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20 January 2022

Dear Marine Scotland

[The Electricity Works \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017](#)
[The Marine Works \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017](#)
[Highland Wind Limited - Screening of Proposed Section 36 and Marine Licence Variation Proposal - Dounreay Tri Floating Wind Demonstration Project \(referred to by the applicant as the Pentland Floating Offshore Wind Demonstrator\)](#)
[Request for Screening Opinion](#)

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 24 December 2021 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, gardens and designed landscapes and battlefields on their respective Inventories.

Proposed development

We understand that the Highland Wind Limited (HWL) is seeking consent from the Scottish Ministers to vary the current S36 Consent through modifying the following parameters:

- Reduce the number of Wind Turbine Generators (WTG) from two to one;
- Remove the individual WTG capacity of 6 MW and total generating capacity of 12 MW;
- Increase the tip height of the WTG from 201 m to 208 m;
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- Allow the mooring lines to be anchored to the seabed through suction buckets and drilled and grouted anchoring system;
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- Increase the export cable voltage from 33 kV to 66 kV.



As the project has been renamed to the Pentland Floating Offshore Wind Farm, HWL is requesting that should the variation of the Section 36 and Marine Licences be granted, that the consent and licences are granted in this name.

We also understand that at the same time as progressing the demonstration project, HWL submitted to Marine Scotland a Scoping Report for the development of a floating project up to 100MW located in the same consented offshore area as the demonstrator. The intention is to trial floating wind technologies through the demonstrator, before installing the larger test and demonstrator array.

Our Screening opinion

We have no comments to make on the requirement or otherwise for an EIA for this proposed development. However, you may find the information provided below helpful in reaching your decision on the matter.

Our advice

We note that the screening report states that the proposed variations to the S36 Consent and associated marine licences would not lead to a greater significance of environmental impacts on receptors than authorised by the existing consent. The report further concludes that as there are no significant adverse effects associated with the proposed changes, there should be no requirement for a new Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to be undertaken and the Section 36 Consent and marine licences can be varied with no further assessment required.

In terms of our remit, it is predicted that as the proposed variations do not result in an increased seabed disturbance footprint to the those assessed and consented within the Original ES, and the variations will not result in environmental effects on marine archaeology and cultural heritage features greater than the negligible and not significant effects determined in the Original ES. Furthermore, all mitigations proposed in the Original ES remain relevant for these varied parameters and will be completed in relation to the conditions of the S36 Consent.

On the basis of the information included within the Screening Report, we do not anticipate that the proposed variations are likely to result in any significant adverse impacts on our historic environment interests.

We hope this is helpful. Please contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Urszula Szupczynska and they can be contacted by phone on 0131 668 8983 or by email on Urszula.Szupczynska@hes.scot.

Yours faithfully

Historic Environment Scotland

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MacFarlane M (Marc)

From: Chris Eastham <Chris.Eastham@nature.scot>
Sent: 02 February 2022 17:15
To: Bamlett R (Rebecca)
Cc: MacFarlane M (Marc)
Subject: RE: Highland Wind Limited - Screening of proposed section 36 and marine licence variation proposal - Dounreay Tri Floating Wind Demonstration Project - Consultation - Response required by 20 January 2022

Hi Rebecca,

Yes, that's correct.

Thanks

Chris

From: Rebecca.Bamlett@gov.scot <Rebecca.Bamlett@gov.scot>
Sent: 02 February 2022 16:48
To: Chris Eastham <Chris.Eastham@nature.scot>
Cc: Marc.MacFarlane@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Highland Wind Limited - Screening of proposed section 36 and marine licence variation proposal - Dounreay Tri Floating Wind Demonstration Project - Consultation - Response required by 20 January 2022

Dear Chris,

Thank you for providing the below consultation response to the Highland Wind Limited screening request in respect of proposed section 36 and marine licence variations.

You have advised that the proposed changes do not require consideration under a "full EIA" but that noise monitoring and assessment should be undertaken in respect of the drilled piles. My interpretation of this is that NatureScot doesn't consider that the change to the proposed works requires EIA (under the EW Regulations 2017 and MW Regulations 2017) but that noise monitoring and assessment should be undertaken in respect of the drilled piles outwith EIA. I'd be grateful if you could confirm whether this is the correct interpretation.

Kind regards,
Rebecca

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From: Chris Eastham <Chris.Eastham@nature.scot>

Sent: 26 January 2022 10:31

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Subject: RE: Highland Wind Limited - Screening of proposed section 36 and marine licence variation proposal - Dounreay Tri Floating Wind Demonstration Project - Consultation - Response required by 20 January 2022

Dear Rebecca,

Thank you for the consultation below. We have reviewed the Section 36 variation supporting document and consider that the proposed variations are within the impacts assessed for the original Environmental Statement and are unlikely to result in any new significant impacts. As such, we advise that the proposed changes do not require consideration under a full EIA.

One aspect that requires further consideration is the inclusion of drilled piles. Whilst we agree that any noise disturbance from drilled piles will be localised and temporary, a noise assessment should be undertaken. The assessment does not need to include modelling, but should compare the noise from drilled piles with other noisy activities. Considering the demonstration nature of the project, we advise that noise monitoring is carried out during the drilling works. This data will be important when informing future installation works using drilled piles at floating wind farm sites.

Kind regards

Chris

From: Rebecca.Bamlett@gov.scot <Rebecca.Bamlett@gov.scot>

Sent: 23 December 2021 17:27

Cc: Marc.MacFarlane@gov.scot

Subject: Highland Wind Limited - Screening of proposed section 36 and marine licence variation proposal - Dounreay Tri Floating Wind Demonstration Project - Consultation - Response required by 20 January 2022

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In accordance with the EW Regulations 2017 and MW Regulations 2017, please provide your view no later than 20 January 2022.

Kind regards,
Rebecca

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Sent: 12 January 2022 17:03
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Dear Ms Bamlett

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SEPA Ref 3815**

Further to your consultation below, we have reviewed the report below:

Pentland Floating Offshore Wind Farm Section 36 Variation Support Section 36 Consent and Marine Licence Variation Application Report ASSIGNMENT A100671-S02 DOCUMENT A-100671-S02-REPT-001 09.12.2021

Section 36 Consent and marine licences were granted to Dounreay Tri Limited by the Scottish Ministers on 16 March 2017. An extension to the project's commencement date until 15 March 2025 was granted to HWL in July 2021.

The report supports an application by HWL under S36C of the Electricity Act 1989 to vary the consent granted for the Project. The report also supports an application to vary the associated marine licences (MS-00009324 and MS-00009329) under section 30 of the Marine (Scotland) Act. HWL is seeking consent to vary the current S36 Consent through modifying the following parameters:

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- Increase the export cable voltage from 33 kV to 66 kV.

SEPA's considers that, in relation to SEPA's interests, the proposed changes set out above will not have significant impacts and would not lead to a greater significance of environmental impacts on receptors than authorised by the existing consent .

Regards
Clare
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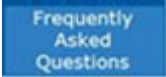
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Subject: RE: Highland Wind Limited - Screening of proposed section 36 and marine licence variation proposal - Dounreay Tri Floating Wind Demonstration Project - Consultation - Response required by 20 January 2022

Good Afternoon,

Apologies for the delay in responding on this matter.

On review of the screening proposal, The Highland Council consider that the development is Schedule 2 development (3a).

Considering the proposal against the provisions of Schedule 3, The Highland Council are of the view that moderate impacts, can be considered as significant in EIA terms. The overall scheme is still likely to have significant effects, albeit they have been, in most part, reduced from that of the consented scheme. Highland Council therefore consider that EIA is required. However, we recognise that this is a matter for Marine Scotland and we would be happy to discuss this opinion further.

Kind Regards,

Simon Hindson
Team Leader – Strategic Projects Team

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FYI

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customer queries, complaints and public comments during this period. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

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The consultation period for this screening request has now ended. Please note that, as per the above legislation, the Highland Council must submit a response to inform the screening opinion. Please do so at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards,
Marc

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