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Our Ref: 003/OW/BOWL - 8

1<sup>st</sup> May 2015

Dear Mr Wilson,

**CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (AS AMENDED) TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE BEATRICE OFFSHORE WIND FARM, OUTER MORAY FIRTH.**

With reference to the letter sent from Mr William Wheeler (LDA Design) dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 (Ref: L000005-LET-102) seeking that Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (“MS-LOT”) provide feedback on the proposed viewpoints to be utilised for inclusion in the Design Statement required under condition 14 of the relevant section 36 consent.

MS-LOT has consulted Scottish Natural Heritage (“SNH”), Highland Council and Moray Council on the proposed viewpoints in the table below:

Viewpoint	Primary Receptors	Distance from application scheme
2. Keiss Pier	Visitors	27.3 km
4. Wick Bay (north)	Residents	18 km
5. Sarclet	Residents & Visitors	13.9 km
7. Lybster (end of Main St)	Residents	19.3 km
8. Latheron (A9)	Travellers	23 km
9. Dunbeath	Residents & Visitors	25.6 km

Moray Council has no objections to the proposed viewpoints. Highland Council is happy with the proposed viewpoints, but would also like a visualisation from Duncansby Head. Visualisations must be presented to the Highland Council’s standards. SNH is content with the proposed viewpoints and that they are to be produced to the Highland Council’s standards, therefore SNH will not require the full set of formats as recommended in their guidance (p 49 and 50):

<http://www.snh.gov.uk/publications-data-and-research/publications/search-the-catalogue/publication-detail/?id=846>

SNH would like to be presented with “ an A1 wireline of the final wind farm design from each of the 6 (or 7) post-consent viewpoints, preferably overlaid on a photograph”. With the inclusion of Duncansby Head, the number of viewpoints will be 7.

The approach to the structure and content of the Design Statement is not for MS-LOT to direct, it is for Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Ltd in conjunction with a qualified landscape architect to create.

Yours sincerely

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