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To: [MS Marine Renewables](#)
Subject: Seagreen Wind Energy Limited – Screening of proposed marine licence variation for alternative landfall cable installation method – Seagreen 1A, Firth of Forth - Response required by 18 May 2022
Date: 09 May 2022 12:05:35

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (As Amended)
Screening Opinion on the Proposed Marine Licence Variation in Respect of the Seagreen 1A Export Cable, Firth of Forth

I refer to your email consultation with accompanying attachment in connection with the above development proposal which was received by this Service on 27 April 2022.

The Screening Opinion request relates to an alternative landfall cable installation method for a landfall cable installation to a location at Cockenzie, East Lothian.

The proposed development would have no direct impact on Angus.

Considering the information provided the scale, location and potential impacts arising from the alternative installation method would be unlikely to have significant effects on the environment. Angus Council is therefore of the opinion that a full Environmental Impact Assessment is not required in this instance as it is considered that any potential impacts can be identified and mitigated without requiring the support of a full EIA. This view is based on the information contained in the Seagreen 1A Alternative Cable Landfall Method Marine Licence Application Screening Letter and Information however, it is the decision of your organisation to determine if a full EIA is required.

I trust the foregoing is of assistance.

Kind regards,

Ruari Kelly

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Dundee City Council

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Subject: RE: Seagreen Wind Energy Limited – Screening of proposed marine licence variation for alternative landfall cable installation method – Seagreen 1A, Firth of Forth - Response required by 18 May 2022
Date: 03 May 2022 16:00:57

I can advise that Dundee City Council has no comment on the variation.



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East Lothian Council

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Subject: RE: Seagreen Wind Energy Limited – Screening of proposed marine licence variation for alternative landfall cable installation method – Seagreen 1A, Firth of Forth - Response required by 18 May 2022
Date: 25 May 2022 18:52:09
Attachments: [Screening Opinion Seagreen open cut trench.pdf](#)

Hi Kate,

I've had a look for the original consultation on this but can't find any sign of it. The email address you have below looks right, but when I click on it as if to send an email it goes to 'policy' and won't send – though it knows it's an email address as it brings up Outlook. I wonder if that might be something to do with it? Maybe not! I apologise if we have accidentally deleted the consultation before replying.

This Screening Request appears to be in relation to a proposed Marine Licence for works which have recently been subject of a Screening Opinion issued by the Council for a proposed planning application, other than where the works extend beyond the MLWS. I've attached this. It contains our views on the likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the works in the intertidal and onshore area.

The Council values the wildlife of its coasts, including that from the nearby European Sites. I expect you will have consulted Naturescot on this matter, and the Council would support their views on whether or not EIA is needed for any impacts on those sites. I note that an Environmental Appraisal is proposed, which has scoped in some biodiversity issues. The Council supports the Wildlife Information Centre, which is the local wildlife record centre and a recognised Scottish Charity SC034113. The Council would encourage submission of any survey records of species to them – their contact details are at <http://www.wildlifeinformation.co.uk/contact.php>). Good wildlife records help support us in fulfilling our Biodiversity Duty and the future good planning of the area.

I've emailed around colleagues to see if they have any concerns about significant environmental effects on East Lothian from the further area of works beyond the intertidal. I am not expecting that they will, and have asked them to let me know by the end of the week if they do. I will get in touch again if they have comments. However, if you don't hear from me by Monday , please take this as being our response.

Regards,

Jean Squires

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East Lothian Council

Fife Council

From: [Martin MCGroarty](#)
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Subject: 22/01321/CON - LF000012-CST-OF-REP-0001 Seagreen 1A Alternative Cable Landfall Method - Request for Screening Opinion
Date: 11 May 2022 14:14:09

FAO Kate Taylor

**THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND)
REGULATIONS
2017 ("the EIA Regulations")**

**SCREENING OPINION ON THE PROPOSED MARINE LICENCE VARIATION IN RESPECT OF
THE
SEAGREEN 1A EXPORT CABLE, FIRTH OF FORTH.**

Good afternoon Kate.

Since this request relates to an area outwith our geographical jurisdiction, Fife Council is unable to provide a formal screening opinion on this matter in this instance due to workload prioritisation.

However, having looked through the submitted Screening Report, I am of the view that we would not offer any contrary view to the findings therein, with the alternative cable landfall method unlikely to significantly impact further on the environment than has already been assessed through the environmental assessments carried out to date, though we would expect NatureScot to have been consulted on these matters in any event, and for potential archaeological implications to have been fully considered prior to the beginning of works (it is also suggested that any survey results of sites identified as containing cultural material should be made available to the archaeological record.)

Kind regards,
Martin

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Our case ID: 300021099

19 May 2022

Dear Marine Scotland

**The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017
Seagreen 1A – Alternative Landfall Cable Installation Method
EIA Screening Opinion Request (April 2022)**

Thank you for your consultation seeking our comments on an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening opinion request (April 2022) in support of works for the landfall cable installation for the Seagreen 1A offshore wind farm. We received this information on 27 April 2022 and have reviewed it for our historic environment interests. Under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 our historic environment interests cover Historic Marine Protected Areas (HMPAs) and undesignated marine cultural heritage features.

Marine Licence Application

We understand that it is proposed to make a marine licence application to authorise an alternative landfall installation method for the export cable from the Seagreen 1A offshore wind farm to landfall at Cockenzie, East Lothian. The alternative landfall installation method will involve ploughing or mechanical trenching (also termed 'open cut' trenching) across the beach and within the intertidal zone in the cable landfall area.

EIA Screening Opinion Request (April 2022)

We consider that there are unlikely to be impacts on our historic environment interests of a level that would require consideration through the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. We also note that it is proposed to prepare an Environmental Appraisal, in which our cultural heritage interests will be considered, in support of the marine licence application. On this basis, we confirm that we would be content for the proposed works to be screened out of EIA.

We recommend that any Environmental Appraisal undertaken for the works should include an archaeological mitigation scheme to account for potential impacts on undesignated archaeological remains.



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We hope this is helpful. Please contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Alison Baisden and she can be contacted by phone on 0131 668 8575 or by email on Alison.Baisden@hes.scot.

Yours faithfully

Historic Environment Scotland

NatureScot

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Subject: RE: Seagreen Wind Energy Limited – Screening of proposed marine licence variation for alternative landfall cable installation method – Seagreen 1A, Firth of Forth - Response required by 18 May 2022
Date: 17 May 2022 11:18:46

Dear Kate,

Thank you for your consultation regarding the screening opinion request sought by Seagreen Wind Energy Ltd (Seagreen) for an alternative landfall cable installation method for the Seagreen Alpha and Bravo offshore wind farms in the Firth of Forth. This application represents an additional option for construction / installation at the Cockenzie landfall to the previously consented Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) method.

Seagreen propose to use 'open cut' ploughing or mechanical trenching between the original proposed landward entrance point of the horizontal directional drill (approximately 10 m above charted mean high-water springs), across the beach and intertidal zone, down to a depth of 5 m (LAT) (approximately 700 m below charted mean high water springs).

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Marine Works (EIA) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended)

We have reviewed the information provided within the Screening Letter and Information document (LF000012-CST-OF-REP-0001 Rev 1) and agree that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the 2017 Marine Works Regulations is not, in our view, required.

Potential impacts

We welcome the work undertaken through the Screening Letter and Information document to consider the scope of the Environmental Appraisal (EA) which will support the forthcoming Marine Licence application. The indicative application area overlaps or is adjacent to a number of European and nationally designated sites which should be considered further, as follows:

- Outer Firth of Forth & St Andrews Bay Complex SPA
- Firth of Forth SPA
- Firth of Forth SSSI
- Forth Islands SPA

Potential impacts to be considered within the Environmental Appraisal

We welcome the consideration given to the scope of the Environmental Appraisal and we highlight that the following information should be presented:

- temporary loss of supporting SPA/SSSI habitat and effects on prey species;
- assessment of disturbance and displacement of the bird populations;
- habitat restoration plan or methodology.

Additionally, we advise that comparisons of the zone of influence should be made to the relevant Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS) sector as a meaningful scale to assess impacts.

We hope these comments are of assistance.

Best Wishes,

Caitlin

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[LF000012-CST-OF-REP-0001 Seagreen 1A Alternative Cable Landfall Method - Request for Screening Opinion \(003\).pdf](#)
Importance: High

Kate

We have no record of having received your email. However, given the nature of the request, we have no comments to offer on the Screening Opinion request and would leave that for yourselves/ELC/Nature Scot,

Regards

Craig

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Kate,

THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 (“the EIA Regulations”)

SCREENING OPINION ON THE PROPOSED MARINE LICENCE VARIATION IN RESPECT OF THE SEAGREEN 1A EXPORT CABLE, FIRTH OF FORTH.

SEPA ref: 5116

Thank you for your consultation. We note that this EIA screening is related to an alternative cable landfall installation method.

We refer you to the SEPA guidance [LUPS-GU13](#) - *SEPA standing advice for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Marine Scotland on marine consultations*, where we ask in paragraph 2.3 to not consult us directly on EIA at any stage and where we refer to the standing advice provided in the guidance.

Please note that in relation to the issue of the cable for the Seagreen 1A project we would only comment on issues related to the on-shore part of the project. We have already provided a response to the East Lothian Council (ELC) consultation, which deals with the on-shore element of Seagreen 1A project (19 May 2021 21/00290/PPM, Cockenzie.).

If the proposal is going to use the alternative method explained in the document, we would expect to be reconsulted by the ELC.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further clarification

Regards

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