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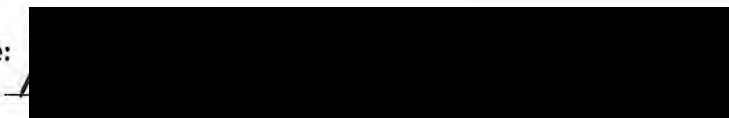
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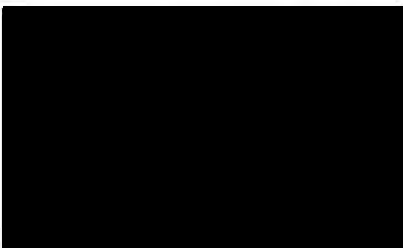
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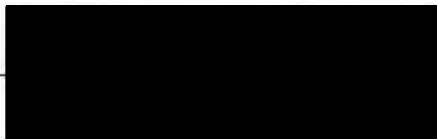
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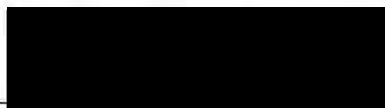
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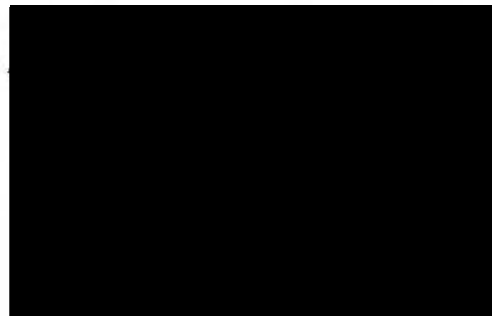
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**NMP Para. 4.77** 'Engagement with the public and other stakeholders should be appropriate, proportionate and meaningful. It should be undertaken as early as possible in planning and consenting processes.'

**NPF4 Spatial Principles - Just Transition.** 'We will empower people to shape their places.'

**Lack of understanding of Cultural Significance:** The EIAR makes no reference to the personal, cultural or historical attachment of the population of Lewis to their landscape and heritage, and fails to assess impacts on the living intangible heritage of the Gaelic community. Until a full assessment addressing impacts on Gaelic language and culture, community wellbeing, and west Lewis communities' relationship with their coastline is completed and publicly consulted upon, this application cannot lawfully be determined.

**NMP Para. 4.20** 'The historic environment includes all aspects of the environment resulting from the interaction between people and places through time.'

**NPF4 Policy 7 a** 'Development proposals with a potentially significant impact on historic assets or places will be accompanied by an assessment which is based on an understanding of the cultural significance of the historic asset and/or place.'

**Significant Adverse Impacts on Protected Birdlife and Habitats:** The development occupies primary foraging grounds for the Lewis Peatlands SPA red-throated divers, falls within the foraging range of the St Kilda gannet colony, and crosses a principal UK migratory corridor for protected species, including whooper swan and pink-footed goose. The EIAR fails to adequately assess the threats of collision, displacement, and barrier effects to these declining populations. Thus, consent would breach the **Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Regulations 1994**, the **2018 Offshore Regulations**, the **Marine (Scotland) Act 2010**, and the **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**, as the proposal is likely to adversely affect the integrity of the following SPA's: Lewis Peatlands, West Coast of the Outer Hebrides, Seas off St Kilda and St Kilda.

**NPF4 Policy 7 i** 'Development proposals affecting a World Heritage Site or its setting will only be supported where their Outstanding Universal Value is protected and preserved.'

**NPF4 Policy 11 e ix** Impact on 'biodiversity including impacts on birds' must be addressed.

**Failure to Protect the Integrity and Setting of Scheduled Monuments:** The EIAR anticipates significant adverse effects on coastal heritage. It fails to assess the impact on key scheduled monuments such as SM13786. The proposal would harm the Calanais monuments and wider historic landscape by introducing an industrial horizon into their natural surroundings, fundamentally undermining the meaning, experience, and interconnected setting of these sites, directly conflicting with **NPF4 Policy 7**. There are many alternative sites for offshore wind development and no reasons of over-riding public interest for choosing this site.

**NMP Para. 4.22** 'Marine planning should help to ensure that future marine activities and developments can be carried out in a way that respects the marine historic environment and the setting of important coastal heritage assets.' **Para. 4.23** 'Designated assets should be protected in situ within an appropriate setting'.

**NPF4 Policy 7 h** 'Development proposals affecting scheduled monuments will only be supported where: ii 'significant adverse impacts on the integrity of the setting of a scheduled monument are avoided; or iii exceptional circumstances have been demonstrated to justify the impact on a scheduled monument and its setting and impacts on the monument or its setting have been minimised.'



**Unassessed Onshore Impacts and Breach of Statutory Rights of Crofters:** Granting offshore consent while onshore impacts on irreplaceable machair and deep peatland remain unassessed, directly contravenes **NPF4 Policy 3**, which requires biodiversity (including irreplaceable habitats) to be left in a demonstrably better state. In addition the proposal fails to engage the statutory rights of crofters under the **Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993**.

**NMP Para. 4.77** *'There should be a presumption in favour of publicising applications for marine and terrestrial components of a development together during consenting processes.'*

**Irreparable Harm to the Tourism Economy and Coastal Character:** The Spiorad na Mara wind farm would permanently industrialise the unspoiled coastal scenery and dark skies on the Isle of Lewis, destroying the very qualities that attract visitors to the island. Local residents have consistently warned during consultation that this visual impact would decimate the tourist industry on which so many islanders depend. Tourism is built on the area's landscape, seascape, heritage, nature, and dark skies. This development risks long-term damage to local businesses and the wider economy, contrary to **NPF4 Policy 30**.

**NMP, Para. 12.28** *'An unspoiled environment, high quality landscape and a sense of closeness to nature are important to many people. Scenery and environmental quality are key factors in attracting visitors to Scotland's coasts.'*

**Community Opposition and lack of Community Empowerment:** The Community Opinion Survey on the Spiorad na Mara Offshore Wind Farm Development (N4) published by [www.emg-lewis.co.uk](http://www.emg-lewis.co.uk) in April 2026 found that 88% of residents from Ness to Uig opposed the N4 development. Approving this project against such overwhelming local consensus would directly contravene the National Islands Plan's commitment to community empowerment.

**The National Islands Plan, page 65, para. 5** *'Our vision is for islanders to be empowered to shape their own priorities, build their futures, and protect what makes their communities unique.'*

**My further objection points:**

This planning decision is about the long-term future and the character of a landscape and community that cannot be replaced once altered at this scale. Spiorad na Mara Offshore Wind Farm would cause significant, cumulative and largely irreversible harm to landscape and seascape character, heritage setting, and the tourism economy.

**I respectfully request that this application is rejected.**

Yours sincerely,

**\*Signature:**(type your name here) \_\_\_\_\_

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