

Appendix 7.1 Engagement and Commitments

Engagement with Statutory Consultees

Mainstream’s overarching aim in engaging stakeholders has been to realise the efficient development of an environmentally and socially responsible project that is viable to construct and operate in a safe manner. During the consenting phase, the primary objective has been to understand, mitigate and eliminate risks to ensure that the project can be delivered as efficiently and safely as possible. To this end, Mainstream team members initiated the consultation process prior to submitting an application to the Crown Estate for consideration. This early engagement has allowed Mainstream to:

- Harness local and expert knowledge;
- Identify key issues to be addressed; and
- Avoid unnecessary conflicts; and optimise site selection.

Mainstream’s approach has focused on managing relationships with stakeholders through a flexible process incorporating well planned, targeted consultations supported by clear objectives to avoid unnecessarily burdening stakeholders (and, in particular, regulators) with ill-informed, inappropriate or superfluous information. Similarly, Mainstream has sought to work with fellow developers and other marine industries to promote an integrated and collaborative approach which:

- Addresses the spatial implications of any development;
- Considers potential cumulative impact issues; and
- Coordinates consultations to minimise the workload for regulators.

Throughout the consenting process, Mainstream has engaged the relevant regulatory bodies to progressively eliminate risk and accelerate project delivery. This process was initiated as early as possible with a view to identifying headline risks and constraints prior to site selection. Statutory and strategic stakeholders have also played instrumental roles in devising appropriate assessment methodologies to ensure that decisions regarding design, construction and operation can be taken based on robust evidence. The expertise and knowledge of these stakeholders has also augmented the credibility of any associated mitigation measures and monitoring protocols.

Stakeholder organisation/ event	Date	Notes
Forth and Tay Offshore Wind Developers Group (FTOWDG)	Quarterly meetings, including 04/10/09, 04/11/09, 14/12/09, 06/01/09, 09/02/10, 05/08/10, 21/09/10, 29/11/10, 02/03/11, 15/03/11, 07/04/11, 27/06/11, 19/07/11, 29/08/11, 19/09/11, 15/11/11, 07/12/11	Various around work together (e.g. surveys) and cumulative impacts. Meetings include The Crown Estate (TCE).
Forth and Tay Offshore Wind Developers Group – External Visitors	10/06/09 (SNH) 18/08/10 (SNH and Marine Scotland), 08/11/10 (MoD and CEH)	Meetings on specific topics Meetings with specific stakeholders – SNH, Marine Scotland, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH), Ministry of Defence (MoD), Forth Ports, BAE, local authorities,

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	28/01/11 (Forth Ports) 04/03/11 (Marine Scotland) 06/06/11 (BAE), 15/06/11 (SNH and local authorities), 26/07/11 (SNH and local authorities), 14/10/11 (Qinetiq)	Qinetiq
FTOWDG birds and marine mammal sub-group	21/07/09 (SNH and RSPB)) 01/10/09, 27/10/09 (SNH), 30/06/10 (SMRU Ltd) 26/11/10 (SNH and JNCC), 11/01/11 (SOSS), 19/01/11 (SNH and JNCC), 17/04/11, 19/08/11 (SNH, JNCC and Marine Scotland)	Topic specific meetings, including those with SNH, JNCC, Scottish Government, and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), Strategic Ornithological Support Services (SOSS) and SMRU Ltd.
FTOWDG Fisheries Sub Group	25/01/10 (IFG), 28/04/10 (SFF) 15, 16 & 17/02/11 (fishermen), 19/04/11, 24/4/12, 25/4/12 & 26/4/12	Meetings on fisheries issues, including those with fisheries groups: Inshore Fisheries Group (IFG), Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF) and fishermen
Montrose Port	22/08/08	Shipping issues, site selection 4 or 5 sites on east coast
Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)	27/08/08	Site selection
National Grid	06/01/09	Onshore connection
Fisheries Research Service (FRS)	11/03/09	Project introduction
Energy Consents Unit (ECU)	11/03/09	Project introduction
Fife Council	13/03/09	Planning consent & potential economic impact
Marine Strategic Studies Group	24/04/09	Government offshore, kick off for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
Offshore Strategy Group	07/05/09	Supply chain
Crown Estate & Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)	02/06/09	Project introduction
Offshore Wind Industry Group	16/06/09	All sectors (x 50 people)
National Grid	17/06/09	Grid connection
Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)	18/06/09	Presentation
Chamber of Shipping	06/08/09	Navigation and shipping issues
Fife Council - Economic Development	18/08/09	
Port of Dundee	28/08/09	Supply chain distribution

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Ministry of Defence (MOD)	29/08/09	Radar and aviation issues – update on mitigation measures being considered
East Lothian Council Planning Committee	31/08/09	Overview of onshore works and EIA progress
Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)	17/09/09	
KBR (engineering, procurement & construction company)	17/11/09	Potential construction partner
NNG Scoping Workshop	25/11/09	An overview of the scoping report to provide consultees with opportunity to talk through any issues
Forth Estuary Forum (indirect)	03/12/09	Non-binding forum bringing stakeholders together
Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)	15/12/09	Agreeing methodology for assessments
Scottish Government	05/02/10	Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA)
Marine Coastguard Agency (MCA)	17/02/10	Shipping and navigation impact discussion
Ministry of Defence (MOD)	12/2/10	Radar and aviation issues – update on mitigation measures being considered
Natural Environment Research Council	01/03/10	Tying in with academic work
Marine & Science (MAST) Workshop	18 & 19/03/10	Scottish Government Research Agenda
Marine Scotland (Marine Lab)	12/04/10	Broad talk
Montrose Harbour	21/04/10	Discussions of potential for harbour use for offshore renewables support
Historic Scotland	25/05/10	Historic environment/archaeology survey and assessment discussion
British Wind Energy Association (BWEA) Offshore	29/06/10	Stakeholder open house
Marine Scotland	04/08/10	Consenting/ consultation process
Marine Scotland Licensing Operations team (MS-LOT)	05/08/10	Consenting and fisheries
Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI), Dunbar	09/08/10	Update on RNLI work alongside Dunbar Harbour Trust
Dunbar Harbour Trust	09/08/10	Potential harbour developments and use by Mainstream
National Air Traffic Services (NATS)	19/08/10	Overview of NATS and wind farm issues
Marine Scotland (MS), Edinburgh	24/08/10	General wind farm consenting issues update
Scottish Fisheries Federation (SFF)	13/09/10	Liaising with local commercial fisheries
North Sea Regional Advisory Council (NSRAC)	15/09/10	European fisheries issues
Kishorn Harbour	30/09/10	Presentation by harbour owners

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East Lothian Council	13/12/10	
Marine Scotland	04/02/11	Consenting Update
Scottish Parliamentary Reception	08/02/11	Opportunity for inform MSP and others on development progress
Marine Scotland	07/03/11	Consenting. Pre-meeting for East Lothian Council.
East Lothian Council (ELC), Marine Scotland (MS)	15/03/11	Consenting & stakeholder consultation
Fishermen's Mutual Association (Pittenweem) Limited	16/03/11	Looking at mitigation
Jewel and Esk College	18/03/11	Discussion and visit to the college.
East Lothian Council	18/03/11	Economic benefits for East Lothian
Offshore Wind Industry Group (OWIG)	21/03/11	
Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)	18/04/11	Neart na Gaoithe only
Firth of Forth Lobster Hatchery	03/05/11	Discussion of potential possible inshore lobster fishery mitigation
Community consultation event – Innerwick, East Lothian	10/05/11	All topics
Community consultation event – Dunbar, East Lothian	11/05/11	All topics
East Lothian Council – stakeholder meeting	11/05/11	Programme update, socioeconomic benefits, consenting/planning submissions.
East Coast Renewables	18/05/11	Lunch and networking
Scottish Renewables Offshore Wind Group	08/06/11	
Arbroath Regatta	18/06/11	Sponsored stakeholder event
Pittenweem Gala	25/06/11	Community event, stakeholder consultation
Arbroath Sailing Club	28/06/11	Prize awards for sponsored event
Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)	28/06/11	Sharing good practice event – Habitats Regulations Assessment
Scottish Sea Birds Centre	29/06/11	Overview of Project
Carnoustie Gala	02/07/11	Community event, stakeholder consultation
Dunbar RNLI Lifeboat Day	16/07/11	Community event, stakeholder consultation
Dunbar Community Council	18/07/11	Presentation and update on the project
Marine Scotland (MS)	19/07/11	General project update
Scottish Government	27/07/11	Consenting
Scottish Fisheries Federation (SFF), Scallop Association, individual fishermen	28/07/11	Potential impact and mitigation

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The Crown Estate	17/08/11	Catch up on project
Scottish Enterprise	18/08/11	Ports and Harbours Infrastructure
Scottish Government	21/07/11	Strategic Environmental Assessment review, stakeholder event
Anstruther Muster	06/08/11	Community event, stakeholder consultation
Inshore Fisheries Group, Joint Cetacean Steering Group	30/08/11	Best practice? Confirm names of organisations and whether this was joint meeting.
Herriot Watt University	02/09/11	Discussion of two submarine wrecks located within the NnG site.
Scottish Power	20/09/11	Grid connection
Dunbar Harbour Trust and East Lothian Council	12/10/11	Opportunities for the harbour
Crown Estate	19/10/11	Enabling actions. Marine mammals. (Underwater noise.)
Marine Scotland (MS), Scottish Renewables Forum's (SRF) Offshore renewable industry consenting & industry group	24/10/11	General consenting
Historic Scotland and CFA	26/10/11	Potential impacts on features of historic/archaeological interest.
East Lothian Council (ELC)	27/10/11	Planning and application process.
Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)	02/11/11	Marine mammals – impact assessment, survey techniques, assessment criteria, mitigating options, cumulative impact assessment.
Fife Council	02/11/11	Project update
Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)	03/11/11	Sharing good practice – marine renewables
Marine Coastguard Agency (MCA), Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI), Forth Ports - Shipping Hazard Workshop, Rosyth	04/11/11	Navigational Risk Assessment
East Lothian MSP and MP	18/11/11	Update for local MSP and MP
Eyemouth Harbour Trust	23/11/11	Project update and potential opportunities for the harbour
Scottish Power	28/11/11	Grid issues
Scottish Government	28/11/11	Marine Protected Areas and potential interactions with offshore wind farms.
Community consultation event, Spott Village Hall, East Lothian	29/11/11	Community consultation event, including presentation to East Lammermuir Community Council.
Scottish Renewables Offshore Wind Group	8/12/11	

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District Salmon Fisheries Board	Jan 2012	Overview of project provides and concerns raised by Salmon Fisheries board as to potential effects on salmon and sea trout migratory routes
Forth Estuary Forum	13/01/12	Presentation on Lessons Learnt during development given
Meeting with FIRs to discuss EIA for fisheries	21/03/2012	Discussed EIA summary for fisheries
Tay Estuary Forum	13/4/12	Presentation of Forth and Tay Developers updates
RSPB and WDCS	24/4/12	Update on EIA and Project Development
Meetings with fishing industry	24, 25 & 26/04/2012	FTOWDG meetings in various locations to update on projects and suggest working group.