

# Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm

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## **Community Consultation**

### **Summer Events Report 2012**

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## **Acronyms**

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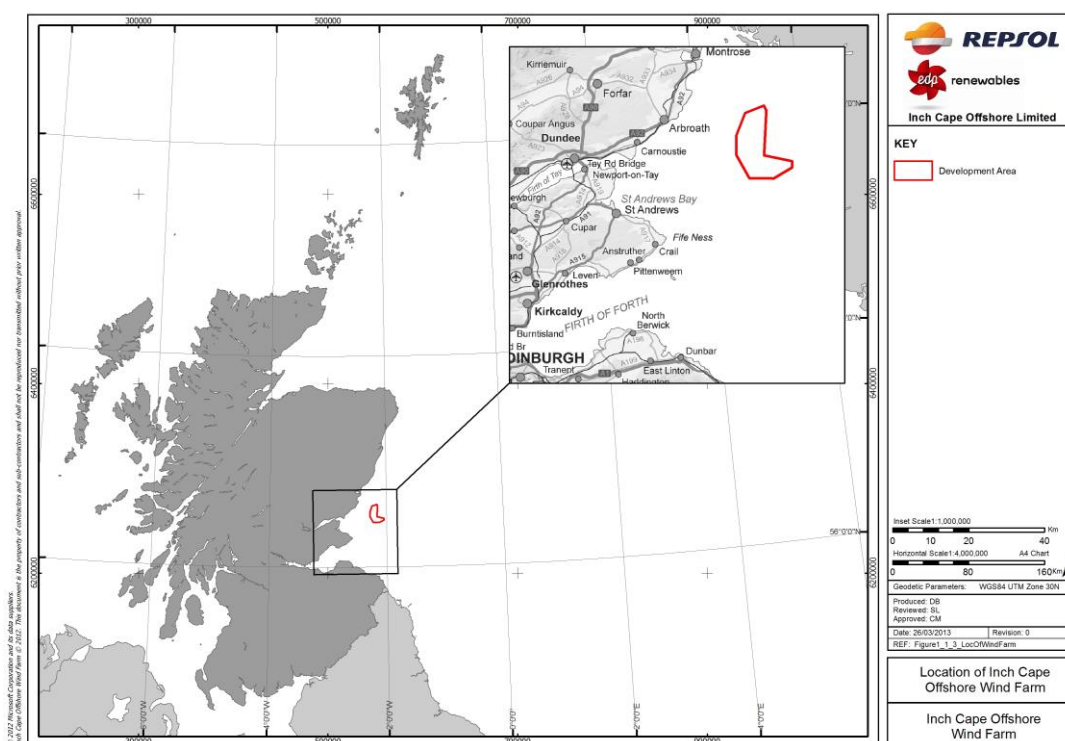
<b>EIA</b>	Environmental Impact Assessment
<b>FTOWDG</b>	Forth and Tay Offshore Wind Developers Group
<b>ICOL</b>	Inch Cape Offshore Limited
<b>MW</b>	Megawatts
<b>SP=EED</b>	Scottish Planning Equals Effective Engagement & Delivery
<b>PAN</b>	Planning Advice Note

## 5D.1 Introduction

### 5D.1.1 Development Area

Inch Cape Offshore Limited (ICOL) proposes to develop the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm in the outer Firth of Tay region of Scottish Territorial Waters. The Development Area is located approximately 15-22 km to the east of the Angus coastline in Scotland (see Figure 5D.1 – Location of Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm). It is anticipated the development will cover an area in the region of 150 km<sup>2</sup>. The onshore works will be in the area of Cockenzie, East Lothian and will be subject to specific consultation.

Figure 5D.1 - Location of Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm



### 5D.1.2 Introduction to the Summer Events

The aim of the four public events described in this report was to consult with the wider community along the Fife and Angus coast. A number of summer fetes, events and galas in the area were selected to facilitate this consultation.

All four events were produced jointly between ICOL and Mainstream Renewable Power. One event, Carnoustie Gala, also included representatives from Seagreen Wind Energy Limited. These three companies have potential offshore wind farm developments off the Forth and Tay coast.

## **5D.2 Overview of Consultation**

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### **5D.2.1 Consenting Procedure**

For the construction of a power generation facility, such as an offshore wind farm, Section 36 of the 1989 Electricity Act requires that an application be made to Scottish Ministers through the Scottish Government agency, Marine Scotland. Section 36 legislation suggests that the Government's Planning Advice Note 81 should guide consultation and engagement. In this regard, discussions have been held with Marine Scotland to agree the specific public and stakeholder engagement requirements for this Project.

The onshore works will be subject to a separate planning application under the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006. The onshore works are considered a 'major' development and the planning application for this part of the Project will be submitted to, and determined by, East Lothian Council.

The consenting procedure for an offshore development requires that an 'Environmental Impact Assessment' (EIA) is completed which considers the potential impacts of the scheme on a range of environmental factors. The scope of the EIA for the Offshore Wind Farm has been agreed with Marine Scotland.

EIA is a process for ensuring that the potential environmental impacts of a project are identified, assessed, managed and reduced to acceptable levels before 'development consent' can be given. The EIA also provides a means of providing information to the public regarding the likely environmental effects of the Project, enabling them to make informed comments on the Project before the relevant consenting authority makes its decision.

### **5D.2.2 Consultation Objectives**

ICOL is continuing to work with all stakeholders (organisations, individuals and communities) who have an interest in the Project, whether as a result of their activities or their location. This enables the Project to benefit from the considerable experience of those with local or sector specific knowledge. It also allows the Project to develop with the direct involvement of all interested stakeholders. The overall objective of the consultation process is therefore to maximise the participation of those who have an interest in the Project.

### **5D.2.3 Summary of Engagement**

The scope of this document relates solely to consultation with local communities and local stakeholders conducted at the summer events. Other outputs of the engagement and consultation process are reported elsewhere. This document does not report on the engagement undertaken with statutory consultees, such as the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (albeit it is acknowledged that these stakeholders may have attended the summer events). The requirements for consultation with the statutory consultees and

certain other interested parties, such as landowners, are laid down in the 2006 and 1989 Acts and associated regulations. All statutory consultees have been consulted, initially during the scoping of the EIA, and throughout the evolution of the proposal. ICOL will continue its consultation with the statutory consultees throughout the EIA and consents processes.

In addition to the statutory consultation process, ICOL has sought to ensure that as many people as possible are given the opportunity to participate in the consultation process by consulting with:

- Community and interest groups who typically require more targeted engagement to facilitate involvement in the consultation; and
- Other relevant non-statutory community and interest groups or organisations with an interest in the proposals.

#### **5D.2.4 Consultation Zone**

As part of its continuing engagement programme, ICOL made the decision to exhibit at four community galas and fetes in Fife and Angus through the summer of 2012. ICOL staff also attended the Carnoustie Gala in the summer of 2011 although the company did not have an exhibition, as such. The summer events provided an opportunity to engage with a range of key stakeholder groups including those who may not typically attend formal consultation events.

#### **5D.2.5 Background to the Events**

These public events were part of a series of events that were held prior to the planning applications for the development being submitted. A series of other consultation events have been held with some of the statutory and key stakeholders.

Venues were chosen that were accessible to the public and were staffed to ensure that those attending would be able to engage in face-to-face dialogue.

### 5D.2.6 Venues

Community galas and fetes were chosen along the coast of Fife and Angus. The events that were selected were:

- Carnoustie Gala: Saturday 7 July 2012.
- St Andrews Highland Games: Sunday 29 July 2012.
- Anstruther Muster: Saturday 11 August 2012.
- Leuchars Airshow: Saturday 15 September 2012.

### 5D.2.7 Marketing

ICOL provided sponsorship of each of these events as a way of increasing the profile of the development and building relationships with the local coastal communities.

### 5D.2.8 Layout of the Exhibitions



Information about the Project was displayed at each of the venues.

The initial set of boards provided an introduction to the Project, its time line and the consenting process.

The second area in the exhibition provided a large graphic representation of the three Forth and Tay Offshore Wind Developers Group (FTOWDG) developments from a key local viewpoint. There was also a computer-based 3-D visualisation available on a large screen which enabled participants to look at a visualisation of the FTOWDG developments from any point in the local area.

The third area outlined some of the key areas of survey work that has been, and continues to be, undertaken on aspects of the development. At this stage in the exhibition participants were asked to complete a questionnaire. The consolidated output from these questionnaires is provided later in this appendix.

There was also a resources area where more information about renewable energy, ICOL and the Project were available, both for adults and children.

### 5D.3 Questionnaire Feedback

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1,136 people visited the marquee/stand over the four events. Of these, 225 people (19.8 per cent) filled in the questionnaire (see Table 5D.1).

Due to the numbers involved, the output from the questionnaires can only be taken as an indication of the public views rather than as a statistically representative sample.

In order to provide comparative results, the same core questions were used throughout the four consultation events. This has allowed results from the different events to be collated on an on-going basis over the consultation period.

**Table 5D.1 - Number Attending the Public Exhibitions**

	Numbers attending	Questionnaires completed	Percentage
Carnoustie Gala	90	40	<b>44.4%</b>
St Andrews Highland Games	172	40	<b>23.3%</b>
Anstruther Muster	304	43	<b>14.1%</b>
Leuchars Airshow	570	102	<b>17.9%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,136</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>19.8%</b>

The exhibitions were an opportunity for the developer to engage directly with some specific community groups. There were representatives present from:

- Community councils;
- Environmental groups;
- Local community groups; and
- Interest groups.

The events proved to be an opportunity to open dialogue and build relationships between key members of the Project team and significant individuals within the communities.

The following section examines the questionnaire responses. Of the 225 questionnaires attempted, not all participants completed all the questions. Only the questions with a response are included in the following analysis.

### 5D.3.1 Analysis of Questionnaires

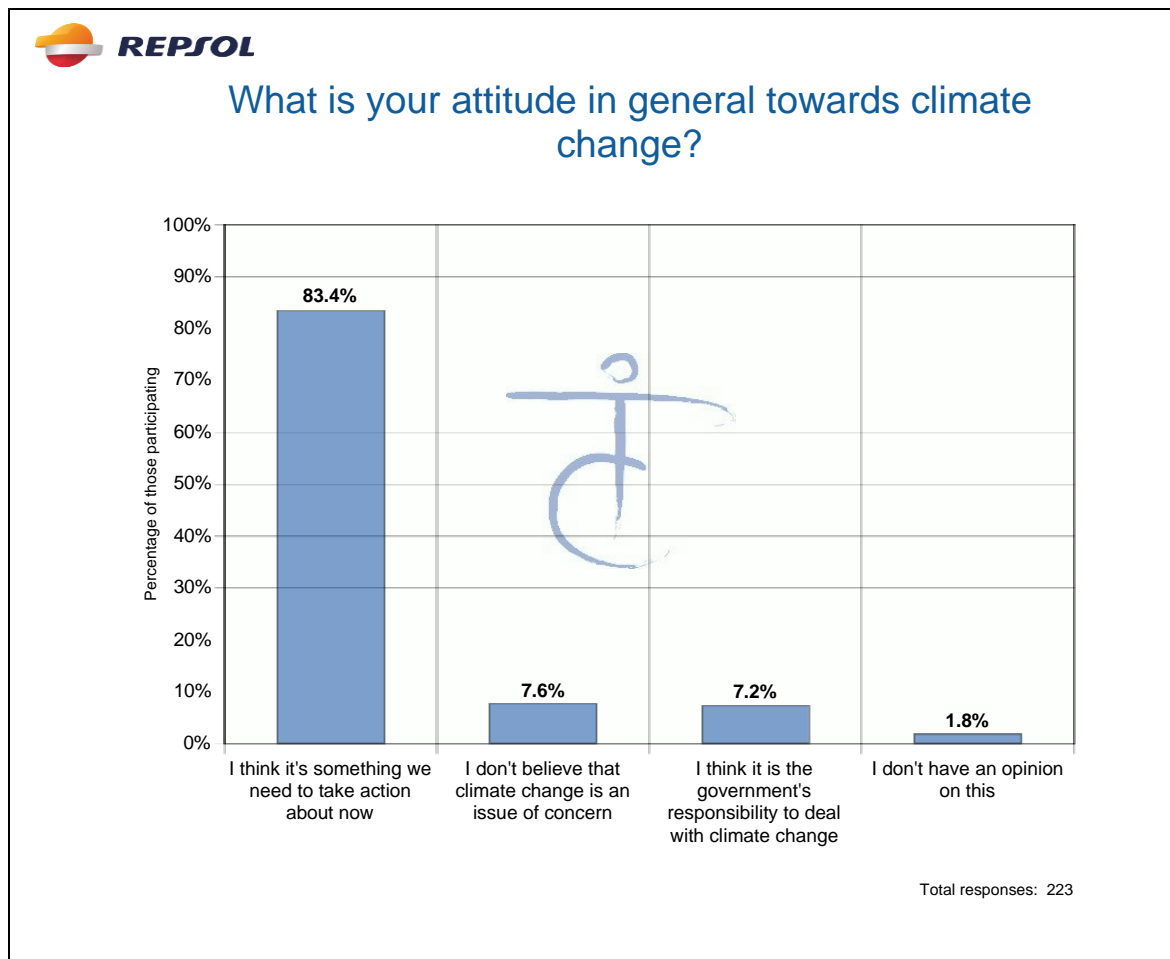
The first two questions in the questionnaire examined people’s attitudes on the following subjects:

- Climate change (see Figure 5D.2 and Table 5D.2);
- Offshore renewable sources (see Figure 5D.3 and Table 5D.3).

The questionnaires showed that a high percentage of those polled thought that:

- Climate change is something that we should take action about now (83.4 per cent);
- It is important that we take the development of offshore renewable energy sources seriously (88.8 per cent).

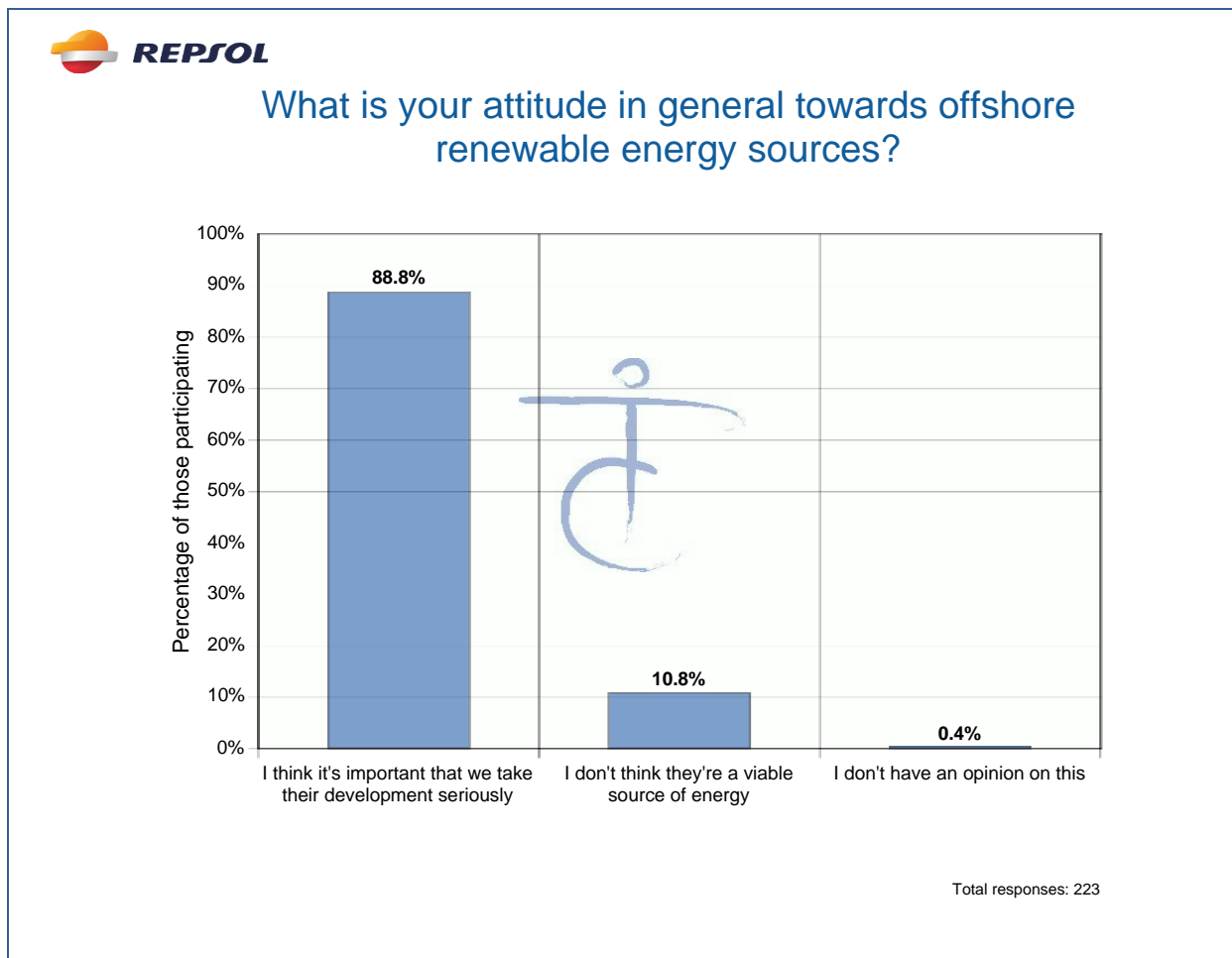
Figure 5D.2 - Attitude Towards Climate Change



**Table 5D.2 - Attitude Towards Climate Change**

Venue	I think it's something we need to take action about now	I don't believe that climate change is an issue of concern	I think it is the government's responsibility to deal with climate change	I don't have an opinion on this	Total
Carnoustie Gala	82.1%	2.6%	12.8%	2.6%	<b>100.0%</b>
St Andrews Highland Games	90.0%	7.5%	2.5%	0.0%	<b>100.0%</b>
Anstruther Muster	84.1%	11.4%	4.5%	0.0%	<b>100.0%</b>
Leuchars Airshow	81.0%	8.0%	8.0%	3.0%	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>83.4%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Figure 5D.3 - Attitude Towards Offshore Renewable Sources**

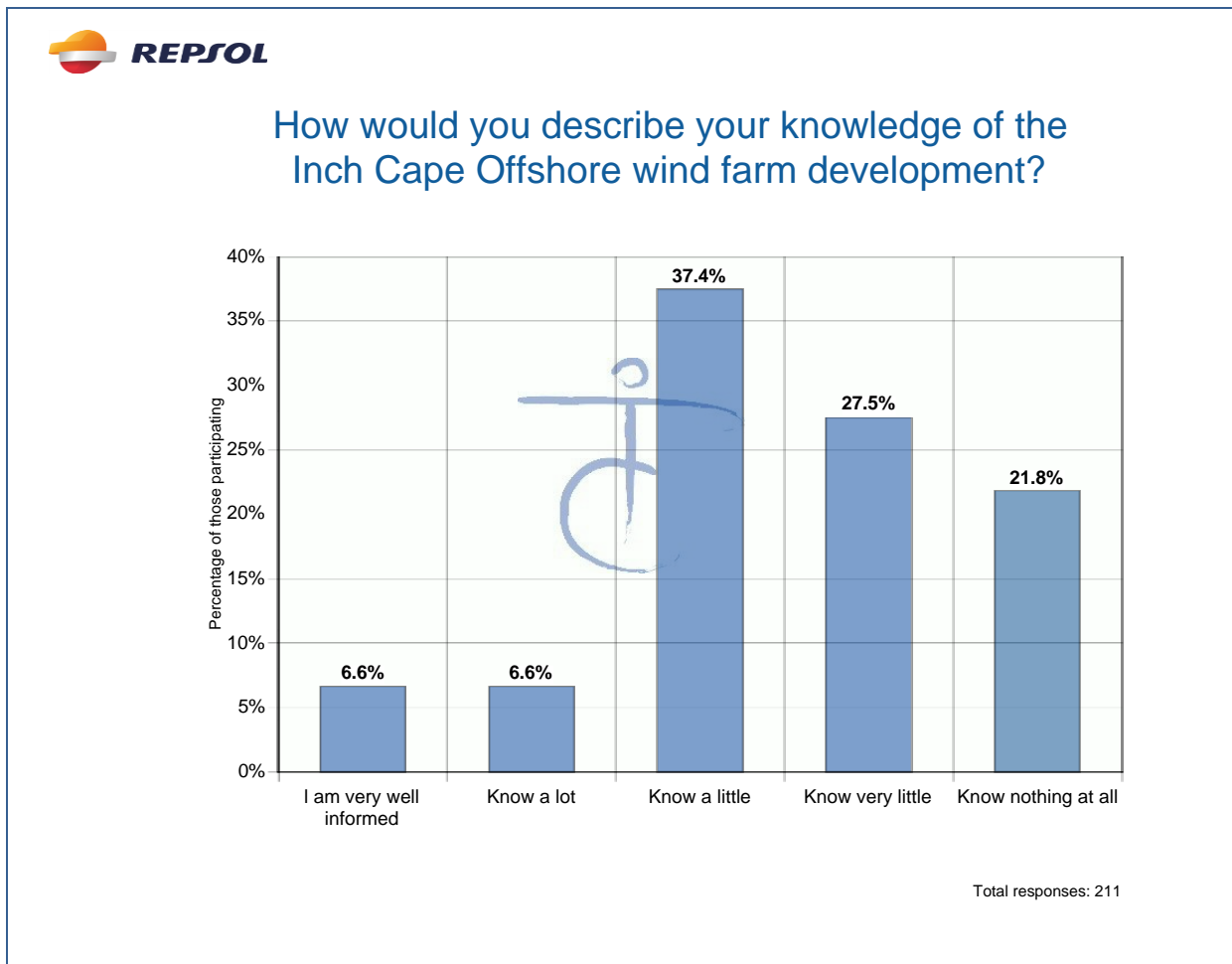


**Table 5D.3 - Attitude Towards Offshore Renewable Sources**

Venue	I think it's important that we take their development seriously	I don't think they're a viable source of energy	I don't have an opinion on this	Total
Carnoustie Gala	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	<b>100.0%</b>
St Andrews Highland Games	89.7%	10.3%	0.0%	<b>100.0%</b>
Anstruther Muster	88.6%	11.4%	0.0%	<b>100.0%</b>
Leuchars Airshow	84.2%	14.9%	1.0%	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>88.8%</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The third question examined people’s knowledge of the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm. Given that, for many, this was the first opportunity to look in detail at the Wind Farm it is not surprising that only 13.2 per cent of the participants said they “were very well informed” and “know a lot” about the proposals (see Figure 5D.4 and Table 5D.4).

**Figure 5D.4 - Knowledge of the Inch Cape Development**



**Table 5D.4 – Knowledge of the Inch Cape Development**

Venue	I am very well informed	Know a lot	Know a little	Know very little	Know nothing at all	Total
Carnoustie Gala	0.0%	11.4%	51.4%	11.4%	25.7%	<b>100.0%</b>
St Andrews Highland Games	0.0%	5.4%	37.8%	32.4%	24.3%	<b>100.0%</b>
Anstruther Muster	10.5%	7.9%	23.7%	42.1%	15.8%	<b>100.0%</b>
Leuchars Airshow	9.9%	5.0%	37.6%	25.7%	21.8%	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>37.4%</b>	<b>27.5%</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Recently introduced planning legislation in the UK has strengthened the requirement of public engagement on large developments. In the different regimes where this legislation has been implemented, the importance of public understanding of the impacts of a development has been stressed. It is important that all stakeholders recognise and understand positive, as well as negative, impacts.

Question four examined the participant's opinion on the perceived impact of the Wind Farm for a number of pre-defined criteria. For each criterion the participants were asked to consider whether the Wind Farm would have a:

- Positive / Good effect;
- Neutral / No effect;
- Negative / Bad effect;
- Not sure.

Details of the responses given are contained in Figures 5D.5 - Figure 5D.8 and Table 5D.5 – Table 5D.6. Individual graphs compare the assessment of effect for each criterion. For example, the first graph shows the positive responses by criteria to allow a comparison.

Table 5D.5 summaries the responses while Table 5D.6 - Summer Galas details all the responses to this question.

**Table 5D.5 – Summary of Perceived Impacts**

Perceived impact	Responses	Percentage
Positive/ Good effect	540	27%
Neutral/ No effect	830	42%
Negative/ Bad effect	357	18%
Not sure	246	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1973</b>	<b>100%</b>

Figure 5D.5 shows that participants believe the greatest positive impacts will be:

- CO2 reduction (72.7 per cent);
- Jobs (68.0 per cent).

Figure 5D.5 - Participants' Understanding of the Positive Effects of the Development

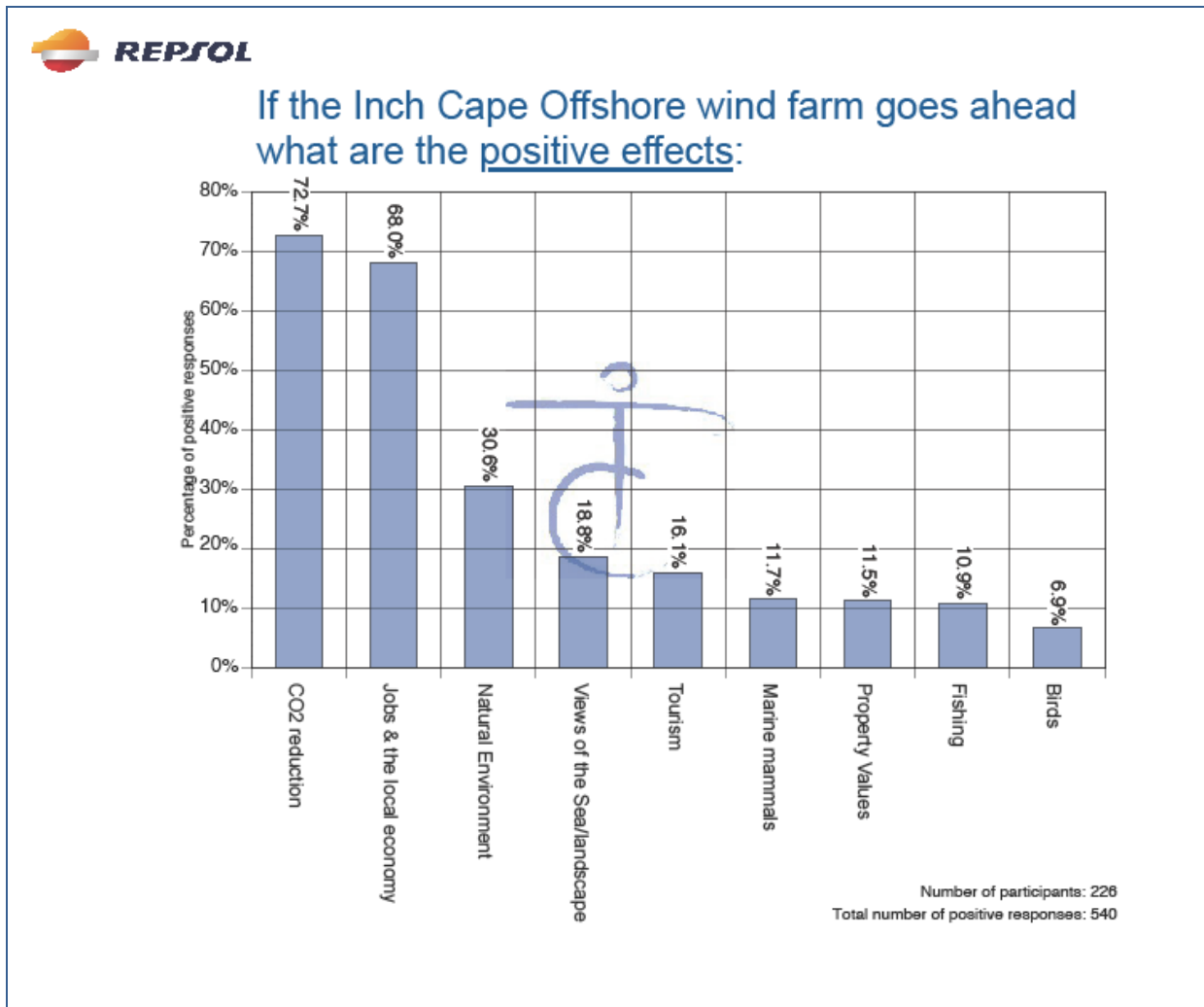


Figure 5D.6 shows that participants believe the greatest negative impacts will be:

- Birds (30.4 per cent);
- Fishing (25.5 per cent);
- Visual impact (23.8 per cent);
- Marine mammals (22.9 per cent).

Figure 5D.6 - Participants' Understanding of the Negative Effects of the Development

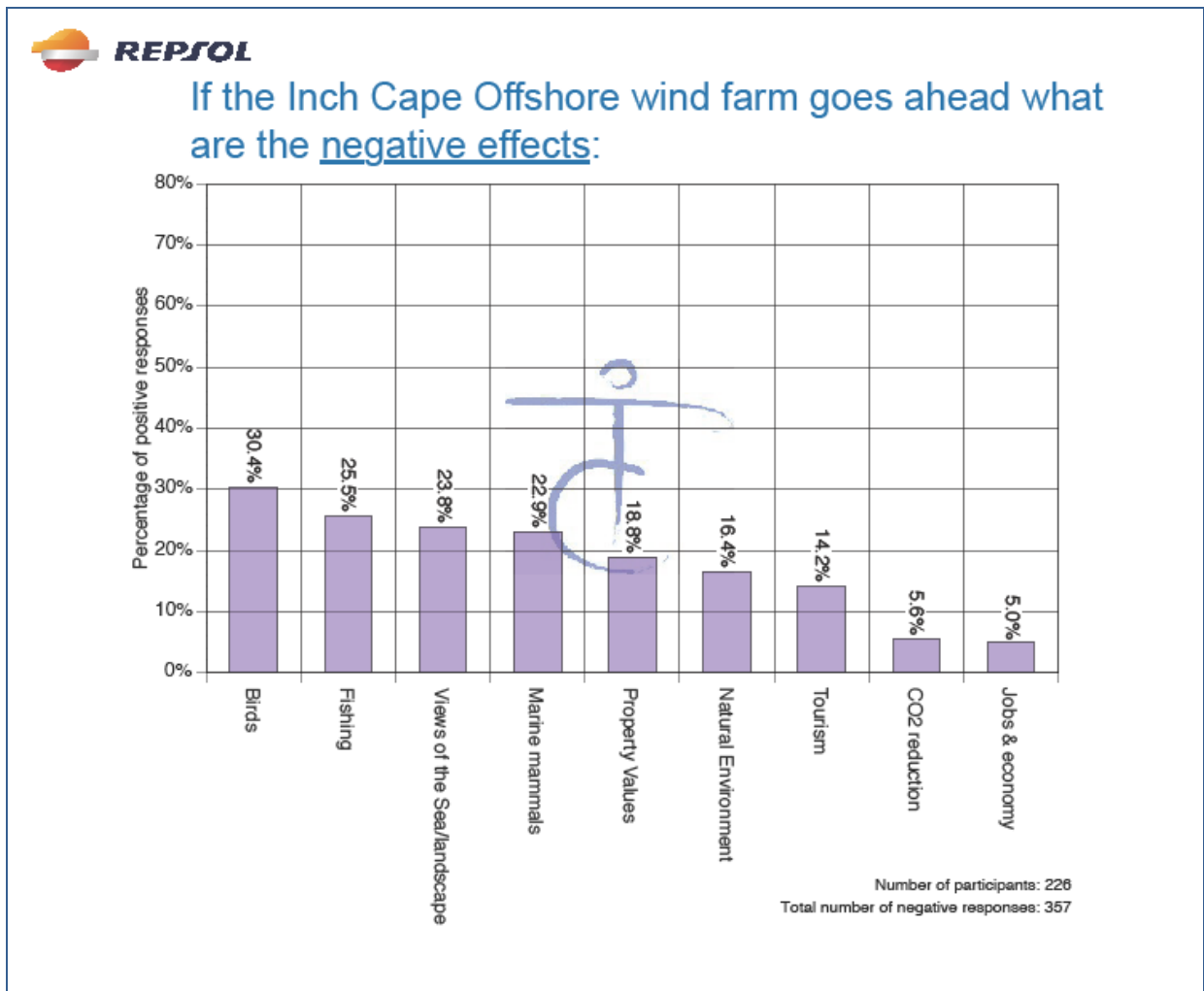


Figure 5D.7 shows the areas that participants believe will have neutral or no impact:

- Tourism (61.0 per cent);
- Property Values (58.7 per cent);
- Views/Landscape (51.6 per cent).

Figure 5D.7 - Participants' Understanding of the Neutral/No Effects of the Development

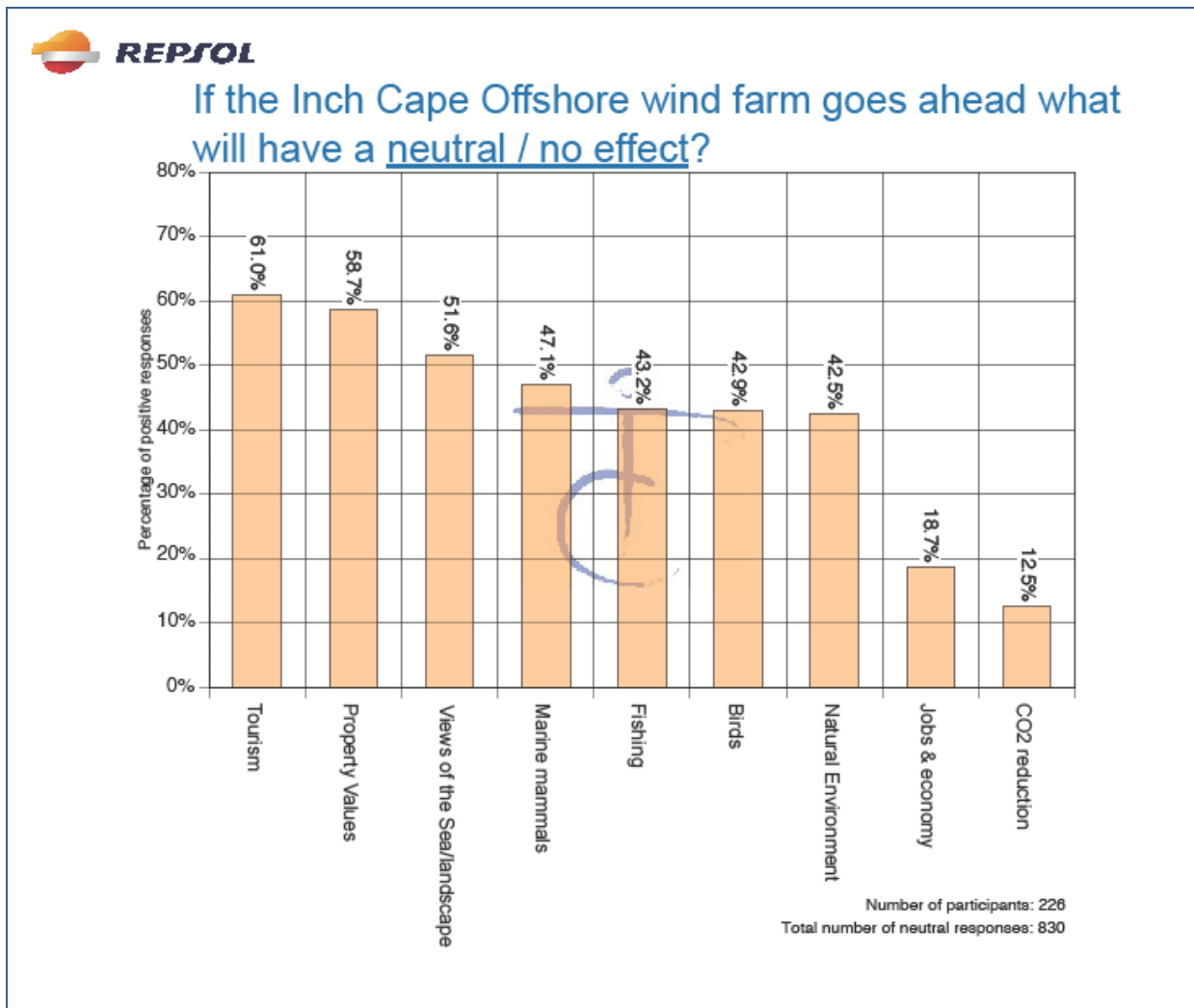


Figure 5D.8 in this series shows that participants do not understand the effects of the Wind Farm on the following areas:

- Fishing (20.5 per cent);
- Marine Mammals (18.4 per cent);
- Birds (19.8 per cent).

This suggests that the participants would benefit from further information being presented on these subjects. The Environmental Statement includes the results of assessment work on the likely effects on these topics.

Figure 5D.8 - Effects of the Development that are Not Understood by the Participants

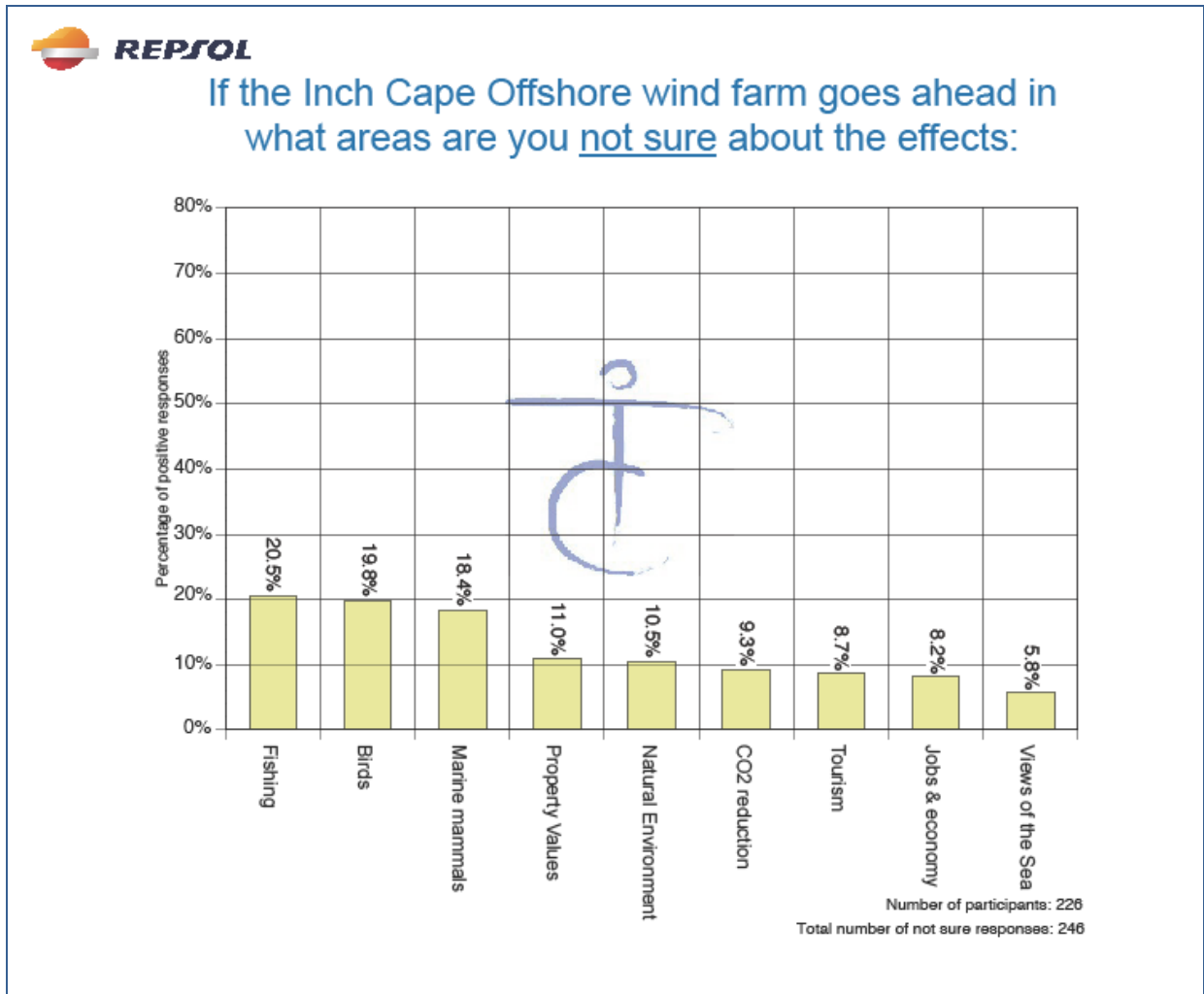


Table 5D.6 - Summer Galas Responses to Question 4

	Positive / Good effect	Neutral / No effect	Negative / Bad effect	Not Sure	Total
Views of the Sea/land	42	115	53	13	<b>223</b>
Natural Environment	67	93	36	23	<b>219</b>
CO2 reduction	157	27	12	20	<b>216</b>
Birds	15	93	66	43	<b>217</b>
Jobs & the local economy	149	41	11	18	<b>219</b>
Tourism	35	133	31	19	<b>218</b>
Marine mammals	26	105	51	41	<b>223</b>
Property Values	25	128	41	24	<b>218</b>
Fishing	24	95	56	45	<b>220</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>1973</b>

	Positive / Good effect	Neutral / No effect	Negative / Bad effect	Not Sure	Total
Views of the Sea/land	18.8%	51.6%	23.8%	5.8%	<b>100%</b>
Natural Environment	30.6%	42.5%	16.4%	10.5%	<b>100%</b>
CO2 reduction	72.7%	12.5%	5.6%	9.3%	<b>100%</b>
Birds	6.9%	42.9%	30.4%	19.8%	<b>100%</b>
Jobs & the local economy	68.0%	18.7%	5.0%	8.2%	<b>100%</b>
Tourism	16.1%	61.0%	14.2%	8.7%	<b>100%</b>
Marine mammals	11.7%	47.1%	22.9%	18.4%	<b>100%</b>
Property Values	11.5%	58.7%	18.8%	11.0%	<b>100%</b>
Fishing	10.9%	43.2%	25.5%	20.5%	<b>100%</b>

### 5D.3.2 Comments on the Wind Farm

Question five asked for participants to provide comments on the Wind Farm (see Table 5D.7). Of the 225 questionnaires completed, 52 (23 per cent) participants provided comments. Therefore, 77 per cent of those completing a questionnaire at the summer galas did not provide a written comment. All comments are unedited and have been anonymised.

The comments have been grouped to try and identify common themes.

**Table 5D.7 - Number of Comments by Theme**

Theme	Number of Comments
Generally supportive	20
Generally object	3
Comments on the impact of the development	9
Requests for further information	3
Economic viability	3
Other comments	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>

#### **Generally Supportive** [20 comments]

- Someone is responsible for them. Make them built to last. It will be a tremendous job to put them up.
- I think it would be a benefit.
- All for it.
- There should be more!
- Good idea. More people are complaining about onshore so next big area.
- Should be supported.
- Keep pressing on.
- Needs to be done. Not a desirable but a necessity and a good solution.
- I support such developments. Government is tightening its belt.
- I welcome this development and feel it is the best way forward. Anything is better than more nuclear power stations. Hopefully this will bring jobs to an area which has lost its identity through loss of its fishing fleet.
- I'd have one in my back garden if I could!
- Good idea.

- Generally if there has to be wind farms we think it's better at sea rather than inland or shore.
- Good for the future – for all concerned.
- Positive/Good effect.
- Rather have them at sea than on land.
- Good in principle.
- I think it is a very positive development.
- I would prefer offshore to onshore sites.
- I think it is a good thing to explore new ways to generate energy.

**Generally Object** [3 comments]

- There must be a better way!
- Even BMJ thinks they should be looked into because of damage on health and noise pollution. Not economic. Bad for wildlife. Cost more energy than ever make. Not green. Destroy ecolocation for mammals. Unsightly disaster.
- Concerned like much of the public that the development is going ahead no matter what we think. Also very concerned about the livelihood of our local fishing fleet. They must not suffer financially.

**Comments on the Impact of the Development** [9 comments]

- I think wind farms are important but not a good idea for Carnoustie area. Should go elsewhere so as not to affect golf etc. because of tourists.
- Impact on fishing.
- Fully supportive of wind farms but don't want cable to affect golf courses.
- I do feel that they have a negative visual impact and some impact on the natural environment – however, I feel that it is important that we exploit our natural resources, especially those which do not pollute our planet.
- I don't agree with the wind farm in the sea. The animals will suffer.
- The construction management plan needs to take account of the impact on the environment.
- As a sailor I might be affected by turbines if it becomes a no go area.
- I didn't realise they covered such a large area.
- It seems important to make sure that the proposed development area doesn't entirely cover any seafloor ecosystems so that repopulation can occur.

**Requests for Further Information** [3 comments]

- Would need to be more informed before opinion given.
- Don't have enough info to comment.
- Not enough information to make a reasonable response to Question 4 – would like more info.

**Economic Viability** [3 comments]

- Poor return on cost of their establishment.
- A disgraceful political initiative. Wind farms are not economically viable, every turbine requires a subsidy from the taxpayer and is a scam filled with corruption.
- Wind is only a 1/3 reliable. Therefore these proposals are a con – waste of public money that will contribute towards them. Way to go is tidal – completely reliable power.

**Other Comments** [14 comments]

- I am not sure that this type of power is the way to provide the energy we require.
- Depends on where they are situated.
- Think tidal power is probably a better way to derive viable and sustainable energy from the sea.
- We need to look at other ways of using energy for our future generations.
- About time we had more alternative schemes [in Spain].
- Is there a whistle that deters the birds? At Canadian tar sands we use propane canons.
- In general I doubt that offshore wind energy is a viable solution. Costs are high and cost reduction through learning is not as high as anticipated. For me gas is more reliable and a more viable alternative (clean, affordable and abundant).
- Having seen your gala tent I can now see what this development is about and am now a bit more informed and it is a positive education to offshore wind farming.
- Make provision for decommissioning.
- Hopeful that there will be specific attention to economic benefits for local communities.
- Alternative renewable sources e.g. wave. They are ugly and shouldn't be visible from coast. Inefficient and not as good as developers make out. Won't create local jobs. Foreign firms will erect.
- Long term little effect on marine life.
- Can the cable routes not follow the road? Less disruption.

- Fish gather around heat of turbine bases which create [virgin] ground within 10 years. Birds flying into them is the only concern.

Question six examined participants' overall reaction to the Wind Farm. Of the questionnaires completed at the summer events (see Figure 5D.9 and Table 5D.8):

- **71.9 per cent** support the Wind Farm;
- **20.2 per cent** neither support or object the Wind Farm;
- **7.9 per cent** oppose the Wind Farm.

Figure 5D.9 – Figure 5D.12 and Table 5D.8 – Table 5D.11 show how the reaction to the proposal differs by:

- Location of venue;
- Employment status;
- Gender;
- Age.

This output examines the range of opinion across all the consultation events to date.

Figures 5D.9 - 5D.12 show that:

- The lowest level of support was expressed by those who answered the questionnaire at the Anstruther Muster;
- A higher number of objections came from the retired than from any other employment category;
- The percentage of those prepared to disclose their employment status was 46.2 per cent;
- Support for the Wind Farm was greater than opposition within every age bracket;
- There were fewer objections to the Wind Farm from the under 40s; and
- There is no distinction by gender to be found in levels of support for and opposition to the Wind Farm.

Figure 5D.9 - Reaction to the Proposal for the Inch Cape Wind Farm

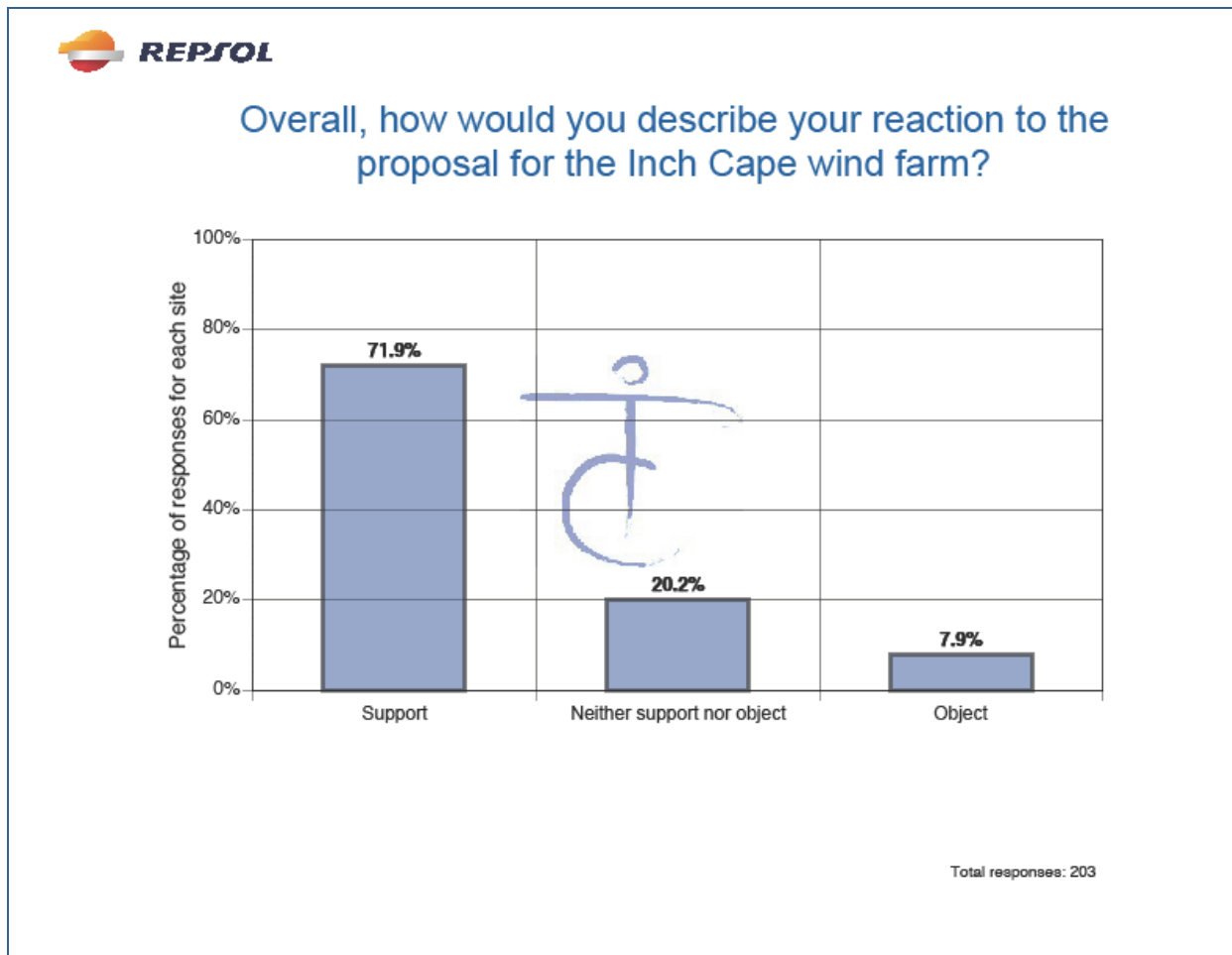


Table 5D.8 - Reaction to the Proposal for the Inch Cape Wind Farm

	Support	Neither Support nor Object	Object	Total
Carnoustie	76.5%	17.6%	5.9%	100.0%
St Andrews	87.5%	10.0%	2.5%	100.0%
Anstruther Muster	53.7%	29.3%	17.1%	100.0%
Leuchars Airshow	71.6%	21.6%	6.8%	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>71.9%</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Figure 5D.10 - Reaction to the Proposal for the Inch Cape Wind Farm (by Employment Status)

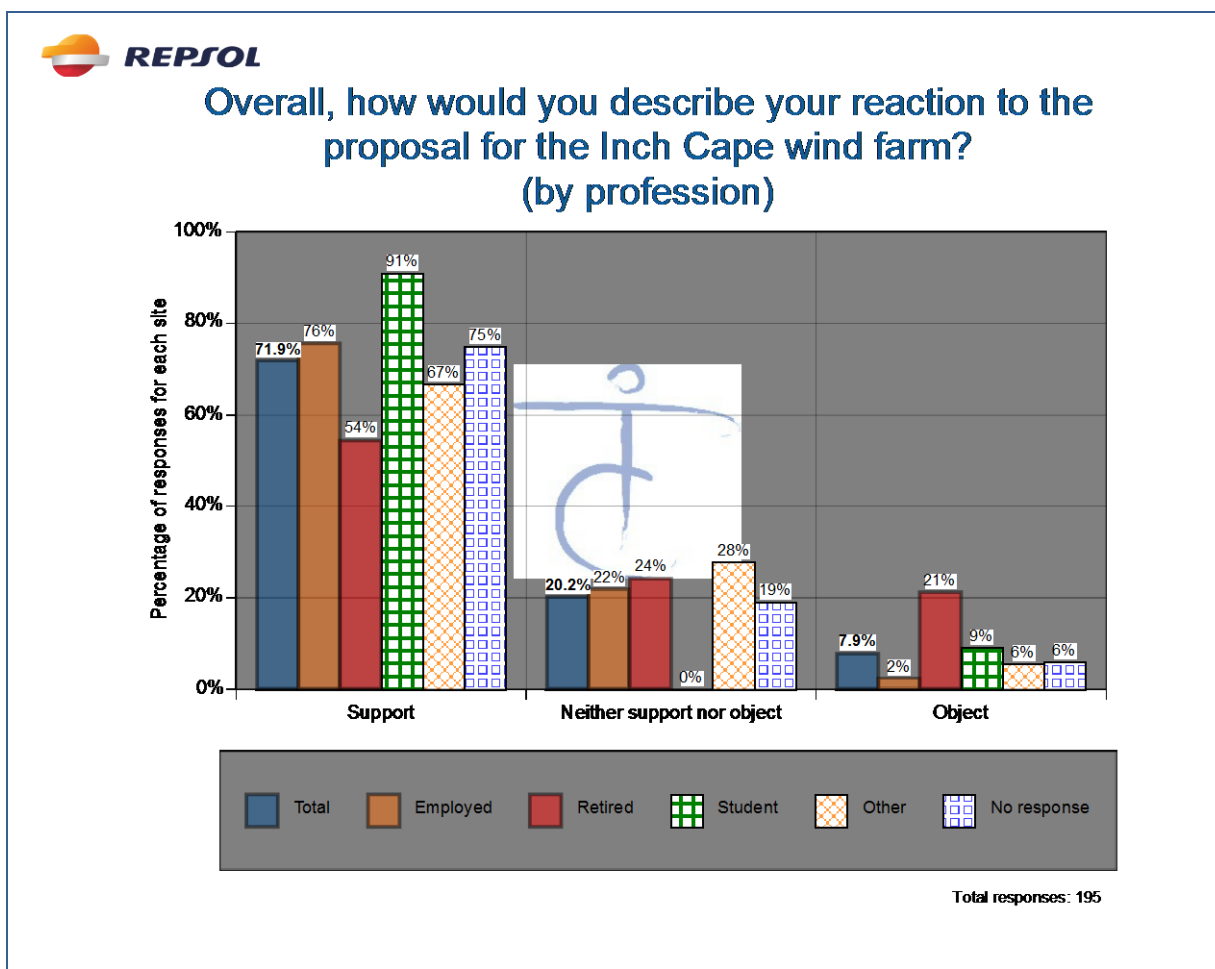


Table 5D.9 - Reaction to the Proposal for the Inch Cape Wind Farm (by Employment Status)

Opinion	Employed	Retired	Student	Other	No response	Total
Support	75.6%	54.5%	90.9%	66.7%	75.0%	<b>71.9%</b>
Neither support nor object	22.0%	24.2%	0.0%	27.8%	19.0%	<b>20.2%</b>
Object	2.4%	21.2%	9.1%	5.6%	6.0%	<b>7.9%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Figure 5D.11 - Reaction to the Proposal for the Inch Cape Wind Farm (by Age)

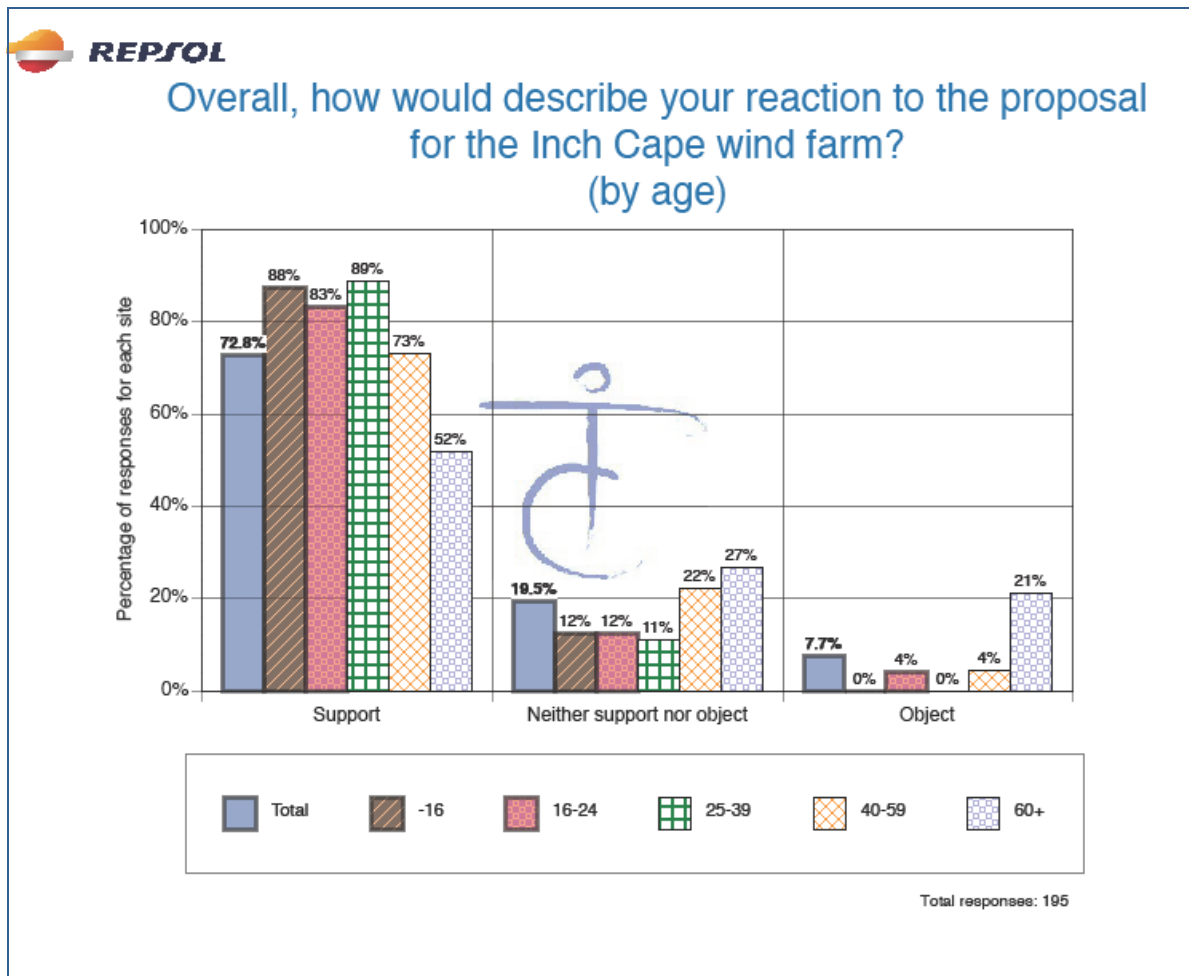


Table 5D.10 - Reaction to the Proposal for the Inch Cape Wind Farm (by Age)

Opinion	-16	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+	Total
Support	87.5%	83.3%	88.9%	73.1%	51.9%	<b>72.8%</b>
Neither support nor object	12.5%	12.5%	11.1%	22.4%	26.9%	<b>19.5%</b>
Object	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%	4.5%	21.2%	<b>7.7%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Figure 5D.12 - Reaction to the Proposal for the Inch Cape Wind Farm (by Gender)

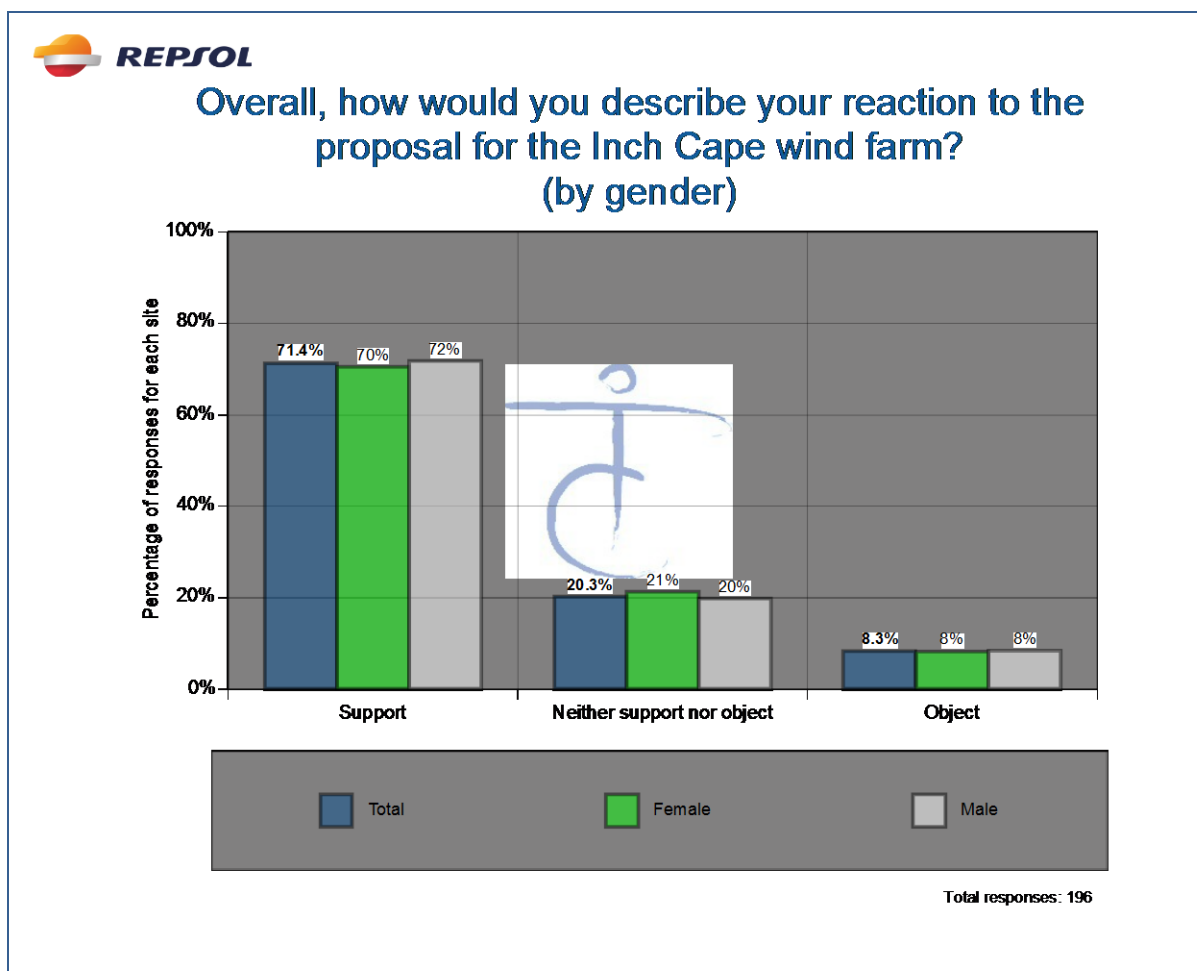


Table 5D.11 - Reaction to the Proposal for the Inch Cape Wind Farm (by Gender)

All events Opinion	Female	Male	Total
Support	70.5%	71.8%	<b>71.4%</b>
Neither support nor object	21.3%	19.8%	<b>20.3%</b>
Object	8.2%	8.4%	<b>8.3%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

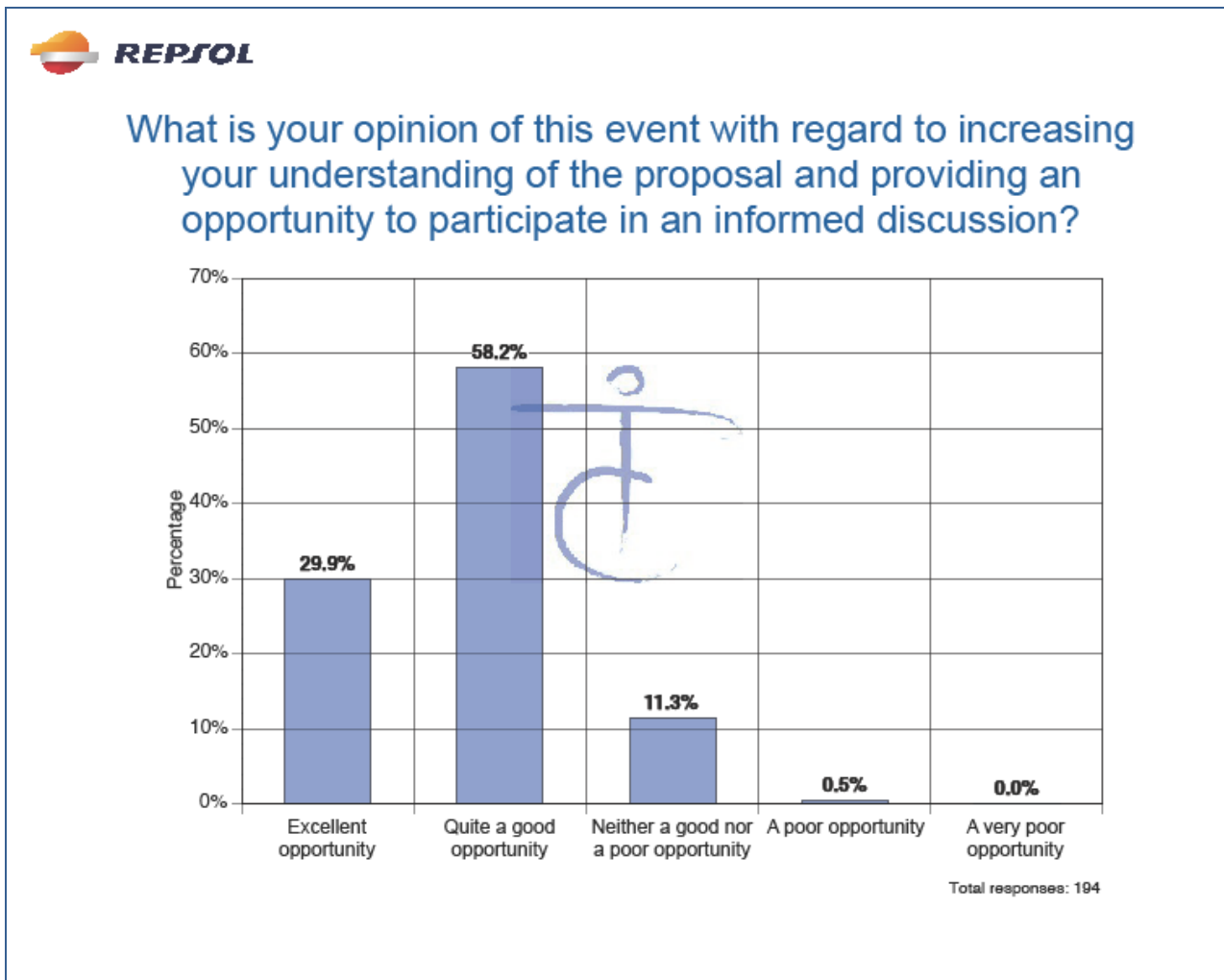
### 5D.3.3 Feedback on the Events

The final section of the report asked the participants for their feedback on the events (see Figure 5D.13 and Table 5D.12).

The response from those attending seemed to be very positive:

- 29.9 per cent thought the event they attended was excellent;
- 58.2 per cent thought the event they attended was good;
- Less than one per cent of those present had a negative opinion of the event they attended.

Figure 5D.13 - Feedback on the Events



**Table 5D.12 - Feedback on the Events**

	Excellent opportunity	Quite a good opportunity	Neither a good nor a poor opportunity	A poor opportunity	A very poor opportunity	Total
Carnoustie	32.4%	61.8%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	<b>100.0%</b>
St Andrews	25.7%	57.1%	17.1%	0.0%	0.0%	<b>100.0%</b>
Anstruther Muster	37.5%	52.5%	7.5%	2.5%	0.0%	<b>100.0%</b>
Leuchars Airshow	26.7%	59.3%	12.8%	1.2%	0.0%	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>29.9%</b>	<b>58.2%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Of the 225 questionnaires completed, 21 (9.3 per cent) of the participants provided comments on the events:

#### **Positive Comments [6]**

- Given us more of an idea about proposals.
- It was a very informative booth. I had no idea it was happening.
- This is an excellent opportunity to inform people about the projects. There is a constant running battle in the local papers, often prejudiced and misinformed.
- Know a lot more about wind farms now.
- Very good.
- Good idea to engage population in these proposals.

#### **Suggested Improvements [5]**

- Show where the other offshore wind farms are.
- Need to see more and hear more from both sides.
- I work in Fife but live in Dundee. Consultation may have been too narrow in scope.
- More information should be provided especially on birds/fish/sea mammals as it becomes available.
- More publicity.

#### **Negative Comments [4]**

- It assumes that we are all in favour – any negative comments/feelings are not dealt with.
- The presentation was very one-sided and intended to “sell” the Project.
- Selling process not balanced.
- Too much put into promoting pros and never enough balance of opinion.

### Other Comments [6]

- Didn't expect us [Repsol] to be here.
- Good luck with the sadly widespread "not in my back yard" attitude most people have in the UK as a whole and particularly in Scotland regarding wind farms.
- This is the first thing I have seen about the proposals and only came across it by chance.
- When government, the developer and the Crown Estate discuss how to distribute the Community Benefits from these developments you must invite community representatives and work out how that will work.
- Companies and governments not interested in real engagement. Too many vested interests.
- What is the point of asking people their views as Government (so called in Scotland) does what it wants.

A number of participants asked for their details to be added to the stakeholder database. This has been actioned and these individuals will be provided with project updates as they become available. There are now 87 individuals registered on the Project database. Those under 16 have not been added to the database.

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## Annex 5D.1 – Questionnaire

### Your views on the proposed Inch Cape offshore wind farm development

Facilitating Change are undertaking analysis of community consultation for Mainstream Renewable Power and Repsol Nuevas Energías UK on their proposed Neart na Gaoithe and Inch Cape Offshore wind farms. It is important to take into account the views of local people when developing a wind farm proposal. This short questionnaire is one of the ways in which you will be able to express your opinion.

Please take five minutes to answer the following questions and return it to a member of our team. This is an anonymous survey and the results will be summarised and used to inform the proposed wind farm development, together with the findings from other engagement activities.

**Q1.** What is your attitude in general towards climate change?

**Please ✓one box only**

I think it's something we need to take action about now	I don't believe that climate change is an issue of concern	I think it is the government's responsibility to deal with climate change	I don't have an opinion on this
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q2.** What is your attitude in general towards offshore renewable energy sources?

**Please ✓one box only**

I think it's important that we take their development seriously	I don't think they're a viable source of energy	I don't have an opinion on this
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q3.** How would you describe your knowledge of the Inch Cape Offshore wind farm development?

**Please ✓one box only**

1. I am very well informed	2. Know a lot	3. Know a little	4. Know very little	5. Know nothing at all
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q4.** If Inch Cape Offshore wind farm goes ahead what effect, if any, do you think the Wind Farm will have on:

**Please ✓one box only for each category below**

	1. Positive / good effect	2. Neutral / no effect	3. Negative / bad effect	4. Not sure
The visual effect on the local scenery and landscape quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The natural environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CO <sub>2</sub> reduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tourism in the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Investment in local community projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Property values	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your key recreational activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q5.** Do you have any specific comments about the proposed Inch Cape Offshore wind farm development and its onshore infrastructure?

**Please write in below**

**Q6.** Overall, how would you describe your reaction to the proposal for the Inch Cape wind farm?

**Please ✓one box only**

1. Support	2. Neither support nor object	3. Object
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q7.** So that we are able to ensure that we include the views of people from across the community, please can you tell us about yourself

**Q7a** Where do you live?

Postcode:

**Q7b** Are you:

**Please ✓one box only**

Male	<input type="checkbox"/>
Female	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q7c** How old are you?

**Please ✓one box only**

Under 16yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>
16-24yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>
25-39yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>
40-59yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>
60 plus	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q7d** Are you?

**Please ✓one box only**

Employed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retired	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self employed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q8.** And finally, to what extent do you feel that this event has given you an increased understanding of the Inch Cape offshore wind farm and its onshore infrastructure, and an opportunity to participate in an informed discussion, on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is an excellent opportunity and 5 is a very poor opportunity?

1. Excellent opportunity	2. Quite a good opportunity	3. Neither a good nor a poor opportunity	4. A poor opportunity	5. A very poor opportunity
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please write in any further comments you would like to make about the event.

**Q9.** In the future how would you like us to keep you updated on the progress of the Inch Cape offshore wind farm proposal?

Newsletter	Website	Exhibition	Email
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q10.** If you do want us to contact you in the future please leave your contact details below:

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>
	Postcode
Email:	<input type="text"/>

(Only provide your email address if you wish to be contacted by email)

All the information that you have provided will be processed in accordance with your rights under the Data Protection Act. We would like to provide you with updates about the development of the Project and may wish to include your details as part of the planning submission.

If you do not wish to receive these updates, please tick this box

If you are happy for your detailed comments and details to potentially be included in the planning submission, please tick here

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please hand it in to a member of our team.