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Sent: 03 July 2020 14:06
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Cc: England D (Debbie); Agnisola G (Giulia); David MacLennan
Subject: RE: 07086V - Moray Offshore Windfarm (East) Ltd - Backfilling of Jack-Up Vessel Seabed Depressions - Moray East Windfarm - Consultation - Response Required by 22 July 2020
Attachments: Moray East Backfilling July 2019 MSLOT Response.pdf
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Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your consultation below.

Having reviewed the updated proposals, and with cognisance of our previous response on this matter dated 26 July 2019 (attached), I can confirm that the proposals do not give rise to any concerns and so Aberdeenshire Council have no further comments to make.

I trust the above is of use.

Kind Regards,

Stuart Murison

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Subject: 07086V - Moray Offshore Windfarm (East) Ltd - Backfilling of Jack-Up Vessel Seabed Depressions - Moray East Windfarm - Consultation - Response Required by 22 July 2020

Dear Sir/ Madam,

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

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Yours faithfully,
Marc

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26 July 2019

Dear Madam,

**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING; MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING: 07047 – Moray Offshore Windfarm (East) Limited – Marine Licence for Backfilling of Jack-Up Vessel Seabed Imprints
Address: Moray East Offshore Wind Farm.**

Thank you for your consultation dated 4 July 2019 concerning a Marine Licence for Backfilling of Jack Up Vessel Seabed Imprints associated with the Moray East Offshore Wind Farm.

The works are predominantly offshore and therefore have limited impacts upon areas of interest for Aberdeenshire Council as a terrestrial authority. Upon review, I can confirm that the coverage of environmental or ecological impacts is satisfactory. With regard to Archaeology, having reviewed Section 4.7 “Marine Archaeology” for the expected impacts from the backfilling activities, we are minded to agree that the effects are likely to be negligible. As such, other than noting agreement with the June 2019 ‘Backfilling Environment Report, there are no other comments to make.

We are therefore satisfied with the conclusions provided and can confirm that these do not raise any concerns.

I trust the above response has addressed your enquiry. In the event that you wish to discuss any matters relating to this issue please contact the case officer on the number at the head of this letter.

Yours faithfully



[Redacted]

Head of Planning and Building Standards

Historic Environment Scotland

MacFarlane M (Marc)

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Sent: 22 July 2020 10:56
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Subject: 07086 Moray offshore windfarm - variation request - backfilling of jack-up vessel depressions
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Please find attached our response to your consultation of 24 June 2020#.

Deirdre Cameron | Senior Casework Officer | Heritage Directorate

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Our case ID: 300020921
Your ref: 07086
22 July 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Marine (Scotland) Act 2010
Moray Offshore Windfarm (East) Limited - Marine Licence for Backfilling of Jack-Up
Vessel Seabed Depressions - Variation Request

Thank you for your consultation of 24 June requesting our comments on this proposed
licence variation.

I can confirm we have no comments on the proposals.

Yours faithfully

Historic Environment Scotland

Maritime and Coastguard Agency

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From: Helen Croxson <Helen.Croxson@mcga.gov.uk>
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Marc,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed variation for the Moray East Offshore Windfarm Marine Licence to include the backfilling of jack up depressions and to extend the duration of the licence in order to complete these works.

I can confirm that the MCA has no concerns to raise regarding the safety of navigation or search and rescue on this occasion, on the understanding that all maritime safety legislation is followed and our conditions and advisories submitted for the original licence are applied.

Kind regards

Helen



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Marc

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Good morning,

NLB have no objection to this variation.

Regards

Adam

Official - Northern Lighthouse Board Email

Adam Lewis
Coastal Inspector
Northern Lighthouse Board

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Subject: SEPA Response to Consultation Reference 07086V
Attachments: PCS171920Response.doc

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2 July 2020

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Dear Marc

**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING
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To assist with streamlining the consultation process, we now focus our site specific advice where we can add best value in terms of enabling good development and protecting Scotland's environment. Therefore, we do not provide site specific advice on marine consultations of this nature (offshore). Instead, please refer to our standing advice on marine consultations within guidance document [SEPA standing advice for The Department of Energy and Climate Change and Marine Scotland on marine consultations](#).

If, after consulting this guidance, you still require our comment on some site specific issue which is not adequately dealt with by the standing advice, then we would welcome the opportunity to be re-consulted. Please note that the site specific issue on which you are seeking our advice must be clearly indicated in the body of the consultation email or letter.

If you have any queries relating to this letter, please contact me by email at planning.aberdeen@sepa.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Alison Wilson
Senior Planning Officer
Planning Service

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This advice is given without prejudice to any decision made on elements of the proposal regulated by us, as such a decision may take into account factors not considered at this time. We prefer all the technical information required for any SEPA consents to be submitted at the same time as the planning or similar application. However, we consider it to be at the applicant's commercial risk if any significant changes required during the regulatory stage necessitate a further planning application or similar application and/or neighbour notification or advertising. We have relied on the accuracy and completeness of the information supplied to us in providing the above advice and can take no responsibility for incorrect data or interpretation, or omissions, in such information. If we have not referred to a particular issue in our response, it should not be assumed that there is no impact associated with that issue. For planning applications, if you did not specifically request advice on flood risk, then advice will not have been provided on this issue. Further information on our consultation arrangements generally can be found on our [website planning pages](#).

Scottish Fishermen's Federation

MacFarlane M (Marc)

From: Malcolm Morrison <M.Morrison@sff.co.uk>
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Good Afternoon,

On behalf of the 400+ vessels in membership of the 8 constituent associations of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, here is a response to this consultation.

If these depressions are within the 50m safety zone, and use the surrounding seabed to do the back-fill, then there should be no issue.

Outside the 50m safety zone real care needs to be taken to ensure the back-fill is laid properly, and if the seabed is back to level, there shouldn't be a problem.

Post backfilling survey data would be helpful to have a discussion about the seabed.

Best regards, Malcolm

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Dear Marc,

Thank you for the consultation regarding the Moray East Marine Licence variation. We note that condition 3.3.4 Environmental Monitoring of the Marine Licence states that underwater noise generated for the works is monitored as part of the company's wider monitoring programme, and that any effects on the marine environment are fully assessed. Therefore, we are content that the proposed works will be monitored and have no further comments.

Kind regards

Chris

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Subject: 07086V - Moray Offshore Windfarm (East) Ltd - Backfilling of Jack-Up Vessel Seabed Depressions - Moray East Windfarm - Consultation - Response Required by 22 July 2020

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Environmental Information - <http://marine.gov.scot/data/moray-east-offshore-windfarm-07086-deposit-backfill-seabed-depression-environmental-information>

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Further publicly available licensing and consents documents for Moray East can be found at <http://marine.gov.scot/ml/moray-east-offshore-windfarm>.

If you wish to submit any comments, please do so to MS.MarineRenewables@gov.scot before **Wednesday 22 July 2020**. If you are unable to meet this deadline please contact MS-LOT on receipt of this email. If you have not responded by the above date, MS-LOT will assume a 'nil return'.

I would appreciate if you could acknowledge receipt of this email.

Yours faithfully,
Marc

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Dear Marine Scotland,

Thank you for sharing with the Chamber of Shipping.

On this occasion the Chamber has no comments to make.

Kind regards,

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