



Proposed eight-grid seaweed farm in Loch Snizort, Isle of Skye

Appendix 6 – EIA Screening under Regulation 7(1) of The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Report

1.1.1 Ironside Farrar has been commissioned by Kaly Group Ltd to produce this EIA Screening in respect of a proposed seaweed farm within Loch Snizort, on NW Skye.

1.1.2 This EIA Screening has been prepared to support a formal request for a Screening Opinion from Marine Licensing Scotland (MS-LOT) under Regulations 7(1) of The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 to determine whether the development constitutes EIA development.

1.2 The Proposed Development

1.2.1 Kaly intend to submit a Marine License Application for the development of an eight-grid algal farm at Loch Snizort, North West Skye.

1.2.2 The proposed development comprises four parallel grids of underwater lines supported by surface buoys, within a rectangle measuring a maximum of 1200m by 400m in a northwest – southeast orientation. The only visible part will be the series of buoys laid out in lines across the grid pattern and two yellow special marker buoys on the northwest and southwest corners.

1.3 Specialist Team

1.3.1 This EIA Screening has been prepared by Ironside Farrar, Environmental Consultants, together with technical input from a range of technical reporting that has been produced for the site as part of extensive due diligence exercise. The team and qualifications are set out below:

Table 1 – EIA Screening Team Inputs

Element	Specialist	Qualifications
EIA Screening and Scoping Lead	Kim McLaren Director, Ironside Farrar	BSc (Hons), MSc, MEnvSc, PIEMA, CEnv
EIA Screening and Scoping Support	Effie Roberts Environmental Consultant, Ironside Farrar	MA (Hons), MSc, GradIEMA
Biodiversity, Ecology and Nature Conservation	Stuart Abernethy Senior Ecologist, Ironside Farrar	BSc (Hons), MSc, MCIEEM
Landscape and Visual	Dr Guy Wimble Technical Director, Ironside Farrar	BSc, PhD, CLMI

1.4 Location

1.4.1 The proposed seaweed farm is located approximately 4km southwest of Uig in the Isle of Skye. The boundary for the purpose of Screening, as well as the application is provided in Figure 1.

2 EIA Screening Checklist (Scottish Government Screening Checklist Tool)

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DEVELOPMENT	Yes / No briefly describe	Significant Impact?	Comments
(a) Size of the development			
<p>Will the development be out of scale with the existing environment?</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The application site comprises a 400m by 1200m rectangle of open water in Loch Snizort, some 200m southwest of the shoreline at its closest point. The immediate surroundings comprise further open water to the northwest, west and south, with the land to the northeast comprising a shoreline of shingle and cobbles with occasional rock bluffs and, beyond the intertidal zone, predominantly open grazing land with occasional improved and enclosed areas. The Lyndale peninsula lies ca.1km to the southwest. Spatially, the proposed farm is not considered to be out of scale with the wider existing environment.</p> <p>Kaly commissioned a non-statutory Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment to scope the potential landscape and visual effects of the proposed development of the proposed seaweed farm. The assessment includes a review of the baseline landscape of the site, the landscape/ seascape character and quality of its surroundings and the potential visual receptors in the surrounding area including residents, path users and road users. The assessment is informed by a Zone of Theoretical Visibility for the proposed grid of buoys, with photographs and visualisations for five representative viewpoints at between 200m and 3.5km from the site. The appraisal has determined that the degree of effect would be limited and the extent of any initial potentially noticeable</p>

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			adverse landscape and visual effects would be localised to the site and its close surroundings. Landscape and visual effects at distances beyond ca.0.5 – 1.0km would be negligible.
Will it lead to further consequential development or works (e.g. New roads, extraction of aggregate, provision of new water supply, generation or transmission of power, increased housing and sewage disposal)?	Yes	No	KALY intend to develop a processing hub to connect sites within a ‘cluster’ consented at sea with a facility on land that serves as a collection point for the kelp harvest. The Hub’s function would be to undertake pre-processing of kelp including washing, chopping, freezing and/or drying to stabilise the biomass. The hub will contain R&D and training facilities, equipment storage, a kelp seeding lab and a data and water quality monitoring centre. No decision has been made on a hub location although there is a preference to have this on Skye. This future development would be subject to a planning application and would be expected to be supported by a range of supporting environmental and technical assessments.
(b) Cumulation with other development			
Are there potential cumulative impacts with other existing development or development not yet begun but for which planning permission exists?	Yes	No, with consideration of location, siting and design	The potential for cumulative impacts has been addressed in the non-statutory Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment and ecological reporting and concludes no significant cumulative effects.
Should the application for this development be regarded as an integral part of a more substantial project? If so, can related developments which are subject to separate applications proceed	No	No	Whilst Kaly are looking at sites which contribute to an overall ‘cluster’ to support local processing and economic benefits associated with island-based operations, each seaweed farm can be operated as an individual site and are subject to separate licence applications. One site, at Loch Bay, has holds a Marine Licence for an eight-grid farm with initial phase

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independently?			deployed. A similar application has also been made for an 8 grid seaweed farm in Loch Bracadale.
(c) Use of Natural resources			
Will construction or operation of the development use natural resources such as land, water, materials or energy, especially any resources which are non-renewable or in short supply?			
• land (especially undeveloped or agricultural land)?	No	No	N/A
• water?	No	No	N/A
• minerals?	No	No	N/A
• aggregates?	No	No	N/A
• forests and timber?	No	No	N/A
• energy including electricity and fuels?	Yes	No	Energy use is considered minimal and is associated with vessel activity during deployment, operation and eventual decommissioning.
• any other resources?	No	No	The proposals include a series of grid lines, growing lines, anchors (steel) and buoys. The design is based on materials which can withstand the typical conditions in the marine environment to maximise lifespan / condition. Components will be regularly checked / monitored and replaced as required. Materials will be recycled where this is possible and if disposed of, this will be via correct waste management to a licensed facility.
(d) Production of waste			
Will the development produce wastes during construction or operation or decommissioning?			
• spoil, overburden or mine wastes?	No	No	N/A
• municipal waste (household and/or commercial)?	No	No	N/A

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• hazardous or toxic wastes (including radioactive)?	No	No	N/A
• other industrial process wastes?	No	No	N/A
• surplus product?	No	No	N/A
• construction or demolition wastes?	No	No	N/A
• redundant machinery or equipment?	No	No	The proposals include a series of grid lines, growing lines, anchors (steel) and buoys. The design is based on materials which can withstand the typical conditions in the marine environment to maximise lifespan / condition. Components will be regularly checked / monitored and replaced as required. Materials will be recycled where this is possible and if disposed of, this will be via correct waste management to a licensed facility.
• contaminated soils or other material?	No	No	N/A
• agricultural wastes?	No	No	N/A
• any other solid wastes?	No	No	N/A
• liquid or solid wastes in suspension?	No	No	N/A
(e) Pollution and waste			
Will the development release pollutants or any hazardous, toxic or noxious substances to air? Emissions from:			
• combustion of fossil fuels from stationary or mobile sources?	No	No	Energy use is considered minimal and is associated with vessel activity during deployment, operation and eventual decommissioning. Kaly has started from a zero-carbon baseline and aims to

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			<p>maintain its Net Zero baseline while building as a business. Kaly is committed to exploring sustainable material use in its operation e.g. in buoy material.</p> <p>Seaweed cultivation does not require any additions during the growing process and absorbs carbon dioxide as it grows from the surrounding waters. Kaly intend to grow seaweed for a variety of sustainable end products e.g. bioplastics, nutraceuticals, amalgams and fertilisers. It is the hope that these can replace less sustainable products currently available on the market. Kaly is exploring electrification for their marine and land modes of transport. The advancement of hybrid engine technology is now available for smaller style boats.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • production processes? 	No	No	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • materials handling including storage or transport? 	Yes	No	<p>The seaweed would be harvested and it is currently anticipated that biomass will be transferred at the harbour at Kyle of Lochalsh for onward transport to a suitable processing facility. With clustering (subject to consents of further seaweed farms), Kaly would hope to develop a local processing facility (would require a planning application) providing local employment in the future.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construction activities including plant & equipment? 	Yes	No, with adherence to best practice construction methods	<p>Plant limited to single vessel required for deployment, harvesting, and weekly monitoring. Type of vessel will be determined closer to deployment and will depend on the contractor / individual hired to do the work. Example fishing vessels can be found in the Navigational Risk Assessment.</p>

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• dust or odours from handling of materials including construction materials, sewage & waste?	Yes	No	When seaweed beings rotting, it emits an odour, which could potentially cause negative impacts. Odour impacts will be minimised as seaweed will be swiftly transported for processing following harvesting.
• incineration of waste?	No	No	N/A
• burning of waste in open air (e.g. Slash material, construction debris)?	No	No	N/A
• any other sources	No	No	N/A
Is there a potential risk from:			
• leachates?	No	No	N/A
• Escape of wastes or other products/by-products that may constitute a contaminant in the environment?	No	No	Kaly will ensure that vessels used for deployment, monitoring and operations plus decommissioning are appropriately maintained as part of contract conditions to minimise risk of pollution incidents.
Will the development cause noise and vibration or release of light, heat energy or electromagnetic radiation?			
• from operation of equipment e.g. Engines, ventilation plant, crushers?	Yes	No, with standard mitigation and risk management	Operational equipment is limited to singular boats used for deployment, monitoring, and harvesting. Kaly will ensure all contractors operating on their behalf follow marine pollution and emergency response protocols as well as the requirement for a vessel-specific spill plan for each vessel. In the event of a spill, contact would be made with HM Coastguard Rescue Service covering the Western Isles, Skye and Lochaber (01851 702013) in accordance with the Emergency Response Plan. Each vessel will be required to have a Standard Marine Spill Kit onboard suitable for the scale of vessel. A Pollution Incident Report would be

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			completed.
• from industrial or similar processes?	No	No	N/A
• from blasting or piling?	No	No	N/A
• from construction or operational traffic?	Yes	No	Operational equipment is limited to singular boats used for deployment, monitoring, and harvesting. As above relative to use of well maintained, suitable vessels for deployment and installation of the seaweed components, monitoring, harvesting and eventual decommissioning.
• from lighting or cooling systems?	No	No	The seaweed farm includes a requirement for 2 x special markers for navigational safety but these are not considered to be a significant light source.
• from sources of electromagnetic radiation (effects on nearby sensitive equipment as well as people)?	No	No	N/A
• from any other sources?	No	No	N/A
(f) Risk of Accidents, having regard in particular to substances, technologies used			
Will there be a risk of accidents during construction or operation of the development which could have effects on people or the environment?			
• from explosions, spillages, fires etc from storage, handling, use or production of hazardous or toxic substances?	No	No	Operational equipment is limited to singular boats used for deployment, monitoring, and harvesting. Kaly will ensure all contractors operating on their behalf follow marine pollution and emergency response protocols as well as the requirement for a vessel-specific spill plan for each vessel. In the event of a spill, contact would be made with HM Coastguard Rescue Service covering the Western Isles, Skye

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			and Lochaber (01851 702013) in accordance with the Emergency Response Plan. Each vessel will be required to have a Standard Marine Spill Kit onboard suitable for the scale of vessel. A Pollution Incident Report would be completed.
• from events beyond the limits of normal environmental protection e.g. Failure of pollution control systems?	No	No	As above.
• from any other causes?	No	No	
• could the development be affected by natural disasters causing environmental damage (e.g. Floods, earthquakes, landslip, etc)?	Yes	No through design and monitoring	The seaweed farm has been designed with an understanding of local conditions and a range of sea / storm conditions. Monitoring ahead of forecast storm systems to ensure site integrity and immediately after a storm event will be carried out.
Will the development involve use, storage, transport, handling or production of substances or materials which could be harmful to people or the environment (flora, fauna, water supplies)?			
• use of hazardous or toxic substances?	No	No	See comments on marine vessel use.
• potential changes in occurrence of disease or effect on disease carriers (e.g. Insect or water borne diseases)?	No	No	N/A
• effect on welfare of people (e.g. Change of living conditions)	No	No	N/A
• effects on vulnerable groups (e.g. The elderly)?	No	No	N/A

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Other characteristics: potential physical changes (topography, land use, changes in water bodies etc) from construction, operation or decommissioning of the development			
• Permanent or temporary change in land use, landcover or topography including increases in Intensity of land use?	No	No	N/A
• clearance of existing land, vegetation & buildings?	No	No	N/A
• peat land disturbance and / or degradation leading to; Carbon release, damage to habitats, affecting land stability or hydrology?	No	No	N/A
• creation of new land uses?	No	No	N/A
• pre-construction investigations e.g. Boreholes, soil testing?	No	No	N/A
• construction or demolition works?	No	No	N/A
• temporary sites or housing for construction workers?	No	No	N/A
• above ground buildings, structures or earthworks Including linear structures, cut & fill or excavations?	No	No	N/A
• underground works including mining or tunnelling?	No	No	N/A
• reclamation works?	No	No	N/A

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• dredging?	No	No	
• coastal structures (seawalls, piers)?	No	No	N/A
• offshore structures?	No	No	The proposed development has been carefully sited through extensive consultation to avoid existing offshore structures.
• production and manufacturing processes?	No	No	N/A
• facilities for storage of goods or materials?	No	No	N/A
• facilities for treatment or disposal of solid wastes or liquid effluents?	No	No	N/A
• facilities for long term housing of operational workers?	No	No	N/A
• new road, rail or sea traffic during construction or operation?	Yes	No	The development will result in new traffic during deployment and harvesting, but limited to a single vessel. Kaly are seeking to work closely with local marine users to deliver the monitoring which will limit marine traffic to vessels which would typically operate within the study area. It is currently anticipated that biomass will be transferred at the harbour at Kyle of Lochalsh for onward transport to a suitable processing facility. With clustering (subject to consents of further seaweed farms), Kaly would hope to develop a local processing facility (would require a planning application) providing local employment in the future.
• new road, rail, air, waterborne or other transport	No	No	Kaly are seeking to work closely with local marine users to deliver the monitoring which will limit marine traffic to

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Infrastructure including new or altered routes and Stations, ports, airports etc?			vessels which would typically operate within the study area.
• closure or diversion of existing transport routes or Infrastructure leading to changes in traffic movements?	No	No	N/A
• new or diverted transmission lines or pipelines?	No	No	N/A
• impounding, damming, culverting, realignment or other changes to the hydrology of watercourses or aquifers?	No	No	N/A
• stream crossings	No	No	N/A
• Abstraction or transfers of water from ground or surface waters?	No	No	N/A
• changes in water bodies or the land surface affecting drainage or run-off?	No	No	N/A
• transport of personnel or materials for construction, operation or decommissioning?	Yes	No	Kaly expects to work with a specialist contractor for deployment and decommissioning of the infrastructure with local vessels and teams for regular monitoring and harvesting.
• long term dismantling or decommissioning of restoration works?	No	No	As above. The seaweed farm will be removed in line with an approved Decommissioning Plan with all farm infrastructure removed.

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• ongoing activity during decommissioning which could have an impact on the environment?	No	No	Kaly expects to work with a specialist contractor for deployment and decommissioning of the infrastructure. The seaweed farm will be removed in line with an approved Decommissioning Plan with all farm infrastructure removed.
• influx of people to an area either temporarily or permanently?	No	No	N/A
• introduction of alien species?	No	No	Seaweed species that will be grown include: Atlantic wakame (<i>alaria Esculenta</i>); oar weed (<i>laminaria Digitata</i>); and sugar kelp (<i>saccharina latissimi</i>). These are species commonly found in these waters. Kaly are working with specialists on the propagation from local seed.
• loss of native species or genetic diversity?	No	No	N/A
• any other changes?	No	No	N/A
2. LOCATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT			
(a) Existing land use			
Are there existing land uses on or around the location which could be affected by the development, e.g. Homes, gardens, other private property, industry, commerce, recreation, public open space, community facilities, agriculture, forestry, tourism, water catchments, functional floodplains, mining or quarrying?	Yes	No	The loch is a critical resource for the local fishing industry as well as fish farm operators and marine tourism operators. The land surrounding the loch system is home to local residents and business owners. Skye is a popular destination for tourists who visit for the scenery and heritage. The approach to consultation recognises the sensitivity and importance of fully understanding relationships with others. Kaly undertook a two stage process with pre-app consultation, 2 events plus individual liaison and sought to capture as much feedback as possible on areas of high importance for other user groups and to minimise potential conflict.

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(b) Relative abundance, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources in the area			
Are there any areas on or around the location which are occupied by sensitive land uses e.g. Hospitals, schools, places of worship, community facilities, which could be affected?	No	No	N/A
Is the development located in a previously undeveloped area where there will be loss of greenfield land?	No	No	N/A
Are there any areas on or around the location which contain important, high quality or scarce resources which could be affected by the development?			
• groundwater resources	No	No	N/A
• surface waters	No	No	N/A
• forestry	No	No	N/A
• agriculture	No	No	N/A
• fisheries	Yes	No	The loch is a critical resource for the local fishing industry. The approach to consultation recognises the sensitivity and importance of fully understanding relationships with others. Kaly undertook a two-stage process with pre-app consultation, 2 events plus individual liaison and sought to capture as much feedback as possible on areas of high importance for other user groups and to minimise potential conflict. There has been additional consultation with fishing group representatives.
• tourism	Yes	No	Skye is a popular destination for tourists who visit for the scenery, music, local produce and food plus heritage. Tourists

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			may choose to partake in marine tourism, which could include boating / kayaking / other water activities. As above on approach to consultation and engagement. Further, the Royal Yachting Association (Scotland) have been consulted on proposed location to avoid marine high-traffic areas and to implement appropriate buoys to serve as markers.
• minerals	No	No	N/A
(c) Absorption capacity of the natural environment			
Are there any areas on or around the location which are protected under international or national or local legislation for their ecological, landscape, cultural or other value, which could be affected by the development?	Yes	No, with design, mitigation and monitoring.	The site is located within the Hebrides and the Minches Special Area of Conservation, which is designated for harbour porpoise. As with the consented site at Loch Bay, Kaly are committed to mitigation to minimise the impacts of the proposed development on ecological sites and species. Specific design mitigation to reduce the risk of cetacean entanglement (taught lines, marked components to prevent 'ghost gear' and regular monitoring). The location of the farm and distance to shore has been carefully considered relative to transiting / depth of water to minimise impacts.
Are there any other areas on or around the location which are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology?			
• wetlands, watercourses or other waterbodies	Yes	No	Above relative to sensitive marine features. The site also avoids areas with known Priority Marine Features – see ecological reporting submitted with the Marine Licence. Kaly commissioned ecological survey and ornithological survey and sought pre-application advice from NatureScot and other bodies.
• the coastal zone	Yes	No	According to the National Marine Plan Interactive Map

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			(NMPi) ¹ there is one PMF (Priority Marine Feature) outwith the most southwestern point of the proposed development area, for maerl or coarse shell gravel with burrowing sea cucumbers. There will be no significant impact on this PMF from direct or indirect impacts of the seaweed – the farm is fallow in between the growing months (May - September) which also limits impacts. Some concerns around seaweed farms are associated with seabed shading, in which the suspended seaweed reduces the amount of light reaching species and habitats on the seabed. See the ecological reporting for reference. Kaly are working with specialists and academics on the monitoring of their farms, testing of seaweed and benthic conditions.
• mountains, forests or woodlands	No	No	N/A
• nature reserves and parks	No	No	N/A
Are there any areas on or around the location in which species and habitats of Local Biodiversity Action Plan importance are present?	Yes	No	The marine and coastal habitats around Loch Snizort include Priority Marine Features (PMFs) and habitats listed under the Skye Local Biodiversity Action Plan, including <i>kelp forest</i> , <i>sublittoral sands and gravels</i> , and <i>eelgrass beds</i> . The species proposed for cultivation (<i>Alaria esculenta</i> , <i>Laminaria digitata</i> , and <i>Saccharina latissima</i>) are all native to the region and occupy similar ecological niches naturally, minimising the likelihood of competition or ecological disruption. The design and location of the development have been informed by ecological constraints mapping and data from

¹ <https://marinescotland.atkinsgeospatial.com/nmpi/>

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			NatureScot and National Marine Plan Interactive (NMPi). Ongoing site monitoring and phased implementation will ensure no adverse impacts on biodiversity action plan species or habitats.
Are there any areas on or around the location which are used by protected, important or sensitive species of fauna or flora e.g. For breeding, nesting, foraging, resting, overwintering, migration, which could be affected?	Yes	No	The site lies within the Inner Hebrides and the Minches SAC, designated for harbour porpoise (<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>), which are present year-round with peak activity typically observed from August to September. Site operations, including seeding and harvesting, are scheduled to occur outside peak sensitivity periods (October–May), and will be conducted using small local vessels at low frequency, significantly reducing disturbance risk. There are no known haul-outs for seals within disturbance distance of the site, and baseline data suggests otter presence is more associated with the adjacent shorelines than with the offshore lease area itself. The risk of entanglement is extremely low, with all seaweed lines tensioned and monitored weekly. Emergency response protocols will be in place with SEA partners and BDMLR if marine entanglement ever occurs.
Are there any inland, coastal, marine or underground waters on or around the location which could be affected?	Yes	No with design and mitigation	See above relating to location of the site, considerations and risk assessment to determine optimal location etc.
Are there any groundwater source protection zones or areas that contribute to the recharge of groundwater resources?	No	No	N/A
Are there any areas or features of	Yes	No	There are no national landscape designations in the study

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<p>high landscape or scenic value on or around the location which could be affected?</p>			<p>area for the Landscape and Visual Assessment (LVA). The site lies on the edge of the Trotternish and Tianavaig Special Landscape Area (SLA). The LVA states that effects on this SLA would be limited, as most of the Special Qualities lie in areas to the east, associated with the main central ridge of hills and the dramatic eastern escarpment and coast. The Greshornish SLA lies just under 2km to the southwest, but the scope for effects at this distance are negligible.</p>
<p>Are there any routes or facilities on or around the location which are used by the public for access to recreation or other facilities, which could be affected?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Impacts on recreational routes / facilities chiefly relate to visual impacts. The closest active travel / recreational route is the Core Path SL27.04 from South Cuidrach to Earlish, which passes close to the coastline and within 200m of the site. This path would have extensive close visibility, with more limited visibility at the northern end.</p> <p>The only significant transport route is the A87 between Portree and Uig which passes within 1km east of the site. However, the ZTV indicates almost no visibility and, where visible, the proposed development would be difficult to discern. Kaly have engaged in statutory pre-application consultation with the Royal Yachting Association Scotland (RYAS), who have stated that the closest anchorage to the proposed development is Poll na h-Ealaidh. They inform that few recreational vessels are likely to pass through the site, though in specific circumstances, a vessel coming in from Loch Snizort Beag may do so. Kaly have committed to installing special markers at the outer edges of the site to highlight the boundaries of the development to users, and to informing the</p>

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			Clyde Cruising Club of the final positioning so they can publish this in their sailing editions.
Are there any transport routes on or around the location which are susceptible to congestion or which cause environmental problems, which could be affected?	Yes	No, with appropriate measures to limit localised impacts.	Skye is an increasingly popular tourism destination and this has resulted in increased traffic on the road network, particularly at peak times, including congestion around popular attractions and locations. Kaly are based on NW Skye and are committed to local operations and employment but also sustainable operations. The approach to harvesting and processing (largely outwith the main tourism peaks) would seek to limit transport by road and also impacts on local harbours. Kaly are currently exploring options for transit to Kyle of Lochalsh and processing locally.
Is the development in a location where it is likely to be highly visible to many people?	No	No	The closest settlement is Uig, c. 5km to the north, with the crofting townships in Earlish, Glen Hinnisdal and Kingsburgh all c.2.5-3km to the north, east, and southeast respectively. According to the LVA, none of these have any visibility of the site. Some scattered properties within c.2km at Cuidrach, South Cuidrach and along the A71 would also have limited visibility.
Are there any areas or features of historic or cultural importance on or around the location which could be affected?	Yes	No - Assessment undertaken including montages with design mitigation	There are few designations in the study area, although many historic features such as forts and hut circles are recorded on OS mapping. A scheduled monument at Caisteal Uisdein, directly on the coast opposite Core Path SL27.04, will have a full panoramic view of the proposed development at ca. 200m closest. See Landscape and Visual Impact Appraisal and montages.
Are there any areas on or around the location which are already	No	No	N/A

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subject to pollution or environmental damage e.g. Where existing legal environmental standards are exceeded, which could be affected?			
Is the location of the development susceptible to earthquakes, subsidence, landslides, erosion, flooding or extreme or adverse climatic conditions e.g. Temperature inversions, fogs, severe winds, which could cause the development to present environmental problems?	No	No	N/A