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Cc: Keir A (Alan) (MARLAB); Queiros J (Joao)
Subject: RE: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Design Statement (DS) and Development Specification and Layout Plan (DSLPL) - SNH response

Dear Panos,

I can confirm we reviewed the KOWL DSLP and have no further comments to make with respect to the DSLP.

Regards,

Tracey

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Subject: RE: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Design Statement (DS) and Development Specification and Layout Plan (DSLPL) - SNH response

Dear Tracey,

Following our earlier telephone conversation, I would greatly appreciate your confirmation that there are no further comments on behalf of the SNH on the DSLP consultation.

Kind Regards

Panos

From: Tracey Begg [<mailto:Tracey.Begg@snh.gov.uk>]
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Cc: Keir A (Alan) (MARLAB); Queiros J (Joao); MS Marine Renewables
Subject: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Design Statement (DS) and Development Specification and Layout Plan (DSLPL) - SNH response

Dear Panos,

Thank you for consulting us for the draft post-consent Design Statement (DS) and Development Specification and Layout Plan (DSLPL) for the KOWL offshore windfarm. We have also reviewed the Lighting and Marking Plan to inform our comments for these plans.

Our advice is based on consideration of *the KOWP Design Statement March 2018* (DS), and the previous Appendix A: Visualisations (November 2017) submitted as part of the *S36C Variation Application December 2017* (S36C VA) as no further visualisations have been submitted with this DS.

We understand that the DS was written between the original consent being granted in March 2017 and after the S36C variation application submission in December 2017. As such no further visualisations have been provided for the 7 viewpoints agreed in the DS (section 2.4) instead the DS refers back to the S36C Appendix 1 visuals. Furthermore, the ZTVs referred to in DS (section 2.3, figures 2-2 to 2-7) are not presented in accordance with SNH Visual Rep Guidance, with small extracts only appearing on a series of A4 pages in the report. Whilst this is not compliant with SNH Guidance, the level of information is adequate for the purpose of this plan, as the Guidance has been written largely for the development of visual materials for submission of an application.

We have previously advised that the inclusion of the 2 MW turbine could potentially create significant visual effects from contrasts in scale and a reduction in the clarity of design of the original development. We consider and have previously advised that the main mitigation for this would be the removal of this 2 MW turbine. No consideration has been given to the varied development operations and phasing of development in the short term - which would have been useful, including what consideration has been given in the design statement of the future options for this smaller turbine – removal / relocation.

We therefore advise that a further iteration of the DS should be submitted tranche 2 and tranche 3 develop and are planned including consideration at each tranche the outcome of the future of this smaller turbine. If is to be retained and redeployed at Location 8 (DS, section 2.5 page 25) this is not, we consider, effective mitigation. In static views and in particular when you travel along the coast the sequentially changing composition between turbines (illustrated on the Appendix 1 visuals) entails that the Location 8 position will not reduce visibility to such an extent that visual impacts are substantially lessened.

We hope you find these comments helpful. Please get in touch if you have any queries about our advice.

Regards,

Tracey

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Subject: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Navigational Safety Plan - Consultation - Response required by 26th April 2018

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (AS AMENDED)

The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (As Amended)

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (As Amended)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Limited (“KOWL”), having received consent under the above legislation and in order to discharge a condition of their section 36 Consent, in respect of the Design Statement, has submitted to the Licensing Authority the document attached.

Please find attached a proposed Design Statement and a link to Design Statement Appendix A visualisations http://pilot-renewables.com/pdf_docs/design-statement-appendix-a-visualisations.pdf

The purpose of the Design Statement is to attempt to satisfy the requirements of:

- s.36 Consent Condition 12. Design Statement

The Decision Letter and Conditions, marine licence and other relevant documents, can be found on our website, following the link below:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Licensing/marine/scoping/Kincardine/decision-letter>

The condition states that the plans are to be submitted to the Scottish Ministers for their written approval, following a consultation with the appropriate stakeholders as specified in the consent condition, and any such other advisors as may be required at the discretion of the Scottish Ministers .

We would appreciate any comments you may have on the attached Design Statement and its suitability to discharge the condition in order to determine whether it is fit for purpose for the Scottish Ministers to give it their written approval. Please note that we do not seek comments on the Marine Licence, the Consent nor on the conditions, which will not be amended.

If you wish to submit any comments, please send them to MS.MarineRenewables@gov.scot before the **26th April 2018**. If you have no comments to make please submit a “nil return” response.

Yours faithfully

Panos Pliatsikas

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17 April 2018

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Dear Mr Pliatsikas

**The Electricity Act 1989
The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations
2000
The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017
Kincardine Offshore Windfarm
Discharge of conditions attached to s36 consent
Condition 10 (Construction Method Statement), 11 (Development Specification and
Layout Plan), 15 (Operation and Maintenance Programme and 17 (Cable Plan)
Approx 15km SE off the coast of Aberdeen**

Thank you for your consultation email which SEPA received on 26 March 2018.

To assist with streamlining the consultation process, we now focus our site specific advice where we can add best value in terms of enabling good development and protecting Scotland's environment. You have not completed a specific reason for consulting us and we did not request this condition therefore we do not provide site-specific advice.

Please refer to our standing advice on marine consultations within guidance document [SEPA standing advice for The Department of Energy and Climate Change and Marine Scotland on marine consultations](#). If, after consulting this guidance, you still require our comment on some site specific issue which is not adequately dealt with by the standing advice, then we would welcome the opportunity to be re-consulted. Please note that the site specific issue on which you are seeking our advice must be clearly indicated in the body of the consultation email or letter.

If you have any queries relating to this letter, please contact me by telephone on 01224 266609 or by e-mail to planning.aberdeen@sepa.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Clare Pritchett
Senior Planning Officer
Planning Service

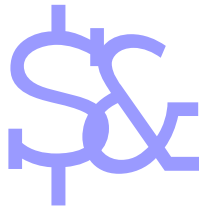
Disclaimer

This advice is given without prejudice to any decision made on elements of the proposal regulated by us, as such a decision may take into account factors not considered at the planning stage. We prefer all the technical information required for any SEPA consents to be submitted at the same time as the planning application. However, we consider it to be at the applicant's commercial risk if any significant changes required during the regulatory stage necessitate a further planning application and/or neighbour notification or advertising. We have relied on the accuracy and completeness of the information supplied to us in providing the above advice and can take no responsibility for incorrect data or interpretation, or omissions, in such information. If we have not referred to a particular issue in our response, it should not be assumed that there is no impact associated with that issue. If you did not specifically request advice on flood risk, then advice will not have been provided on this issue. Further information on our consultation arrangements generally can be found in [How and when to consult SEPA](#), and on flood risk specifically in the [SEPA-Planning Authority Protocol](#).

**CAPTAIN PHILLIP DAY
DIRECTOR OF MARINE OPERATIONS**

Your Ref: e-mails dated 16 & 26 March 2018
Our Ref: PD/OPS/ML/O6_15_495

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28 March 2018

Dear Alan,

**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (AS AMENDED)
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MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010
The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (As
Amended)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED)**

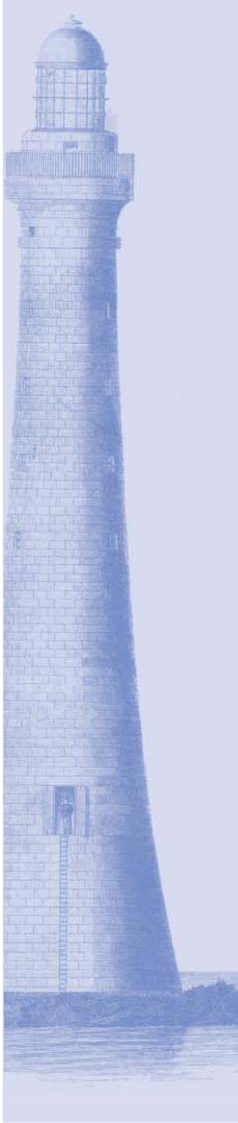
We are in receipt of correspondence dated 16 and 26 March 2018 requesting comments on documents submitted by **Kincardine Offshore Wind Limited** to satisfy the requirements of their s.36 Consent Conditions, namely

- The Construction Programme;
- The Operation and Maintenance Programme;
- The Construction Method Statement;
- The Development Specification and Layout Plan; and
- The Navigational Safety Plan.

We are content that the submitted documentation meets with those requirements of KOWL's s.36 Consent Conditions 9, 10, 11, 15 and 16, which are of relevance to the Northern Lighthouse Board.

Please advise if we can be of any further assistance, or require clarification any of the above.

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Subject: RE: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Development Specification and Layout Plan - Consultation - Response required by 23rd April 2018

Good Afternoon,

Thanks for the additional information and for copying the table in text form below.

I can confirm that the inclusion of the text with regard to Comment 1, essentially outlining the various steps, removal and re-consultation requirements with ourselves among other stakeholders for the smaller WTG are considered to be acceptable.

With regard to Comment 2, the added information on the Tranche timetables and agreement with MS-LOT is welcomed.

I trust the above is of use,

Kind Regards,

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Sorry Stuart, sorry I am using large display monitor.

See below for extracted comment and response that are outstanding.

Comment one - The project components lists the proposed 2MW WTG but do not confirm that this would be removed at an early stage. Table 1-2 also fails to mention that the 2MW turbine would be removed. It would be preferable if this was clarified within the document given that this issue was raised previously.

Response - Document updated with the following text in Section 1.3 Project Components (taken from variation document):

The first WTG to be deployed will be a WTG and associated substructure, anchors and mooring lines with a generating capacity not exceeding 2MW ('Turbine 1'), A condition in the existing marine licence requires Third Party Certification or Verification (or suitable alternative as agreed, in writing, with the Licensing Authority) for all WTGs, mooring systems and WTG platform structures prior to the commencement of the works. The initial period sought for such certification / verification / suitable agreed alternative of the WTG platform substructure for Turbine 1 will be limited (expected to be three years or less). This is due to the engineering life of the

substructure (ten years from initial substructure construction in 2011). At the expiry of the WTG platform substructure certification, Turbine 1 will only be re-deployed if (i) the platform structure is re-certified following inspection (and only for so long as valid certification is in place) and (ii) if MS-LOT (in consultation with SNH, Historic Environment Scotland, Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council) is satisfied that the re-deployment at the proposed location within the Site would not give rise to new or materially different likely significant effects to those identified in the seascape, landscape and visual assessment of the Variation ES. Any further re-certification would follow the same process. If Turbine 1 is not re-deployed within 6 months, it will be decommissioned (in line with condition 5 of the S36 consent on Redundant turbines). It is anticipated this position will be secured by a condition in the marine licence (and if considered necessary, also in the S36 consent).

Comment two - The condition states that the CoP should be submitted at least 6 months prior to the commencement of development, based on the timings and commencement date stated (4 May 2018) the document is not timeous. I cannot find any reference to this requirement being amended or an alternative timeframe being agreed and One factor that is coming through is that while an alternative timescale may have been agreed (eg less than 6 months) this has not been articulated within the submission and therefore has led to this being raised as an issue. This is similar to the staggered or Tranche 1 approach being undertaken – ourselves along with SNH have commented on this, again it was not explained or demonstrated through the submission that this approach was considered acceptable by MSLOT.

Response - Document updated with the following text in Section 1.4:
This is the first iteration of the CoP (submitted prior to Tranche 1). The nature of the construction process proposed for the Project (see Section 1.3 for details) means that updates to this document will be required as the Project progresses which is in line with the approach agreed with MS-LOT.
Where the need for an update or amendment is identified following approval from Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT) of the CoP, either through a consultation response, or due to practicalities arising as the Project progresses, KOWL will communicate the suggested update/amendment to MS-LOT prior to editing the approved document. If the suggested change is accepted by MS-LOT, the CoP will be redrafted, and submitted for re-approval.

It is anticipated that the CoP will be reviewed at least at the following times:

- 6 months prior to Commencement Tranche 2;
- 6 months prior to Commencement Tranche 3.

If you can confirm whether the above response would be sufficient to close out you two outstanding comments this would be greatly appreciated.

Regards

Richard

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Subject: RE: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Development Specification and Layout Plan - Consultation - Response required by 23rd April 2018

Good Afternoon,

Thanks for emailing this through – apologies, but the image below is too small to read the text on my computer and I can find no way of enlarging. Can an alternative copy/document be forwarded please?

Thanks,

Stuart Murison

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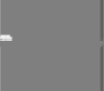




Subject: RE: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Development Specification and Layout Plan - Consultation - Response required by 23rd April 2018

Good afternoon Stuart (and Tracey SNH),

As discussed last week KOWL would propose to add the following to the DSLP/CoP to address your two outstanding comments (see text in action required box below).

For comment one, we have taken the agreed text from the current Variation document and added the text below to the documents to confirm the future status of the 2MW machine.

For comment two, we have added in timelines for the future submission of updated documents for review in line with Tranche 2 and 3.

Number/reference	Consultant's response	ES/Appendix	Chapter/paragraph	Objection (ref/cap)	Condition requested	Summary of response (Response ref.)	Response from applicant
1							
2							

If you could confirm this meets with the requirements of Aberdeenshire Council, we will update the documents as noted in the above text.

Tracey, could you also confirm that by adding these two clarifications to the documents this would be suitable for closing out the SNH comments relating to these points as well?

Regards

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Subject: RE: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Development Specification and Layout Plan - Consultation -
Response required by 23rd April 2018

Good Morning,

Thanks for your email.

The additional drawings forwarded last night do now show the additional cables, which addresses that element on my previous comments.

Having had a quick look over the other emails and schedule of responses below, I note the comments.

One factor that is coming through is that while an alternative timescale may have been agreed (eg less than 6 months) this has not been articulated within the submission and therefore has led to this being raised as an issue. This is similar to the staggered or Tranche 1 approach being undertaken – ourselves along with SNH have commented on this, again it was not explained or demonstrated through the submission that this approach was considered acceptable by MSL0T.

The other main issue is the lack of clarity on the removal of the smaller WTG. The submission does not cover this to an appropriate level, given the concerns raised by stakeholders on this matter. The comments below acknowledge this but are still relatively vague on the matter, not offering the explicit guarantee or assurances on the removal and re-consultation required should there be a desire to redeploy this alongside the larger WTG's. Added clarity on this matter would be preferable within the submission given the concerns raised over the siting of this smaller WTG as part of the scheme.

I am extremely pushed for time today with deadlines for other projects. So a call would be better if further discussion is needed.

Thanks,

Stuart Murison

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Subject: RE: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Development Specification and Layout Plan - Consultation - Response required by 23rd April 2018

Good morning Stuart,

I am in the city this morning if you would like me to come up and chat about the responses sent out earlier or I can give you a call when it is convenient to go over our responses.

As noted in the response Marine Scotland are happy with the current tranche approach that the project is moving forward with and that additional information will be supplied through additional updates to these documents.

Regards

Richard Wakefield

PS Please note my change of e-mail address and telephone numbers, I have moved from Atkins Ltd and am now working for NIRAS Consulting, but still working on the project as the consent manager.

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Subject: RE: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Development Specification and Layout Plan - Consultation - Response required by 23rd April 2018

Hi Stuart,

Thanks for your comments on the DSLP, and thanks to you also Panos for sending the clarifications on the drawings. When we issue the final DSLP after we've received and addressed all comments we'll make sure these are appended to the document more clearly.

Below a response to all of your comments has been provided; this has been extracted from a template that we are using with MSLOT to track the comments provided and how we have addressed/closed them out. Richard will also follow up with a call to discuss the main points raised over the reduced timescale on the submission of the documents and to reaffirm the commitments we made before the Variation Application surrounding the movement of the 2MW as the larger turbines are installed, and the possible re-deployment dependent on both re-certification and consultation. Hopefully we can then agree that our responses are sufficient and/or any necessary amendments to the document we need to make at this point.

We'll also send through the responses on the CoP shortly, and hopefully these can also be closed out too.

Number/ reference	Consultee's response	Document	Chapter/ paragraph	Objection (yes/no)	Condition requested	Summary of response (Key concern, etc)	Response from applicant
1	The condition states that the information should be provided 6 months prior to the commencement of the development. Based on the timetable supplied within the documentation, this does not appear to be timeous	DSLSP	Whole Document	No	No	No reference to the condition timeframe being amended or an alternative timeframe being agreed	KOWL agreed a reduced timescale for the submission of this document ahead of Commencement of the Development with MSLOT. For future iterations of the document, where possible, KOWL will align to the 6 month timeframe, or agree again with MSLOT that this can be reduced.
2	There is no mention or clarification that the smaller 2MW wind turbine will be removed within 3 years as was previously agreed by the developer, MSLOT and consultees. This was a key concern previously and it would be preferable for this to be clarified at this stage as this is an important factor in the site layout	DSLSP	Whole Document	No	No	No mention or confirmation that the 2MW turbine would be removed. Clarification within the document is required as this was raised as a previous issue	KOWL recognise that the removal of the 2MW turbine is an issue which was raised previously, and as proposed in the Variation Application we are anticipating the condition to be included in the Varied S36 Consent and Marine Licence when granted that we will have to consult if the 2MW is to be moved from Location 1 to 8 following re-certification, if this does occur. Please note the relocation of the 2MW turbine is mentioned in Table 1-2 under Tranche 3, whilst we recognise this does not explicitly explain that it will be returned to a Port in this text, we hope that this response assures you of

							the commitments we gave you when we applied for the Variation.
3	Parts (b), (c), (d) and (e) of the condition have been addressed within the supporting information. Basic details have been provided for these.	DSL P	Whole Document	No	No	Confirmation that Parts b,c, d and e have been addressed	Noted
4	Part (a) does not appear to have been fully addressed based on the submitted information. Aberdeenshire Council are not in receipt of a single plan showing all requested details. Figures 2-3, 2-2 as well as Appendices 1 and 2 forwarded at a later stage provide some detail separately, but there does not appear to be a single plan showing all details requested – albeit it is possible that all information is included within the submission as a whole. The plans submitted under Appendices 1 and 2 show added details for the first, smaller WTG.	DSL P	Whole Document	No	No	Part a of condition does not appear to be addressed	The drawings that makeup Appendix A-1 and Appendix A-2 show the plan for Tranche 1 and the final layout (as per the visualisations supplied with the Variation Application) respectively. The drawings include the location of the WTGs, spacing (where applicable - Appendix A-2 only), seabed conditions as taken from the geophysical survey data, bathymetry contours as taken from the geophysical survey, and the key constraints of the site which are the identified wreck sites. As this is a floating windfarm, there isn't a foundation type as with a fixed wind turbine, however information is provided in Section 2.2 for the substructures and moorings. This information can be added to the drawings in

							lieu of a foundation type.
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6	The submission as a whole appears limited and does not fully address the entirety of the scheme, there is added focus on the first, smaller WTG (albeit no confirmation of its removal as listed above). It has not been made clear if MSLOT are satisfied with this piecemeal approach to addressing the extant conditions within the submission.	DSL P	Whole Document	No	No	Clarification on confirmation from MSLOT re approach to discharging of the conditions over multiple iterations of the document	As well as agreeing with MSLOT that the document would be submitted less than 6 months prior to Commencement of Development, it was also agreed that it would only be practical for KOWL to include detailed information on Tranche 1 at this stage, and that the document would be updated before any subsequent Tranches. Confirmation that this document will be updated prior to Tranche 2 can be added to make this commitment more evident as it is in other documents.

Many Thanks,
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Subject: RE: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Development Specification and Layout Plan - Consultation - Response required by 23rd April 2018

Dear Stuart

Many thanks for submitting comments on the above consultation on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council. MS-LOT acknowledge receipt of your e-mail dated 18th April 2017.

I would like to apologise for any confusion over these drawings for the above consultation.

Attached you have:

Drawing KOWL-DR-0001-001 1 of 2 and 2 of 2 – which make up Appendix A

And

Drawing KOWL-DR-0001-002 1 of 2 and 2 of 2 – which make up Appendix B

For the remaining comments in your response I will leave Amy Parry of KOWL (cc'd in this email) to respond directly.

I trust the above suffice however, should you have any questions in regard, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Panos

Panos Pliatsikas

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Subject: RE: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Development Specification and Layout Plan - Consultation - Response required by 23rd April 2018

Good Morning,

Thank you for consulting Aberdeenshire Council on Condition 11 of the extant Kincardine Offshore Wind Farm consent. Having reviewed the submission and the various iterations sent through, I have the following comments:

- The condition states that the information should be provided 6 months prior to the commencement of the development. Based on the timetable supplied within the documentation, this does not appear to be timeous.
- There is no mention or clarification that the smaller 2MW wind turbine will be removed within 3 years as was previously agreed by the developer, MSL0T and consultees. This was a key concern previously and it would be preferable for this to be clarified at this stage as this is an important factor in the site layout.
- Parts (b), (c), (d) and (e) of the condition have been addressed within the supporting information. Basic details have been provided for these.
- Part (a) does not appear to have been fully addressed based on the submitted information. Aberdeenshire Council are not in receipt of a single plan showing all requested details. Figures 2-3, 2-2 as well as Appendices 1 and 2 forwarded at a later stage provide some detail separately, but there does not appear to be a single plan showing all details requested – albeit it is possible that all information is included within the submission as a whole. The plans submitted under Appendices 1 and 2 show added details for the first, smaller WTG.
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I trust you find the above helpful.

Kind Regards,

Stuart Murison

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Subject: RE: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Development Specification and Layout Plan - Consultation - Response required by 23rd April 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Further to my email below, Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd have informed MS-LOT that the submitted Development Specification and Layout Plan (“DSLPL”) (as circulated for consultation on 03 April 2018) is missing certain information. Therefore, we would be grateful if you could please consider the following paragraph as section 2.6 of the DSLPL when reviewing this document.

It would appear that something had gone awry between versions of this document when it went for internal review, – this is the information that was supposed to be in Section 2.6:

2.6 Finishes of the Turbines

The markings to be used on the turbines and substructures have been defined in the LMP. A summary of those relevant to the DS has been provided below, the markings will be the same for the 2MW and the larger turbines, and for the different substructures that may be used.

ID Markings

Each turbine will be assigned a unique ID which will be displayed on identification panels fitted to the turbines, with the alphanumeric characters visible from 150 metres (m) away (typically at least 1m in height), and shown in black over a yellow background. Multiple illuminated panels will be used per turbine to ensure the ID is clearly visible in all directions, and during both the daylight and night hours.

The IDs will be of the form KIN-XX, where XX is a unique number between 01 and 07, assigned as shown in Figure 5.1, which shows the final ID scheme. It is noted that due to Site 4 being removed from consideration in the scheme, and as the demonstrator turbine installed during Season 1 will potentially be moved to Site 8, ID markings do not exactly correspond to the Site positions. Therefore, ID markings will be fixed per Site (rather than turbine), and ID boards will be transferable between turbines should they change location so that positions will always align with charts and emergency documentations.

Paint

The turbine structure (columns) will be painted yellow (RAL 1023) in lead free pigmentation from the water line (float line) to a minimum of 9.5m up to the hand rails on the turbine structure. The portion of structure painted yellow may extend above 9.5m depending on ballast conditions, engineering requirements and the design of future phases of turbines. Sections of structure that will remain below Lowest Astronomical Tide at all times are not required to be painted. The remainder of the structure above the yellow paint will be painted light grey (RAL 7035) in lead free pigmentation.

Signage

Warning signs will be fitted to all sub-structures indicating the presence of subsea infrastructure (including mooring lines). The signage installed on the concrete SEMI-SPAR substructures will also indicate the presence of the subsurface base, and warn approaching vessels to avoid the area surrounding the surface structure.

Blade Marking

For the purposes of SAR operations, Annex 5 of MGN543 (MCA, 2016) requires the marking of all turbine blades with hover reference marks. In line with this guidance, the trailing edge of each blade will have three red marks at points 10, 20, and 30m from the hub end. These marks will have a minimum diameter of 600 millimetres. In addition, the tip of each blade will be painted red, up to a distance of approximately 2% of the total blade length. An indicative blade marking plan is presented in Figure 6.1.

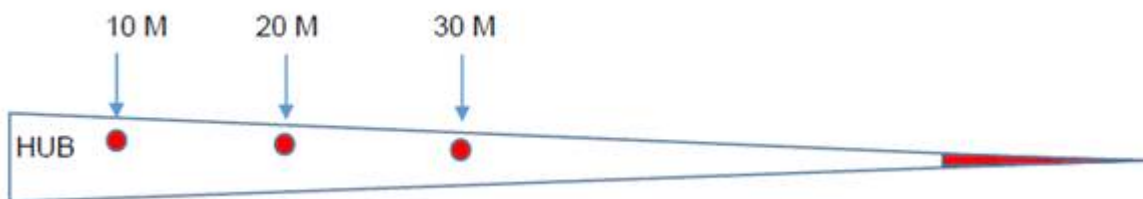


Figure 2-3 Indicative blade markings

Nacelle Marking

The ID number of each turbine will be clearly displayed on the roof of the nacelle, ensuring SAR helicopters can visually identify any given structure. The ID numbers will be as large as is reasonably practicable, but not less than 1.5m in height, and will be displayed on each turbine such as to be recognisable from an aircraft flying at a height of 150m above the highest point of the structure.

And then it should be:

7. Export Cables

8. Inter-array Cables

Should you have any questions in regard, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Panos

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Cc: Queiros J (Joao)

Subject: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Development Specification and Layout Plan - Consultation - Response required by 23rd April 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

On the 26th March 2018, MS-LOT sent a consultation email for the Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd, seeking your comments on the Development Specification and Layout Plan, with some documents missing from the email.

The Appendix A 0001-001 and Appendix B 0001-002 for the Development Specification and Layout Plan (DSLPL) can be found attached to this email.

Should you have any questions in regard, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Limited ("KOWL"), having received consent under the above legislation and in order to discharge a condition of their section 36 Consent, in respect of the Development Specification and Layout Plan ("DSLPL"), has submitted to the Licensing Authority the document attached.

Please find attached a proposed Development Specification and Layout Plan ("DSLPL"). The purpose of the DSLPL is to attempt to satisfy the requirements of:

- s.36 Consent Condition 11. Development Specification and Layout Plan

The Decision Letter and Conditions, marine licence and other relevant documents, can be found on our website, following the link below:

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The conditions state that the plans are to be submitted to the Scottish Ministers for their written approval, following a consultation with the appropriate stakeholders as specified in the consent conditions, and any such other advisors as may be required at the discretion of the Scottish Ministers .

We would appreciate any comments you may have on the attached DSLPL and its suitability to discharge the condition in order to determine whether it is fit for purpose for the Scottish Ministers to give it their written approval. Please note that we do not seek comments on the Marine Licence, the Consent nor on the conditions, which will not be amended.

If you wish to submit any comments, please send them to MS.MarineRenewables@gov.scot before the **23rd April 2018**. If you have no comments to make please submit a "nil return" response.

Yours faithfully

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From: JRC Windfarm Coordinations <windfarms@jrc.co.uk>
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Subject: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Development Specification and Layout Plan - Consultation - Response required by 23rd April 2018 [WF995729]

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Dear panos,

A Windfarms Team member has replied to your coordination request, reference **WF995729** with the following response:

Good Afternoon Panos,

Please note we did send a response via ticket WF564108 to Catarina Aires. Please see below for details:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Ref: Scoping Opinion

Site Name:

Kincardine Offshore

Turbine at NGR:

402000 789000

Hub Height: 107m Rotor Radius: 85m

*This proposal ***cleared*** with respect to radio link infrastructure operated by:*

The local electricity utility and Scotia Gas Networks

JRC analyses proposals for wind farms on behalf of the UK Fuel & Power Industry. This is to assess their potential to interfere with radio systems operated by utility companies in support of their regulatory operational requirements.

In the case of this proposed wind energy development, JRC does not foresee any potential problems based on known interference scenarios and the data you have provided. However, if any details of the wind farm change, particularly the disposition or scale of any turbine(s), it will be necessary to re-evaluate the proposal. Please note that due to the large number of adjacent radio links in this vicinity, which have been taken into account, clearance is given specifically for a location within the declared grid reference (quoted above).

In making this judgement, JRC has used its best endeavours with the available data, although we recognise

that there may be effects which are as yet unknown or inadequately predicted. JRC cannot therefore be held liable if subsequently problems arise that we have not predicted.

It should be noted that this clearance pertains only to the date of its issue. As the use of the spectrum is dynamic, the use of the band is changing on an ongoing basis and consequently, you are advised to seek re-coordination prior to submitting a planning application, as this will negate the possibility of an objection being raised at that time as a consequence of any links assigned between your enquiry and the finalisation of your project.

JRC offers a range of radio planning and analysis services. If you require any assistance, please contact us by phone or email.

Regards

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13th April 2018

Dear Mr Pliatsikas

Proposal: Kincardine Offshore Wind Farm – Discharge of Section 36 Consent Conditions 10 and 11

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on the discharge of Condition 10 (Construction Method Statement) and Condition 11 (development specification and layout plan) in respect of the consented Kincardine Offshore Wind Farm.

I can confirm that the MOD has no objection to the applications.

I hope this adequately explains our position on the matter. If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted]

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Dear Sirs,

NATS has made a representation in respect of its own position and the aviation conditions it requested. It has no comments to make on DSLP.

Regards
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Yours faithfully

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