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1. INTRODUCTION

This document outlines compliance with the Welsh National Marine Plan for the Proposed Marine Works (pylon removal within the marine environment and tunnel construction and the laying of cables within the tunnel) associated with the Visual Impact Provision Snowdonia Project (hereafter referred to as the Proposed Project).

2. COMPLAINTS WITH THE WELSH NATIONAL MARINE PLAN

The Welsh National Marine Plan (Welsh Government, 2019) contains thirteen objectives which will be delivered through 55 policies. The policies cover a wide range of topics including activities and users, economic, social and environmental consideration and cross-cutting issues. These include; the join up between decision-making on land and at sea and opportunities for coexistence. The key policies relevant to the Proposed Development and how the policy objectives have been addressed are presented in Table 1-1 below.

Table 2-1 Compliance with Welsh National Marine Plan

Policy Code	Policy	Applicable	How the Project complies with the policy Reasoning
General cross-cutting 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.	✓	<p>The Proposed Marine Works are part of a wider project - The Visual Impact Provision Snowdonia Project (hereafter referred to as the Proposed Project). The Proposed Project represents a major opportunity to mitigate the visual impact of existing electricity infrastructure at Snowdonia National Park near Minffordd to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and environmental heritage of the area. The overhead line (OHL) in this area (OHL 4ZC.1 subsection) is judged to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Landscape impacts of a very high level of importance on the Arduwy Coastal Hinterland and a part of Morfa Harlech landscape. ▪ High level visual impacts with people using the Wales Coast Path regional trail, National Cycle Route 8, local rights of way and Open Access Land, due to closeup and frequent views of the pylon overhead. <p>The Proposed Project will underground a 3.5km section of the existing OHL which crosses the Dwyryd Estuary. Ten pylons along this section will be replaced with approximately 3.4km of new underground cable within a tunnel.</p>
GEN_02	Planning policy: Relevant public authorities should take a proportionate, risk-based approach to application of relevant marine planning policies in decision making.	X	Not applicable
ECON_01	Sustainable economic growth: Proposals for economically sustainable activities are encouraged, particularly where they contribute to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the sustainable management of natural resources thereby supporting ecosystem resilience; 	✓	The Proposed Project has limited economic benefits; the Proposed Project is stakeholder driven to reduce visual impacts of existing electricity infrastructure within Snowdonia National Park.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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. 		
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.	✓	The Proposed Project will be primarily removing existing infrastructure although a new sealing end compound (SEC) will be required on the eastern side of the Dwyrdd Estuary. Therefore, coexistence in terms of sharing natural resources does not apply.
SOC_01	Access to the marine environment: Proposals that maintain or enhance access to the marine environment are encouraged.	✓	<p>The Proposed Project will contribute to the increased enjoyment of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ardudwy Coastal Hinterland and a part of Morfa Harlech landscape. ▪ The Wales Coast Path regional trail, National Cycle Route 8, and local rights of way and Open Access Land.
SOC_02	Well-being of coastal communities: Proposals that contribute to the well-being of coastal communities are encouraged.	✓	<p>The Proposed Project will contribute to the increased enjoyment of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ardudwy Coastal Hinterland and a part of Morfa Harlech landscape. ▪ The Wales Coast Path regional trail, National Cycle Route 8, and local rights of way and Open Access Land.
SOC_03	Marine pollution incidents: Proposals should demonstrate how they minimise their risk of causing or contributing to marine pollution incidents.	✓	A construction environmental management plan (CEMP) will be implemented to ensure adverse effects on the environment and local communities, from the construction phase of the Proposed Project, are minimised. The CEMP states that the appointed contractor will be required to

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			prepare an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) and Pollution Incident Control Plan (PICP).
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.	X	<p>National Grid has produced a Welsh Language statement to accompany the planning application as requested by Gwynedd Council. The statement considers the potential impact of the Proposed Project on the use of the Welsh language within the local community. The key considerations scored either as positive or neutral and therefore it is not anticipated that the Proposed Project would have any adverse impact on the use of the Welsh language in Gwynedd.</p> <p>Measures are in place to ensure that the use of the Welsh language is preserved such as bi-lingual signage, the use of local contractors for certain activities where feasible e.g. site security during construction and the use of tool box talks to communicate the importance and use of the Welsh language for contractors who cannot speak Welsh.</p>
SOC_05	<p>Historic assets: Proposals should demonstrate how potential impacts on historic assets and their setting have been taken into consideration and should, in order of preference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 minimised. <p>If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding.</p> <p>Opportunities to enhance historic assets are encouraged.</p>	✓	<p>National Grid is in ongoing consultation with the Archaeology Trust to ensure all their concerns and requirements relating to the Proposed Marine Works are met.</p> <p>An archaeology expert, Coracle Archaeology (formerly Cotswold Archaeology) has been commissioned to provide marine archaeological support throughout project design to ensure adverse effects on marine archaeology are avoided and measures are in place to mitigate any potential impacts. This has included work to support marine consents for ground investigation works across the Dwyrdd Estuary for the tunnel alignment and assessments to support the Proposed Marine Works marine licence applications.</p> <p>For the marine surveys Cotswold Archaeology prepared a Marine desk based assessment (Cotswold Archaeology 2017,</p>

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			<p>Report 16524), Written scheme of investigation (WSI) and protocol for archaeological discoveries (PAD) for marine surveys (Cotswold Archaeology 2017, Report 16542), Archaeological review of marine geophysical survey data (Cotswold Archaeology 2017, Report 16542), Geoarchaeological assessment (Cotswold Archaeology 2019, Report 770405.1), and a Palaeo-environmental assessment (Cotswold Archaeology 2020, Report 191101.1 in progress).</p> <p>For the Proposed Marine Works (pylon removal) Coracle Archaeology has undertaken an environmental appraisal of the potential effects of the Proposed Marine Works (pylon removal) in the Environmental Appraisal (EA) Chapter 15 Marine Archaeology and has prepared a WSI and PAD for pylon removal works in support of the pylon removal marine licence application [insert file name]. In consultation with the Archaeology Trust, it has been agreed that a WSI and PAD for tunnel construction directly under the estuary which will be at least 15m below Ordinance Datum Newlyn, will not be required.</p>
SOC_06	<p>Designated landscapes: Proposals should demonstrate how potential impacts on the purposes and special qualities, for which National Parks or Areas of Outstanding National Beauty have been designated, have been taken into consideration and should, in order of preference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. avoid adverse impacts on designated landscapes and their settings; and/or d. minimise impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or e. mitigate impacts where they cannot be minimised. <p>If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding.</p> <p>Opportunities to enhance designated landscapes are encouraged.</p>	✓	<p>The aim of the Proposed Project is to mitigate the effects of the existing electricity infrastructure within Snowdonia National Park and improve the visual amenity of the estuary and its surroundings. All potential impacts to designated sites have been assessed in the marine HRA document and the EA, Chapter 16 Marine Ecology.</p> <p>This is a stakeholder driven project in line with this objective and is being encouraged by NRW.</p>

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SOC_07	<p>Seascapes: Proposals should demonstrate how potential impacts on seascapes have been taken into consideration and should, in order of preference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. avoid adverse impacts on seascapes and their settings; and/or f. minimise impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or g. mitigate impacts where they cannot be minimised. <p>If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding.</p> <p>Opportunities to enhance seascapes are encouraged.</p>	X	The Proposed Project is located within the Dwyrdd Estuary near Minffordd inland of the coast and therefore does not affect any seascapes.
SOC_08	<p>Resilience to coastal change and flooding: Proposals should demonstrate how they are resilient to coastal change and flooding over their lifetime</p>	✓	<p>The aim of the Proposed Marine Works is to remove at the request of NRW, as much of the marine pylon foundations as is practicable and safe to do so, to contribute to the restoration of the natural status of the Dwyrdd Estuary at this location. New structures are not being added to the marine environment which have the potential to be impacted by coastal change and flooding.</p> <p>The new cables will be laid within a cable tunnel at least 15m below ground level and therefore will not be at risk from coastal change and flooding.</p> <p>The existing access track which will be used to reach pylon 4ZC031 is a flood defence. This will not be adversely affected by the Proposed Marine Works.</p>
SOC_09	<p>Effects on coastal change and flooding: Proposals should demonstrate how they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. avoid significant adverse impacts upon coastal processes; and h. minimise the risk of coastal change and flooding; 	✓	<p>Potential impacts resulting from the Proposed Marine Works on coastal processes have been assessed in the EA, Chapter 15 Marine Physical Environment. This concluded there will be no significant adverse effects on coastal processes.</p> <p>The existing access track which will be used to reach pylon 4ZC031 is a flood defence. This will not be adversely affected by the Proposed Marine Works. The West of Wales Shoreline</p>

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	Proposals that align with the relevant Shoreline Management Plan(s) and its policies are encouraged		Management Plan (SMP) 2 (Royal Haskoning 2012) (Section 5 p5.13) identified a risk with sea level rise to the main power line on pylons across the Dwyrdd Estuary and noted how this is best sustained will need to be examined in detail. The undergrounding of these pylons provides a sustainable solution to this risk. This meets with the objective to minimise reliance on defence and increase the resilience of communities.
SOC_10	Minimising climate change: Proposals should demonstrate how they, in order of preference: a. avoid the emission of greenhouse gases; and/or i. minimise them where they cannot be avoided; and/or j. 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.	✓	The Proposed Marine Works will not significantly contribute to climate change. A limited number of vehicles will be required to access and remove the marine pylons from the marine environment during the construction phase of the Proposed Project. The construction of the cable tunnel under the Dwyrdd Estuary provides a sustainable solution to maintaining electricity supply across the Dwyrdd Estuary.
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 adaption and/or mitigation are encouraged.	✓	It has been identified in SMP2, Section 5 (Royal Haskoning 2012) that the pylons across the Dwyrdd Estuary are at risk from sea level rise. The Proposed Project to underground the OHL 4ZC subsection within a cable tunnel will provide a sustainable solution to maintaining electricity supply across the Dwyrdd Estuary.
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 k. minimise them where they cannot be avoided; and/or	✓	An assessment of effects on marine ecosystems has been provided in Chapter 16 Marine Ecology of the EA and the Marine HRA and appropriate mitigation will be applied. The removal of the pylon foundations within the marine environment as far as is practicable and safe to do so has been requested by NRW to help restore the natural functioning of

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	<p>l. mitigate them where they cannot be minimised.</p> <p>If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding.</p> <p>Proposals that contribute to the protection, restoration and/or enhancement of marine ecosystems are encouraged.</p>		the estuary. The Proposed Marine Works are therefore in line with encouraging the restoration of marine ecosystems.
ENV_02	<p>Marine protected areas: Proposals should demonstrate how they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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 	✓	An assessment of effects on MPAs has been provided in the Marine HRA. This has recommended appropriate mitigation, which will be implemented and monitored through the CEMP.
ENV_03	<p>Invasive non-native species: Proposals should demonstrate how they avoid or minimise the risk of introducing and spreading invasive non-native species.</p> <p>Where appropriate, proposals should include biosecurity measures to reduce the risk of introducing and spreading invasive non-native species.</p>	✓	The use of vessels is not planned for the Proposed Marine Works. As per the CEMP, contractors using plant for the Proposed Marine Works will be required to adhere to industry recommended guidelines (including NRW and Natural England Marine Biosecurity Planning Guidance (2015).
ENV_04	<p>Marine litter: Proposals should demonstrate how they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – avoid the deliberate introduction of litter into the marine plan area; and – minimise the risk of accidental release of litter. 	✓	As specified in the CEMP, the Contractor will be required to prepare a site waste management plan (SWMP) which sets out details developed from the CEMP to identify site-specific measures for collection, segregation, treatment and disposal of waste.
ENV_05	<p>Underwater noise: Proposals should demonstrate that they have considered man-made noise impacts on the marine environment and, in order of preference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. avoid adverse impacts; and/or m. minimise impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or n. mitigate impacts where they cannot be minimised. 	✓	<p>An underwater noise assessment has been undertaken and is presented in Appendix A of the Marine HRA.</p> <p>The assessment concluded any effects on the marine environment would be negligible to minor.</p>

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ENV_06	<p>Air and water quality: Proposals should demonstrate that they have considered their potential air and water quality impacts and should, in order of preference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. avoid adverse impacts; and/or o. minimise adverse impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or p. mitigate adverse impacts where they cannot be minimised. <p>If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding.</p>	✓	<p>Air and water quality were scoped out of the environmental appraisal. However, a dust risk assessment has been prepared to ensure an appropriate level of mitigation is implemented during the construction phase which is available online at: http://snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk/planning-application/</p> <p>Water quality associated with the marine environment has been reviewed in Chapter 15 Marine Physical Environment. It was concluded that there is little potential for water quality impacts.</p>
ENV_07	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. avoid adverse impacts on those areas; and/or q. minimise adverse impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or r. mitigate adverse impacts where they cannot be minimised. <p>If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding.</p>	✓	<p>Effects on fish species and habitats have been assessed in EA Chapter 16 Marine Ecology, the Marine HRA and the underwater noise assessment (Appendix A of the HRA). The assessments concluded any effects on fish would be negligible to minor.</p>
GOV_01	<p>Cumulative effects: Proposals should demonstrate that they have assessed potential cumulative effects and should, in order of preference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. avoid adverse effects; and/or s. minimise effects where they cannot be avoided; and/or t. mitigate effects where they cannot be minimised. 	✓	<p>Cumulative effects for the Proposed Marine Works have been assessed as follows:</p> <p>Gwynedd Council and Snowdonia National Park Authority confirmed (02 September 2019) that there are no current or future developments to be assessed cumulatively with VIP Snowdonia. A search of the planning registers on the Gwynedd Council and Snowdonia National Park Authority in</p>

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	If significant adverse impacts 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.		February 2020 identified no new significant developments. A search of applications on the NRW marine licensing portal for plans and projects within 10km of the Proposed Marine Works was undertaken in February 2020 and no plans and projects within this area were found. Given the Proposed Marine Works are planned for 2025/2026 it is unlikely that information on any projects which could overlap spatially and temporarily with the Proposed Marine Works will be in the public domain yet. Should any future projects have the potential to overlap cumulatively with the Proposed Marine Works, they would need to consider the Snowdonia VIP project in their cumulative effect assessment.
GOV_02	Cross-border and plan compatibility: Relevant public authorities, in making their decisions should have regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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 Resource Wales (NRW). 	X	Not applicable
SCI_01	Risk-based decision making: 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.	X	Not applicable
Sector Policies			
Safeguarding Policy			

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DEF_01	Defence (safeguarding): Proposals that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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	X	Not applicable – There are no MOD areas within or near to the proposed Project Marine Works boundary.
SAF_01 & SAF_02	Safeguarding existing activity: Proposals likely to have significant adverse impacts upon established activity: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Covered by a formal application or authorisation No subject to formal authorisation Must demonstrate how they will address compatibility issues with that activity	X	Not Applicable – there are no existing activities within the Proposed Marine Works which could be affected by the works
Aggregates			
AGG_01	Aggregates (supporting): AGG_01 a: 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 AGG_01 b: Relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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; 	X	Not applicable – No aggregate extraction areas within or near to the Proposed Marine Works.

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	in order to support the sustainable development of the aggregate sector through marine planning.		
Aquaculture			
AQU_01	<p>Aquaculture:</p> <p>AQU_01 a: 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 of this plan and any other relevant considerations</p> <p>AQU_01 b: 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 resource including the identification of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – natural resources that provide aquaculture potential – opportunities to define and, once in place further develop and refine Strategic Resource Areas for aquaculture <p>in order to support the sustainable development of the aquaculture sector through marine planning.</p>	X	Not applicable – No aquaculture sites within or near to the Proposed Marine Works.
Dredging and Disposal			
D&D_01	<p>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.</p>	X	Not applicable – No dredging or disposal sites within or near to the Proposed Marine Works.
Energy – Low Carbon			
ELC_01	<p>Low carbon energy (supporting) wind:</p> <p>ELC_01 a: 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</p>	X	Not applicable – No renewable wind energy sites within or near to the Proposed Marine Works.

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	<p>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.</p> <p>ELC_01 b: 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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; <p>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.</p>		
ELC_02	<p>Low carbon energy (supporting) wave:</p> <p>ELC_02 a: Proposals for wave 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.</p> <p>ELC_02 b: 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</p>	X	Not applicable – No renewable wave energy sites within or near to the Proposed Marine Works.

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	<p>opportunities for the sustainable use of wave energy resources including identification of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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; <p>in order to support the sustainable development of the sector through marine planning.</p> <p>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.</p>		
ELC_03	<p>Low carbon energy (supporting) tidal stream:</p> <p>ELC_03 a: 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.</p> <p>ELC_03 b: 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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; 	X	Not applicable – No renewable tidal energy sites within or near to the Proposed Marine Works.

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	<p>in order to support the sustainable development of the sector through marine planning.</p> <p>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.</p>		
ELC_04	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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. <p>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.</p>	X	Not applicable – No renewable tidal energy sites within or near to the Proposed Marine Works.
Energy – Oil and Gas			
O&G_01	<p>Oil and gas (supporting):</p> <p>O&G_01 a: 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</p>	X	Not applicable – No oil and gas sites within or near to the Proposed Marine Works.

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	<p>general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.</p> <p>O&G_01 b: 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.</p>		
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.	X	Not applicable – No oil and gas sites within or near to the Proposed Marine Works.
Fisheries			
FIS_01	<p>Fisheries (supporting):</p> <p>FIS_01 a: 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.</p> <p>FIS_01 b: Relevant public authorities and the sector are encourage, 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.</p>	X	Not applicable – No fishery sites within or near to the Proposed Marine Works.
Ports and Shipping			

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P&S_01	Ports and Shipping (supporting): P&S_01 a: 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. P&S_01 b: 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.	X	Not applicable – No large ports or important shipping lane within or near to the Proposed Marine Works.
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.	X	Not applicable – No large ports or important shipping lanes within or near to the Proposed Marine Works.
Subsea cabling			
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	✓	The Proposed Project will underground a new electricity cable under the Dwyrdd Estuary which will help maintain the optimal distribution of electricity within the region.
Tourism and Recreation			
T&R_01	Tourism and Recreation (supporting): T&R_01 a: 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 and any other relevant considerations. T&R_01 b: Relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand	X	Not applicable – the Proposed Project is not related to tourism.

Policy Code	Policy	Applicable	How the Project complies with the policy Reasoning
	<p>opportunities for sustainable tourism and recreation around the Welsh coast, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 area of future opportunity for tourism and recreation; <p>in order to support the sustainable development of the tourism and recreation sector through marine planning</p>		