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Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 10:48 AM

To: MS Marine Renewables <MS.MarineRenewables@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: SCR-0066 - Inch Cape Offshore Limited - Cofferdam - Inch Cape Offshore Windfarm (Revised Design), Firth of Forth - Consultation on Request for Screening Opinion - Response Required by 20 September 2023

Good Morning Lauren,

Having reviewed the Screening Report (Inch Cape Offshore Transmission Works – ‘Cofferdam Screening Request & Supporting Information’; Inch Cape Offshore Limited, Rev 0) I can confirm that Aberdeenshire Council would have no comment to make on the requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment.

The proposal would be unlikely to have any direct or Indirect impact upon the Aberdeenshire Council area due to the distance of the development from our boundary.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,

James

James Hewitt

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Date: 07 September 2023 15:06:21
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Dear Sir/Madam

REQUEST FOR SCREENING OPINION FOR PROPOSED COFFERDAM – INCH CAPE OFFSHORE WINDFARM (REVISED DESIGN), FIRTH OF FORTH

**THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 (“the MW EIA Regulations”)
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I refer to the above consultation request and having reviewed the submitted information, Angus Council has no requirements or comments to make.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Porter | Team Leader – Development Standards | Planning & Sustainable Growth | Angus Council | Angus House | Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar, DD8 1AN | (01307 492378)

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Dundee City Council

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Date: 30 August 2023 13:08:03
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Thank you for your email. I can advise that Dundee City Council has no comment on the screening opinion.

Regards,



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From: [Policy & Projects](#)
To: [Lauren Cowan](#)
Cc: [Jennifer Goodheir](#); [MD Marine Renewables](#)
Subject: RE: URGENT - Response Required - RE: SCR-0066 - Inch Cape Offshore Limited - Cofferdam - Inch Cape Offshore Windfarm (Revised Design), Firth of Forth - Consultation on Request for Screening Opinion - Response Required by 20 September 2023
Date: 13 October 2023 18:17:21
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Dear Lauren,

I refer to your consultation of East Lothian Council on the above and have the following comments. I apologise for the delay in our response.

Material assets – roads

Having reviewed the information relating to this proposed Cofferdam element of the project the council can conclude that it would not result in permanent or temporary impacts on the transport network that would have sufficient significance to require an EIA on transportation grounds.

Notwithstanding this, there would be still be some temporary impacts on the local road network as a result of the construction and dismantling phases that we would expect to be mitigated through a Construction Management Plan or at least amendment of the over-arching CMP to include reference to this additional element.

Flood risk

We would have no objection on the grounds of flood risk but would expect that the applicant completes a construction phase mitigation plan, which includes combatting flood risk during construction (e.g. the cofferdam impact).

In terms of screening for requirement of an EIA, the flood risk does not constitute the level required to need an EIA – the construction mitigation can be dealt with through a plan as above.

Cultural heritage

The additional landfall works will fall on an area of previously reclaimed land so have no further or limited/ no heritage implications.

Biodiversity

The proposal is in the intertidal area and below the low water mark, with some construction activity on the landward side. Table 3.1 identifies receptors which have potential to lead to significant effects and whether or not they require to be further considered. The potential receptors were benthic ecology, natural fish and shellfish, marine mammals and ornithology. Others with more expertise on these aspects of biodiversity including the qualifying features of European Sites and commercial effect of any impact on fish and shellfish will comment on this. The Council would support any views of NatureScot on impacts on marine mammals and the bird life of the Special Protection Areas.

The council notes that National Planning Framework 4 Policy 3 requires provision for enhancement of biodiversity. This does not appear to have been included as part of the proposal to be screened.

Climate

The Screening Report Table 3.1 discusses climate impacts. It recognises that some greenhouse gas emissions will be emitted as part of the proposed works, and that additional construction materials will be required. The table notes that where possible all materials removed on the completion of the work will be recycled or re-used, with disposal only where this cannot be done. I refer to the Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment (IEMA) Guide (2022): “Assessing Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Evaluating their Significance.” Almost all projects will contribute to climate change, the consequences of which could lead to significant effects across all receptors. Emissions are approaching the limits under the Paris Agreement.

This proposal is part of a project (renewable energy generation from offshore wind) which will replace activity in the baseline that has a higher greenhouse gas impact through helping to decarbonise its electricity supply. Decarbonising the electricity supply is an important strand of meeting climate change targets.

We agree that the climate impacts of the proposal are not likely to be significant on their own. The IEMA guidance further notes: “For proposed projects where the need for an EIA has been screened out, it is still important that its GHG emissions are minimised wherever possible, as emissions of any scale contribute cumulatively to global climate change. Undertaking a proportionate assessment of GHG emissions on non-EIA projects is therefore good practice to support decisions that reduce GHG emissions”. We would recommend that this is done. Regardless of the overall balance of greenhouse gas emissions of the project as a whole, the goal should be to reduce its residual emissions at all stage. If that is possible through the use of different methods or materials this should be considered.

Conclusion

The council does not consider the impact of the proposal is likely to be significant on receptors in or affecting East Lothian.

The planning authority’s opinion on the likelihood of significant environmental effects is reached only for the purpose of your consultation above. Our views are given without prejudice to any subsequent consideration by the planning authority through any other formal process of the impacts of the proposed development, and the authority’s assessment of the acceptability or otherwise of the proposed development.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above in more detail please contact J Squires at jsquires@eastlothian.gov.uk or the Policy and Strategy Team within the Planning Service via email to policy&projects@eastlothian.gov.uk.

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Please could you acknowledge receipt of this email and confirm as soon as possible whether East Lothian Council has any comments to make.

Many thanks,

Lauren

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Dear Lauren,

I'm sorry we haven't got back to you in time. I have sent this round but am not expecting us to have any comment on this. I should be able to confirm tomorrow.

Jean

J Squires

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[FAO Lauren Cowan](#)

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Good afternoon Lauren and my apologies for the delay in responding to you on this matter.

Given an intense workload at present, and the need to prioritise workstreams, Fife Council is not providing a formal EIA opinion in this instance on the basis that this request relates to an area outwith our geographical jurisdiction.

Kind regards,
Martin

Martin McGroarty

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Dear Marine Scotland

[The Marine Works \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 SCR-0066 - Inch Cape Offshore Limited - Cofferdam - Inch Cape Offshore Windfarm \(Revised Design\), Firth of Forth Request for Screening Opinion](#)

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 30 August 2023 seeking our comments on an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening opinion for the above proposed development. This letter contains our comments for our historic environment interests. That is world heritage sites, scheduled monuments and their setting, category A-listed buildings and their setting, Historic Marine Protected Areas (HMPAs), gardens and designed landscapes and battlefields on their respective Inventories.

Our Screening advice

We understand that the screening is in support of a separate marine licence for a Cofferdam to facilitate additional landfall works. These works comprise a temporary access road, outfall diversion, rock revetment alterations and export cable installation.

We note that the assessment states that with the proposed mitigation there will be no further significant impacts on our interests from the proposals (Section 4.5.4) and we are content to agree with this assessment regarding our interests. We therefore have no further comments to make for the proposals.

We hope this is helpful. Please contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Sam Fox and they can be contacted by phone on 0131 668 6890 or by email on samuel.fox@hes.scot.

Yours faithfully

Historic Environment Scotland

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Lauren –

Thank you for consulting us on the above EIA Screening Opinion request for further engineering works at the Inch Cape cable landfall site at Cockenzie East Lothian.

Background

Cable landfall engineering works at Cockenzie have previously been consented via marine licence via:

- Original onshore planning consent (2018)
- Additional Landfall Works marine licence (2023)
- OfTW Marine Licence Variation 06782 (2023)

Proposal

This current EIA Screening request and subsequent marine licence application for further engineering works would enable:

- Installation of temporary crushed rock piling platform;
- Excavation of trench to enable piling operations
- installation of steel piles via vibro-piling;
- Sealing of piles and sides of coffer dam to seawall;
- Cofferdam removal; and
- Crushed rock piling platform removal.

These operations fit into a larger sequence of works enabled by the various consents, as described in Table 2.1 of the EIA Screening Report.

NatureScot advice - EIA

Table 3.1 of the EIA Screening Report summarises potential significant effects arising from the coffer dam works, and Section 4 considers these potential effects in detail. Topics that are considered in detail, and which are within our remit are: benthic ecology, fish & shellfish, marine mammals, ornithology.

We accept the conclusions set out in Section 4 which can be summarised as: the additional works are small-scale and temporary, and the scale and magnitude of their impacts fall within the existing consented parameters, which have previously all been assessed as not-significant (in EIA terms).

We therefore support the applicant's position that these further engineering works can be screened out of EIA.

NatureScot advice – HRA

European sites overlap or lie in close proximity to the further engineering works. We therefore support the applicant's position that any forthcoming Marine Licence application must be supported by an HRA.

At this early stage we advise that there is likely to be connectivity from the further engineering works to several European sites, and that we anticipate likely significant effects upon those sites. However, as the scale and magnitude of these impacts are likely to fall within existing consented parameters, we advise that the previous HRAs and appropriate assessments can be used to inform the forthcoming supporting HRA. We anticipate the previous conclusions of no adverse effects on site integrity on any European site are likely to apply to the current proposal.

We hope this advice is clear.

All the best.

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Malcolm Fraser (he/ him) | **Marine Sustainability Adviser**

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Kind regards,

Lauren

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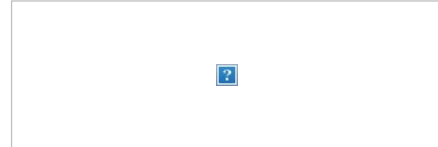
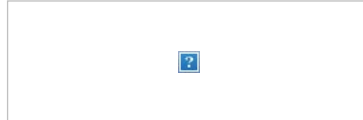
Dear Lauren,

Thank you for notifying Scottish Borders Council of this Screening Opinion and please accept our apologies for the delayed response. Unfortunately we are experiencing unprecedented levels of renewable energy requests at a time when we are also combating resource strains.

We have however reviewed the Screening request and I can confirm that we have no comments which we wish to raise.

Kind regards,

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I am writing with regards to the below consultation, which was due to end yesterday. MD-LOT has not yet received a response from you.

Please could you acknowledge receipt of this email and provide a date by which you would be able to provide a response to the consultation.

Kind regards,
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Dear Lauren,

Thank you for the above consultation.

We have no comments to make on this EIA screening request as works which are purely within the marine environment, including at any stage of EIA, falls below our consultation thresholds. Please refer to Section 2.2 of our [SEPA standing advice for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Marine Scotland on marine consultations](#). Please consider our standing advice in Section 3 and Table 1 as SEPA's views and consultation response, where relevant.

If there is a significant site-specific issue, not addressed by our guidance or other information provided on our website, with which you would want our advice, then please reconsult us highlighting the issue in question and we will try our best to assist.

Please note that we have provided comments to East Lothian Council in relation to the substation at Cockenzie, which we have attached to this response for your information, given the relation to the onshore aspects of the Inch Cape project.

Regards

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