedback checked against <b>Chapter 24, Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment</b> .



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28/05/2019	NRW	Ornithology	Information Request	Draft Ornithology SoCG sent to NRW for comment.	Feedback checked against <b>Chapter 11, Onshore Ornithology</b> .
31/05/2019	RSPB	Ornithology	Meeting	Project update and to provide an overview of the outcomes of the EIA to date.	Feedback built into <b>Chapter 11, Onshore Ornithology</b> and <b>Chapter 19, Onshore Ecology</b> .
12/06/2019	NRW	Marine Mammals	Information Request	Draft Marine Mammals SoCG sent to NRW for comment.	Feedback checked against <b>Chapter 12, Marine Mammals</b> .
18/06/2019	Network Rail	Traffic and Transport	Meeting	Project rail crossing options.	Discussions informed FEED and project design envelope ( <b>Chapter 3, Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives</b> and <b>Chapter 4, Project Description</b> ).
04/07/19	IoACC	Traffic and Transport	Meeting	Provided a summary of the findings of the traffic and transport assessment.	No substantive feedback.

## 6.5. CONCLUSIONS

50. Menter Môn conducted a comprehensive and transparent pre-application consultation in relation to the EIA process, with a wide range of stakeholders. The aim of the consultation process was to meet and exceed the requirements of the TWA 1992 and EIA Regulations. To this end it has taken into account relevant advice and guidance published by the Planning Inspectorate, Welsh Government and relevant United Kingdom (UK) Government departments.
51. EIA stakeholders have been engaged in the development process from an early stage. Menter Môn acknowledge and appreciate their involvement and corresponding influence on the design of the Project (as outlined in **Chapter 3, Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives**) and the EIA.
52. Consultation responses have been carefully documented and considered in the ongoing project development work. Responses which are considered relevant to this ES and the regard Menter Môn has had to them are included in each technical chapter of the ES and in the Consultation Report (**Document MOR/RHDHV/DOC/0066, Consultation Report**).