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Licensing Operations Team
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4 May 2026

For the attention of the Scottish Ministers.

Ref: Marine Directorate Licensing Operations Team - Section 36 Consent Application — Spiorad na Mara Offshore Wind Farm Application references: MD-00011742 & MD-00011743 – Spiorad na Mara Limited – Spiorad na Mara Wind Farm – Isle of Lewis

Dear Sirs,

As a resident living on the Isle of Lewis, I have a significant interest in the above referenced application as the homes of my wider family and local communities will be destroyed due the unprecedented scale and proximity of the wind farm proposal. We will have to live with the intrusion during the construction, operating and decommissioning phases of what is a large-scale industrial development that would impact our lives for a minimum of four decades.

If this development were to proceed there would need to be significant amendments made to reconsider the location, minimise the impact to an acceptable scale in keeping with the environment and residents' concerns, coupled with a commensurate community compensation package for those communities along the western seaboard of the Isle of Lewis that would be most impacted.

I therefore wish to **formally object** to the referenced application and cite the following reasons:

Lack of Community Engagement

There was no consultation with the communities on the west coast of Lewis prior to the Crown Estate Scotland identifying and leasing of the N4 area for development. The plan was imposed upon residents without consent. Our local council authority (Comhairle nan Eilean Siar) has since admitted and apologised that they had misrepresented these communities by stating to the Scottish Government that there was no objection from local communities to the proximity of N4 location and the communities were in favour. This misrepresentation is a significant breach of our communities' rights under existing planning legislation which alone would justify suspension of any consenting until a public enquiry is undertaken.

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The above opportunities for early engagement were not afforded to our community.

During the consenting phase the developer has held several statutory meetings with the public, however there has been very minimal adjustments to the original scale of the development to address the concerns voiced from residents' including my personal feedback. As such significant concerns remain.

Visual, Sound and Light Pollution

The N4 lease area is unprecedented in the UK both in terms of proximity (5km to 13km) from shore, where most townships and residential settlements are located, but also combined with the large scale (338m above mean sea level) and number of wind turbine generators, these will be the tallest marine wind turbines in UK waters. The visual landscape will be significantly affected.

The developer has presented a matrix in their documentation to capture the severity of 'impact' and 'effect' for several elements that can impact 'receptors' along the coastline, namely the residents. What is apparent is that this approach conveniently reduces the combined rating from 'Major' to 'Moderate', 'Minor' or 'Negligible'. Despite several 'Major' and 'Moderate' impacts identified in areas of concern these have overall been downgraded by the developer. I question the validity of this approach where the developer's own findings had identified significant concerns yet by their own measures try to downplay the negative impact on us.

The sound pollution during construction over a 5-year period and then operation for 35 years has not been adequately discussed with minimal mention of light flicker effect of blades across all times of the year or light pollution at nighttime. What is evident is that the developer has not fully considered these issues given the unprecedented size, proximity or final selection of turbine heads prior to seeking consent as there is no offset benchmark data readily available for comparison. I respectfully request that all impacts are fully understood and meet reasonable levels acceptable to the most vulnerable, and all, in our community prior to any consent being considered.

Unfavourable Impact on Health and Wellbeing of Residents

Within the developer's own Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), they have stated that the impact of construction-related or operational visual change may be psychological. Changes to familiar seaward views can reduce visual amenity and the restorative value residents may derive from their surroundings, which in turn may contribute to increased stress, annoyance, and reduced mental wellbeing. In a rural island setting such as the Isle of Lewis, where the coast and open sea views are a defining part of everyday life and are strongly associated with perceived naturalness and remoteness, temporary industrial features (more than 35 years!) may be experienced as a more pronounced intrusion than in more developed settings.

For the most vulnerable members of our community, the impact was initially classified as Major before being subsequently reassessed to Moderate (by the developers own judgment which is questionable). As above all negative impacts on my communities' residents need to be fully considered with an appropriate level of due diligence and appropriate mitigations applied before any consent can be considered.

Lack of understanding of Cultural Significance

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Granting marine consent whilst the onshore phase of the development has yet to be presented is of concern. 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**.

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The Spiorad na Mara development would industrialise the unspoiled coastal scenery and dark skies on the Isle of Lewis, destroying the very qualities that attract many visitors to our community. Residents have consistently warned during consultation that this visual impact would decimate the tourist industry on which so many of our Estate residents and the local community are dependant. 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**.

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Housing Values

During the consultation period, the impact on the market value of houses or desirability for resale was raised by many residents including myself. The marine planning application has not addressed this point. No assurance has been given that there will not be a detrimental effect on housing values or any offer of compensation.

In summary, the Scottish Ministers must consider the long-term future and character of a landscape and community that cannot be replaced once altered by the scale proposed in this application. Spiorad na Mara Offshore Wind Farm will cause significant, cumulative and largely irreversible harm to landscape and seascape character, heritage setting, and the tourism economy which many residents are reliant upon for a livelihood. The identified risk to health and wellbeing of residents along with house values cannot be ignored. **I therefore respectfully request that this application is rejected and the location of N4 is changed to a location that will address the concerns raised above.**

I am not alone in my concerns; there has been overwhelming opposition voiced across the local community with 88% against the development in a recent community opinion poll.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [Redacted]
To: [MD Marine Renewables](#)
Subject: OBJECTION SPIORAD NA MARA OFFSHORE WIND FARM
Date: 21 March 2026 11:32:40

I OBJECT to the above proposed offshore windfarm for the reasons below.

HEIGHT AND CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SHORELINE.

6k from the shore (at the suggestion of Western Isles Council) is intrusive and impossible to ignore.

1246 ft or 380 metres high and 66 turbines is higher than the neighbouring hills at Shawbost and out of scale with the natural landscape.

NOISE AND FLASHING LIGHTS AT NIGHT unacceptable in a quiet rural crofting area.

DANGER TO BIRDS AND MARINE LIFE. This section of water is a marine highway for Sea Eagles, Gannets, Basking Shark, and many Whale species.

TOURISM will decline. Tourists come to Lewis from worldwide to see pristine, raw wilderness and oceanscapes NOT industrial landscape of turbines and pylons. Surfers, birdwatchers, photographers will go elsewhere. Holiday cottages, hotels and restaurants will suffer.

ONSHORE SUBSTATION at Barvas will be an eyesore, dominating the landscape.

DISHONESTY ABOUT LOCAL JOB CREATION.

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Date: 05 August 2026 20:27:09

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Subject: FORMAL OBJECTION: Spiorad na Mara Offshore Wind Farm Application
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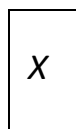
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MD-00011742 & MD-00011743 - Spiorad na Mara Limited - Spiorad na Mara Offshore Wind Farm - Isle of Lewis

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