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Sent: 02 October 2019 17:34
To: MS Marine Renewables
Subject: Neart na Gaoithe - DSLP and LMP Consultation - Response required by 02 October 2019

Hamish,

I refer you the consultation from Marine Scotland on the above, and have the following comments.

DSLP

The design shows 54 turbines, with six spare locations within the design envelope. One of the Council's main landscape concerns with the application was the spread of the windfarm across the horizon, in particular as it appears from the Seabird Centre and North Berwick area, and its effect on the seascape including the Bass Rock, a notable feature. This spread is further compounded when considered cumulatively with Inchcape proposals, which extend to the left in this view. Moving the four turbines that sit furthest right in the view from the Seabird Centre (possibly numbers D03, E02, F01 and G02) to the spare locations within the main body of the wind farm will help to reduce the spread of the wind farm across the horizon and increase the locations where the Bass Rock can be viewed in its natural setting, and the Council would request that this be considered.

This would also reduce the number of edge turbines, and therefore the number that require aviation lighting to 2000 candela.

Lighting and Marking Plan

Of the 54 turbines the 25 peripheral turbines are to be lit with flashing red lights at 2000 candela on the nacelle. All other turbines will be provided with 200 candela lights but these will not be lit during normal operation.

The LMP confirms that when visibility is greater than 5km the light intensity of these turbine lights will be reduced to not less than 10% (200 candela). I would suggest that there should be a *maximum* intensity for these reduced lights as well rather than just a 'not less than', which has no maximum limit. This is to avoid potential impact on night-time visual amenity and seascape of East Lothian.

The LMP notes that the lighting intensity will be controlled automatically by visibility meters fitted to four wind turbines to be agreed with the CAA around the periphery of the development. When visibility is greater than 5km the light intensity of the 2000 candela lights will be automatically reduced. The LMP states that lighting will be reduced or increased if one visibility meter picks up a change in conditions. How does this work if visibility to the south and west is over 5km but visibility to the northeast is reduced? This means all lights will be at 2000 candela and may then be visible from East Lothian. Lighting should be controlled in groups of areas linked to the sensors. The LMP notes that aviation lighting will also be controllable from the Marine Co-ordination Centre so that they can be switched on/off centrally. More information on how this will be controlled should be provided and what happens if the automatic sensors do not work properly and lighting is visible from East Lothian.

Paragraph 28 on page 28 notes that all turbines and OSPs will be lit by a low intensity green heli-hoist light capable of both steady and flashing illumination. I can find no information on the intensity of this light or the height of the light on the wind turbine. The intensity and height of this lighting and times of operation should be provided for comment.

The layout of the turbines means that all the peripheral turbines to the west and south sides are visible from views from North Berwick westwards in East Lothian. This will mean the full spread across the horizon of lit turbines. With

the reduction in intensity with increased visibility this should mean that no lighting is visible from Eats Lothian, however if this is not the case then the full wind farm will be visible at night as well as during the day. From the A198 to the east of North Berwick there will be three lit turbines clumped to the west of the Bass Rock and one close to the west side of the Bass Rock, with the majority of the lit turbines to the east of the Bass Rock. In views from Dunbar and further east the lit turbines to the western side of the windfarm appear in a clumped line to the west and could create increased lighting intensity in these views. The lit turbines to the rest of the wind farm and more spread across the horizon in these views.

Given the confirmation that lighting intensity will be reduced at visibility over 5km then turbine lighting should not be visible from East Lothian. If lit turbines are visible it gives us comfort that this can be raised with and addressed by the Marine Co-ordination Centre. However, we are aware that aviation lighting on nearby structures (the St James Centre Cranes, and Methil wind turbine) is visible over similar distances. We would therefore request that the Lighting Plan provides for monitoring of lighting including whether or not it is visible from East Lothian. The Council requests that, should the lighting be visible from East Lothian, and the impact be considered by the Council to be adverse, that lighting requirements are kept under review. In this case, should the requirement for aviation lighting change (for example due to technological advances) then the lighting should be altered in a reasonable time frame to mitigate the adverse impact identified.

The Council notes the Environment Report (ER) paragraphs 142 and 143 of the project description, said:

“142. The turbines and associated support structures will be marked according to the requirements of the Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB). Consultation is ongoing but the colour of the turbine tower, nacelle and blades is likely to be light grey RAL 7035. The transition piece and tower will be yellow above LAT to an agreed height above highest astronomical tide (HAT).

143. As for the turbines, the OSP(s) will be marked according to the requirements of the NLB. Navigation markings may be allocated solely to a number of wind turbines in the field.”

The LMP shows red circles and tips on the blades. Although it was noted that the turbines would be marked in line with the requirements of the NLB, it is the Councils' view that red markings, if visible from East Lothian, are potentially worse than the worst case assessed in the visual information shown in the ER LVIA section. Can the applicant supply information on whether or not these markings will be discernible from East Lothian, and if so, that they are no more than the minimum required.

The LMP includes at 5.7 'Additional lighting not required by Conditions'. This section covers miscellaneous lighting not required for navigational safety. It notes that this lighting will not impact on navigational lights. For the avoidance of doubt, this section should include that such lighting will not be visible from mainland East Lothian either.

The fog signal is to be of a 2 nautical mile range. This should not be audible from East Lothian however we would ask that a maximum audible range is also agreed to ensure that it cannot be heard from East Lothian.

The Council notes and welcomes that no marking of the export cable landfall is considered necessary.

If you have any questions on the above, please contact J Squires on 01620 827370 or via email at jsquires@eastlothian.gov.uk

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FAO Hamish Wright

Dear Hamish,

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Having consulted with elected Members and colleagues, I can advise that Fife Council has no comment to make on the Development Specification and Layout Plan for Neart na Gaoithe OWF.

Kind regards,
Martin

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Date: 17 September 2019

For the attention of:

By email only: Hamish Wright

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Dear Hamish,

Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm Limited (NnGOWL) Discharge of Conditions – Consent Plans

Thank you for your consultation on the 4th September 2019 on the consent plans submitted by Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm Limited (NnGOWL) submitted for the purpose of discharging consent conditions. Within this letter we provide advice as outlined below on the following plans:

- Development Specification and Layout Plan (DSLPL) (NNG-NNG-ECF-PLN-0003)
- Lighting and Marking Plan (LMP) (NNG-NNG-ECF-PLN-0009)

Concurrently, we have also been consulted on the proposed scope for the Design Statement (DS), received from NnGOWL on the 5th September 2019 (NNG-NNG-ECF-LET-0017). We therefore also provide our advice below on key viewpoints for inclusion within the Design Statement.

Design Statement key viewpoints & Lighting and Marking Plan

We agree with the structure proposed for the Design Statement (DS) and our advice in relation to viewpoints and visualisations are made in the context of the information submitted in the Lighting and Marking Plan.

We agree with the seven viewpoints proposed which are consistent with the original project ES (2012), ES Addendum (2013) and the revised project EIA (2018) EIA¹. Easy comparison between the finalised layout and the earlier indicative layout will be facilitated by using the same format. The quality of the 2018 baseline visuals is acceptable, although we advise that there should be sufficient contrast in each image between the turbines and the background.

¹<https://nngoffshorewind.com/downloads/environmental-impact-assessment-report/volume-3-seascape-landscape-and-visual-impact-assessment-visualisations-and-figures/>

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Night time assessment

There is no mention in the DS scope of any night time assessment. The Lighting and Marking Plan indicates that only the peripheral turbines are to be lit with 2000cd lights (the interior lights will be 200cd). Nevertheless, we advise that a minimum of one, preferably two sets of updated night time visualisations are submitted.

Night time viewpoint N2 (B961, Carmyllie) was used previously in 2018. We suggest this viewpoint is used as it shows views down the south west edge of the array which is aligned broadly NW/SE such that it will represent a worst case scenario of overlapping 2000cd lights. In addition, we advise that a viewpoint is used in close proximity to the array, such as the previously used night time viewpoint N5 Crail.

The baseline images should be re-rendered to show slightly better contrast between the land, sea and sky. Low light levels represent typical twilight conditions (i.e. dawn / dusk) and allow some consideration of the landscape context. Further, we advise that the lights themselves would be significantly brighter than shown in the 2018 images. For reference, Moray West recently submitted materials which provide a good example of night time visuals.

Development Specification and Layout Plan (DSLPL)

We have no specific comment to make with respect to the DSLPL.

We hope these comments are helpful. If further information or advice is required please contact me in the first instance: karen.taylor@nature.scot or via my direct dial on 0131 316 2693.

Yours sincerely,

KAREN TAYLOR
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CC Sophia Irvine, MSLOT; Euan Walker, NnGOWL

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Subject: Fwd: Neart na Gaoithe - DSLP Consultation - Response required by 02 October 2019

Hamish et all,

The SFF on behalf of the 400 plus F/V in membership of its 8 constituent associations has the following response to the proposed DSLP for NnG.

Starting with Fig 3.1 showing the layout of Turbines and OSP, given the large bare patch in the North, the large bare patch in the middle and the large bare patch in the South, the SFF would contend that this is poor use of the area, with little consideration for other users, so is in conflict with Scotland's National Plan.

Reading in 3.2.1.18, the width of the rows max. 680 – 810m is insufficient to allow for safe working by mobile gear. Furthermore, 3.2.1.17 which says the turbines are orientated north west to south east, and Figure 3.5 which shows the cables running north east to south west, will combine in a possible negative scenario which precludes any mobile gear activity, again in contravention of Scotland's National Plan.

It is clear when reading 3.2.5 that fishing is not viewed as a key constraint, once more in contravention of Scotland's National Plan.

Finally the SFF would object to the lack of a link to the possible mitigation for impacts on fisheries,
Rgds Malcolm

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Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited, having received consent under the above legislation, has submitted to Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team ("MS-LOT") a Development Specification and Layout Plan ("DSLP") in order to satisfy condition 12 of the Section 36 consent (as varied) and condition 3.2.2.17 of the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure Marine Licence (licence number: 06678/19/1).

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Attachments: NNG_Layout Shapefile.zip; NNG-NNG-ECF-PLN-0003_Dev Specification and Layout Plan Rev1.0_Redacted.pdf; ATT00001.txt

Thank you for consulting Scottish Borders Council on the Design Specification and Layout Plan. We note the number of turbines remains the same and that the general location of the turbines has not altered to any extent that would concern this Council.

We have no comments to make,

Regards

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9 September 2019

Dear Hamish

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (AS AMENDED)
The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (As Amended)

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010
The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (As Amended)

Thank you for your e-mail correspondence dated 4th September 2019 regarding the submission by **Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited (NnGOWL)** of Revision 1 of the NnG OWF Development Layout and Specification Plan (DSLP), in accordance with Condition 12 of the S36 Consent, and Condition 3.2.2.17 of the OFTW Marine Licence, granted by Marine Scotland.

Northern Lighthouse Board are content with the information contained within the DSLP document, and note the reference to NnGOWL Document NNG-NNG-ECF-PLN-0003, Lighting and Marking Plan, which provides details of lighting, ID Markings and Signage, Paint, Sound Signals and Blade and Nacelle Markings.

Northern Lighthouse Board will provide separate comment on the LMP.

Yours sincerely
[Redacted]

Peter Douglas
Navigation Manager

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Irvine S (Sophia)

From: Irvine S (Sophia)
Sent: 21 February 2020 12:30
To: Helen Croxson
Subject: RE: Neart na Gaoithe - DSLP Consultation - Response required by 02 October 2019

Afternoon Helen,

Thank you for confirming the MCA is content with NNG's approach to micro-siting.

Kind regards,

Sophia

From: Helen Croxson <Helen.Croxson@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 20 February 2020 08:58
To: Irvine S (Sophia) <Sophia.Irvine@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Neart na Gaoithe - DSLP Consultation - Response required by 02 October 2019

Sophia,

Just a quick email to let you know that I have spoken to Sarah MacNab at the NNG project regarding micrositing. Sarah has confirmed that their micositing will take into account the impact on the SAR lanes, and we will be consulted where it exceeds 50m. Therefore, we do not need to be consulted on micrositing less than 50m. I can confirm that the MCA is content with their approach (as detailed below) and have no further comments to raise.

In August 2019 the MCA accepted the NnG Layout Justification, which presented 50 m micro-siting buffers against SAR lanes. On this basis, the NnG DSLP states:

19. The distances stated are separations pre-micrositing. Micro-siting allows for the movement of a turbine or OSP by up to 50 m on any axis as measured from the centre point position. It is agreed that certain structures may require up to 100 m micro-siting to ensure successful installation. A micro-siting exceeding 50 m will be agreed in advance with the MCA and NLB. Micrositing of turbine structures will take into consideration the primary SAR lanes so as not to reduce the width of navigable routes to less than 500 m.

We are currently investigating any final micro-siting options prior to construction commencing, based on recently gathered site survey data. Currently we anticipate any micro-siting being minimal (i.e. applying to few structures) and bring less than 50 m. We would be happy to discuss any potential implications of these with you once confirmed.

We don't consider it feasible to consult on micro-siting decisions that need to be taken during installation (e.g. in the event of pile refusal), noting however that we have accepted that any micro-siting exceeding 50 m will need to be discussed with yourselves and the NLB.

Kind regards

Helen



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Hello Sophia,

That is correct.

Helen

Helen Croxson
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MCA

On 5 Feb 2020, at 13:47, "Sophia.Irvine@gov.scot" <Sophia.Irvine@gov.scot> wrote:

Hi Helen,

Many thanks for your prompt response. Just to confirm, the MCA would like to be consulted for any micro-siting of the turbines from 0 to 100m given the current layout and for safety of navigation? The commitment in the DSLP is that the Company would only consult the MCA and NLB if the micro-siting exceeds 50m.

Kind regards,

Sophia

From: Helen Croxson <Helen.Croxson@mcga.gov.uk>
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Subject: RE: Neart na Gaoithe - DSLP Consultation - Response required by 02 October 2019

Sophia,

As discussed, we definitely would like to be consulted when any structures require up to 100m micro-siting. In addition, we would be nice to be consulted where the 50m micro siting may have an impact on the overall layout agreed by MCA, with regards to the additional lines of orientation across the majority of the array, and the

helicopter access across the array. The layout is not ideal, and although 50m is not a lot, depending on the direction they microsite and the proximity of the next turbine (and that turbine's micrositing) we would like the opportunity to discuss to ensure the layout remains as best as possible.

I hope this answers your question.

Many thanks

Helen

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Hamish,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on the Development Specification and Layout Plan for the NNG Offshore Windfarm Project.

The MCA has no comments or issues to raise regarding the content of the DSLP. We have now accepted the proposed final layout in accordance with MGN 543. On this occasion NNG Offshore Wind Ltd provided sufficient justification for fewer than two consistent lines of orientation as required in MGN 543. This is based on the fact that there is;

- 1) one consistent line of orientation;
- 2) additional lines across the majority of the array;
- 3) good helicopter access throughout the array; and
- 4) the gaps are 'tip to tip' where extra room could be achieved through nacelle rotation.

We do however expect the SAR checklist to be discussed and agreed with MCA, and NNG Offshore Windfarm Ltd's commitment to those aspects agreed as necessary for this project. In addition, we expect micrositing to be undertaken in a manner which has the least impact on this layout, and this should be discussed further with MCA.

Kind regards

Helen

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The Marine Licence, section 36, decision notices and conditions, as well as other relevant documents, can be found on our website, following the link below:

<http://marine.gov.scot/ml/neart-na-gaoithe-offshore-windfarm-revised-design>

The conditions state that a DSLP must be submitted to the Licensing Authority for their written approval following consultation.

We would appreciate any comments you may have on the proposed DSLP, in order to determine whether it is fit for purpose for the Scottish Ministers approval.

If you wish to submit any comments, please send them to MS.MarineRenewables@gov.scot before the **02 October 2019**. If you are unable to meet this deadline please contact MS-LOT on receipt of this email.

Kind regards,

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