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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

### **Dr Tracey Begg | Policy & Advice Officer | Marine energy and seaweed harvesting**

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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

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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.

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Yours faithfully

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Kincardine Offshore Wind Farm - Design Statement

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 29 March 2018. We have considered it and its accompanying design statement in our role as a consultee under the terms of the above regulations. Our remit is world heritage sites, scheduled monuments and their setting, category A-listed buildings and their setting, marine protected areas, gardens and designed landscapes (GDLs) and battlefields in their respective inventories.

We have considered the information received and can confirm that the submitted Design Statement meets the requirements for Condition 12 in terms of our historic environment interests.

Please contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Urszula Szupszynska who can be contacted by phone on 0131 668 8653 or by email on [Urszula.Szupszynska@hes.scot](mailto:Urszula.Szupszynska@hes.scot).

Yours faithfully

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**Subject:** RE: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Design Statment - Consultation - Response required by 26th April 2018

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Dear Panos,

Thanks for consulting us on the Design Statement. We have the following comments:

1. We welcome the tables in section 1 which clearly set out the parameters of the original and amended project.
2. We note and welcome clarification of the proposals with regard to the 2MW turbine and the need for further consultation if it is to be redeployed after the temporary period.
3. We remain to be convinced that, from viewpoints within Aberdeen, the 2MW turbine will be 'almost not distinguishable' (tables 2.1 and 2.2), simply because it is smaller or slightly further away than the larger turbines. In addition, the 2MW turbine will have lighting and marking at a different height to the adjoining larger turbines. As per our previous comments, the inclusion of the 2MW turbine introduces a differential visual impact to that previously assessed. We will be very interested to compare Design Statement assessment with the final built project.
4. We note that the Design Statement was not submitted in accordance with the timescales in Condition 12 of the S36.
5. Appendix A (visualisations) was not included with the Design Statement. We have referred to the visualisations available on-line in making these comments.

We hope these comments are helpful.

Regards  
Deb

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**Subject:** RE: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd - Design Statment - Consultation - Response required by 26th April 2018

Good Morning,

Thank you for consulting Aberdeenshire Council on Condition 12 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.
- We welcome the clarity over the smaller WTG being removed, or at least subject to further scrutiny. The positioning and inclusion of this element is of concern to Aberdeenshire Council so the clarity on its status is welcomed at this stage.
- The submitted visuals are accepted, although we would reiterate our previous concerns regarding the inclusion of the smaller, 2MW WTG on site permanently. As per previous comments from ourselves and other consultees, the inclusion of this WTG is considered to introduce a differential visual impact to that previously agreed.

I hope the above is of use to you.

Kind Regards,

Stuart Murison

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