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Date: 30 November 2018

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ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 The Electricity Works (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 AND 36A OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 AND MARINE LICENCES UNDER PART 4 OF THE MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 AND UNDER PART 4 OF THE MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE MORAY WEST OFFSHORE WINDFARM, OUTER MORAY FIRTH.

Thank you for your consultations of 10 July 2018 in respect of the above proposal. Thank you for allowing an extension of time to respond.

At its meeting on 27 November 2018, following debate on matters relating to the residual visual impact of the proposal as well as the potential economic benefits to Highland, the Council's North Planning Applications Committee decided that it wished to Raise No Objection to the proposals.

The reasons provided by the Chair of the Committee were as follows:

Whilst it is acknowledged that the proposed development will sometimes, dependant on visibility, cause a detrimental impact on the open and panoramic sea views, recognised in the Council's Assessment of Highland Special Landscape Areas, the application needs to be assessed in its entirety. In support of the development are the likely positive effects on the local economy, in particular the amount of jobs that are to come to the Highlands; and the need to make Scotland self-sufficient in its energy generation, as supported by directives from the Scottish Government. In my mind, the economic benefits offered by this development outweigh the adverse impacts.

Members of the Committee were informed that an addendum had now been submitted, too late for it to consider at this meeting, and that this would need to be considered further. It is anticipated that this will need to be reported back to Committee, the earliest opportunity to do being 22 January 2019.

Full details of the Report to Committee can be obtained from our website at https://www.highland.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/4053/north_planning_applications_committee.

Minutes once available can be found at https://www.highland.gov.uk/meetings/committee/36/north_planning_applications_committee

Should you require further advice or require any clarification on any aspect of the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (As Amended)

The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended) The Electricity (Applications For Consent) Regulations 1990 (as amended)

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 AND MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended)
The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended)

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (AS AMENDED) AND MARINE LICENCE UNDER PART 4 OF THE MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 AND MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE MORAY WEST OFFSHORE WIND FARM, APPROXIMATELY 22.5 KM SOUTHEAST OF THE CAITHNESS COASTLINE.

Thank you for the above consultation to **sport**scotland.

I note that the application is for planning permission in principle in relation to the onshore element of the proposal. In relation to the offshore and landfall location the applicant should be aware that the area will be used by a range of sports and detailed consultation should be undertaken with them in order to ensure that there is no unacceptable impact on them.

In particular, we are aware that the area at Redhythe Point is a popular climbing venue and in use by a range of climbing interests. We understand that Mountaineering Scotland have made a submission in relation to the application. We would be supportive of their involvement as the development progresses to ensure the landfall area accommodates this use.

We would also suggest that the developer makes contact with the various sports governing bodies for outdoor and adventure sports. From reading the EIA it doesn't appear that this has been done. We recommend this in order to understand what sport uses are happening in the area and how any effects on them can be mitigated. You can find information on them all and their contact details here.

I trust this is satisfactory and if you need anything additional in relation to this please let me know.

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Moray West – Agent Marine Scotland Scottish Government

> Our Ref: Your Ref:

Date: 22 November 2018

Dear Sir

MORAY WEST OFFSHORE WINDFARM - NORTH PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wick Harbour Authority noted on the BBC Highland and Island news website that Highland Council Planners have recommended that the North Planning Committee raise an objection to the Moray West Offshore Windfarm at their meeting on Tuesday 27th November 2018.

The report PLN/079/18 contains a reference to Wick Harbour at para 9.38 with an inference that there is insufficient capacity at the port. It would have been helpful if Highland Council had consulted with Wick Harbour Authority before including this statement in such an important document. Wick Harbour Authority is currently progressing with our plans to develop our outer harbour area, which will effectively double our safe mooring capacity.

Could the Planning Department please include us as a statutory consultee for any future developments close to the port.

Our current contacts with the offshore windfarm industry suggest that the Highland region will obtain a large socio-economic benefit from these developments on our doorstep.

We fully support the Moray West Offshore Windfarm Development and the potential for local job creation . We believe that an objection would not be helpful at this time.

Yours sincerely [Redacted]



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Dear Sir/Madam

PLANNING REFERENCE: 18/03309/S36

DEVELOPMENT: INSTALLATION OF 85 WIND TURBINES WITH A MAXIMUM HEIGHT

TO TIP OF 285M, ROTOR DIAMETER OF 250M

LOCATION: AT MORAY WEST OFFSHORE WIND FARM

Thank you for your application received on 10 July 2018. It has been checked but unfortunately it is lacking in sufficient information to be validated.

The Highland Council provides guidance on the details and information required to ensure an application is valid and this may be viewed online:

https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/180/planning_applications_warrants_and_certificates/143/planning_permission/2. In this instance the following details are required:

Please provide generating capacity of wind turbines.

If a fee has been requested which you have recently paid, please disregard the fee request. Please note that the Council no longer accepts cheques or cash payments for Planning and Building Warrant fees and other charges. Payment should be made either by telephone (credit and debit card) on 01349 886608 (Monday – Friday, 0800 – 1700). You may also pay in person at any Service Point, by BACS or by using the Pay button facility on The Highland Council website homepage.

Occasionally it is necessary to amend the description of your proposal in order to ensure that it is accurate and concise. It is intended to use the description as noted above. Please contact the case officer within 7 days of the date of this letter if you do not agree with the application description.

Email: eplanning@highland.gov.uk

Please submit any additional or follow up information via the ePlanning.scot portal at https://www.eplanning.scot using the Post Submission Additional Documents online form. Please note that the application you are linking the additional information to should be the reference number at the top right corner of this letter. Please do not use your online reference number from the portal unless you are unable to provide the Planning reference above.

Please ensure that all additional and amended plans are annotated with the correct drawing number, the up-to-date drawing revision number where appropriate and the date of the amendment. Failure to provide this information may result in a delay in processing the application.

Once the additional information requested has been received, your application will be made valid and passed to a case officer for consideration. If the information is not however received within 28 days of this letter, the application file will be closed and any fee submitted will be returned to you.

Yours faithfully

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