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G2 8LU**By e-mail only:** <Redacted>**Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm, Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm and Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm:
- Wind Farm Development Areas Scoping Opinion Request
- Wind Farm Development Areas Habitats Regulations Appraisal Screening Report**

Dear Lauren,

Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm Limited, Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm Limited and Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm Limited (the **Applicants**) are developing the Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm, the Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm, and the Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm respectively. Whilst these projects are separate and distinct projects in their own right, given their geographic proximity and parallel consenting programme, they are collectively referred to as the **Broadshore Hub** for consenting purposes.

Each of the above projects will comprise a Wind Farm Development Area, an Offshore Transmission Development Area, and an Onshore Transmission Development Area. Separate consents will be sought for each Development Area.

On behalf of the Applicants, I write to request a formal Opinion on the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) required for the Broadshore Hub Wind Farm Development Areas, in terms of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 and the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007. The **Broadshore Hub Wind Farm Development Areas Scoping Report** (BFR_HUB_CST_REP_0002_Rev 1 Broadshore Hub WFDA's Scoping Report) accompanies this request and has been prepared to inform the Scottish Ministers' consultations and subsequent Scoping Opinion.

On behalf of the Applicants, I also write to request that Scottish Ministers (and their consultees) consider the information provided in the enclosed **Broadshore Hub Wind Farm Development Areas Habitats Regulations Appraisal Screening Report** (BFR_HUB_CST_REP_0001_Rev 1 Broadshore Hub WFDA's HRA Screening Report) to enable HRA Screening with respect to the likely significant effects associated with the Broadshore Hub Wind Farm Development Areas on European or Ramsar sites.

The boundary of the Broadshore Hub Wind Farm Development Areas is shown within the abovementioned reports. Whilst a change to the Sinclair Wind Farm Development Area is under consideration (but not yet confirmed), both the original and proposed revised Sinclair Wind Farm Development Areas boundaries fall within the Broadshore Hub Wind Farm Development Areas presented within the abovementioned reports, thereby maintaining the integrity and validity of the scoping and HRA process irrespective of which boundary is presented within the EIA Report.

As agreed, only an electronic version of the abovementioned reports have been submitted. A copy of the Scoping Report will also be made available on the projects' websites.

If you require any further information or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself <Redacted> or Elouise Smith, Senior Consents Manager <Redacted>

We look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,
<Redacted>

Brian McGrellis
Head of Consents and Land

On behalf of Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm Limited, Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm Limited and Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm Limited

Enclosed (electronically):

- Broadshore Hub Wind Farm Development Areas Scoping Report (BFR_HUB_CST_REP_0002_Rev 1 Broadshore Hub WFDA's Scoping Report)
- Broadshore Hub Wind Farm Development Areas Habitats Regulations Appraisal Screening Report (BFR_HUB_CST_REP_0001_Rev 1 Broadshore Hub WFDA's HRA Screening Report)