



# MachairWind Offshore Windfarm

## Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Appendix 1

# Pre-Application Consultation Report

## Appendix 1 Pre-Application Consultation Report Form



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# 1 PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION REPORT FORM

## 1.1 PROPOSED LICENSABLE MARINE ACTIVITY

Please describe below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form the proposed licensable marine activity, including its location.

The proposed licensable activity is the construction of renewable energy structures within the Scottish marine area, in accordance with Regulation 4(2)(f) of the Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.

This includes the installation of offshore wind turbine structures and associated offshore infrastructure, located within 12 nautical miles off the west coast of Scotland as seen in **Figure 1**.

The total area in which these structures will be located exceeds 10,000 square metres, therefore requiring a marine licence under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.

Separate marine licence applications will be submitted for:

- the Windfarm Development Area – construction of renewable energy structures;
- the Offshore Export Cable Corridor – installation of subsea cables and associated seabed works; and
- the Onshore Transmission Development Area, consented via relevant terrestrial planning processes.

Further information is provided in Section 2 of the **Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report**.

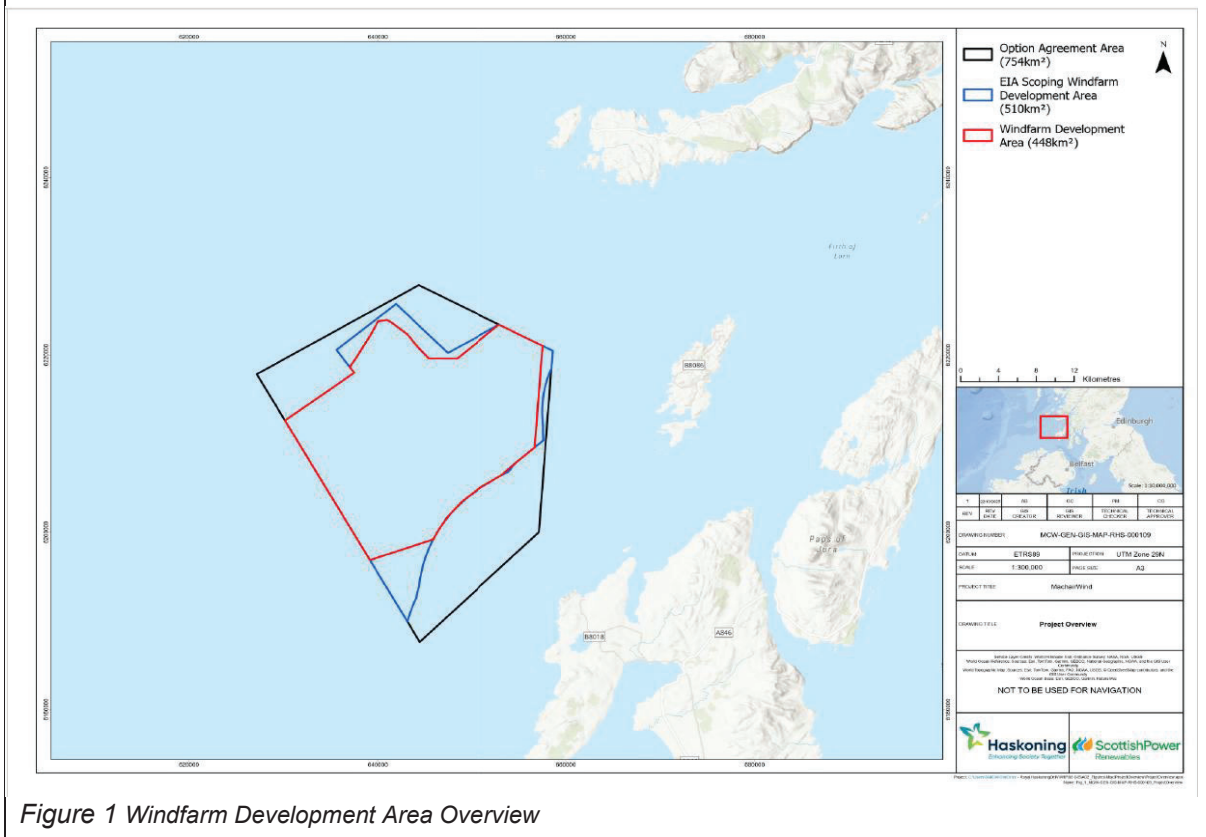


Figure 1 Windfarm Development Area Overview

## 1.2 APPLICANT DETAILS

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Is the prospective applicant the proposed licensee?

YES  NO

If NO, please complete Section 3 below.

### 1.3 PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION EVENT

Please describe below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form the pre-application consultation event.

Statutory Consultation Round 1 (26 May - 6 July 2025)

- Tue 3 June 2025, 3pm - 7.30pm - Port Mor, Port Charlotte, Islay
- Wed 4 June 2025, 3pm - 7.30pm - Colonsay Village Hall, Scalasaig, Colonsay
- Wed 11 June 2025, 3pm - 7.30pm - Gaelic Center, Bowmore, Islay
- Thu 12 June 2025, 3pm - 7.30pm - Jura Hall, Craighouse, Jura
- Tue 17 June 2025, 3pm - 7.30pm - Creich Hall, Fionnphort, Ross of Mull
- Wed 18 June 2025, 3pm - 7.30pm - Iona Village Hall, Iona
- Tue 10 June 2025, 6.30pm - 7.30pm - Webinar (Microsoft Teams)
- Mon 23 June 2025, 6.30pm - 7.30pm - Webinar (Microsoft Teams)

Statutory Consultation Round 2 (20 October - 30 November 2025)

- Tue 21 October 2025, 10.30am - 2pm - Port Mor, Port Charlotte, Islay
- Tue 21 October 2025, 4pm - 7.30pm - Ramsay Hall, Port Ellen, Islay
- Wed 22 October 2025, 3pm - 7pm - Jura Hall, Craighouse, Jura
- Thu 23 October 2025, 3pm - 7pm - Colonsay Village Hall, Colonsay
- Tue 28 October 2025, 4pm - 7.30pm - Iona Village Hall, Iona
- Wed 29 October 2025, 3pm - 7pm - Bunessan Village Hall, Mull
- Thu 6 November 2025, 6.30pm - 7.30pm - Webinar (Microsoft Teams)
- Tue 18 November 2025, 6.30pm - 7.30pm - Webinar (Microsoft Teams)

For more information, please see Section 5 of the **PAC Report**.

### 1.4 INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE PROSPECTIVE APPLICANT AT THE PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION EVENT

Please provide below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form details of any information provided by the prospective applicant for a marine licence at the pre-application consultation event.

During both rounds of statutory consultation, the Applicant provided comprehensive information about the proposed WDA and associated infrastructure, including the rationale behind design decisions. Materials relating to the Environmental Impact Assessment and the legacy of the MachairWind Offshore Windfarm (hereafter 'the Project') were also presented. See Sections **Error! Reference source not found.** and **Error! Reference source not found.** of the **PAC Report**.

For full detail on the information provided by the Applicant for consultation round one and consultation round two, see **PAC Report Appendix 8 Pre-Application Consultation Round One Materials** and **Appendix 9 Pre-Application Consultation Round Two Materials** respectively.



## 1.5 INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE PROSPECTIVE APPLICANT AT THE PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION EVENT

Please provide below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form details of any comments and objections received by the prospective applicant for a marine licence at the pre-application consultation event.

Across the two consultation rounds, a total of 168 formal feedback responses were received. The most frequently cited feedback related to support for offshore wind in tackling climate change, alongside queries and concerns relating to the visibility of turbines from some of the islands. Questions were also raised relating to the perceived impact of the Project on the character of the islands, as well as environmental and engineering matters, including seabird and marine mammal surveys and infrastructure proposed within the Windfarm Development Area.

For further detail on the information received by the Applicant during the consultation periods, see Sections 7.3 and 8.3 of the **PAC Report** and **Appendix 10 Full Analysis of Statutory Consultation Feedback**.

## 1.6 AMENDMENTS MADE, OR TO BE MADE, TO THE APPLICATION FOR A MARINE LICENCE BY THE PROSPECTIVE APPLICANT FOLLOWING THEIR CONSIDERATION OF COMMENTS AND/OR OBJECTIONS RECEIVED AT THE PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION EVENT

Where any amendments are made, or are to be made, by the prospective applicant for a marine licence to the marine licence application as a direct result of their consideration of comments and/or objections received at the pre-application consultation event, please provide below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form details of such amendments

Several refinements to the Project were made between the first and second round of Statutory Consultation, as a direct result of stakeholder and community feedback.

The most significant change was the reduction of the WDA footprint by 12.16%, moving parts of the site further offshore to reduce potential effects on seascape, marine users and wildlife. The turbine design envelope was also refined: the maximum turbine height was reduced from 340 m to 335 m above LAT, and the maximum number of turbines decreased from 147 to 144.

Gravity Base Structures were removed from the foundation options, reducing seabed disturbance. In addition, the minimum air gap was increased from 22.45 m to 28.4 m above highest astronomical tide thereby reducing ornithological collision risk. These changes were communicated during the second statutory consultation under the "You said, we did" section of the Information Booklet, presented on printed and virtual maps, displayed on consultation banners, and discussed with attendees at PAC events.

For further detail on the refinements made following consideration of comments received during the pre-application consultation periods see Section 9 of the **PAC Report**.

## 1.7 EXPLANATION OF APPROACH TAKEN BY THE PROSPECTIVE APPLICANT WHERE, FOLLOWING RELEVANT COMMENTS AND/OR OBJECTIONS BEING RECEIVED BY THE PROSPECTIVE APPLICANT AT THE PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION EVENT, NO RELEVANT AMENDMENT IS MADE TO THE APPLICATION FOR A MARINE LICENCE

Where, following comments and/or objections having been received by the prospective applicant for a marine licence at the pre-application consultation event, no relevant amendment is made to the application for a marine licence by the prospective applicant, then please provide below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form an explanation for the approach taken

Some comments raised during the consultation could not result in further changes to the Project because they fell outside the scope of the Windfarm Development Area marine licence application. For further detail on the



Applicant's response to questions, requests and feedback received during the consultation periods see Section 9 of the **PAC Report**.

**1.8 CERTIFICATION**

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I certify that I have complied with the legislative requirements relating to pre-application consultation and that the pre-application consultation has been undertaken in accordance with the statutory requirements.

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_  
[Redacted]

Date: **06/05/2026**

