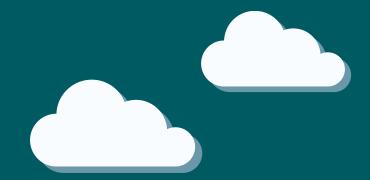
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# Applicant's Submission to Procedural Deadline A

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#### 1 Applicant's Submission to Procedural Deadline A

## 1.1 Notification of wish to speak at the Preliminary Meeting, dDCO Hearing and Open Floor Hearing

Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Limited will attend the Preliminary Meeting, Issue Specific Hearing 1 on the dDCO, and Open Floor Hearing 1 in person and virtually.

## 1.2 Applicant's proposed itinerary for Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)

- The Applicant has set out areas of interest that it recommends could be visited as part of an ASI in Table 1. A plan is included in Appendix A of the parking arrangements for items 1-8.
- 3 The Applicant has noted the ExA's guidance suggesting locations for the ASI and, where there is publicly available access, the Applicant has highlighted that an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) could be held rather than an ASI.
- The Applicant is in discussions with relevant landowners regarding access to the suggested areas. The Applicant will finalise access arrangements once comments on the draft ASI arrangements are received at Deadline 1.
- The Applicant considers the areas of interest in relation to the onshore works (items 1-8) could be visited across a single day (e.g. 0930-1630). Should a significant number of additional areas of interest be identified at Deadline 1, given the timing of the ASI in winter when daylight is short, it may be that an additional half day or day is required to visit all areas. A detailed timed breakdown can be provided after Deadline 1.



Table 1: Applicant's proposed itinerary for ASI.

ITEM #	AREA TO BE VISITED	FEATURE OF INTEREST	LOCATION	REASON FOR INSPECTION	
1	Work 6A	Landfall Temporary Construction Compound (TCC) (Option Site 1)	Garford Road	The proposed TCC is located on private land and has not previously formed part of the USI. The Applicant believes that it would be beneficial for the ExA to observe this potential option for landfall temporary construction compound given its location adjacent to residential receptors and the potential interaction with the East Rhyl Coastal Defence Works.	
2	Work 7A	Temporary Construction Compound (Option Site 2)	Ferguson Avenue		



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3	Work 8A	Transition Joint Bays (TJBs)	Land south of the railway and north of The Cut	The proposed TJB location is on private land and has not previously formed part of the USI. Given the strategic importance of this site for the project and the nature of the works proposed in the area, the Applicant believes that visiting the proposed TJB location would provide the ExA with an understanding of the location in relation to potential receptors.
4	Work 11 (part)	Export Cable Corridor (ECC) and associated ecological mitigation areas and in the vicinity of The Flash	Land south of Dyserth Road	This area of ECC and proposed ecological mitigation is located on private land and has not previously formed part of the USI. Following receipt of relevant representations from Wilson Fearnall on behalf of GBL and IM Kerfoot Discretionary Trust, the Applicant believes that it would be beneficial for the ExA to view the ECC in this location in order to understand further the constraints on routing in this area.



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5	Work 22A and Work 21 (part)	ECC and TCC	Land north of Bodelwyddan Road	It is noted that, as part of the second USI, footpath refs. DE/201/8 and DE/206/4 were inaccessible.  Consequently the Applicant would like to propose a route of access through private land to enable the ExA to view this area of the ECC.
6	Work 23 (part)	ECC and associated ecological mitigation areas within the Bodelwyddan Key Strategic Site	Land north of the A55	It is noted that the ExA visited part of this site as part of the USI. The Applicant believes that the ExA may benefit from extending their view of this area onto areas of private land.
7	Work 31A	Onshore Substation Site	Land at Faenol Bropor and north of Glascoed Road	It is noted that the ExA visited footpaths around the periphery of Faenol Bropor as part of the USI. The Applicant believes that the proposed walking route through Faenol Bropor farmstead to the substation site will provide the ExA with an understanding of the setting of the substation in relation to Faenol Bropor to the north and residential properties along



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				Glascoed Road to the south and Bodelwyddan Castle to the West.
8	Work 40	National Grid connection point	Land south of St Asaph Business Park	It is noted that the ExA walked along footpath DE/105/7 as part of the USI. The Applicant believes that accessing private land to the east of the footpath and in closer proximity to the National Grid Substation would provide the ExA with an appreciation of the rationale for the extent of land included within the draft Order Limits in this location.
9	SLVIA Viewpoint 4	Night-time views	Moelfre, Anglesey	One of 5 night-time viewpoints for the Seascape Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (SLVIA).  Whilst the location is publicly accessible, the Applicant considers it may be useful for the ExA to visit as part of an ASI or USI.
10	SLVIA Viewpoint 13	Night-time views	Great Orme near summit complex, Conwy	One of 5 night-time viewpoints for the SLVIA.



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				Whilst the location is publicly accessible, the Applicant considers it may be useful for the ExA to visit as part of an ASI or USI.
11	SLVIA Viewpoint 22	Night-time views	Abergele Promenade, Conwy	One of 5 night-time viewpoints for the SLVIA.  Whilst the location is publicly accessible, the Applicant considers it may be useful for the ExA to visit as part of an ASI or USI.
12	SLVIA Viewpoint 60	Night-time views	Foel Lus, Conwy	One of 5 night-time viewpoints for the SLVIA.  Whilst the location is publicly accessible the Applicant considers it may be useful for the ExA to visit as part of an ASI or USI.
13	SLVIA Viewpoint 61	Night-time views	Llandudno Promenade near Venue Cymru, Conwy	One of 5 night-time viewpoints for the SLVIA.  Whilst the location is publicly accessible, the Applicant considers it may be useful for the ExA to visit as part of an ASI or USI.
14	Beaumaris Castle	Scheduled Monument.	Beaumaris, Anglesey	Beaumaris Castle is open to the public, subject to entrance fee. However, some parts of the castle are



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		Component of the Castles and Town Walls of King Edward in Gwynedd World Heritage Site.		not publicly accessible, with access arranged through Cadw. The Applicant considers it may be useful for the ExA to visit as part of an ASI or USI. The Applicant can discuss arrangements for entrance with Cadw for either an ASI or USI should the ExA wish to visit.
15	Conwy Castle	Scheduled Monument. Component of the Castles and Town Walls of King Edward in Gwynedd World Heritage Site.	Conwy	Conwy Castle is open to the public, subject to entrance fee. However, some parts of the castle are not publicly accessible, with access arranged through Cadw. The Applicant considers it may be useful for the ExA to visit as part of an ASI or USI. The Applicant can discuss arrangements for entrance with Cadw for either an ASI or USI should the ExA wish to visit.



## 1.3 Applicant's comments on the Draft Examination Timetable

The Applicant has reviewed the draft Examination Timetable, as set out in Annex D of the Rule 6 letter and has some concerns about the draft. In particular the lengthy period between the week reserved for the hearings and ASI in early December (item 9) and the subsequent deadlines in late January, the effect of which is to push the remaining deadlines and week reserved for further hearings (item 16) to late in the six-month examination period. The Applicant has drafted a revised timetable with explanations for its proposed changes. Please see Table 2 below. The Applicant is happy to talk through its proposed timetable at the Preliminary Meeting.



Table 2: Applicant's proposed amended Draft Examination Timetable.

ITEM	MATTERS	DUE DATE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND REASONS
1	Procedural Deadline A	Friday 9	No change
	Notification of wish to speak at the Preliminary Meeting	September 2022	
	Notification of wish to speak at the Open Floor Hearing		
	Notification of wish to speak at the first Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)		
	Applicant's proposed itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)		
2	Preliminary Meeting (PM)	10:00am Tuesday 20 September 2022	No change
3	Issue Specific Hearing 1 on the dDCO	10:00am Wednesday 21 September 2022	No change



ITEM	MATTERS	DUE DATE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND REASONS
4	Open Floor Hearing 1	10:00am Thursday 22 September 2022	No change
5	Issue by the ExA of:	As soon as	No change
	A Examination Timetable	practicable	
	ExA's First Written Questions (ExQ1)	after the PM	
6	Deadline 1 (D1)	Monday 24	No change
	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	October 2022	
	Written summaries of oral submissions to hearings		
	Any post-hearing submissions requested by the ExA		
	Responses to ExA's ExQ1		
	<ul> <li>An updated dDCO in clean and tracked versions</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>A Schedule of Changes to the dDCO</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs)</li> </ul>		
	▲ Local Impact Report (LIR) from Local Authorities		
	Initial Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by ExA – see Annex H		



ITEM	MATTERS	DUE DATE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND REASONS
	<ul> <li>Progressed Statement of Commonality for SoCG</li> </ul>		
	Comments on any updated application documents		
	The Compulsory Acquisition (CA) Schedule		
	Updated BoR and Schedule of Changes to the BoR and tracked versions (if required)		
	<ul> <li>An application documents tracker</li> </ul>		
	Initial National Policy Statement (NPS) tracker – see Annex H		
	<ul> <li>Written representations (WRs) (including summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words)</li> </ul>		
	Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17		
	Notification of wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing		
	<ul> <li>Notification of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Comments and suggestions on Applicant's draft ASI arrangements and itinerary</li> </ul>		
	Notification by any Statutory Parties who have not submitted a RR of their wish to be considered as an IP		



ITEM	MATTERS	DUE DATE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND REASONS
	Applicant's update on the Marine Licence (ML) submission and progress – see Annex H		
7	Deadline 2 (D2)	Wednesday 9	No change
	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	November	
	Responses to comments on RRs	2022	
	Comments on responses to ExA's ExQ1		
	▲ Comments on LIRs		
	Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17		
	<ul> <li>Comments on any revised dDCO</li> </ul>		
	An updated CA Schedule in clean and tracked versions		
	Updated BoR and Schedule of Changes to the BoR and tracked versions (if required)		
	<ul> <li>An updated dDCO in clean and tracked versions</li> </ul>		
	An updated Schedule of Changes to the dDCO		
	An updated application documents tracker in clean and tracked versions		



ITEM	MATTERS	DUE DATE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND REASONS
	An updated NPS tracker in clean and tracked versions		
	Progressed SoCG		
	<ul> <li>Progressed Statement of Commonality for SoCG</li> </ul>		
	Comments on any other submissions received at D1		
	▲ Comments on WRs		
	<ul> <li>Update on the ML (if required)</li> </ul>		
8	Deadline 3 (D3)	Friday 18	We are suggesting moving this
	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	November 2022	Deadline from 23 November (now 3 working days earlier).
	Responses to comments on LIRs		The only material requested, apart
	An updated dDCO in clean and tracked versions		from the updates at each deadline,
	An updated CA Schedule in clean and tracked versions		is responses to comments on LIRs. These responses are not typically
	Updated BoR and Schedule of Changes to the BoR and tracked versions (if required)		requested given the opportunities throughout the examination for the
	<ul> <li>An updated Schedule of Changes to the dDCO</li> </ul>		issues raised by the LPAs to be
An updated application documents tracker in clean and tracked versions		explored. We would not anticipate this requiring a substantial response	



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	An updated NPS tracker in clean and tracked versions		and therefore have suggested a shorter timeframe.
	Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17		
	Progressed SoCG		
	<ul> <li>Progressed Statement of Commonality for SoCG</li> </ul>		
	Comments on any other submissions received at D2		
	<ul> <li>Update on the ML (if required)</li> </ul>		
9	Week reserved for hearings and ASI:	w/c 21	We are suggesting this is moved from
	<ul> <li>Further Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required)</li> </ul>	November	the proposed dates of w/c 5
	<ul> <li>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) (if required)</li> </ul>		December.
	<ul> <li>Further Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required)</li> </ul>		
	▲ ASI (if required)		
10	Deadline 4 (D4)	Friday 2	We are suggesting this is moved from
	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	December	30 January 2023 for the following
	<ul> <li>Written summaries of oral submissions at hearings</li> </ul>	2022	reasons:
	Any post-hearing submissions requested by the ExA		Written summaries of oral submissions at hearings



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	<ul> <li>An updated CA Schedule in clean and tracked versions</li> <li>Updated BoR and Schedule of Changes to the BoR and tracked versions (if required)</li> <li>An updated dDCO in clean and tracked versions</li> <li>An updated Schedule of Changes to the dDCO</li> <li>An updated application documents tracker in clean and tracked versions</li> <li>An updated NPS tracker in clean and tracked versions</li> <li>Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17</li> <li>Progressed SoCG</li> <li>Progressed Statement of Commonality for SoCG</li> <li>Comments on any other submissions received at D3</li> <li>Update on the ML (if required)</li> </ul>		In the draft timetable this is proposed for 30 January (which would be 7 weeks from the ExA proposed hearing dates). We have concerns that if left this late the hearing summaries will be out of date, will include new information not provided at the hearings or will not be provided at all. We suggest that, in line with other examinations, these are requested around 10 days after the hearings.  A Updated DCO and other application documents  These would be provided to include any points raised at the hearings, ensuring they can be reviewed and, if necessary commented upon, along with the ExA's 2nd Qs.



ITEM	MATTERS	DUE DATE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND REASONS
11	Issue by the ExA of:  ExA's Second Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required)	Friday 16 December 2022	We are suggesting this is moved from 23 January 2023 to make use of the time before and after Christmas, whilst also factoring in a Christmas break.  We are concerned that leaving this until 23 January 2023 results in an unnecessary gap in the timetable and very short and overlapping deadlines towards the end of the examination that will put significant pressure on all participants.
12	Deadline 5 (D5)  Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:  A Responses to ExQ2  Comments on any revised dDCO  Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17  An updated CA Schedule in clean and tracked versions	Either Wednesday 18 January 2023 or Friday 20 January 2023	We are suggesting that in line with item 11, this is brought forward from Monday 6 February 2023.  This date would allow all parties over four weeks for their responses to ExAQ2.



ITEM	MATTERS	DUE DATE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND REASONS
	Updated BoR and Schedule of Changes to the BoR and tracked versions (if required)		
	An updated dDCO in clean and tracked versions		
	An updated Schedule of Changes to the dDCO		
	An updated application documents tracker in clean and tracked versions		
	An updated NPS tracker in clean and tracked versions		
	Progressed SoCG		
	<ul> <li>Progressed Statement of Commonality for SoCG</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Comments on any other submissions received at D4</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Update on the ML (if required)</li> </ul>		
13	Deadline 6 (D6)	Friday 3	In line with items 11 and 12 we are
	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	February 2023	suggesting that this is moved from Monday 20 February 2023, providing either 2 or 2 ½ weeks for comments
	Comments on responses to ExQ2		
	An updated CA Schedule in clean and tracked versions		on responses to ExAQ2 (i.e. the same or more time than is currently
	Updated BoR and Schedule of Changes to the BoR and tracked versions (if required)		proposed).



ITEM	MATTERS	DUE DATE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND REASONS
	An updated dDCO in clean and tracked versions		
	An updated Schedule of Changes to the dDCO		
	An updated application documents tracker in clean and tracked versions		
	An updated NPS tracker in clean and tracked versions		
	Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17		
	♣ Progressed SoCG		
	Progressed Statement of Commonality for SoCG		
	Comments on any other submissions received at D5		
	▲ Update on the ML (if required)		
14	<ul> <li>Week reserved for hearings:</li> <li>▲ Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required)</li> <li>▲ Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) (if required)</li> </ul>	w/c 13 February 2023	We are suggesting this week is moved from w/c 6 March 2023, which gives very little time before the
	▲ Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required)		close of the examination on 20 March.
			W/c 13 February 2023 avoids the school half term in Denbighshire and



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			would allow for the hearing summaries and updated documents to be provided in advance of the ExA's 3rd Qs.
15	Deadline 7 (D7)  Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:  Written summaries of oral submissions at hearings (if required)  Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 (if required)	Friday 24 February 2023	We are suggesting this is moved from 15 March (following hearings proposed w/c 6 March).  We are concerned that 15 March (one week before the close of the examination) is very late to be providing hearing summaries and additional information as requested.
16	Publication by the ExA of:  A The ExA's schedule of changes to the dDCO (if required)  A Report on Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required)  A Issue by ExA of 3rd Written Questions (if required)	Monday 27 February 2023	We are suggesting this is moved from 22 February (ExA schedule of changes to the dDCO and RIES) to allow for the hearings to take place and any documentation required to be provided.



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			We are also suggesting moving the ExA's 3Qs to this date to allow sufficient time for responses and comments on responses before the close of the examination.
17	Deadline 8 (D8)  Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:  Comments on RIES (if required)  Comments on ExA's proposed schedule of change to the dDCO  Updated LIRs  Responses to ExAQ3 (if required)	Wednesday 8 March 2023	We are suggesting moving this from 15 March which is very late in the examination and will not give participants the opportunity to respond to others' points before the close of the examination.  We have also sought to separate more substantive matters (including the responses to ExAQ3) from D10 where parties will be providing final submissions to the ExA.



ITEM	MATTERS	DUE DATE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND REASONS
			This deadline will still require the submission of any responses to ExAQ3 by 8 March 2023.
18	Deadline 9 (D9)  ▲ Finalised SoCG  ▲ Finalised Statement of Commonality for SoCG	Wednesday 15 March 2022	This Deadline would be for final documents and comments on submissions.
	<ul> <li>Finalised CA Schedule in clean and tracked versions</li> <li>Updated BoR and Schedule of Changes to the BoR and tracked versions (if required)</li> </ul>		We have added 'comments on updated LIRs' to ensure parties are able to make these alongside any
	<ul> <li>A finalised application documents tracker</li> <li>A finalised and validated version of the dDCO in clean and tracked versions</li> </ul>		closing submissions.
	<ul> <li>A finalised Schedule of Changes to the dDCO</li> <li>Finalised BoR in clean and tracked versions</li> <li>Finalised Statement of Reasons in clean and tracked versions</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Finalised NPS tracker in clean and tracked versions</li> <li>Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 (if required)</li> </ul>		

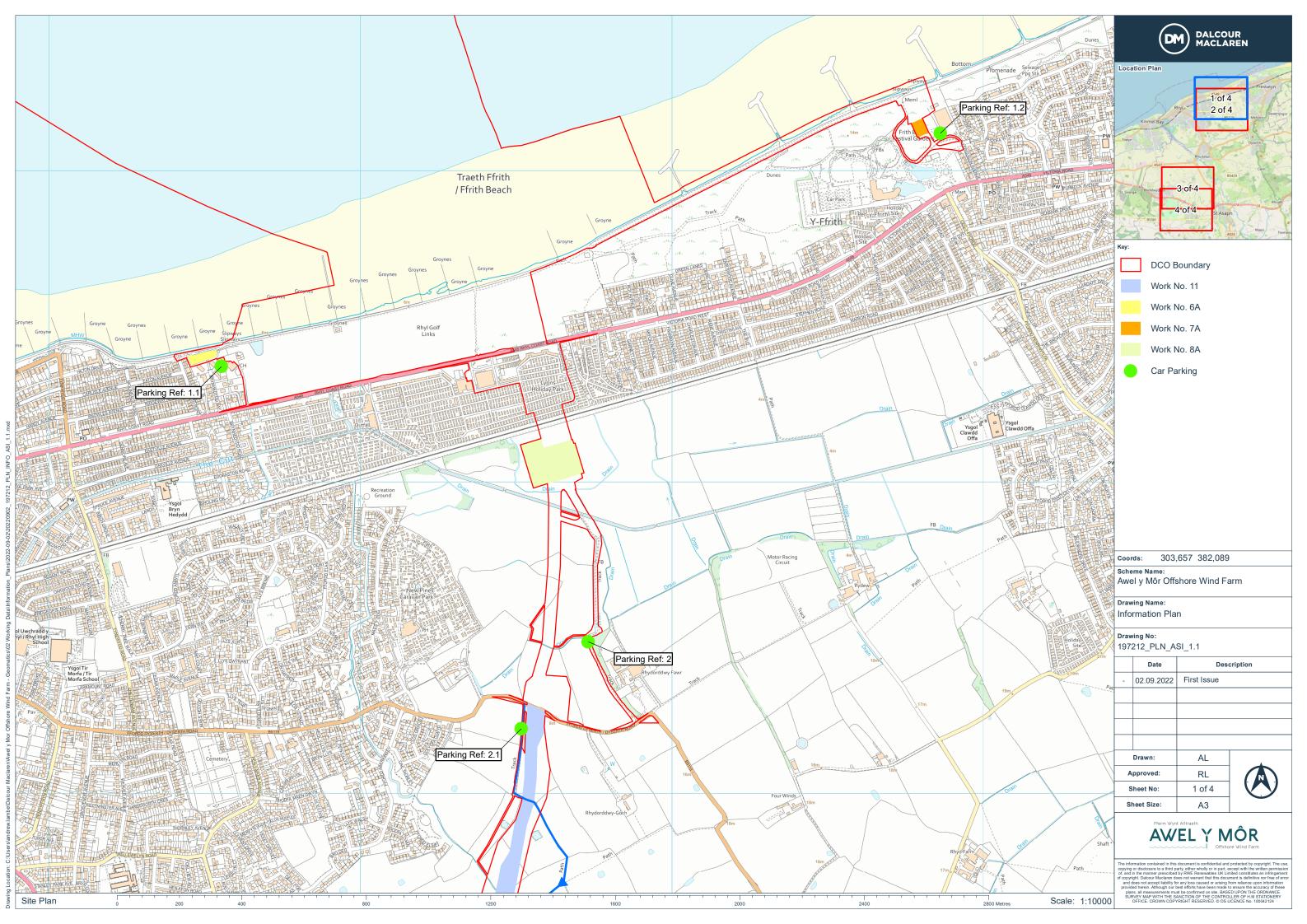


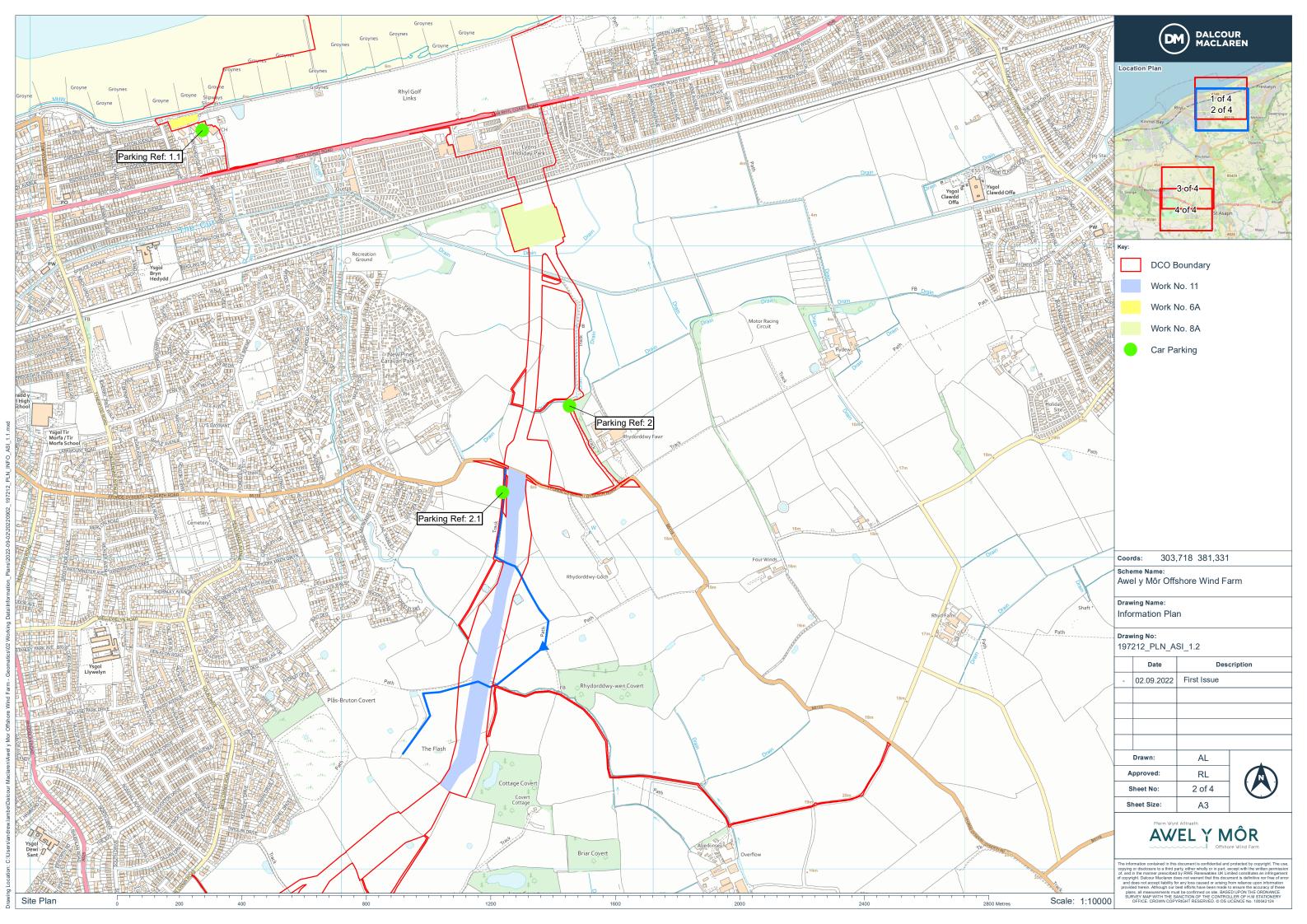
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	<ul> <li>Comments on any other submissions received at D8</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Closing submissions</li> </ul>		
	Final update on the ML		
	<ul> <li>Comments on responses to ExQ3 (if required)</li> </ul>		
	Comments on updated LIRs		
19	Close of Examination	Monday 20	
	Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 (if required)	March 2023	

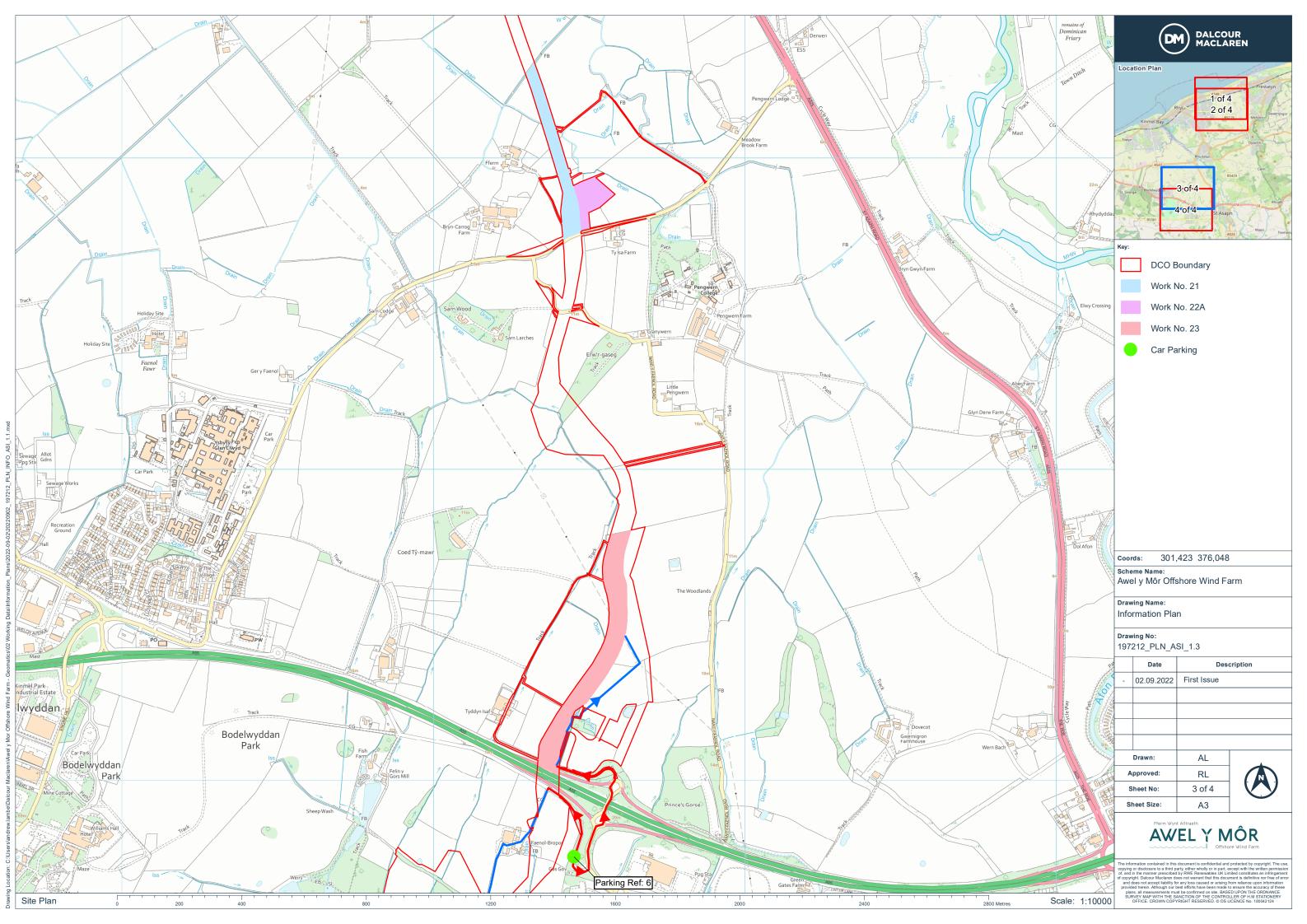


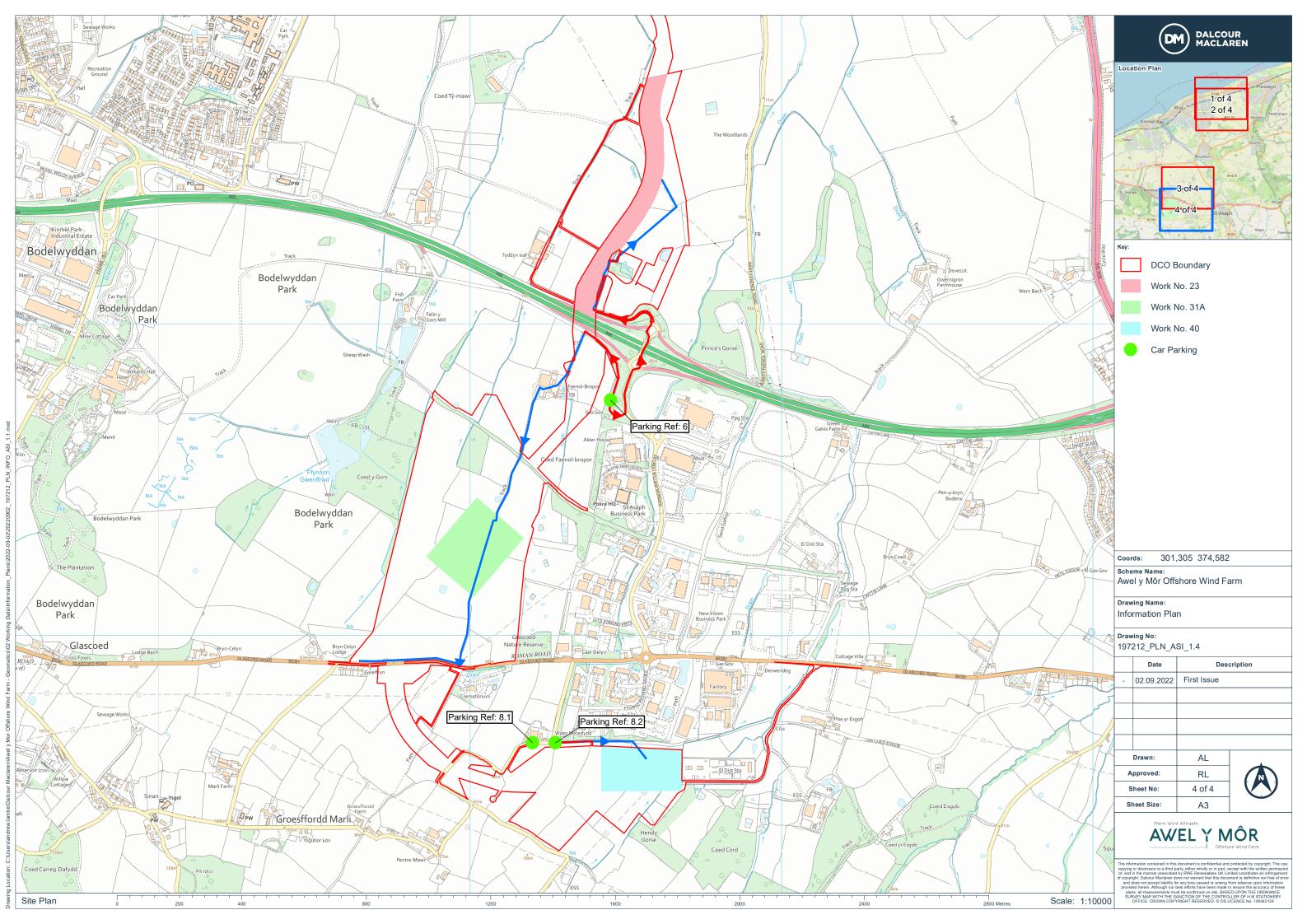
# Appendix A – Plan of ASI locations and associated parking













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