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Assessment of Environmental Statement

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an Inspector appointed by the Welsh Ministers

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Site address: Mynydd Ty-talwyn Energy Park, situated approximately 5km north west of Bridgend, 4.5km north east of Pyle and 2km west of Tondur.

- The Environmental Statement which is the subject of this assessment has been submitted in relation to the above case in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 (as amended).
 - The application is made by Galileo 03 Limited.
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Introduction

1. An Environmental Statement (ES) has been prepared to support an application for a Development of National Significance (DNS) which has been submitted to the Welsh Ministers for determination. The proposed development is EIA development within the meaning of the regulations. As previously submitted, the ES was found to be incomplete for the reasons set out in my reports dated 26 February 2026 and 14 May 2026 (the previous reports).
2. Following the previous submission on 24 April 2026, the ES was found to be unsatisfactory with regard to its description of the development and the likely significant effects of the development on the environment. To satisfactorily complete the ES, the applicant was informed it should provide additional information on the estimated number and location of smaller watercourse crossings and a full assessment of the significance of environmental effects of these works. Alternatively, an explanation of why the current level of information is considered to provide a robust evidence base for the consideration of environmental effects was required.
3. The applicant has submitted further information on 4 June 2026 in response to this requirement.

Proposed Development

4. The proposed development remains as described within the previous reports.

Completeness of Environmental Statements

5. The aim of an Environmental Statement (ES) is to provide a systematic and objective account of the significant environmental effects likely to arise from the proposed development, including sufficient information to verify the conclusions and identify the source of the information provided.
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Regulation 17 and Schedule 4 of the 2017 Regulations specifies the information to be included in an ES. My assessment of completeness is based on these requirements. This report should be read in conjunction with the previous reports.

Description of the Development

6. Additional commentary has been provided in a new Table 6.4 within ES Chapter 6 '*Water*' to explain why the applicant considers that the existing level of information provides a robust evidence base for watercourses. This commentary refers to, amongst other things, the location of the site on a plateau and a combination of online mapping, Natural Resources Wales data and site survey work to inform the extent of watercourse crossings. Based on the low hydraulic and ecological value of the smaller Ordinary Watercourses that are not mapped within the evidence, the applicant considers that any additional crossings would result in negligible environmental effects.
7. The description of the development is now satisfactory.

Description of the reasonable alternatives

8. The consideration of the main alternatives remains satisfactory.

Description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected

9. The aspects of the environment that are likely to be significantly affected remain sufficiently described.

Assessment Methodology

10. The EIA methodology remains clearly described in the ES.

Description of the likely significant effects of the development on the environment

11. With the above-mentioned commentary in Table 6.4 of ES Chapter 6, the significant effects of the development on the environment are now adequately assessed and described.

Prevention and / or mitigation measures

12. The mitigation measures described in the ES remain satisfactory.

Indication of any difficulties in compiling the required information

13. Limitations and difficulties encountered remain adequately described.

Provision of a Non-Technical Summary

14. The non-technical summary is sufficient for the ES as produced.

Reference List

15. The sources used to inform the ES are properly referenced in the ES Chapters and appendices where appropriate.

Overall Conclusions

16. I conclude that the Environmental Statement submitted by Galileo 03 Limited on 27 November 2025 as amended on 24 April 2026 and 4 June 2026, be confirmed as containing the level of

information identified in Regulation 17 and Schedule 4 of the 2017 EIA Regulations and being complete for the purposes of those Regulations.

Richard James

Inspector