



## Press release

# Awel y Môr wind farm moves to next phase as proposals formally submitted to the UK Planning Inspectorate

- **The plans have now been accepted for consideration and will move to the next phase of the planning process: pre-examination**
- **Awel y Môr is also pursuing a Marine License with Welsh Government.**

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Awel y Môr offshore wind farm, which could provide power for up to 500,000 homes, has passed a key milestone after proposals were submitted to, and accepted for consideration by the UK Planning Inspectorate.

The project, which is being developed by RWE Renewables on behalf of the project's partners, now moves into the 'pre-examination' phase of the consenting process before a public examination, expected to begin in September 2022.

The project includes up to 50 turbines with a maximum tip height of 332m and is as a sister project to Gwynt y Môr. If approved, the Awel y Môr offshore wind farm could be built approximately 10.5km (6.5 miles) off the coast of north Wales, to the west of the existing Gwynt y Môr wind farm, with its grid connection planned to reach the shoreline between Rhyl and Prestatyn.

The final decision on consent will rest with the UK Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with a decision anticipated in 2023. As the project lies in Welsh waters, a Marine License is also required from Welsh Government through Natural Resources Wales.

Tamsyn Rowe, Project Manager for Awel y Môr, said: "This is a significant milestone for the development of this nationally significant project, which will help meet the targets in the recently published UK energy security strategy. The application is made up of hundreds of pages of detailed reports and is the culmination of a great deal of hard work by the project team.

"If approved, this project will also continue RWE's long-term role as the largest provider of renewable energy in Wales. This includes projects like Gwynt y Môr and Clocaenog, and the apprenticeship scheme at Coleg Llandrillo, which will develop Wales' skills and capabilities in the sector for many years to come."



# RWE

RWE, one of the world's leading renewables businesses, is developing Awel y Môr with project partners Stadtwerke München (30%) and Siemens Financial Services (10%). RWE is #2 in the world for offshore wind and is driving the development of the largest offshore wind pipeline in the UK. It has committed to investing €50 billion gross through to 2030 to expand its powerful and green generation capacity to 50 gigawatts, with around €15 billion earmarked for the UK.

Offshore wind is one of the UK's biggest growth industries and the Awel y Môr scheme will help ensure north Wales receives further investment in this area, bringing significant jobs and supply chain opportunities to the local economy. Information on the development of the project itself can be found on the website – [www.awelymor.cymru](http://www.awelymor.cymru)

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