

Marine Infrastructure Services

GoBe Consultants are a global planning and environmental consultancy, with market-leading knowledge and specialist experience in the full life cycle of offshore wind development.

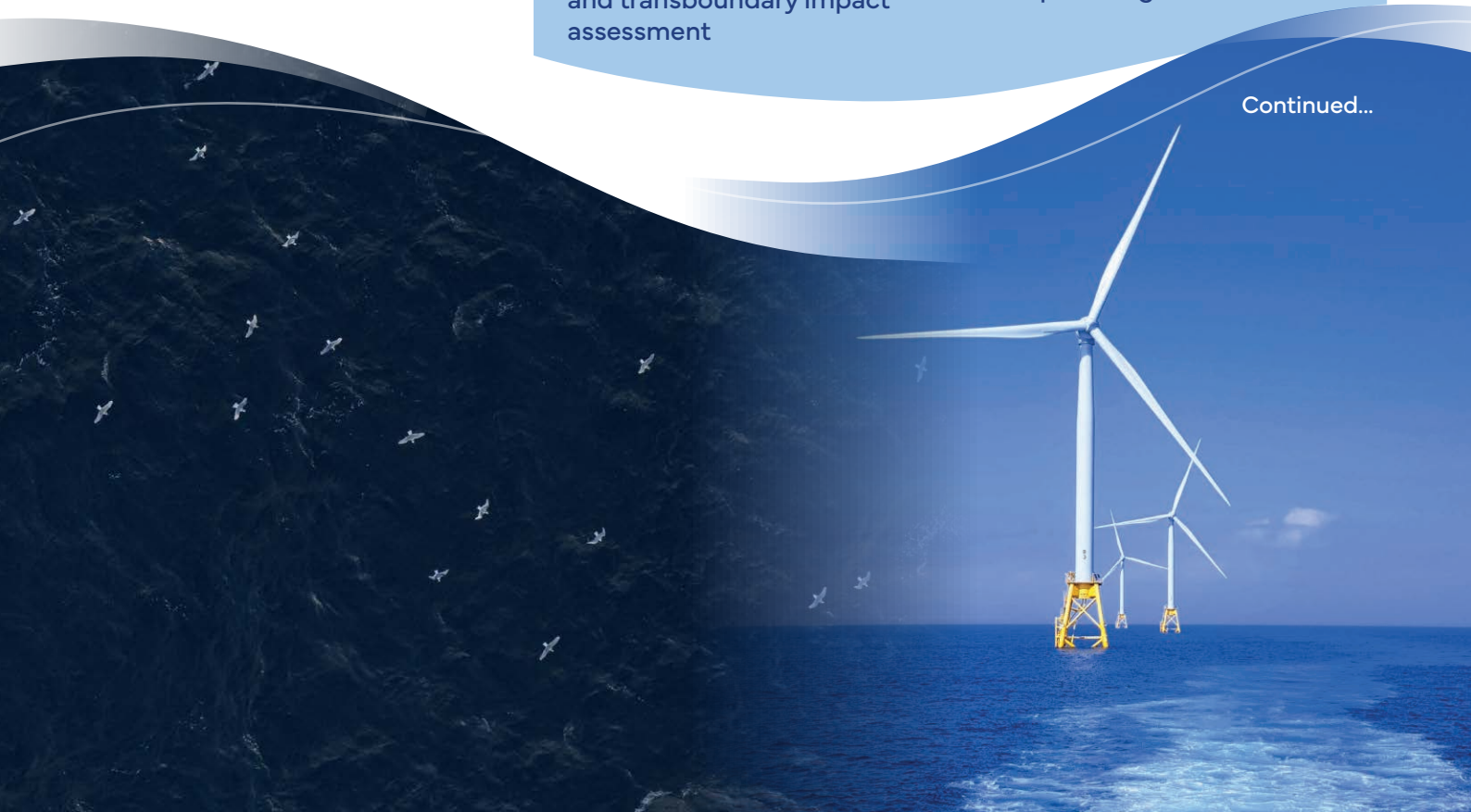
More widely, GoBe support marine infrastructure projects including other marine renewables, marine aggregates, coastal infrastructure and subsea cabling with strategic solutions and technical experts to support planning and environmental assessment.

Working closely with developers in the UK, Europe and the US, GoBe provide informed and accurate advice combined with technical expertise, sharing in-depth knowledge and understanding of the consenting process for nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs) and offshore wind developments.

Bringing the brightest minds and scientific data to support you from consent to construction

- Initial site selection and feasibility studies
- Supporting bids for seabed leases
- Management of project consenting and permitting
- Management and preparation of Environmental Impact Assessments and documents to support consent applications
- Habitats Regulation Assessments, MCZ assessments, WFD assessments, dredging and disposal characterisation and transboundary impact assessment
- Environmental survey specification, procurement and management
- Stakeholder consultation and negotiations
- Planning and development advice and strategy
- Management of NSIP projects under the Planning Act 2008
- Consent compliance management during the post-consent phase
- Services related to project decommissioning and repowering

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GoBe has provided planning and EIA support to numerous UK and Irish offshore wind projects. The most recent GoBe project to be granted consent was RWE's Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm in 2023, which will become Wales' largest renewable energy project.

GoBe were lead EIA contractor for Awel y Môr, co-ordinating with onshore partners in SLR, and continued support throughout the DCO examination phase, ultimately leading to the award of the first offshore DCO in Wales.

APEM Ltd undertook Digital Aerial Surveys for ornithology and marine mammals to inform the EIA for Awel y Môr, exhibiting the usual seamless teamwork and communication within APEM Group.

Since consent, GoBe have continued to provide support in the post-consent compliance phase as the project works towards construction, with a view to operation by 2030.

Jo Pickard, RWE Senior Consents Manager on Awel y Môr, said:

'My colleagues and I cannot overstate the competent and professional job that was done and how impressed we have been with the service provided by GoBe and SLR.'

Key challenges throughout this project were SLVIA, dealing with multiple significant effects on nationally designated landscapes including Eryri (Snowdonia) National Park, and Anglesey AONB. Working with our subcontractors OPEN, RWE and Burges Salmon, GoBe supported in the development of a Landscape Enhancement package, delivered to local authorities in North Wales to help offset potentially significant effects.

