

Angus Gillies

From: Kevin Murphy
Sent: 01 October 2020 12:47
To: Angus Gillies
Subject: RE: Bernera Bridge - Replacement Fixed Crossing
Attachments: ei-protocol-for-archaeological-discoveries-offshore-renewables-projects.pdf

Hi Angus,

Thank you for contacting the Comhairle Archaeology Service and sorry for the delay. With regard to this proposed development the dual aspects for consideration with regard to the historic environment are, the potential for negative impact in both the terrestrial and marine areas of this project.

The Western Isles Historic Environment Record (HER) shows that the terrestrial part of the development has two Scheduled Ancient Monuments close to the proposed development zone in addition to other several other non-designated archaeological sites located nearby. Any assessment of these sites will need to include potential for direct and indirect impacts and may include issues relating to setting. Plans for this project should include any additional areas that maybe required for temporary compounds and or set down areas for materials or equipment. Historic Environment Scotland should be consulted with regard to the schedule monuments at this address

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The shedulded sites are as follows,

'Tursachan', Barraglom, (SAM5548).

Dun Barraglom, broch, cup marked rocks, fish traps and settlement (SAM5429).

The Comhairle Archaeology Service is likely to recommend a desk based assessment (DBA) and walkover survey as a planning condition and this would include the tidal zone at low water springs. It should be clearly noted that an archaeological contractor will need to be commissioned to carry out all potential works.

As for the marine aspect of this project, I suspect that the channel is quiet deep and has a strong tidal flow; depending on the impact of the development within this zone it may be necessary for some sort of seabed survey data to confirm this. The DBA would be the baseline survey data on which to base any further recommendations (should they be required).

The potential for archaeological finds in the marine zone can be mitigated through a 'protocol for archaeological discoveries' (PAD), this can be put in place to ensure that any unexpected finds are dealt with appropriately.

I have attached a copy of Crown Estates PAD document.

I hope this information is helpful, please contact me if you have any queries

Regards

Kevin

From: Angus Gillies
Sent: 22 September 2020 12:21
To: Kevin Murphy
Subject: Bernera Bridge - Replacement Fixed Crossing

Kevin,

Further to our discussion this morning please find attached plans and general arrangement of the proposed bridge structure at Bernera Bridge.