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# 1 OFFSHORE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

1.1.1.1 This appendix to **Chapter 5: Approach to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Volume 1a** of the Offshore Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) presents an overview of stakeholder consultation and engagement undertaken to support the proposed Spiorad na Mara Offshore Wind Farm (hereafter referred to as the Project).

1.1.1.2 Spiorad na Mara Limited (here after referred to as 'the Applicant') is submitting separate consent applications for the Offshore Project and the Onshore Transmission Works (OTW) Project. This appendix to the Offshore EIAR that has been submitted to the Marine Directorate - Licencing Operations Team (MD-LOT) to support the Section 36 Consent application and the Marine Licence application for the Offshore Project. A separate Onshore Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Appendix will be submitted and included as an appendix to the Onshore Application, which will be submitted to Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (CnES) under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) at a later date. The Onshore Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Appendix will detail onshore specific consultation events.

1.1.1.3 This appendix should be read in conjunction with the Offshore Project description provided in **Chapter 3: Offshore Project Description, Volume 1a** and the relevant parts of the following chapters and appendices:

- **Chapter 4: Consideration of Alternatives, Volume 1a;**
- **Appendix 5.2: Response to EIA Scoping Opinion, Volume 1c;**
- **Appendix 6.1: Detailed Social and Economic Baseline, Volume 2c;**
- **Appendix 6.2: Focus Group Summary Report, Volume 2c;**
- **Offshore Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report.**

1.1.1.4 Other reports that have been used to inform the Offshore Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Appendix and provide more detailed information surrounding engagement are detailed below:

- Phase 1 Public Consultation: Summary Report<sup>1</sup>;
- Phase 2 Public Consultation: Summary Report<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Phase 1 Public Consultation: Summary Report can be accessed on the Project website here: <https://northlandpowerscotwind.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Public-Consultation-Summary-Report-2024.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Phase 2 Public Consultation: Summary Report can be accessed on the Project website here: <https://northlandpowerscotwind.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/PC2-Summary-Report-2025-DIGITAL.pdf>.

## 1.1.2 PROJECT BACKGROUND

- 1.1.2.1 The Applicant is proposing to develop an offshore wind farm (OWF) that will consist of up to 60 fixed-bottom wind turbine generators (WTGs) (the Project).
- 1.1.2.2 The Project will include both offshore and onshore infrastructure. This appendix supports the application for the offshore components of the Project as outlined in **Chapter 1: Introduction, Volume 1a**. The offshore components of the Project (the Offshore Project) includes all infrastructure and activities located seaward of Mean High Water Springs (MHWS) within the Array Area and Offshore Cable Area of Search (OCAS) (**Figure 1.2: Project Layout, Volume 1c**). Further detailed information is provided in **Chapter 3: Project Description, Volume 1a**.
- 1.1.2.3 The Offshore Project is situated off the northwest coast of Isle of Lewis/*Eilean Leòdhais* and the Array Area is located approximately 5-13 km offshore and is approximately 161 km<sup>2</sup> in size. The Offshore Project will comprise WTGs, foundations, Offshore Cables, Offshore Substation Platform (OSP) (if required), and Landfall. The Array Area combined with the OCAS is defined as the Offshore Project Boundary. The water depths across the Turbine Area range from 37 m-67 m with the southwest corner of the Array Area reaching 72 m. The proposed WTGs and fixed foundations will be located within a Turbine Area of approximately 140 km<sup>2</sup>, within the Array Area.

## 1.2 PURPOSE OF THIS APPENDIX

- 1.2.1.1 By nature, consultation has largely been undertaken for the Project as a whole. Therefore, where consultation refers to the Project, this is relevant to both the Offshore Project and OTW Project. The purpose of this appendix is to provide an overview of consultation specific to the Offshore Project and highlight the wider consultation and engagement efforts undertaken by the Applicant for the Project. An overview of consultation and engagement efforts undertaken by the Applicant for the OTW Project (including further feedback received) will be detailed in the separate Onshore EIAR and Onshore PAC Report.
- 1.2.1.2 This appendix does not detail feedback received during consultation. Feedback from consultation relevant to the Offshore Project is provided in the **Offshore PAC Report**. Further detail of engagement with statutory consultees and key technical stakeholder consultation and feedback received for the Offshore Project is included within all relevant topic specific chapters of the Offshore EIAR (in particular, see **Chapter 6: Socio-Economics, Volume 2a** to **Chapter 22: Offshore Human Health, Volume 2a**).
- 1.2.1.3 Capturing details of each engagement, particularly stakeholder feedback, not only ensures transparency and accountability but also plays a vital role in shaping the development of the Project. The feedback that has received by the Project team has informed Project design decisions, identification of potential issues, and has helped to build trust with communities and stakeholders.

Maintaining clear records of engagement and action has allowed the Project team to follow up in a timely manner and demonstrate that input is informing the Project development.

## **1.3 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION**

1.3.1.1 The Applicant is committed to proactive, open and transparent dialogue and engagement with all stakeholders, regulators and communities which may be affected by, or indeed affect, the Project. The Applicant recognises that the involvement of non-statutory and statutory consultees from the earliest stage of the Project can bring about significant benefits for all parties involved.

1.3.1.2 The Scottish Government's Planning Advice Note (PAN) 3/2010 on Community Engagement offers guidance to applicants on how to engage effectively with communities regarding planning issues (Scottish Government, 2010). It aligns with the Scottish Government's National Standards for Community Engagement and supports the Successful Planning = Effective Engagement and Delivery (SPEED) Framework, developed by Planning Aid for Scotland (PAS) (PAS, 2022). This framework serves as a practical tool for conducting meaningful engagement and forms the foundation of the Project's engagement approach. The Project has a broad range of local and national stakeholders, each with different issues and interests. Understanding these audiences is important to ensure the right audience receives the right message at the right time

1.3.1.3 The approach to stakeholder engagement, and associated methodology, was developed by the Project team in 2023 and finalised in early 2024. The approach to engagement was designed to ensure meaningful, inclusive, and timely engagement with all stakeholders, including the public, throughout the Project lifecycle. An overview of the methodology includes:

- The identification of key stakeholder groups;
- The use of multiple engagement approaches and communication channels;
- The scheduling of consultation activities aligned with Project milestones;
- A clear process for capturing and responding to feedback.

## **1.4 STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION**

### **1.4.1 STAKEHOLDER MAPPING**

1.4.1.1 In November 2023, a stakeholder mapping workshop was carried out for the Project, for which stakeholder lists were developed, based on known stakeholders identified during the pre-bidding phases of the ScotWind Leasing process and during the early design phase and initial surveys for the Project. This included relevant statutory organisations; prescribed bodies; environmental groups; fisheries and marine, civic and education stakeholders; local businesses; elected representatives and government officials, and community groups and individuals. Where

appropriate, it was noted if the identified stakeholders were relevant to the Offshore Project, the OTW Project or the Project as a whole. These stakeholder lists have been regularly reviewed and updated as the Project has developed.

1.4.1.2 The output of the stakeholder mapping workshop was a comprehensive database – divided into 9 distinct segments – of almost 300 stakeholders. This segmented approach was based on logical groupings in the context of where the Project is being developed. The stakeholder mapping informed the approach to stakeholder engagement and consultation and ensured that communication was tailored to reflect the interests and levels of influence of different stakeholder groups. The 9 segments are detailed in **Table 1-1**.

Table 1-1: Stakeholder Segments

Segment	Types of Stakeholders Included
Community	Community leaders, local trusts, community councils, third sector agencies (based locally/local branches), schools, churches, voluntary groups, recreational groups, youth groups, groups for older people etc.
Political	Elected reps, officials and advisers at local authority level, in Scotland and the UK.
Consents	All stakeholders with whom regular engagement is necessary to achieve Project consents, including Marine Scotland, Crown Estate Scotland (CES), NatureScot, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Scotland, Historic Environment Scotland, other environmental and marine agencies and consultees, shipping and navigation stakeholders (Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA)/Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB)) and Ports.
Landowners	Individual, community and trust landowners and onshore leaseholders on whose lands part of the Project may be built or through which access/right of way may be required (including Common Grazing representatives).
Fisheries and Marine	Local fishers, fisheries representative organisations, fish producers' organisations, Coastguard, shipping and navigation stakeholders, ports and other marine users.
Industry and Enterprise	Relevant industry bodies such as RenewableUK (RUK), Offshore Wind Industry Council (OWIC) and Scottish Renewables, plus organisations like Prosper, Confederation of British Industry (CBI), Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), relevant chambers of commerce etc.
Civic and Education	Relevant national charities, trusts and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), plus universities, technical colleges, education support agencies etc.
Activists	Local activist groups.
Supply Chain	Potential Tier 1 contractors, local businesses and service providers; business support agencies/partnerships.

## 1.5 CONSULTATION OVERVIEW

### 1.5.1 OVERVIEW

1.5.1.1 Engagement has been ongoing since the start of the Project and has been designed to ensure timely, transparent, and inclusive engagement with stakeholders and the public at key stages of the Project, in line with the legislation and policy requirements, as highlighted in **Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation, Volume 1a**. This section provides:

- Details on the Project's stakeholder management system;
- An overview of the key consultation phases, including:
  - Pre-Scoping Consultation from 2021-2023;
  - EIA Scoping Consultation [and public information events] in 2023-2024;
  - Pre-application Consultation Phase 1 Public Consultation (PC1) in 2024 and Phase 2 Public Consultation (PC2) in 2025.
- An overview of statutory and non-statutory consultation;
- A summary of the focus group meeting and interviews undertaken to inform detailed social and economic baseline as well as other linked topics.

### 1.5.2 RECORDING AND RESPONDING

1.5.2.1 Recording and responding to stakeholder engagement is a key activity that is embedded in the Project.

1.5.2.2 To ensure accurate record keeping, the Project uses a stakeholder management system. This system enables the structured recording of all interactions, categorisation of feedback, and tracking of follow-up actions. It ensures consistency across the team, facilitates internal reporting, and helps maintain a clear audit trail of engagement activities with all stakeholder groups and individuals.

### 1.5.3 PRE-SCOPING CONSULTATION

1.5.3.1 Pre-Scoping Consultation includes all engagement that took place prior to the submission of EIA Scoping Report in September 2023. Engagement efforts began in 2021 for the Project, and were increased following the announcement that the Applicant had secured the rights for the N4 Plan Option area in January 2022, following the ScotWind Leasing process held in 2021 by CES.

- 1.5.3.2 After the N4 Plan Option area agreement was signed in April 2022, public information events were held in May 2022 in Galson/*Gàbhsann*, Breascleite/*Breascleit*, Grinneabhat, and Stornoway/*Steòrnabhagh*, to present the initial Project concept and gather early community feedback for its development.
- 1.5.3.3 The overarching aim of the Pre-Scoping Consultation was to proactively identify any immediate concerns that stakeholders might have and to establish clear and open lines of communication. This initial phase of engagement was also important in shaping the approach to stakeholder engagement and consultation, which would ensure that stakeholder views were not only acknowledged but actively integrated into the development process from the outset. Further details on the engagement carried out during this phase are outlined in the **Offshore PAC Report**.

#### 1.5.4 EIA SCOPING CONSULTATION

- 1.5.4.1 EIA Scoping Consultation coincided with the development and submission of the Project's Scoping Report which covered the Offshore Project and the OTW Project (SnM, 2023). During this time the Project team significantly expanded its public-facing communications and deepened engagement with key stakeholders. This was achieved through a combination of targeted outreach, in-person meetings, online briefings, and participation in local events. The Project team prioritised early and meaningful dialogue with statutory consultees, fisheries representatives, community organisations, and local authorities to ensure that the EIA was informed by local knowledge and concerns. Feedback mechanisms were embedded into all EIA Scoping Consultation activities, allowing stakeholders to share insights and raise issues that could be considered in the scoping process. Further information can be found in the **Offshore PAC Report**.
- 1.5.4.2 A series of public information events were held across 4 locations in June 2023: *Stornoway/Steòrnabhagh*, *Barvas/Barabhas*, *Carlway/Càrlabhagh*, and *Bernera/Beàrnaraigh Mòr*, during which members of the local community received updates on the latest progress made on the Project. Several members of the Project team were on hand to answer questions on specialist topics and receive feedback. Much of the information provided was also published in a Summer 2023 newsletter<sup>3</sup>, which was made available in hard copy forms at the 4 public information events and online.
- 1.5.4.3 The Scoping Report (SnM, 2023) and request for a Scoping Opinion to MD-LOT was submitted in September 2023. A Scoping Opinion was received in May 2024 from MD-LOT (MD-LOT, 2024a). The Scoping Opinion acts as a preliminary assessment by MD-LOT of the methodology, baseline and potential impacts outlined within the Scoping Report. Alongside the Scoping Opinion, MD-LOT

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<sup>3</sup> Newsletter can be accessed on the Project website here: <https://northlandpowerscotwind.co.uk/spiorad-na-mara-newsletter-summer-23/>

also provided Appendix A (MD-LOT, 2024a) detailing stakeholder consultation responses which are gathered by the Scottish Ministers in the process of determining the Scoping Opinion. Comments raised in the Scoping Opinion and associated Appendix A have been addressed and incorporated into each relevant chapter of the Offshore EIAR. Within each technical chapter a summary of consultation is provided, which includes how each of the comments in the Scoping Opinion has been considered by the Project and subsequently where and how the comment has been addressed within the respective chapters (see **Chapters 6-22, Volume 2a**).

- 1.5.4.4 During 2024, the Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) Screening for the Project was undertaken. The approach that was followed and the conclusions of the HRA Screening were subsequently presented in a HRA Screening Report (SnM, 2024) which was submitted to MD-LOT in September 2024. A consolidated HRA Screening Response was received in November 2024 from MD-LOT (MD-LOT, 2024b) covering both the Offshore Project and Onshore Project. The detailed stakeholder consultation responses gathered by the Scottish Ministers were also provided in Appendix 1 (MD-LOT, 2024b). Comments raised in the HRA Screening Response and associated Appendix 1 have been addressed and incorporated into **Offshore Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (RIAA)**. Within the RIAA, a summary of consultation is provided, which includes how each of the comments in the HRA Screening Response have been considered by the Project and subsequently where and how the comment has been addressed within the RIAA (see **Offshore RIAA**).
- 1.5.4.5 An overview of the stakeholder consultation carried out which informed the EIA Scoping Report (SnM, 2023) and the HRA Screening Report (SnM, 2024) is included in **Table 1-2** Error! Reference source not found., however more detail can be found in the full reports which are available on the MD-LOT website.
- 1.5.4.6 Further details on the engagement carried out during this phase are outlined in the **Offshore PAC Report**.

## 1.5.5 PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION (PAC)

- 1.5.5.1 In accordance with the formal PAC process as required by the Marine Licensing (PAC) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 and the Marine Scotland Act 2010, as well as adhering to the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, public consultation was split into 2 phases: PC1 and PC2.
- 1.5.5.2 During PC1 (2024) and PC2 (2025) a month long virtual exhibition was hosted on the Spiorad na Mara website to complement the in-person public exhibition events (7 during PC1 and 5 during PC2) located at community venues throughout the Isle of Lewis/*Eilean Leòdhais*. Several more flexible in-person information clinics were also offered by appointment to members of the public after the public exhibitions, as well as stakeholder briefings with community stakeholders which were organised prior to the public exhibitions to maximise public participation.

1.5.5.3 Further details on the engagement carried out during PC1 and PC2 are outlined in **Offshore PAC Report**.

#### 1.5.6 STATUTORY AND NON-STATUTORY CONSULTATION

1.5.6.1 Statutory and non-statutory consultation enabled regulators, local authorities, and other relevant stakeholders to provide feedback on the proposed EIA assessment approach. Non-statutory consultation took place to engage local communities and interest groups, helping to shape the Project design ahead of formal public consultation. An overview of statutory and non-statutory consultation is provided in **Table 1-2**.

1.5.6.2 Further details on engagement and feedback with statutory consultees is included within relevant chapters of the Offshore EIAR. Feedback from PAC events is detailed within the **Offshore PAC Report**.

Table 1-2: Overview of Statutory and non-Statutory Consultation

Year	Stakeholder	Engagement Topic
2021-ongoing	Local MSP Alasdair Allan and (then) local MP Angus Brendan MacNeil.  <i>The Project continued engagement with local MP Torcuil Crichton following his appointment as Angus Brendan MacNeil's replacement.</i>	Initial Project engagement and several update meetings. Updates are also shared via the Project mailing list.
2021-ongoing	West Side Estates Group (WSEG)	Initial Project engagement. Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with WSEG in July 2021. Regular Project updates.
2021-ongoing	Stornoway Trust	Initial Project engagement. Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Stornoway Trust in July 2021. Approach to working with communities and Community Benefit Fund. Regular Project updates.
2021-ongoing	Stornoway Port Authority	Initial Project engagement. Project updates. Job and Apprenticeship Opportunities. Sustainable Industry Reward scheme.

Year	Stakeholder	Engagement Topic
		Stornoway Port Authority were invited to the Hazard Workshop to inform the Shipping and Navigation impact assessment and Navigational Risk Assessment (NRA) but could not attend.
2021	Harland & Wolff (now Navantia UK)	Initial Project engagement. Discussions and a site visit to the Arnish facility to understand its capabilities and explore potential opportunities for future collaboration.
2021-ongoing	University of Highlands and Islands (UHI)	Initial Project engagement. Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with UHI in July 2021. Use of Gaelic in Project materials Skills development and training.
2022-ongoing	MD-LOT	Quarterly Project update meetings. Scoping Workshops - EIA Scoping baseline and approach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA);</li> <li>• Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage;</li> <li>• Marine Mammals;</li> <li>• Fish Ecology;</li> <li>• Underwater Noise;</li> <li>• Physical and Coastal Processes;</li> <li>• Marine Sediment and Water Quality;</li> <li>• Benthic and Intertidal Ecology;</li> <li>• Marine and Nearshore Ornithology;</li> <li>• Offshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage;</li> <li>• Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (SLVIA).</li> </ul> HRA Screening Approach.

Year	Stakeholder	Engagement Topic
		Survey Design and EIA Approach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fish Ecology (including Atlantic Salmon <i>Salmo salar</i>);</li> <li>• Climate Change and Greenhouse Gases.</li> </ul>
2022-ongoing	NatureScot	NatureScot have been in attendance at the quarterly Project updates meetings with MD-LOT. Scoping Workshops - EIA Scoping baseline and approach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Onshore Ecology;</li> <li>• Hydrology and Hydrogeology;</li> <li>• Peat, Geology, Soils and Contaminated Land; Onshore and Intertidal Ornithology;</li> <li>• LVIA;</li> <li>• Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage;</li> <li>• Marine Mammals;</li> <li>• Fish Ecology;</li> <li>• Underwater Noise;</li> <li>• Physical and Coastal Processes;</li> <li>• Marine Sediment and Water Quality;</li> <li>• Benthic and Intertidal Ecology;</li> <li>• Marine and Nearshore Ornithology;</li> <li>• Offshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage;</li> <li>• SLVIA.</li> </ul> HRA Screening Approach. Validation of Baseline Data, Survey Design and EIA Approach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fish Ecology;</li> </ul>

Year	Stakeholder	Engagement Topic
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine Mammals;</li> <li>• Underwater Noise and Vibration;</li> <li>• Marine and Nearshore Ornithology;</li> <li>• Benthic and Intertidal Ecology;</li> <li>• Physical and Coastal Processes;</li> <li>• SLVIA viewpoint consultation.</li> </ul> <p>Cumulative Assessment. Survey Design and EIA/HRA Approach to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underwater Noise;</li> <li>• Atlantic Salmon Migration.</li> </ul> <p>Proposed public consultation plans. Peat re-use strategy and habitat restoration.</p>
2022	HIE	<p>Regular Project meetings. Engagement surrounding the DeepWind offshore wind cluster.</p>
2022-ongoing	Fishing community	<p>Initial Project engagement. Appointment of FIR in August 2022. Appointment of CFLO in Q1 2023. Identification of key commercial fisheries stakeholders working in the Project area. Validation of Baseline Data, EIA Approach and Embedded Mitigation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial Fisheries;</li> <li>• Fish Ecology.</li> </ul> <p>Project updates and regular communications with the Project FIR at local ports. Notice to Fishermen (NtF).</p>

Year	Stakeholder	Engagement Topic
		<p>Presentation of survey activities and associated equipment used within the offshore wind industry given to the Western Isles Fishermen’s Association (WIFA) in March 2023.</p> <p>Survey information shared via Notice to Mariners (NtM) and the Sea Fish Kingfisher Bulletin Service.</p> <p>Development of Fisheries Mitigation, Monitoring and Communication plan (FMMCP).</p>
2022 - 2025	Local schools	<p>Discussion about Project name.</p> <p>Scholarship Programme.</p>
2022	Ofgem	Engagement on the process for obtaining generation licence and the Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO).
2022-2025	Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN)	<p>Project Grid Connection and Holistic Network Design Follow-Up Exercise (HNDFUE) workshop.</p> <p>Regular Project update meetings.</p>
2022	National Energy System Operator (NESO)	Project Grid Connection and HNDFUE workshop.
2022	Electricity Industry Stakeholders and Developers	Project Grid Connection and HNDFUE workshop.
2022-ongoing	Scottish Government	Periodic roundtables for Scotwind developers.
2022-ongoing	Crown Estate Scotland (CES)	Quarterly updates to brief CES on Project progress.
2022-ongoing	Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ)	Quarterly updates to brief DESNZ on Project progress.
2022-ongoing	CnES	<p>General engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing prior to public information events.</li> <li>• Proposed public consultation plans.</li> <li>• Updates regarding EIA Scoping Report.</li> <li>• Planning.</li> </ul>

Year	Stakeholder	Engagement Topic
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular Project Design updates.</li> </ul> Project Grid Connection and HNDFUE workshop. Scoping Workshops - EIA Scoping baseline and approach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Onshore Ecology;</li> <li>• Hydrology and Hydrogeology;</li> <li>• Peat, Geology, Soils and Contaminated Land;</li> <li>• Onshore and Intertidal Ornithology;</li> <li>• LVIA;</li> <li>• Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage;</li> <li>• Offshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage;</li> <li>• Marine and Nearshore Ornithology;</li> <li>• SLVIA.</li> </ul> Validation of Baseline Data, Survey Design and EIA Approach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic and Transport;</li> <li>• SLVIA;</li> <li>• Offshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage;</li> <li>• Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage;</li> <li>• Airborne Noise and Vibration;</li> <li>• Fish Ecology;</li> <li>• Cumulative Assessment.</li> </ul>
2023-2025	Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)	SEPA were invited but could not attend a Scoping Workshop to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Onshore Ecology;</li> <li>• Hydrology and Hydrogeology;</li> </ul>

Year	Stakeholder	Engagement Topic
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peat, Geology, Soils and Contaminated Land.</li> </ul> Validation of Baseline Data, Survey Design and EIA Approach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fish and Shellfish Ecology (including Atlantic Salmon);</li> <li>• Physical and Coastal Processes;</li> <li>• Climate Change and Greenhouse Gases;</li> <li>• Onshore Hydrology (Water Framework Directive);</li> <li>• Onshore Ecology;</li> <li>• Peats, Soils, Geology and Contaminated Land.</li> </ul>
2023-2025	Marine Directorate – Science Evidence Data and Digital	Scoping Workshop - EIA Scoping baseline and approach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine Mammals;</li> <li>• Fish Ecology;</li> <li>• Underwater Noise;</li> <li>• Physical and Coastal Processes;</li> <li>• Marine Sediment and Water Quality;</li> <li>• Benthic and Intertidal Ecology.</li> </ul> Approach to Physical Processes modelling. Survey Design and EIA/HRA Approach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underwater Noise;</li> <li>• Atlantic Salmon Migration.</li> </ul>
2023-2025	Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust	Scoping Workshop - EIA Scoping baseline and approach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine Mammals;</li> <li>• Fish Ecology;</li> </ul>

Year	Stakeholder	Engagement Topic
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underwater Noise.</li> </ul> Validation of Baseline Data and EIA Approach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine Mammals.</li> </ul> Response from the Applicant on stakeholder comments on HRA screening.
2023-2025	Outer Hebrides Fisheries Trust	Scoping Workshop - EIA Scoping baseline and approach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine Mammals;</li> <li>• Fish Ecology;</li> <li>• Underwater Noise.</li> </ul> Validation of Baseline Data and EIA Approach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Onshore Ecology;</li> <li>• Commercial Fisheries;</li> <li>• Fish Ecology.</li> </ul> Data request and approach to impact assessment for Atlantic Salmon. Response from the Applicant on stakeholder comments on EIA Scoping Opinion.
2023-2025	Fisheries Management Scotland	Fisheries Management Scotland were invited but could not attend a Scoping Workshop to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine Mammals;</li> <li>• Fish Ecology;</li> <li>• Underwater Noise.</li> </ul> Response from the Applicant on stakeholder comments on HRA screening.
2023-2025	Western Isles District Salmon Fisheries Board	Western Isles Salmon Board were invited but could not attend a Scoping Workshop to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine Mammals;</li> <li>• Fish Ecology;</li> </ul>

Year	Stakeholder	Engagement Topic
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underwater Noise.</li> </ul> <p>Response from the Applicant on stakeholder comments on HRA screening.</p> <p>Response from the Applicant on stakeholder comments on EIA Scoping Opinion.</p> <p>OTW Project and EIA approach for migratory fish.</p>
2023-ongoing	Common Grazing Committees	<p>Project introduction and identification of landowners.</p> <p>Project updates and discussions about site investigations and surveys.</p>
2023-2025	RSPB Scotland	<p>RSPB Scotland were invited but could not attend a Scoping Workshop to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine and Nearshore Ornithology;</li> <li>• Onshore and Intertidal Ornithology.</li> </ul> <p>A meeting regarding onshore ornithology - Landfall substation, survey design.</p> <p>Validation of Baseline Data, Survey Design and EIA Approach to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine and Nearshore Ornithology;</li> <li>• Onshore and Intertidal Ornithology.</li> </ul> <p>Response from the Applicant on stakeholder comments on HRA screening.</p> <p>Response from the Applicant on stakeholder comments on EIA Scoping Opinion.</p> <p>Discussions around the onshore cable route, any potential impacts to birds and mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts to hen harrier <i>Circus cyaneus</i>.</p>
2023-2025	Historic Environment Scotland	<p>Scoping Workshop - EIA Scoping baseline and approach to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LVIA;</li> <li>• Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage;</li> <li>• Offshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage;</li> <li>• SLVIA.</li> </ul> <p>Validation of Baseline Data, Survey Design and EIA Approach to:</p>

Year	Stakeholder	Engagement Topic
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage;</li> <li>• Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage;</li> <li>• Cumulative Assessment.</li> </ul> Project Design Updates, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turbine array layout, height and development density.</li> </ul> Historic environment interests in/around the areas of search for the Landfall and substation options.
2023-ongoing	Community and voluntary sector	Community Liaison Officer (CLO) introduced the Project to multiple local groups and subsequently would provide Project updates. The Project has supported several local organisations for Sponsorships and donations. Community drop-in sessions from June 2024 to April 2025 discussing a range of topics covering both onshore and offshore elements of the Project.
2023-2025	National Trust for Scotland	Offshore Ornithology information from the Scoping Workshop held on 13 June 2023 was shared. Response from the Applicant on stakeholder comments on EIA Scoping Opinion.
2023-2025	Community Councils in <i>Airidhantuim, Ness / Nis,</i> <i>Breasclate / Breascleit, Carloway</i> <i>/ Càrlabhagh, Shawbost /</i> <i>Siabost, Bernera / Beàrnaraigh,</i> <i>Uig, and Stornoway /</i> <i>Steòrnabhagh.</i>	Project updates via the Project Mailing list. Project update presentations at community council monthly meetings in 2024 and 2025.
2024-2025	Public and other interested parties	Pre-application Phase 1 Public Consultation and Pre-application Phase 2 Consultation: Whole Project consultation, detailed information can be found in the <b>Offshore PAC Report</b> .
2024-2025	Outer Hebrides Tourism Trust	Initial Project engagement. Sponsorship opportunities.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Engagement Topic</b>
2024	Met Office	EIA Scoping Report.
2025	Tighean Innse Gall	Initial Project engagement. Development and delivery of potential accommodation solutions during construction/operation.
2025	Hebridean Housing Partnership	Initial Project engagement. Development and delivery of potential accommodation solutions during construction/operation.
2025	Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA)	EIA Approach and Embedded Mitigation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benthic and Intertidal Ecology.</li> </ul> Hazard Workshop - Project Overview, Shipping and Navigation and NRA.
2025	Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB)	EIA Approach and Embedded Mitigation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benthic and Intertidal Ecology.</li> </ul> Hazard Workshop - Project Overview, Shipping and Navigation and NRA. Development of outline Lighting and Marking Plan (LMP).
2025	Immerse Hebrides	Request for baseline information and/or comments on the Project.
2025	Lewis and Harris Sub Aqua Club	Request for baseline information and/or comments on the Project.
2025	Stornoway Sea Angling Club	Request for baseline information and/or comments on the Project.
2025	Stornoway Angling Association	Request for baseline information and/or comments on the Project.
2025	Western Isles Tour Guide Association	Request for baseline information and/or comments on the Project.

## 1.5.7 FOCUS GROUPS & SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (SIA)

- 1.5.7.1 A total of 39 participants (1 of whom later chose to withdraw from the research) took part in 6 focus groups held in July and August 2024 in Carloway/*Càrlabhadh*, Barvas/*Barabhias*, Stornoway/*Steòrnabhagh*, and Bernera/*Beàrnaraigh Mòr* Estates, as requested by participants. The 6 focus groups were further supplemented by 4 community interviews with individuals or couples. These were run either in person or online at the convenience of participants.
- 1.5.7.2 The Focus Group Summary Report is provided in **Appendix 6.2, Volume, 2c**. It summarises the series of focus groups and interviews conducted with residents and interest groups in the Isle of Lewis/*Eilean Leòdhais* who may be directly impacted by the construction and operation of the proposed Project to inform the detailed social and economic baseline (**Chapter 6: Socio-economics, Volume 2c** and **Appendix 6.1, Volume 2c**) as well as other linked topics such as **Chapter 20: Other Sea Users, Volume 2a** and other chapters pertinent to the Onshore Application.
- 1.5.7.3 Should the Project receive consent, it intends to undertake a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) to meet international standards, such as the Equator Principles (Equator Principles, 2020) and International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards (IFC, 2012), that are often required by lenders. The detailed design of the Project will be determined post consent and will inform the preparation of the SIA.

## 1.6 COMMUNITY AND WIDER PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 1.6.1.1 This section lists wider, ongoing engagement activities that have been undertaken by the Project. Feedback received during these engagement activities that relates to the Offshore Project is detailed within the **Offshore PAC Report** and within the relevant chapters of the Offshore EIA. Feedback received that relates to the OTW Project will be detailed within the Onshore PAC Report and within the relevant chapters of the Onshore EIA.

### 1.6.2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 1.6.2.1 In Autumn 2022, the Applicant appointed a dedicated Community Liaison Officer (CLO) based in Stornoway/*Steòrnabhagh*, to strengthen local engagement. Since then, the Applicant has implemented a wide-ranging public engagement programme to ensure transparency, inclusivity, and meaningful community engagement throughout the development of the Project.
- 1.6.2.2 Throughout 2023, the CLO actively connected with community groups to introduce the Project and share updates. To support local communities and build a greater understanding of their needs and priorities, the Project provided sponsorships and donations to several local organisations, as

highlighted in its Summer 2023 newsletter. This has continued since 2023, with contributions being awarded following assessment of requests received.

1.6.2.3 A Project office was established in Stornoway/*Steòrnabhagh* in 2023, offering a local point of contact and facilitating ongoing dialogue with the community. This Project's engagement commitment and capacity was increased in October 2023 with the appointment of a dedicated Consultation and Local Engagement Lead.

1.6.2.4 Sporad na Mara has sought to strengthen and deepen its relationships with key community organisations and individuals, and has been collaborating with local educational institutions, support agencies, and industry partners to support career pathways for islanders, helping to build skills, enhance experience, and improve long-term employability. An overview of engagement activities and initiatives since 2023 are as follows:

- Public information events – as outlined in Section 1.5.3 and 1.5.4;
- Community drop-ins – these commenced in June 2024, providing the community with an opportunity to simply 'drop in' to local community venues on advertised dates to meet with members of the Project team, ask questions and discuss topics of particular interest. Community members also had the option of pre-booking an appointment if they preferred, to allow for greater privacy. To date, 5 sets of community drop-in events have taken place, in June, July, August and December 2024, and in April 2025. The intention is for these to resume in 2026;
- Community Council Engagement – there are currently 15 active community councils on the island and all are included in the Project's stakeholder database, ensuring that all receive all email updates on the Project. In addition, dedicated briefings (consisting of a short presentation followed by a question and answer (Q&A) session) were offered to all 7 community councils on the west coast and to the 3 most relevant on the east coast. To date, briefings have taken place with 8 of these, with some having taken place multiple times with the same community council. Representatives of all community councils were also invited to stakeholder briefing events ahead of the 2 phases of public consultation (PC1 and PC2);
- Website – the main 'go to' place for up-to-date information on the Project and latest news. The Project website also allows for people to get in touch with members of the Project team and providing feedback (<https://www.sporadnamara.co.uk>);
- LinkedIn – Regular information and updates are shared with a wide-ranging audience, helping to broaden the reach of communications and engagement (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/spiorad-na-mara>);
- Press Releases – Regular press releases are issued to the media and meetings/interviews are held with journalists. All press releases are available on the Project website at: <https://northlandpowerscotwind.co.uk/news/>;

- Project Newsletters – to date, 2 Project newsletters have been issued, 1 in 2023 and 1 in 2024, with the latter delivered to around 11,500 residential and business properties in the Isle of Lewis/*Eilean Leòdhais* by Royal Mail;
- Project update mailing list – since late 2023, the Project has been sharing email updates with stakeholders in its database on key updates and milestones on the Project. This list currently numbers over 650 individual contacts and organisations, including regulatory and statutory stakeholders, key community organisations, local agencies and individuals and groups who have signed up for updates via the Project’s website or by providing their contact details at community consultation and engagement events;
- Skills, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and careers engagement – the Project has had regular engagement with representatives of the UHI North West and Hebrides, the local secondary school (the Nicolson Institute) and members of the Developing the Young Workforce team in CnES. The aim of this engagement has been to support skills development initiatives locally, create awareness of career pathways and opportunities and engage in collaboration with relevant agencies where opportunities exist around STEM and skills. To date, the Project has attended 2 careers events and 1 ‘open day’ at the Nicolson Institute, while also supporting the employment of a 2 dedicated STEM Co-ordinators, for the Isle of Lewis/*Eilean Leòdhais* and Harris/*Na Hearadh*, through UHI. Attendance at local events – as part of its ever-expanding programme of local engagement, the Project attended or participated in a number of local events in 2025, including:
  - A secondary school open day and 2 careers events;
  - The West Side Agricultural Show (the largest such show in the west coast of the island);
  - An Over-40s football tournament in Ness (with a strong emphasis on the mental health benefits of sport) involving teams from the island, Scotland and beyond;
  - An Outer Hebrides Economic Forum for local stakeholders jointly hosted by Prosper and CnES;
  - A local supply chain event, focused on the renewable energy sector, hosted by HIE;
  - The finals of the Deasbad National Gaelic Debating Competition, organised by CnES and other local Gaelic enthusiasts.

1.6.2.5 It is the Project’s intention to expand its presence at, and support for, local events as it progresses, as a way of meeting the community at times and places convenient to them.

1.6.2.6 Across the 2 phases of consultation, the Project used a combination of in-person events, online exhibitions, mail drops, press releases, and digital communications to reach stakeholders and local residents. Approximately 11,500 leaflets were distributed for PC1 and again for PC2, and advertisements were placed in local newspapers and online outlets to raise awareness. Stakeholders also received targeted mailshots, and updates were regularly shared via the Project website and LinkedIn page.

- 1.6.2.7 In-person public exhibitions and information clinics were held in accessible venues across the Isle of Lewis/*Eilean Leòdhais*, supported by virtual exhibitions accessible online that allowed people to explore materials and submit feedback remotely for up to 1 month. Feedback collected during both phases reflected a mix of support and concern, with recurring themes including environmental impacts, visual aesthetics, cultural heritage, and suggestions for community benefits. Further information on the feedback received and responses from the Applicant are available in **Offshore PAC Report**.
- 1.6.2.8 This multi-channel approach helped foster an open dialogue and ensured that community voices were considered as the Project progressed. The Project is committed to ongoing dialogue in all phases of the Project.

### 1.6.3 FISHERIES ENGAGEMENT

- 1.6.3.1 Engagement with the fishing community has been ongoing since the Pre-Scoping Consultation phase in 2022, where a Fishing Industry Representative (FIR) was appointed in August 2022 to act as a liaison between the Offshore Project and the local fishing community. A Company Fisheries Liaison Officer (CFLO) was subsequently appointed in Q1 2023 to further support this engagement. Engagement with the WIFA was also conducted during this period to identify key commercial fisheries stakeholders working within the vicinity of the Offshore Project. The employment of an FIR who lives on the west side of the Isle of Lewis/*Eilean Leòdhais* and has fished the waters within the vicinity of the Offshore Project has been key to developing relationships within the fishing community. This has enabled the flow of useful information between both parties and allowed a 'bottom-up approach' in the development of the key commercial fisheries related documents.
- 1.6.3.2 Dedicated fisheries briefings with local and national representatives of the fishing community were held in Q1 of 2023 where the CFLO was invited to present Offshore Project updates and survey information at the WIFA Annual General Meeting (AGM), in late September 2024 as part of PC1 of the wider PAC process. Attendees included the Scottish Fishing Federation (SFF) and the Scottish White Fish Producers Association (SWFPA), Mallaig & North West Fishermen's Association Ltd (MNWFA), WIFA, Orkney Fisheries Association (OFA) and an independent fisherman. These meetings are fully described in the **Offshore PAC Report**. Meetings have been held during 2025 in Aberdeen at the SFF headquarters, online with the Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's Association and in Stornoway/*Steòrnabhagh* with the WIFA, MNWFA and independent fishermen during Q3 2025.

### 1.6.4 LOCAL SUPPLY CHAIN ENGAGEMENT

- 1.6.4.1 The Applicant is committed to creating meaningful opportunities for local businesses and helping them prepare for future work packages associated with the Project. In May 2022, a business breakfast event was held in Stornoway/*Steòrnabhagh* hosted by HIE at which local businesses had

the opportunity to see a high-level overview of the main activities, goods and services that might be needed during different phases of the Project.

- 1.6.4.2 At the beginning of 2025, the Project appointed a locally based Supply Chain and Skills Development Officer to provide a central point of contact for local supply chain stakeholders and to improve the integration of local businesses into the Project's procurement processes as well as the wider renewables-based supply chain. The Project's website also hosts a wealth of information around the opportunities available throughout all stages of the Project and also includes a supply chain registration portal, which is aimed at local businesses who are interested in registering an interest and getting involved in the Project. At the time of writing, 130 businesses have registered in the supply chain portal.
- 1.6.4.3 Since early 2025, the Project team has been working closely with HIE to develop a more detailed understanding of local companies that may be suitable for contractor roles. Through collaboration with the Fit for Offshore Renewables (F4OR) Islands programme, developed by Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Catapult, the Project helped support island-based businesses in entering the offshore wind supply chain. As 1 of 4 major Scottish wind projects backing the initiative, Sporad na Mara aimed to help local companies, particularly those in the Western Isles, become "fit" to supply the offshore wind sector by offering tailored mentoring and support. As part of this ongoing effort, the Project also supported a HIE supply chain event in late 2025 and plans to host a dedicated local supply chain event in 2026 to share more information about its procurement strategy and outline potential opportunities for local business to get involved.

## 1.6.5 OTHER ENGAGEMENT

- 1.6.5.1 The Project team has undertaken extensive industry engagement at both local and national levels to support the development of the Project, directly and through industry associations, such as Scottish Renewables and Renewable UK. From the outset, they have engaged with the Scottish Government, CES, Scottish Enterprise, HIE, Prosper, Ofgem, National Grid, and the DESNZ, inputting into discussions/consultations around industry challenges, any necessary regulatory requirements and aligning the Project with national decarbonisation goals. The Project has also participated in and attended a range of industry events, both locally and nationally, since 2023.
- 1.6.5.2 Other engagement has also included outreach to elected representatives such as elected Labour MP Torcuil Crichton (and the former MP Angus Brendan MacNeil) Alasdair Allan MSP for Na h-Eileanan an Iar, and local councillors who have participated in discussions with estates and community groups, and have represented the views of these groups and other community members in meetings with the Project. Public forums, including community-led meetings and stakeholder briefing events hosted by the Project, have allowed the community to voice concerns directly to political figures, fostering transparency and accountability. The Project also provided briefings directly to the Energy Member Officer Working Group of CnES ahead of PC1 and PC2,

allowing all elected members to receive direct updates on the Project and ask questions. Additionally, small group briefings have been offered to members of the 4 council wards closest to the proposed Project infrastructure locations: Sgir' Uige Agus Carlabhagh (Ward 6), An Taobh Siar Agus Nis (Ward 7), Steòrnabhagh a Tuath (Ward 9) and Steòrnabhagh a Deas (Ward 10). 3 such meetings have taken place.

## 1.7 ONGOING ENGAGEMENT

- 1.7.1.1 The Applicant is committed to maintaining transparent and ongoing engagement throughout the development, construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project. The Project team recognise the importance of collaboration with the community as the Project evolves. This will include regular updates shared via the Project's various communications and engagement channels and through the availability of the Project's community engagement team.
- 1.7.1.2 The Applicant will continue to offer a range of channels for the public to make contact and share their views based on the most appropriate mechanisms for engaging with the local community. This approach to engagement, using various engagement mechanisms and opportunities, reflects the Applicant's commitment to meaningful engagement and to capture the views of local communities, including individuals, community groups and those harder to reach groups such as non-IT literate members of the community.

## 1.8 SUMMARY

- 1.8.1.1 The stakeholder engagement undertaken for the Project during the pre-application phase has been extensive, inclusive, and proactive, reflecting the Applicant's commitment to meaningful consultation throughout the development process. In line with statutory and regulatory obligations, including those set out under the Marine Licensing (PAC) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, the Marine Scotland Act 2010, and the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, the Project team has fulfilled all requirements for the PAC process. However, the Applicant has gone significantly beyond these mandatory standards to ensure that engagement was not only compliant but genuinely broad, deep and aligned with community needs and preferences.
- 1.8.1.2 Through a combination of early outreach, public consultations, targeted stakeholder workshops, and ongoing dialogue with statutory and non-statutory consultees, the Project has built a robust framework for engagement. The Project team has responded to, and integrated feedback into the Project design and Offshore EIA. Public exhibitions, focus groups, the Project website, media releases, community drop-ins, and digital platforms have ensured accessibility and transparency, while tailored engagement with fisheries, supply chain stakeholders, and educational institutions has helped foster long-term regional relationships.

1.8.1.3 This appendix demonstrates that stakeholder input has been actively considered and, where appropriate, incorporated into the Project plans. The Applicant remains committed to maintaining open communication and evolving its engagement strategy as the Project progresses into future phases, ensuring that the community continue to input into shaping Spiorad na Mara at all stages of the Project lifecycle.

## 1.9 GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

1.9.1.1 A list of key terms and acronyms used in this Appendix are provided in **Table 1-3** and **Table 1-4**.

Table 1-3: Acronyms and Abbreviations

Term	Definition
AGM	Annual General Meeting
CBI	Confederation of British Industry
CES	Crown Estate Scotland
CFLO	Company Fisheries Liaison Officer
CLO	Community Liaison Officer
CnES	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
DESNZ	Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIAR	Environmental Impact Assessment Report
F4OR	Fit for Offshore Renewables
FIR	Fisheries Industry Representative
FMMCP	Fisheries Mitigation, Monitoring and Communication Plan
HIE	Highlands and Islands Enterprise
HNDFUE	Holistic Network Design Follow-Up Exercise
HRA	Habitats Regulations Appraisal
IFC	International Finance Corporation
LMP	Lighting and Marking Plan
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
MCA	Maritime Coastguard Agency
MD-LOT	Marine Directorate – Licencing Operations Team
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
MLWS	Mean Low Water Springs
MNWFA	Mallaig & North West Fishermen’s Association Limited
NESO	National Energy System Operator
NGOs	Non-governmental organisations
NLB	Northern Lighthouse Board
NRA	Navigational Risk Assessment
OFA	Orkney Fisheries Association
OFTO	Offshore Transmission Owner
OSP	Offshore Substation Platform
OTW	Onshore Transmission Works
OWF	Offshore Wind Farm
OWIC	Offshore Wind Industry Council
PAC	Pre-Application Consultation
PAN	Planning Advice Note
PAS	Planning Aid for Scotland

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
PC1	Phase 1 Public Consultation
PC2	Phase 2 Public Consultation
Q&A	Question and Answer
RIAA	Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
RUK	RenewableUK
SECS	Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation Strategy
SEPA	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
SFF	Scottish Fishing Federation
SIA	Social Impact Assessment
SLVIA	Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
SPEED	Successful Planning = Effective Engagement and Delivery
SSEN	Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
SWFPA	Scottish White Fish Producers Association
UHI	University of Highlands and Islands
WIFA	Western Isles Fishermen's Association
WSEG	West Side Estates Group

Table 1-4: Glossary

<b>Term</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
the Applicant	Spiorad na Mara Limited (the Project owner)
Array Area	The offshore area within which the offshore wind turbine generators (WTGs), associated foundations, Array Cables and Offshore Substation Platform (OSP) (if required) will be located. This area encompasses the Turbine Area that will contain all above water surface infrastructure (WTGs / OSP) and an additional area within which further below water infrastructure (foundations and cables) may also be located.
EIAR	The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) prepared to assess the likely significant effects of the Project on the environment.
Embedded or 'Designed-in' Mitigation	Mitigation measures to avoid or reduce environmental effects that are directly incorporated into the preferred design for the Project. This can include standard practice in accordance with or without guidance. Embedded Mitigation is considered as part of the impact assessment, before effect significance is identified.
Impact	Change that is caused by an action; for example, foundation installation (action) during construction which results in habitat loss (impact).
Landfall	This consists of works from offshore Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) exit pits (located below MLWS) to onshore at the Transition Joint Bays (TJB) (located above MHWS). The infrastructure and installation methods associated with the Landfall involves both onshore and offshore components.

<b>Term</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Offshore Project	The offshore components of the Sporad na Mara offshore wind farm (the Project) located seaward of Mean High Water Springs (MHWS).
Onshore Application	The application for consent under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).
Onshore Transmission Works (OTW) / Onshore Project	The onshore components of the Sporad na Mara offshore wind farm (the Project) located landward of Mean Low Water Springs (MLWS).
Project	The Sporad na Mara offshore wind farm development. This term describes the whole development, including all offshore and onshore components.
Scoping Opinion	A report presenting the written opinion of the Scottish Ministers, with input from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (CnES) for the OTW, as to the scope and level of detail of information to be provided in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Project.

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