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Subject: Beatrice - viewpoint consultation - SNH comments

Dear Nicola, cc. Adrian and Ali,

Thank you for this consultation over the proposed viewpoints from which to produce visualisations of the finalised layout and design of the Beatrice wind farm.

We are content with this viewpoint selection and the six viewpoints identified. We have no comment to make on Highland Council's request to also include Duncansby Head (this is made in relation to the local landscape designation and is therefore the Council's remit).

We have noted the Council's request that visualisations are produced to their standards (see email below). This being the case, SNH does not require the full set of formats recommended in our own guidance (see p 49 & 50): <http://www.snh.gov.uk/publications-data-and-research/publications/search-the-catalogue/publication-detail/?id=846>

We will just be asking for an A1 wireline of the final wind farm design from each of the 6 (or 7) post-consent viewpoints, preferably overlaid on a photograph. In this regard, it will be fine to use the same baseline photography that was produced for the Environmental Statement.

Finally, we acknowledge the difficulties of any design process for offshore wind farms. We would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss this with BOWL and LDA at some point in the new year.

Please get back to me if you have any queries.

Yours,

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Subject: RE: Beatrice Offshore Wind Farm

Nicola

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed viewpoints. From my perspective these are the six viewpoints most appropriate for effects on travellers and residents. I do however believe that consideration should be given to including a visualisation from Duncansby Head given that this is a key visitor attraction within a Special Landscape Area. I accept that the ES did not consider the impact as significant from here but it is nonetheless important.

Notwithstanding the new guidance from SNH on visualisations, The Highland Council require visualisations to its Standards. The development would be particularly suited to the Council's viewer system –which can avoid the need for costly prints. The company will be familiar with this process as it was used for the proposal previously. This also has the advantage that a direct comparison should be able to be made.

David

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This advice is given without prejudice to the future consideration of and decision on any application received by The Highland Council.

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Dear all,

I received the attached today on behalf of BOWL, would you please be able to provide comment on whether you are happy with the suggested viewpoints and proposal. Please note the suggested deadline of the 15 December, can you please get back to me by Monday the 8th as I will be on leave from the 11th December.

Kind regards,
Nicola

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