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Dear Ms Gilchrist,

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 (AS AMENDED)

THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (AS AMENDED)

**NEART NA GAOITHE OFFSHORE WIND FARM AND ASSOCIATED OFFSHORE
TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE FIRTH OF FORTH**

**PILING STRATEGY – CONDITION 11 OF THE SECTION 36 CONSENT (AS VARIED),
CONDITION 3.2.2.10 OF THE GENERATING STATION MARINE LICENCE AND
CONDITION 3.2.2.9 OF THE OFFSHORE TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE MARINE
LICENCE**

I refer to correspondence dated 16 March 2021 submitting a revised Piling Strategy to the Scottish Ministers for written approval.

A previous version of the Piling Strategy received multi-stage and regulatory consent from Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (“MS-LOT”) on behalf of the Scottish Ministers in a decision notice dated 29 May 2020.

No concerns were raised following consultation with NatureScot (operating name of Scottish Natural Heritage), Whale and Dolphin Conservation, River Tweed Commission and Scottish Borders Council on the revised Piling Strategy.

MS-LOT, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, hereby approve the revised Piling Strategy as submitted on 16 March 2021. Any further updates or amendments made to the Piling Strategy by Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited (“the Company”), must be submitted in writing by the Company to the Scottish Ministers for their written approval prior to the planned implementation of the proposed amendments or updates.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers, all works must proceed in accordance with the approved Piling Strategy.

Yours sincerely,

Sophia Irvine
Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team