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Dear Redacted

Thank you for your e-mail of 21 December 2018. As the variation makes no change to the physical parameters of the project we do not wish to submit representations on this application.

Kind regards

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Your Ref: None given

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I refer to your email of 21 December 2018 seeking our views on the above.

The application seeks amendment of the maximum generating capacity of the project from 18MW to 29.9MW. None of the consented physical or operational parameters of the consent would be altered. I note that the Environment Statement and Habitats Regulation Appraisal related to the consent were based on the physical and operational parameters of the turbines and associated infrastructure, not the generating capacity, so further assessment is not required.

The Council supports the generation of renewable energy where this can be achieved without unacceptable environmental impacts, and therefore if more energy can be generated from the proposal without further environmental impact this is to be welcomed. The proposed variation does not adversely affect interests within East Lothian and therefore the Council has no objection to the granting of consent for this variation.

If you would like to discuss the contents of this letter further, please contact Redacted

Yours sincerely,

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I refer to the above consultation and can confirm that, having consulted with local Elected Members and colleagues, Fife Council has no objection to make to the proposed variation of the Section 36 Consent.

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I confirm Forth Ports has no issues with the revised application

Regards

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17 January 2019

Dear Redacted

The Electricity Act 1989 (as Amended)
The Electricity Generating Stations (Applications for Variation of Consent) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (as Amended)
The Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

Application to Vary Consent under Section 36c of the Electricity Act 1989 (as Amended) for Forthwind Limited

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 21 December 2018. We have considered it and its accompanying EIA Report in our role as a consultee under the terms of the above regulations and for our historic environment remit. Our remit is world heritage sites, scheduled monuments and their setting, category A-listed buildings and their setting, and gardens and designed landscapes (GDLs) and battlefields in their respective inventories.

You should also seek advice from the relevant local authority archaeology and conservation advisors for matters including unscheduled archaeology and category B and C-listed buildings.

Our Advice

We have considered the information received and do not have any comments to make on the proposals. We note that the application is to vary the maximum generating capacity limit of the scheme from 18MW to 29.9MW, which will not result in any change to the physical or operational turbine parameters.

Our decision not to provide comments should not be taken as our support for the proposals. This application should be determined in accordance with national and local



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policy on development affecting the historic environment, together with related policy guidance.

Further Information

This response applies to the application currently proposed. An amended scheme may require another consultation with us.

Guidance about national policy can be found in our ‘Managing Change in the Historic Environment’ series available online at www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/planning-and-guidance/legislation-and-guidance/managing-change-in-the-historic-environment-guidance-notes/. Technical advice is available through our Technical Conservation website at www.engineshed.org.

Please contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Redacted

Yours sincerely

Historic Environment Scotland

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application for a variation to the existing Section 36 consent for the Forthwind Project. We understand the variation is solely to change the maximum generating capacity limit from 18MW to 29.9MW.

I can confirm the MCA has no objection to this increase. We note that no other amendments are proposed which will result in any change to the physical or operational parameters. Therefore we expect the development to continue to be conducted in accordance with MGN 543, and its annexes, and expect no change to the impact significance with regards to shipping and navigation, and Search and Rescue.

Kind regards

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Defence Infrastructure Organisation

Your Reference: Forthwind S36 Variation

Our Reference: DIO22864

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Marine Scotland

14th January 2019

Dear Redacted

Proposal: Application to vary consent under S36 of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) for Forthwind Ltd

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on the application to vary the existing section 36 consent for the Forthwind Project to allow an increase in the maximum generating capacity limit from 18MW to 29.9MW. This increase will not result in any change to the physical or operational turbine parameters.

I am writing to tell you that the MOD has no objection to the application.

The principal safeguarding concern of the MOD with respect to the development of wind turbines relates to their potential to create a physical obstruction to air traffic movements and cause interference to Air Traffic Control and Air Defence radar installations.

Defence Infrastructure Organisation Safeguarding wishes to be consulted and notified of the progression of planning applications and submissions relating to this proposal to verify that it will not adversely affect defence interests.

Prior to commencement of construction the MOD would like to be advised of the following:

- the date construction starts and ends;
- the maximum height of construction equipment;
- the latitude and longitude of the turbines.

This information is vital as it will be plotted on flying charts to make sure that military aircraft avoid this area.

If the application is altered in any way we must be consulted again as even the slightest change could unacceptably affect us.

I hope this adequately explains our position on the matter. If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further information about the effects of wind turbines on MOD interests can be obtained from the following websites:

MOD: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wind-farms-ministry-of-defence-safeguarding>

Yours sincerely

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The proposed development has been examined from a technical safeguarding aspect and does not conflict with our safeguarding criteria. Accordingly, NATS (En Route) Public Limited Company ("NERL") has no safeguarding objection to the proposal.

However, please be aware that this response applies specifically to the above consultation and only reflects the position of NATS (that is responsible for the management of en route air traffic) based on the information supplied at the time of this application. This letter does not provide any indication of the position of any other party, whether they be an airport, airspace user or otherwise. It remains your responsibility to ensure that all the appropriate consultees are properly consulted.

If any changes are proposed to the information supplied to NATS in regard to this application which become the basis of a revised, amended or further application for approval, then as a statutory consultee NERL requires that it be further consulted on any such changes prior to any planning permission or any consent being granted.

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Thank you for your e-mail correspondence dated 21st December 2018 regarding the application submitted by **FORTHWIND LIMITED** for a variation to the existing Section 36 consent for the Forthwind Project, increasing the maximum generating capacity limit from 18MW to 29.9MW.

It is noted that this increase in generating capacity will not result in any change to the physical or operational parameters of the two consented turbines.

Northern Lighthouse Board has no objections to the proposal to increase the maximum generating capacity.

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**APPLICATION TO VARY CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36C OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT
1989 (AS AMENDED) FOR FORTHWIND LIMITED**

Further to the Forthwind application to vary the consent granted on 21 December 2016 and notwithstanding the recommendations and response regarding the scoping document, as Forthwind have applied for an increased in consented capacity from 18 to 29.9MW we would comment as follows;

The detail in the application does not provide enough detail on the type, configuration or associated noise levels therefore;

- Forthwind need to provide noise levels and confirmation that the uprated turbines can operate within the existing noise consent; or if not
- The condition which ties ORE Catapult to a noise sharing protocol with Forthwind is removed and the burden of meeting the existing noise consent resides solely with Forthwind.

Yours faithfully

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Sent: 06 March 2019 15:05
To: Redacted
Subject: FW: Forthwind Variation & Demonstration Activity

Hi Redacte

As promised, please find below the response from Tony Quinn of ORE Catapult in relation to our variation application.

With kind regards

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Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 13:07
To: Redacted
Subject: RE: Forthwind Variation & Demonstration Activity

Hi Reda

Based on your email my understanding is that your intent is to increase the development output but remain within the consented project envelope.

If this is the case we confirm the noise assessments and protocol arrangements previously agreed (but not yet signed) would remain valid.

I haven't been contacted by MSLOT in this regard am I expected to contact them directly?

Regards

Red

From: Redacted

Sent: 28 February 2019 12:30

To: Redacted

Subject: RE: Forthwind Variation & Demonstration Activity

Hi Red ,

Are you able to send some confirmation to MSLOT in relation to the details below. Your letter is the only remaining outstanding point and we are keen to speed the process up?

Kind Regards

Red

Redacted



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 January 2019 20:14
To: MS Marine Renewables
Subject: Forthwind Ltd Variation

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I am writing concerning a notice I saw in the Fishing News dated the 31/1/19 relating to Forthwind limited and its two proposed wind turbines situated off Methil, Firth of Forth.

I have heard that there was to be a turbine situated off Methil but at no time did Forthwind Ltd contact myself or Methil boat Club where my boat is berthed, as well as five other licensed vessels. There is also a licensed vessel that fishes from Buckhaven Boat Club and as far as I am aware the owner of this vessel has not been contacted either. All vessel owners details could easily have been provided by the local fisheries office at Anstruther. As far as I am aware Forthwind have a legal obligation to contact all the fishermen this may affect.

My main concern is; am I going to be allowed to fish within the boundaries of the 1.214km² that the generating station is to cover? I have fished in this area for years for crab, lobster, velvets and whelks and if I am to be excluded where am I to go? We have very little ground to work and this will remove a considerable area of ground for lobster and velvet crab if we are to be excluded. I am a full time fisherman with wife and young child to support and the loss of any ground will have a considerable impact on my lively hood.

I look forward to your response regarding this matter.

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From: Redacted
Sent: 10 January 2019 09:11
To: Redacted
Subject: RE: Consultation - Application to Vary Section 36 Consent - Forthwind Limited

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Dear Redacte ,

I write to inform you that RYA Scotland has no comment to make on this application.

Kind Regards

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Sent: 21 December 2018 11:23
To: Redacted

Cc: Redacted

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From: Redacted
To: 21 January 2019 14:21
Cc: MS Marine Renewables
Subject: Redacted
RE: Consultation - Application to Vary Section 36 Consent - Forthwind Limited

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I refer to the application detailed below in your consultation email of 21 December.

I can confirm that SEPA has **no objection** to this application and in this instance has no site-specific advice or comment to make.

I trust these comments are of assistance – please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Regards

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Sent: 04 February 2019 12:52
To: Redacted

Subject: Re: Consultation - Application to Vary Section 36 Consent - Forthwind Limited

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Dear all, the variation makes no difference to our continued objections to this project, regards, malcolm

Sent from Redacted

On 4 Feb 2019, at 12:19, "Redacted" wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please note that the deadline for the below consultation has now passed. As a response has not been received from your organisation, a 'nil return' has been assumed.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact MS-LOT.

Kind regards,
Redact
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Sent: 21 December 2018 11:23
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From: Redacted
Sent: 18 February 2019 14:45
To: Redacted
Subject: RE: Clarification on the SFF response to the Forthiwnd Variation Request

Red

That would be a fair comment on our conversation, I feel it would be worth noting that the outstanding issues concern the choice of positions (including lack of consultation) and the ensuing displacement,
Best regards, Redacte

From: Redacted
Sent: 14 February 2019 10:05
To: Redacted
Subject: Clarification on the SFF response to the Forthiwnd Variation Request

Hi Redacte

Thanks for your time of the phone this morning - from my perspective, the outcome of our quick conversation was:

Whilst the SFF have other concerns/objections related to the consented Forthwind project, as the variation request proposes no other change to the consent apart from varying of the maximum generating capacity limit from 18MW to 29.9MW, the SFF do not object to the variation itself. This does not change or impact SFF views on a number of other issues they have with the Forthwind project.

It would be great if you let me know if my understanding is correct or provide any correction. As we move forward Forthwind are committed to engaging with the SFF and other fishing representatives to ensure that compliance arrangements are acceptable and that disruption to fishing interest are minimised where possible.

With kind regards

Red



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Our ref: CNS/REN/OFFSHORE
WIND/FORTHWIND/CLC153722

Your ref: Forthwind variation 10 December
2018

Date: 24 January 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

FORTHWIND OFFSHORE WIND FARM VARIATION - INCREASE IN MAXIMUM GENERATING CAPACITY

Thank you for your consultation for the 10 December 2018 variation for the Forthwind Offshore Wind Farm off the coast of Methil, Fife.

This application proposes to vary the maximum generating capacity limit for the currently consented project from 18MW to 29.9MW. There are no other proposed changes to the consented project envelope.

Advice

This variation will not increase the potential impacts assessed for the consented Forthwind project. As a result, our advice provided for the currently consented application remains unchanged and we have no substantive comments to make.

We hope this response is helpful. If you wish to clarify any of the points raised then please contact me: **Redacted**

Yours sincerely

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From: Redacted
Sent: 07 January 2019 10:26
To: MS Marine Renewables
Cc: Redacted
Subject: RE: Consultation - Application to Vary Section 36 Consent - Forthwind Limited

Dear Marine Scotland,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Nil return from the UK Chamber of Shipping.

Kind regards,

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Dear **Redacted**

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Thank you for giving VisitScotland the opportunity to comment on the above development.

Our response focuses on the crucial importance of tourism to Scotland's local and national economy, and of the natural landscape for visitors.

Background Information

VisitScotland, as Scotland's National Tourism Organisation, has a strategic role to develop Scottish tourism in order to get the maximum economic benefit for the country. It exists to support the development of the tourism industry in Scotland and to market Scotland as a quality destination.

Tourism is crucial to Scotland's economic and cultural well-being. It sustains a great diversity of businesses throughout the country. According to a recent independent report by Deloitte, tourism generates £11 billion for the economy and employs over 200,000 - 9% of the Scottish workforce. Tourism provides jobs in the private sector and stimulates the regeneration of urban and rural areas.

One of the Scottish Government and VisitScotland's key ambitions is to grow tourism revenues and make Scotland one of the world's foremost tourist destinations. This ambition is now common currency in both public and private sectors in Scotland, and the expectations of businesses on the ground have been raised as to how they might contribute to and benefit from such growth.

Importance of scenery to tourism

Scenery and the natural environment have become the two most important factors for visitors in recent years when choosing a holiday location.

The importance of this element to tourism in Scotland cannot be underestimated. The character and visual amenity value of Scotland's landscapes is a key driver of our tourism product: a large majority of visitors to Scotland come because of the landscape, scenery and the wider environment, which supports important visitor activities such as walking, cycling, wildlife watching and visiting historic sites.

The VisitScotland Visitor Experience Survey (2015/16) confirms the basis of this argument with its ranking of the key factors influencing visitors when choosing Scotland as a holiday location. In this study, over half of visitors rated scenery and the natural environment as the main reason for visiting Scotland. Full details of the Visitor Experience Survey can be found on the organisation's corporate



website, here:

<http://www.visitscotland.org/pdf/Revised%20Oct%202012%20%20Insights%20Wind%20Farm%20Topic%20Paper.pdf>

Taking tourism considerations into account

We would suggest that full consideration be given to providing a tourism impact statement as part of the Environmental Impact Analysis. Planning authorities should also consider the following factors to ensure that any adverse local impacts on tourism are minimised:

- The number of tourists travelling past en route elsewhere
- The views from accommodation in the area
- The relative scale of tourism impact i.e. local and national
- The potential positives associated with the development
- The views of tourist organisations, i.e. local tourist businesses or VisitScotland

The full study can be found at www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/03/07113507/1

Conclusion

Given the aforementioned importance of Scottish tourism to the economy, and of Scotland's landscape in attracting visitors to Scotland, VisitScotland would strongly recommend any potential detrimental impact of the proposed development on tourism - whether visually, environmentally and economically - be identified and considered in full. This includes when taking decisions over turbine height and number.

VisitScotland strongly agrees with the advice of the Scottish Government –the importance of tourism impact statements should not be diminished, and that, for each site considered, an independent tourism impact assessment should be carried out. This assessment should be geographically sensitive and should consider the potential impact on any tourism offerings in the vicinity.

VisitScotland would also urge consideration of the specific concerns raised above relating to the impact any perceived proliferation of developments may have on the local tourism industry, and therefore the local economy.

We hope this response is helpful to you.

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Sent: 11 February 2019 12:17
To: Redacted
Cc: Redacted
Subject: Visit Scotland response to the Forthwind Offshore Wind Demonstration project Variation Application

Dear Redacte

Thank you for your time on the phone earlier this morning to discuss the Visit Scotland response to the Forthwind Offshore Wind Demonstration project variation application to Marine Scotland.

As I explained, tourism was considered within the socio-economic chapter of the Forthwind Environmental Impact Assessment which supported the project application which resulted in consent in December 2016. This recent variation application (December 2018) solely aims to vary the maximum generating capacity limit for the currently consented project from 18MW to 29.9MW. There are no other proposed changes to the consented project envelope (including the design, location or physical parameters of the turbines).

I am pleased that you are content on behalf of Visit Scotland to confirm that in this case Visit Scotland do not object to the variation application; however should you have any questions or require clarification on any aspect please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards

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