

30th August 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Scrutiny Review of the Jersey Marine Spatial Plan (JMSP) – Call for Evidence

As Jersey's local offshore wind project developer, Dyna Energy welcomes the initiative to develop a marine spatial plan for the island to ensure the responsible and sustainable use of our precious marine environment.

The JMSP helps to reduce the risks associated with the development of offshore wind project. It provides confidence to investors that there is broad agreement amongst marine stakeholders that a defined area is prioritised for offshore wind development and that development of infrastructure in these areas has already been considered. This is also likely to benefit the consenting/permitting process and stakeholder engagement throughout the development of a project specific environmental impact assessment (EIA).

The level of detail and consideration of the area identified for a potential future offshore wind farm is appropriate for this stage of the project's maturity. Assuming the development of the wind farm progresses, huge volumes of data will be generated from the surveys and studies required to inform the EIA and engineering design of the project. This information will provide valuable information to aid the subsequent iterations of the JMSP, including a far deeper understanding of the marine environment in and around Jersey's south-western waters.

The reduction in proposed size of marine protected areas (MPAs) is perhaps a necessary compromise to safeguard livelihoods and allow a gradual transition. Understandably, these trade-offs are difficult to balance. It is important to look to the future and consider how, over the next five years Jersey will reach the 30 by 30 target¹. It would be pertinent for the JMSP to outline the research and evidence required to enable the expansion of Jersey's MPAs or perhaps even include interim targets for subsequent updates of the JMSP.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/global-ocean-alliance-30by30-initiative/about>

Dyna Energy looks forward to working with the Government of Jersey's Marine Resources team and other maritime stakeholders to implement the JMSP's actions and to further enhance the JMSP in future iterations of the plan.

We welcome the opportunity to participate in any future marine stakeholder engagement activities and remain at your disposal to provide assistance and our knowledge.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Leybourne', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Mark Leybourne
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Dyna Energy