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27th September 2024

BY EMAIL TO:

Mona Offshore Wind Ltd - Representative Philip Rew Williamson

and

Planning Inspectorate

RE: Application by Mona Offshore Wind Ltd for Mona Offshore Wind Farm – Examining Authority Written Questions and Request for Information (EXQ1)

Ref Doc ENO101037-001056 – MONOW 1.13 Landscape and Visual and Good Design

Q1.13.12. Good Design Principles

Does the Design Commission for Wales wish to make any comments on the points and principles outlined by the Applicant during ISH2 [EV3-008] and summarised in Section 9 of [REP1-010] relating to good design and the design review process for the Onshore Substation?

Dear Colleagues

The Design Commission for Wales was consulted by the applicant in August 2023. A Design Review Meeting was held on 17th August 2023 and our report subsequently issued on 31st August 2023.

The Commission's report highlighted several items including design principles, design development, strategic coordination, and direction as to next steps "The Design Commission would welcome a further Design Review at which we would like to see the design principles refined and presented, and a demonstration of how these are informing the design of the substation and any incorporated mitigation and enhancement, on and off site." DCFW Design Review Report Ref 302 31st August 2023.

Notwithstanding the DCO process the Design Commission's expectation is that applicants, clients and design teams make early contact to arrange to attend Design Review meetings. A full

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calendar year has elapsed without that contact having been made. An email was received from the applicant on 18th September 2024 referring to the EXQ1 questions. Prior to this on 13th September 2024 DCFW received notification from the Planning Inspectorate. The Commission has now been able to review the materials and we have the following response.

The Design Commission for Wales indicated in its 2023 report that it would have further questions and comments regarding the design principles and the substation – as noted in the extract from that report shown above. Any further comment from the Commission would need to be generated via the design review process. The materials available in the Examination Library including the draft DCO *EN010137-000153-C1-Mona Draft Development Consent Order* and the *EN013137 – 000356 – B5 Mona Land Plan* – carry insufficient information to enable the Design Commission for Wales to make reasonable assessment and comment further without the benefit of a further Review.

We cannot therefore comment further until a second review meeting has taken place. Review meetings are available regularly in a monthly cycle and, in the case of projects of this nature, by advance request and arrangement. We strongly encourage the team to request a further review meeting as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



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Ar gyfer ac ar ran y Bwrdd Cyfarwyddwyr - For and on behalf of the Board of Directors