

Marine Licence with introductory note

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

Licence Holder: Awel y Môr Offshore
Windfarm Ltd

Company Number: 12270928

Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way,
Swindon, Wiltshire, SN5 6PB

Awel y Môr Offshore Array Area
Geotechnical Survey

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Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the marine licence

The main features of the marine licence are as follows.

Offshore geotechnical site investigations will be undertaken to characterise the Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) and Offshore Substation (OSS) locations. The geotechnical survey will comprise of up to 80 vibrocores and up to 265 deep push seafloor Cone Penetration Tests (CPTs), of which, up to 53 will be seismic CPTs.

The status log of the marine licence sets out the marine licence history, including any subsequent marine licence variation(s)

Status log of this marine licence		
Description	Date	Comments
Application	23 December 2025	Application received and considered to be duly made
Date licence determined	16 April 2026	Determination date

Related marine licences or applications under determination

Marine Licence Application Number	or	Date	Comments
ORML2233G		Issued 15 November 2023	Marine Licence for the generation assets of the Awel y Môr offshore windfarm project
ORML2233T		Issued 15 November 2023	Marine Licence for the transmission asset of the Awel y Môr offshore windfarm project
ORML2233L		Issued 15 November 2023	Marine Licence for the connection between Awel y Môr and the Gwynt y Môr offshore windfarm
ORML2233C		Issued 15 November 2023	Marine Licence for directional drilling and cable laying under the Clwyd Estuary.

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RML2323v4	Issued 08 December 2025	Offshore geotechnical investigation to characterise the site area for the proposed Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm.
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End of introductory note.

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1 LICENCE DETAILS

1.1 Marine Licence

This is a licence granted by the Licensing Authority in respect of an application numbered **RML2576** and duly made on **23 December 2025** and authorises the Licence Holder to carry out activities for which a licence is required under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, (2009 Act). This licence should be interpreted in accordance with **Section 4**.

1.2 Licence Holder

The Licence Holder is the company set out below:

Company name: Awel y Môr Offshore Windfarm Ltd

Company number: 12270928

Address: Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN5 6PB

1.3 Licence Validity

Licence Start Date	16 April 2026
Licence End Date	15 April 2027
Licence Issue Date	16 April 2026

1.4 Conditions

This licence is subject to the conditions set out in **Section 3**.

Signed:



Dr. Emmer Litt – Marine Licnesing Team Leader

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

2 LICENSED ACTIVITIES

2.1 Project

Awel y Môr Offshore Array Area Geotechnical Survey

The following Licensed Activities can be conducted within the Licence Period, within the Licensed Area and in accordance with the Approved Application and the Approved Supporting Documents:

Table 1 Licensed Activities

Activity 1 Geotechnical Investigations	
Type of Licensed Activity	Removal
Description	<p>Vibrocores: Low-level vibration is transferred from the vibrocorer head down through the attached barrel or core tube. This vibrational energy liquefies sediments, enabling the core barrel attached to the vibrocore unit to penetrate into the liquefied sediments.</p> <p>Seabed CPT: The methodology will consist of pushing a cylindrical probe with a conical base continuously from the seabed level down to target depth, or to refusal if the target depth cannot be achieved.</p> <p>Seismic CPT: Identical to the seabed CPT, with the addition of a number of low-energy hammer triggers on the seabed frame that will allow the measurement of shear wave velocities along the various soil units.</p>
Material types to be removed or deposited	Silt, Stone, Rock, Gravel and Sand
Quantities/Dimensions	<p>80 vibrocores: The diameter of the core is 84mm and samples will be taken up to a maximum depth of 6m. In total, 2.6m³ of sediment will be collected.</p> <p>265 CPTs of which, up to 53 will be seismic CPTs: The maximum test depth is 50m.</p>
Activity 2 Removal of accidentally dropped objects pursuant to condition 3.7	
Type of Licensed Activity	Removal
Description, material types and quantities/dimensions	As approved by the Licensing Authority under condition 3.7

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2.2 Licensed Area

The Licence Holder is authorised to conduct the activities described in Table 1 in the vicinity of the Awel y Môr Array Area bounded by the coordinates specified in Table 2 and as indicated in the plan attached at Appendix 1:

Table 2 Coordinates

Latitude	Longitude
53.488	-3.860
53.467	-3.860
53.445	-3.859
53.433	-3.798
53.422	-3.746
53.451	-3.692
53.446	-3.687
53.468	-3.676
53.475	-3.655
53.485	-3.627
53.491	-3.610

In the event of any discrepancy between the coordinates set out above and the plan attached at Appendix 1, the coordinates shall take precedence.

2.3 Approved Supporting Documents

Title/Description of Document	Date Submitted
RML2576 - AyM_Marine_Licence_Application_Form_(Marine_Works)_RevA_2026 (1) (002)	23 December 2025
RML2576 - 2026-RWE-Awel y Mor-Geotechnical MLA Supporting Environmental Information	23 December 2025
RML2576 - Coordinates	15 April 2026
RML2576 - 231907_AyM_Geoarch MS_2026_Issue 1	20 March 2026
RML2576 - 006727828-01 Offshore Geotechnical Sample Locations	19 March 2026

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RML2576 - 005415890-01 AyM - Proposed Benthic Monitoring Approach and Justification	19 March 2026
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3 CONDITIONS

Notification and Inspection

3.1 Notification of Commencement

- 3.1.1 The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority no less than **10 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.
- 3.1.2 The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement) no less than **10 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.
- 3.1.3 The Licence Holder must ensure that local mariners and fishermen's organisations are made fully aware of the Licensed Activities through local notices to mariners **10 days** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.
- 3.1.4 The Licence Holder must ensure that notification is sent to The Source Data Receipt team, UK Hydrographic Office (email: sdr@ukho.gov.uk) at least **10 days** prior to commencement of the works. The information supplied must include the start date and end date, a description of the works, positions of the work area (WGS84), and details of any marking arrangements.

3.2 Notification of Vessels and/or Vehicles

The Licence Holder must ensure that the details of the vessels and/or vehicles utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority and Welsh Government Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement) at least **24 hours** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.

3.3 Notification of Agents/Contractors/Sub-contractors

The Licence Holder must ensure that details of any agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority and Welsh Government Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement) at least **24 hours** prior to the commencement of Licensed Activities.

3.4 Notification of HM Coastguard

The Licence Holder must ensure that HM Coastguard is made aware of the Licensed Activities at least **24 hours** prior to commencement by contacting The National Maritime Operations Centre at Zone31@hmcg.gov.uk, Zone32@hmcg.gov.uk and offshoreenergy.notifications@mcga.gov.uk.

3.5 Inspection of Licensed Activities

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The Licence Holder must allow Marine Enforcement Officers or any other person authorised by the Licensing Authority to inspect the Works at any reasonable time.

3.6 Notification of Completion

3.6.1 The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.

3.6.2 The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement) within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.

3.6.3 The Licence Holder must notify the UK Hydrographic Office of the Licensed Area and the Licensed Activities within **10 days** of the completion of the Licensed Activities.

3.7 Accident or Emergency

3.7.1 If, by reason of force majeure any substances or articles are deposited otherwise than as permitted as part of the Licensed Activities or in the Licensed Area full details of the circumstances shall be notified to the Licensing Authority, UKHO and HMCG within **48 hours** of the incident occurring.

3.7.2 If it is necessary for the Licence Holder to recover or remove any equipment, plant or machinery used to undertake the Licensed Activities that have been dropped as a result of an accident or emergency, the Licence Holder is permitted to do so provided that the methodology for such recovery or removal has been approved by the Licensing Authority.

3.8 Distribution of Copies of this Licence

The Licence Holder is required to ensure that a copy of this Licence is given to:

- All agent(s), contractor(s) and sub-contractor(s) whose names have been provided to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.3 and
- The Masters of any vessels and transport managers responsible for the vehicles employed in accordance with this Licence whose details have been submitted to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.2.

3.9 Inspection of Documents

Copies of this Licence shall be made available at the following locations:

- at the address of the Licence Holder specified in section 1.2;
- at any site office, located at or adjacent to the Licensed Area, used by the Licence Holder or its agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) responsible for the loading transportation or deposit of any substances or articles permitted as part of the Licensed Activities;

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- on board each vessel or vehicle carrying out Licensed Activities.

The documents referred to in this Condition shall be available at all reasonable times for inspection by officers appropriately authorised by the Licensing Authority and authorised Marine Enforcement Officers at the locations stated in that paragraph.

Vessels, Plant and Equipment

3.10 Notified Contractors, Vessels and/or Vehicles only to Carry out Licensed Activities

Only those agent(s), contractor(s), sub-contractor(s), vessels and/or vehicles whose details have been notified to the Licensing Authority may operate under the terms of this Licence. Any changes must be notified to and be approved by the Licensing Authority in writing prior to any such agent, contractor, subcontractors or vehicles carrying out any Licensed Activities pursuant to or otherwise operating under this Licence.

3.11 Refuelling of Plant and Equipment

The Licence Holder must ensure that plant, vehicles and machinery are not refuelled on the foreshore or in the sea.

3.12 Equipment, Structures and Access

The Licence Holder must ensure that all equipment, temporary structures, access tracks, waste and/or debris associated with the Licensed Activities are removed on completion of the Licensed activities.

Safety

3.13 Removal of Deposited Material

If the Licensing Authority considers it necessary or advisable for the safety of navigation, the Licence Holder must remove any deposit specified by the Licensing Authority or Marine Enforcement Officers within one month of notice being given by the Licensing Authority, and shall not replace such material until the Licensing Authority has given its written approval.

Pollution control

3.14 Pollution Prevention

The Licence Holder must ensure that pollution prevention best practice is adhered to at all times. Any incidents must be reported to the Licensing Authority as soon as possible using the hotline number **0300 065 3000**.

3.15 Spillage of Pollutants

The Licence Holder must employ bunding, storage facilities and spill kits to contain and prevent the release of fuel, oils and chemicals associated with the plant, refuelling and construction equipment into the marine environment. Secondary containment must be used with a capacity of **no less than 110%** of the container's storage capacity

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3.16 Prevention of Disposal of Man-made Debris

The Licence Holder must ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent the disposal of man-made debris to the marine environment. Such material must be removed immediately and be disposed of appropriately. If it is not possible to prevent manmade debris from entering the marine environment during the Licensed Activities, the Licensed Activities must cease immediately.

3.17 Cleanliness of Equipment

The Licence Holder must ensure that equipment, machinery and PPE are washed with freshwater and/or thoroughly airdried before deployment and before moving between locations.

Activity-specific Conditions

3.18 Implement Actions within the Geoarchaeological Method Statement

The Licence Holder must implement any actions outlined in “RML2576 - 231907_AyM_Geoarch MS_2026_Issue 1“, submitted 20 March 2026 and detailed in section 2.3 as approved by the Licensing Authority. Any proposed changes to the actions outlined in the document must be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Licensing Authority prior to any changes being enacted.

3.19 Vibrocores – Sensitive Species

The Licence Holder must ensure that in the event of removal of Section 7 habitats, most notably Horse Mussel (*Modiolus modiolus*) beds, no further removals occur at that location, or within **50 metres** of that location.

4 INTERPRETATION

In this Licence terms are as defined in section 115 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act unless otherwise stated.

- (a) **"2009 Act"** means the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009;
- (b) **"Approved Application"** means the Marine Licence Application Form together with the Approved Supporting Documents;
- (c) **"Approved Supporting Documents"** means the documents supporting, or supplementary to, the Approved Application, submitted prior to the Licence Issue Date, listed in the Table at paragraph 2.3 above;
- (d) **"Commencement"** means the first undertaking of any Licensed Activities;
- (e) **"Force majeure"** may be deemed to apply when, due to stress of weather or any other cause, the master of a vessel determines that it is necessary to deposit the substances or articles because the safety of human life and/or of the vessel is threatened;
- (f) **"Licensed Activities"** means the activities authorised by this licence as specified in 2.1;
- (g) **"Licensed Area"** means the area within which Licensed Activities are authorised by this licence as specified in section 2.2;
- (h) **"Licence Holder"** means the person(s) or organisation(s) named in section 1.2 to whom this licence is granted;
- (i) **"Licence Period"** means the period beginning with the Licence Start Date and ending on the Licence End Date;
- (j) **"Licensing Authority"** means Natural Resources Wales acting on behalf of the Welsh Ministers;
- (k) **"Marine Enforcement Officers"** means the relevant officers appointed by Welsh Ministers under section 235 of the 2009 Act, contact details for whom are provided in section 5;
- (l) **"Marine Licence Application Form"** means the application form forming part of the application referred to in paragraph 1.1;

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- (m) **“Method Statement”** means the Method Statement(s) forming part of the Approved Application or Approved Supporting Documents;
- (n) **“Works”** means any construction activities comprised in the Licensed Activities and, where the context permits, includes any plant, equipment or materials used to carry out those activities or operations but excludes monitoring, minor routine maintenance or other ongoing operational activities following completion of any construction activities;
- (o) all times shall be taken to be the time in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on any given day;
- (p) all co-ordinates shall be taken to be eastings and northings;
- (q) in the event of any discrepancy between the coordinates listed in paragraph 2.2 and the plan attached at Appendix 1, the coordinates shall take precedence.

5 CONTACTS

Except where otherwise indicated, the primary point of contact with the Licensing Authority and the address for returns, correspondence and requests for variations of the licence is:

Marine Licensing Team
Natural Resources Wales
Welsh Government Offices
Cathays Park
King Edward VII Avenue
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ
Tel: 0300 065 3000
Email: marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers may be contacted at:

Welsh Government Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement)
Welsh Government
Suite 3
Cedar Court
Haven’s Head Business Park
Milford Haven Pembrokeshire
SA73 3LS

Tel: 03000253500
Email: MarineLicencingEnforcement@gov.wales

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Appendix 1

