



# MachairWind Offshore Windfarm

## Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Appendix 5

# Pre-Application Consultation Report

## Appendix 5 Notification of Intent to Submit a Marine Licence



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## GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

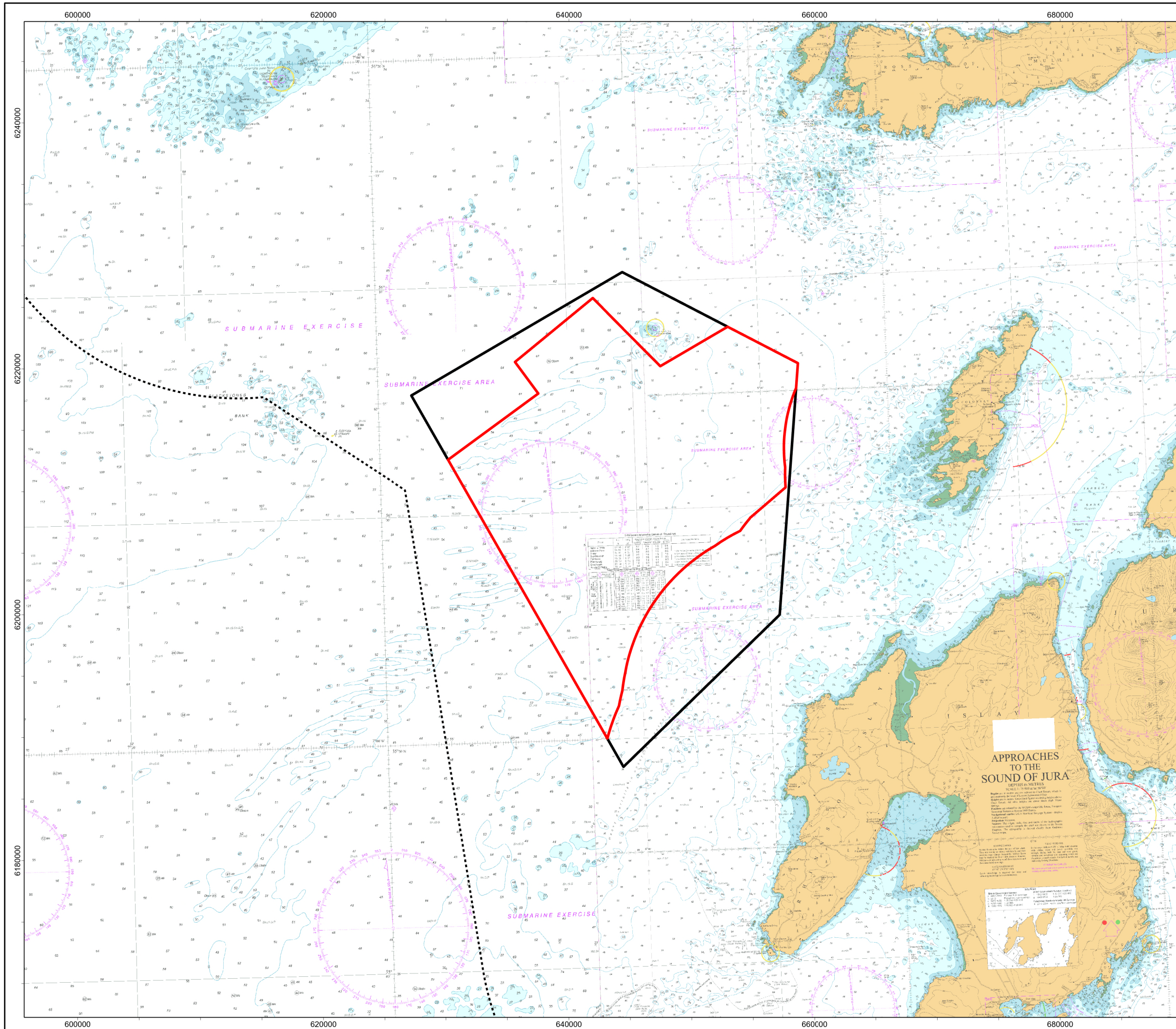
Term	Definition
CA	Cruising Association
CFA	Clyde Fishermen's Association
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CMPP	Clyde Marine Planning Partnership
MCA	Maritime Coastguard Agency
MD-LOT	Marine Directorate – Licensing Operations Team
MIFA	Mull and Iona Fishermen's Association
NLB	Northern Lighthouse Board
PAC	Pre-Application Consultation
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
RYA	Royal Yachting Association
SEPA	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
SFF	Scottish Fishermen's Federation
SPFA	Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's Association
SWCRIFG	South West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group
SWFPA	Scottish White Fish Producers Association



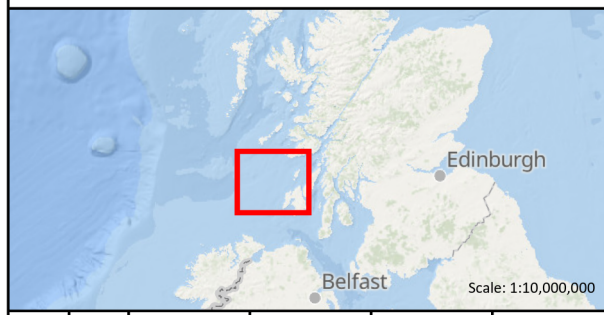
## 1 NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO SUBMIT A MARINE LICENCE

1. This appendix contains the information issued to statutory and non-statutory consultees to provide formal notification regarding the Applicant's intention to submit a marine licence application under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, and to share details on the Applicant's upcoming Pre-application Consultation (PAC) in accordance with the Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.
2. In line with Regulation 6(2), the notifications issued to statutory consultees included:
  - Confirmation that the Applicant intends to submit a marine licence application for the MachairWind Offshore Windfarm;
  - A description of the nature and location of the licensable marine activities (**Figure 1**);
  - Contact details for seeking further information; and
  - Advance notice that PAC would be undertaken in accordance with the 2013 Regulations, along with details of how consultees and the public would be able to participate.
3. The correspondence included in this appendix records the formal notifications issued in advance of the first and second rounds of Consultation. These notifications demonstrate how the Project continued to engage transparently with stakeholders, ensuring they were aware of the opportunities to participate in the PAC.





Option Agreement Area  
 Windfarm Development Area  
 ..... UK 12nm Offshore Limit



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**Figure 1 Windfarm Development Area Boundary**

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## 1.1 STATUTORY CONSULTATION ROUND ONE

4. Notifications relating to the first round of statutory PAC were issued on 21 April 2025 in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Marine Licensing (Pre-Application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, which requires prospective applicants to notify prescribed statutory consultees of their intention to submit a marine licence application. A PAC Overview Report was issued alongside these notifications (**Appendix 7 Pre-application Consultation Overview Report**). These notifications were sent to all stakeholders listed in **Table 1.1**.
5. The notification issued on 21 April 2025 set out:
  - The Applicant's intention to submit a marine licence application under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010;
  - A description of the proposed licensable marine activities and the location of the WDA;
  - Confirmation that statutory Pre-Application Consultation would be undertaken in accordance with the 2013 Regulations;
  - An outline of the purpose of the PAC, the forthcoming consultation arrangements, and ways in which consultees and the public would be able to participate; and
  - Contact details for seeking further information.
6. A screenshot of the notification document is included to provide a clear record of the information relayed. These notifications were issued prior to publication of the PAC notice and ahead of the earliest consultation event, ensuring full compliance with statutory requirements for advance notification.

*Table 1.1 Consultees notified that an application for a marine licence is to be submitted and notified regarding the first round of PAC (May to July 2025)*

Consultees
Argyll and Bute Council
Clyde Fishermen's Association (CFA)
Clyde Marine Planning Partnership (CMPP)
Cruising Association (CA)
Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA)
Mull and Iona Fishermen's Association (MIFA)
NatureScot
Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB)
Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Scotland
Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF)
Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's Association (SPFA)
Scottish White Fish Producers Association (SWFPA)
South West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group (SWCRIFG)
Sports Scotland
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21 April 2025

## **Notice of intention to submit a marine licence application under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010**

### **Invitation to statutory consultation and online engagement events**

As an important stakeholder to MachairWind Offshore Windfarm, I am writing to notify you of MachairWind Limited's intention to submit a marine licence application under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and our upcoming Pre-application Consultation (PAC). This letter and the enclosed Pre-Application Overview Report provide details of the proposed works and licensable marine activities and of our planned consultation, which together fulfil the notification requirements set out in Section 23 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and Regulations 6 and 7 of the Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.

#### MachairWind Offshore Windfarm

The proposed MachairWind Offshore Windfarm is located northwest of Islay and west of Colonsay, within the 12 nautical miles boundary of the Scottish marine area, which is illustrated in the accompanying Pre-application Overview Report.

A consent application is currently being prepared for the Windfarm Development Area (WDA) infrastructure, as detailed in Section 1 of the accompanying Pre-Application Overview Report. Separate consent applications will be prepared for the Onshore and Offshore Transmission Development Areas at a later date, once a final grid connection location for the Project has been confirmed by the Transmission Network Operator.

The assessment of the WDA will consider an appraisal of the construction, O&M and decommissioning of the WDA activities, OfTDA activities, and OnTDA activities (commensurate with the level of detail that is available at the time of carrying out that appraisal). This approach will ensure a holistic view is undertaken of the entire Project and also recognises the interlinked nature of the three development areas.

#### Pre-Application Consultation

This pre-application consultation (PAC) relates to all proposed infrastructure within the MachairWind WDA; this is detailed in the accompanying Pre-Application Overview Report.

To ensure the project undertakes meaningful and transparent consultation, the export cable(s), offshore substation platform(s) (OSPs) and OSP link cables (if required), which fall

within the OfTDA, will also be represented in the consultation materials and associated visual aids, given that this infrastructure is located within the WDA. At this stage, the size, location and number of OSP(s) and number of export cable(s) are indicative, and this will be made clear within the materials provided. The project will also undertake separate Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) events for the OfTDA and OnTDA at a later date.

The Project intends to hold two rounds of public consultation:

1. The first round of PAC will include six in-person public exhibitions across Islay, Jura, Colonsay, Mull and Iona alongside online meetings and a virtual consultation room over a six week period from 26<sup>th</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025; and
2. The second round of PAC will include six in-person public exhibitions across Islay, Jura, Colonsay, Mull and Iona alongside online meetings and a virtual consultation room over a six week period from September to October 2025 (exact dates are yet to be confirmed).

This first round of PAC will provide stakeholders and communities the opportunity to:

- View and comment on visualisations of the Windfarm Development Area from local viewpoints;
- Find out more about the potential impacts and opportunities; and
- Talk to the project team and consultants about the Windfarm Development Area proposals.

During the second round of consultation, due to take place in September/October, we will seek to demonstrate how feedback from the first PAC round has informed the decision making process.

#### PAC Events

The accompanying Pre-Application Overview Report details the consultation material that will be available as part of the first round of PAC and the various ways in which comments and feedback can be shared with the Project. The details of the first round of PAC events are summarised below:

- Six in-person events;
  - Tuesday 3rd June, from 3pm to 7.30pm, Port Mor, Port Charlotte, Islay
  - Wednesday 4th June, from 3pm to 7.30pm, Colonsay Village Hall, Scalasaig
  - Wednesday 11th June, from 3pm to 7.30pm, Gaelic College, Bowmore, Islay
  - Thursday 12th June, from 3pm to 7.30pm, Jura Village Hall, Craighouse, Jura
  - Tuesday 17th June, from 3pm to 7.30pm, Creich Hall, Fionnphort, Mull
  - Wednesday 18th June, from 3pm to 7.30pm, Iona Village Hall, Iona
- Two online webinars using Microsoft Teams:
  - Tuesday 10th June 2025 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm; and
  - Monday 23rd June at 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

To register for the online events, please email: [machairwind@scottishpower.com](mailto:machairwind@scottishpower.com)

In addition to the consultation events noted above, I would like to extend an invitation to you to meet with the project team during the upcoming six week consultation period (26<sup>th</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> July), should you wish to discuss the Project in more detail. If a meeting is of interest, please let me know and I'll coordinate accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

**Ellen Kane**  
Stakeholder Manager

## 1.2 STATUTORY CONSULTATION ROUND TWO

7. Notifications relating to the second round of statutory PAC were issued on 04 September 2025 in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Marine Licensing (Pre-Application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, which requires prospective applicants to notify prescribed statutory consultees of their intention to submit a marine licence application. These notifications were sent to all parties listed in **Table 1.2**.
8. The notification issued on 04 September 2025 set out:
- The Applicant's intention to submit a marine licence application under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010;
  - A description of the proposed licensable marine activities and the location of the WDA;
  - Confirmation that statutory Pre-Application Consultation would again be undertaken in accordance with the 2013 Regulations;
  - An outline of the purpose of the PAC, the updated consultation arrangements for Round Two, and the opportunities available for consultees and the wider public to participate; and
  - Contact details for further information and requests for additional materials.
9. A screenshot of the notification document is included to provide a clear record of the information issued. These notifications were provided in advance of the publication of the second PAC Notice and ahead of the earliest consultation event, ensuring the Applicant met all statutory requirements for advance notification under Regulation 6.

*Table 1.2 Consultees notified that an application for a marine licence is to be submitted and notified regarding the second round of PAC (October to November 2025)*

Consultees
Argyll and Bute Council
Clyde Marine Planning Partnership (CMPP)
Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA)
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Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB)
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04 September 2025

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#### MachairWind Offshore Windfarm

The proposed MachairWind Offshore Windfarm is located northwest of Islay and west of Colonsay, within the 12 nautical miles boundary of the Scottish marine area.

The proposed works and licensable marine activities comprise the construction, operation and decommissioning of an offshore windfarm (a renewable energy structure) using fixed foundations and associated infrastructure comprising inter-array cables between the turbines, offshore substation platforms and link cables between the platforms (if required), within a defined Windfarm Development Area (WDA).

The WDA extends to a maximum area of 448km<sup>2</sup> and lies within Plan Option W1 (an area of 754km<sup>2</sup>), as designated within the Scottish Government's Sectoral Marine Plan – Offshore Wind Energy (2020).

A consent application is currently being prepared for the WDA infrastructure. Separate consent applications for related electricity transmission infrastructure outside of the WDA (export cables, landfall and onshore works) will be progressed at a later date and do not form part of the current proposals.

#### Pre-Application Consultation (PAC)

A period of statutory pre-application consultation (PAC) will take place over 6 weeks, from Monday 20th October to Sunday 30th November 2025. The consultation will provide an update following the first MachairWind PAC relating to the windfarm development area, which took place from 26<sup>th</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

The second round of PAC will provide stakeholders and communities the opportunity to:

- View and comment on visualisations of the refined WDA from viewpoints, including night time photomontages;
- Find out how feedback from the previous PAC has helped inform project decision making; and
- Talk to the project team and ask questions about the WDA proposals.

The details of the second round of PAC events are summarised below:

- Six in-person events;
  - Tuesday 21st October, from 10.30am to 2pm, Port Mor, Port Charlotte, Islay
  - Tuesday 21st October, from 4pm to 7.30pm, Ramsay Hall, Port Ellen, Islay
  - Wednesday 22nd October, from 3pm to 7pm, Jura Village Hall, Jura
  - Thursday 23rd October, from 3pm to 7pm, Colonsay Village Hall, Colonsay
  - Tuesday 28th October, from 4pm to 7.30pm, Iona Village Hall, Iona
  - Wednesday 29th October, from 3pm to 7pm, Bunessan Hall, Mull
- Two webinars using Microsoft Teams:
  - Thursday 6th November at 6.30pm to 7.30pm
  - Tuesday 18th November at 6.30pm to 7.30pm

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In addition to the PAC events noted above, I would like to extend an invitation to you to meet with the project team during the upcoming six week consultation period (20<sup>th</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> November), should you wish to discuss the Project in more detail upon receiving access to the PAC materials. If a meeting is of interest, please let me know and I'll coordinate accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

**Ellen Kane**  
Stakeholder Manager