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Aberdeen

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28 January 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

**Marine Licence Consultation for Additional Information In Relation to Section 36
Consent to Construct and Operate a Generating Station at Ossian Wind Farm**

Thank you for the above consultation. As the additional information provided relates to offshore development Aberdeenshire Council has no objections or comments on it in regards to the proposed development at this time.

Yours faithfully

Redacted

Paul Macari

Head of Planning and Economy

British Telecom Radio Network Protection

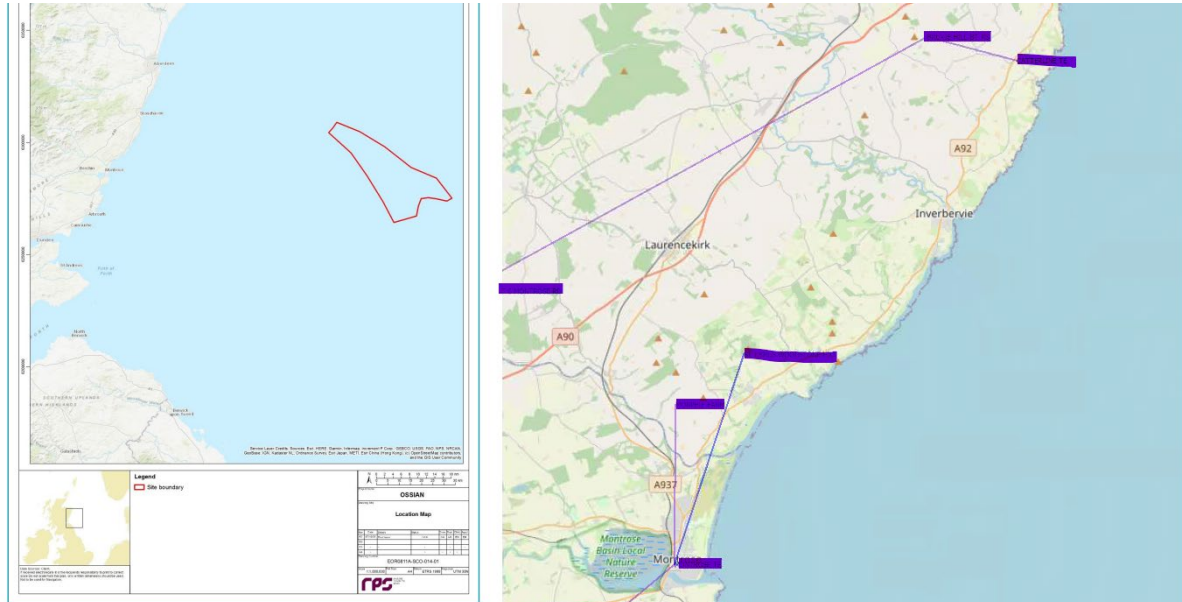
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General

Thank you for your email dated 13/01/2026.

We have studied the 'Additional Information' provided with respect to EMC and related problems to BT point-to-point microwave radio links.

The conclusion is that, as there appears to be no change to the planned location of the Offshore Windfarm, this project should not cause interference to BT's current and presently planned radio network.



BT requires 100m minimum clearance from any structure to the radio link path. It should be noted that this decision is for the date of its issue as the use of the spectrum is dynamic and can change on an ongoing basis. Therefore, please consult us if there are any changes during the planning process with heights and locations of any structures, and its finalisation, as we may have new links assigned by Ofcom over its duration.

Please note this refers to BT Radio Links only, you will need to contact other providers separately for information relating to other supplier links / equipment.

Please direct all queries to radionetworkprotection@bt.com

Kind regards

Laura Taylor
Networks Radio Planner
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Kind regards,
Iain

Iain MacDonald
Marine Licensing & Consenting Casework Officer, Licensing Operations Team, Marine Directorate
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Department of Agriculture,
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Marine Conservation Response

Marine Conservation has reviewed the additional information in relation to ornithology and agrees with the results of the Population Viability Analysis screening. However, we suggest highlighting the new evidence of Manx Shearwater returning to Rathlin Island, as this should be considered in the assessment of potential LSE.

Marine Licensing Response

Activities taking place below the mean high water springs mark may require a marine licence in accordance with the Marine and Coastal Access Act (MCAA) 2009.

Such activities include the construction, alteration or improvement of any works, dredging, or a deposit or removal of a substance or object below the Mean High Water Spring Tide (MHWST). It is the applicant's responsibility to take the necessary steps to ascertain whether their works will fall below the Mean High Water Springs mark.

If any parts of this proposal are on, in or over the licensable area, contact must be made with the Marine Licensing Team, DAERA Marine and Fisheries Division, Clare House, 303 Airport Road West, Sydenham Intake, Belfast, BT3 9ED, Tel: 028 90569247, Email: MarineLicensingTeam@daera-ni.gov.uk. Further guidance on the application process and associated forms are available on the DAERA website at [Marine Licensing | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)

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Date: 14 January 2026 11:26:28
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Good morning

I can confirm that Dundee City Council has no objections to the additional ornithology information submitted in the updated EIAR.

Kind Regards
Laura



Laura Stewart
Principal Planning Officer (Planning & Economic Development) at Dundee City Council

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Sent: 13 January 2026 13:59
To: Laura Stewart Redacted >; David Gray
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Kind regards,

Iain

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Good morning,

In respect of the above, I can confirm the location of this development falls out with our Aerodrome Safeguarding zone for Edinburgh Airport therefore we have no objection/comment.

With best regards,
Claire

Claire Brown
Aerodrome Safeguarding & Compliance Officer




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Hi Iain

Thank you for your email. We have no comments on the consultation.

Kind regards.

Carol

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Dear Mr MacDonald

Thank you for your consultation about the additional ornithology information for Ossian Offshore Wind Farm.

We have no further comments to make about the project.

Yours sincerely

Mary

Dr Mary MacLeod Rivett | Senior Planning, Consents and Advice Officer

Historic Environment Scotland | Àrainneachd Eachdraidheil Alba

Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1SH

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Date: 09 March 2026 09:18:49

Good Morning Iain,

Yes I can confirm that jrc have no objections to the **Ossian Section 36 Consent and Marine Licence application further Additional Information consultation.**

Kindest Regards

Heather Willoughby

On Thu, 5 Mar at 7:38 AM , scottish government <md.marinerenewables@gov.scot> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for providing a response to this consultation.

For clarity, can the JRC please confirm that its response below, dated 15 January 2026, is in reference to the Ossian Section 36 Consent and Marine Licence application further Additional Information consultation that commenced on 13 January 2026 as outlined in the attached original email. MD-LOT note that the JRC email chain below appears to reference the Ossian transmission infrastructure scoping report consultation which commenced on 27 February 2025.

Kind Regards

Iain

Iain MacDonald

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To: MD Marine Renewables <md.marinerenewables@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Ossian Offshore Wind Farm - Section 36 Consent and Marine Licence Application - Consultation - Response Requested by 3 September 2024

If any details of this proposal change, particularly the disposition or scale of any turbine(s), this clearance will be void and re-evaluation of the proposal will be necessary.

**Please do not reply to this email - the responses are not monitored.
If you need us to investigate further, then please use the link at the end of this response or login to your account for access to your co-ordination requests and responses.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Site Name: Ossian Offshore Wind Farm

Site Centre at NGR: 453532 795992

Hub Height: 244m **Rotor Radius:** 175m

This proposal is **cleared** with respect to radio link infrastructure operated by the local energy networks.

JRC analyses proposals for wind farms on behalf of the UK Fuel & Power Industry. This is to assess their potential to interfere with radio systems operated by utility companies in support of their regulatory operational requirements.

In the case of this proposed wind energy development, JRC does not foresee any potential problems based on known interference scenarios and the data you have provided. However, if any details of the wind farm change, particularly the disposition or scale of any turbine(s), it will be necessary to re-evaluate the proposal. Please note that due to the large number of adjacent radio links in this vicinity, which have been taken into account, clearance is given specifically for a location within the declared grid reference (quoted above).

In making this judgement, JRC has used its best endeavours with the available data, although we recognise that there may be effects which are as yet unknown or inadequately predicted. JRC cannot therefore be held liable if subsequently problems arise that we have not predicted.

It should be noted that this clearance pertains only to the date of its issue. As the use of the spectrum is dynamic, the use of the band is changing on an ongoing basis and consequently, you are advised to seek re-coordination prior to submitting a planning application, as this will negate the possibility of an objection being raised at that time as a consequence of any links assigned between your enquiry and the finalisation of your project.

JRC offers a range of radio planning and analysis services. If you require any assistance, please contact us by phone or email.

Regards

Wind Farm Team

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United Kingdom

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On Thu, 27 Feb, 2025 at 10:58 AM , scottish government
<md.marinerenewables@gov.scot> wrote:
Dear Sir/Madam,

**THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
REGULATIONS 2007 ("the MW EIA Regulations")
CONSULTATION UNDER SCHEDULE 4, REGULATION 6 OF THE MW EIA
REGULATIONS.**

SCOP-0068 - Ossian Offshore Wind Farm Limited – Ossian Offshore
Transmission Infrastructure, approximately 80 kilometres east of
Aberdeenshire

In respect of the proposed marine licence application for the above works
under the Marine and Coastal Access 2009 Act, Ossian Offshore Wind Farm
Limited has requested the Scottish Ministers adopt a scoping opinion in
relation to the above proposed works under regulation 6 of the MW EIA
Regulations.

The scoping report submitted by the applicant can be found at: [Scoping Report - Ossian Offshore Transmission Infrastructure - South-east of Aberdeenshire Coast | marine.gov.scot](#)

To assist the Scottish Ministers in adopting a comprehensive scoping opinion,
which will outline the scope and level of detail of information to be provided
in the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Report to be submitted by
the applicant with their proposed marine licence application, please review
the scoping report and advise on what you consider should be included
within or excluded from the scope of the EIA for the proposed works. In
doing so you may wish to consider any comments you may have regarding
data sources, proposed methodologies or the requirement for specific
studies.

Please submit your response electronically to
MD.MarineRenewables@gov.scot by 27 March 2025. If you are unable to
meet this deadline, please contact us as soon as possible to discuss the
possibility of an extension to the consultation period. If you have no
comments to make please submit a "nil return" response

Please be advised that the scoping report and this consultation request relate
to the proposed works **within Scottish waters only** and not the onshore
elements of the proposed works or the offshore elements of the proposed
works within English waters. Separate applications for section 36 consent and
marine licences have been submitted for the associated wind farm array area.

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Site Centre at NGR: 453532 795992

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In the case of this proposed wind energy development, JRC does not foresee any potential problems based on known interference scenarios and the data you have provided. However, if any details of the wind farm change, particularly the disposition or scale of any turbine(s), it will be necessary to re-evaluate the proposal. Please note that due to the large number of adjacent radio links in this vicinity, which have been taken into account, clearance is given specifically for a location within the declared grid reference (quoted above).

In making this judgement, JRC has used its best endeavours with the available data, although we recognise that there may be effects which are as yet unknown or inadequately predicted. JRC cannot therefore be held liable if subsequently problems arise that we have not predicted.

It should be noted that this clearance pertains only to the date of its issue. As the use of the spectrum is dynamic, the use of the band is changing on an ongoing basis and consequently, you are advised to seek re-coordination prior to submitting a planning application, as this will negate the possibility of an objection being raised at that time as a consequence of any links assigned between your enquiry and the finalisation of your project.

JRC offers a range of radio planning and analysis services. If you require any assistance, please contact us by phone or email.

Regards

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
REGULATIONS 2007 ("the MW EIA Regulations")**

**CONSULTATION UNDER SCHEDULE 4, REGULATION 6 OF THE MW
EIA REGULATIONS.**

SCOP-0068 - Ossian Offshore Wind Farm Limited – Ossian Offshore
Transmission Infrastructure, approximately 80 kilometres east of
Aberdeenshire

In respect of the proposed marine licence application for the above works under the Marine and Coastal Access 2009 Act, Ossian Offshore Wind Farm Limited has requested the Scottish Ministers adopt a scoping opinion in relation to the above proposed works under regulation 6 of the MW EIA Regulations.

The scoping report submitted by the applicant can be found at: [Scoping Report - Ossian Offshore Transmission Infrastructure - South-east of Aberdeenshire Coast | marine.gov.scot](#)

To assist the Scottish Ministers in adopting a comprehensive scoping opinion, which will outline the scope and level of detail of information to be provided in the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Report to be submitted by the applicant with their proposed marine licence application, please review the scoping report and advise on what you consider should be included within or excluded from the scope of the EIA for the proposed works. In doing so you may wish to consider any comments you may have regarding data sources, proposed methodologies or the requirement for specific studies.

Please submit your response electronically to MD.MarineRenewables@gov.scot by 27 March 2025. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please contact us as soon as possible to discuss the possibility of an extension to the consultation period. If you have no comments to make please submit a "nil return" response

Please be advised that the scoping report and this consultation request relate to the proposed works **within Scottish waters only** and not the onshore elements of the proposed works or the offshore elements of the proposed works within English waters. Separate applications for section 36 consent and marine licences have been submitted for the associated wind farm array area.

Kind regards
Iain

Iain MacDonald

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Hi Iain,

No additional information or amendments have been provided to the socio-economic section of the application. As such, this is to confirm that the Marine Analytical Unit are providing a nil response.

Best regards,

Chris

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In accordance with the EIA Regulations, a copy of this additional information must be supplied to everyone who was provided with a copy of the EIA Report.

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Kind regards,
Iain

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Good afternoon, Iain.

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the updated information for the Ossian Offshore Wind Farm.

We note that the additional information submitted by the developer is in regard to ornithological assessment, namely in-combination Population Viability Analysis. As this is not in regard to shipping and navigation, we will not be providing a response on this occasion. Please take this as a 'nil response' from us.

Kind regards,

Vaughan.

Vaughan Jackson

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Kind regards,
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28 January 2026

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Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on the new documents and additional information provided by the Applicant with regard to the Ossian Offshore Wind Farm on 13 January 2026.

The MOD have reviewed the information provided and published on the Ossian Offshore Wind Farm Project Page of the marine.gov.scot website. We note that as there are no changes with regard to the proposed Ossian Wind Farm project, the MOD's position previously communicated by letter dated 18 December 2025 remains extant.

I trust this is clear however should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Natural England

Date: 25 Feb 2026
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Dear MDLOT

00010861 / 00010862 - Ossian Offshore Wind Farm Limited – In-combination Population Viability Analysis

Summary of advice

- Natural England’s previous advice on ornithology assessment methods still stands, where they relate to species from English designated sites.
- Natural England disagrees with some of the “alone” conclusions within the in-combination assessment which will affect the conclusions of the in-combination assessment.
- Natural England defer any further comment on the in-combination assessment until we have been provided with the technical note assessing English seabirds using the Natural England advised methodology.

Thank you for seeking our advice on the additional information provided by Ossian Offshore Wind Farm Limited in support of their Section 36 Application to construct and operate the Ossian Offshore Wind Farm (OWF), in your consultation which we received on the 13th of January 2026.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

The advice contained within this letter is provided by Natural England, which is the statutory nature conservation body within English territorial waters (0-12 nautical miles). As the application is located outside English territorial waters then the advice from NatureScot, the statutory nature conservation body in offshore Scottish waters should be sought.

Due to our remit, our advice on this consultation is restricted to species within England and to protected species from English designated sites which may be impacted by the proposed wind farm.

We provide our advice based on the following documents:

- Cover Letter
- Ornithology in-combination Population Viability Analysis (“PVA”) screening tool
- Ossian, Muir Mhor and Caledonia interim cumulative effects framework in-combination estimates

- PVA output files for screened in SPA features

Detailed Advice

Natural England has previously provided advice on ornithology assessments submitted by the Applicant in response to consultation, most recently NE ref: 530691. In response to this current consultation, we must maintain that, as the statutory nature conservation body within English territorial waters our previous advice still stands as it relates to species from English designated sites. We are aware that the applicant is working on an “English methodology” assessment to be presented as a technical note.

Our previous advice noted that Natural England do not expect Applicants to undertake a separate impact assessment for all sites and features based on our advice. This remains our general position; however, it is likely that decision-makers will be seeking Natural England’s views on the likely level of impact to English site features from Scottish OWF projects where an appropriate assessment or our advice has identified adverse effects, or is unable to rule them out. Principally, this is to inform the appropriate scaling of compensatory measures, but also to ensure parity of treatment compared to projects in English waters affecting the same features.

In this instance therefore, and without prejudice to any future appropriate assessment or our advice on it, Natural England requests the provision of updated ‘project alone’ impact assessments applying methodologies and parameters appropriate to our guidance to the data held by the applicant, for the following English site/feature combinations:

- Farne Islands SPA guillemot
- Relevant Farne Islands SPA seabird assemblage components (kittiwake, razorbill, puffin)
- Flamborough and Filey Coast SPA kittiwake, guillemot and razorbill
- Flamborough and Filey Coast SPA seabird assemblage component (puffin)

As we do not yet have agreement on the “alone” impacts, we defer our advice on in-combination conclusions until we have examined the technical note on alone impacts using the Natural England advised methodology.

Other Relevant Matters

Should the proposal be amended in a way which significantly affects its impact on the natural environment then, in accordance with Section 4 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Natural England should be consulted again.

To provide the further information requested in this advice and for subsequent consultations, please email consultations@naturalengland.org.uk, marked for my attention. Please also cc me.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Cantrell

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25 February 2026

Our ref: CNS – REN – OSWF – E1
East – Ossian - Application

Dear Iain

OSSIAN OFFSHORE WIND FARM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE APPLICATION FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 AND MARINE LICENCES UNDER THE MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT AND PART 4 OF THE MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE OSSIAN OFFSHORE WIND FARM

Thank you for consulting us on the Additional Information submitted for the proposed Ossian Offshore Wind Farm. This follows on from the original Application submitted on 28 June 2024, and the first Additional Information consultation on 16 October 2025.

The proposal, located approximately 80km southeast of Aberdeen, includes a Project Design Envelope (PDE) approach comprising up to 265 floating wind turbines and associated infrastructure, with an anticipated installation capacity of 3.6GW and a proposed 35-year lease period.

The second Additional Information includes the in-combination Population Viability Analysis (PVA) work undertaken to take account of the respective revised ornithology assessments, as led by Muir Mhòr and supported by Ossian and Caledonia. Our advice regarding Ossian's first Additional Information (NatureScot advice issued 02 December 2025) makes reference to this in-combination work, which was ongoing at that time, and stated that depending on the outcome of this work our final advice on in-combination impacts may change.

We have reviewed the Additional Information, along with the relevant documents submitted with the original EIA Report and first Additional Information submission and provide advice below.

NatureScot advice

In-combination PVA for Ossian, Muir Mhòr and Caledonia

Overall, we are content with the approach taken for the in-combination assessment. However, there are various points relating to the Cumulative Effects Framework (CEF) PVA selection tool spreadsheet and supporting report, which we raise in Appendix A to this response, to assist future Applicants in the interpretation of the spreadsheet and use in future assessments.

Our detailed conclusions on the PVA outputs are presented in Appendix A to this response.

For the qualifying species and sites listed below, we have concluded AEOsI in-combination for Ossian with the Muir Mhòr and/or Caledonia wind farm projects:

- Kittiwake at Copinsay SPA
- Kittiwake at Fair Isle SPA
- Puffin at Forth Islands SPA
- Kittiwake at Rousay SPA

Based on our assessment and conclusions reached above, we advise Marine Directorate will be required to undertake an Appropriate Assessment.

In Appendix A, we also provide an updated summary table of our in-combination conclusions of AEOsI across the three consultations (i.e. the Ossian original Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) from 28 June 2024, first Additional Information Report (AIR) from 16 October 2025 and the second Additional Information Report (AIR) from this current consultation).

We hope this advice is helpful. Please contact Clare McCarty Redacted and Karen Taylor Redacted in the first instance for any further advice, copying in our marine energy mailbox – marineenergy@nature.scot.

Yours sincerely,

Erica Knott

Head of Marine Energy – Sustainable Coasts and Seas.

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NATURESCOT ADVICE ON OSSIAN OFFSHORE WIND FARM

Appendix A – Marine and intertidal ornithology

In our advice dated 02 December 2025, we highlighted an issue with the in-combination assessment, stemming from Muir Mhòr, Ossian and Caledonia submitting Additional Information at a similar time to each other (also highlighted within advice for Muir Mhòr (issued 18 November 2025) and Caledonia (issued 15 November 2025)). Assessments within the respective Additional Information submissions were based on the latest publicly available information, however, this information was out of date given all three projects had submitted revised ornithology assessments within their Additional Information. As such, individual project numbers used within the in-combination assessments may differ and we requested additional/updated PVAs for certain sites and species.

This second Additional Information has provided an updated in-combination assessment for Muir Mhòr, Ossian and Caledonia, using the updated assessment figures for the three respective projects and the existing mortalities collated by the North East and East Ornithology Group (NEEOG) Cumulative Effects Framework (CEF) work. We note an issue in the CEF PVA selection tool spreadsheet relating to the inclusion of compensated projects for the in-combination assessment, which we discuss further in **Error! Reference source not found.** below.

As indicated in our response to the Muir Mhòr first Additional Information Report (dated 18 November 2025), Muir Mhòr only presented an in-combination scenario which included full, uncompensated impacts from Berwick Bank (and Green Volt), as this was the agreed position at the time. However, Ossian and Caledonia have independently opted to remove Berwick Bank (and Green Volt) compensated impacts from the individual assessments presented within their first Additional Information (see our advice dated 02 December 2025 and 15 November 2025 respectively). This joint in-combination work has removed any projects that have compensated impacts (including Berwick Bank) through the CEF PVA selection tool spreadsheet. We highlight this difference in approach to Scottish Ministers for consideration.

A.1 Approach to in-combination assessment

We note that each of the three projects (Muir Mhòr, Ossian and Caledonia) undertook their in-combination PVAs on the basis that if the individual project alone mortalities were less than 0.2 birds/annum then a PVA was not required. This was based on the advised threshold for tangible impacts from the project and the requirement for PVA at the time of the Applicants' assessment.

We no longer recommend the use of this threshold because of the increasing number of features and sites where AEOI was being concluded in-combination and the concern that even small additional mortalities could have a detrimental effect, particularly on already declining or small populations. Currently, we advise consulting NatureScot if mortalities are less than 0.2 birds/annum and the increase in adult mortality equals or exceeds 0.02 percentage points.

Given the change in advice, we highlight where the 0.2 birds/annum threshold would not have been reached, for consideration by MD-LOT:

- Kittiwake at Copinsay SPA for Ossian and Caledonia
- Kittiwake at Fair Isle SPA for Ossian and Muir Mhòr
- Kittiwake at Marwick Head SPA for Ossian and Muir Mhòr
- Kittiwake at Rousay SPA for Ossian, Muir Mhòr and Caledonia
- Puffin at Hoy SPA for Muir Mhòr.

The in-combination counterfactuals for all the above features, except kittiwake at Marwick Head, are significantly low and all these populations are in serious decline. Therefore, we considered it important that PVAs were undertaken for these features, despite the low project alone mortalities.

These PVAs have been presented within this consultation, so no further information from the Applicants is required in this instance.

A.1.1 Approach to screening SPA qualifying features – PVA screening approach (Section 2.1)

We have reviewed the accompanying Additional Information for MD-LOT report (issue D, dated 12 December 2025), and note that the description of the process does not fully align with the steps in the In-combination PVA selection tool spreadsheet. Additionally, the numbered bullet points in Section 2.1 of the report do not fully align with the fuller description of the steps in the report either. We recommend the wording is revised if relied upon for future assessments. Please also note the following additional aspects as set out below that should also be addressed.

We have identified an error in the wording of Step 4 of the PVA screening approach in Section 2.1 of the report, whereby it states, “**Include** only SPA qualifying features where an Adverse Effect on Site Integrity has been concluded, and compensation is proposed, by at least one of the Muir Mhòr, Ossian and Caledonia projects.” We highlight that ‘include’ should actually be ‘exclude’. This reflects the approach originally taken in the PVA screening tool.

However, we previously expressed concern with this approach which would prevent the impacts of two uncompensated projects from being screened into the PVA assessment if they exceed the relevant threshold. This is likely only a possibility in a scenario where one project reached AEoSI in the project-alone assessment and has committed to compensating for its impacts, and both of the other two projects have connectivity and predicted impacts on that same feature. Therefore, with the compensated project impacts zeroed, there is still the potential for the other projects to cause AEoSI in-combination.

Similarly, it appears there may be an error in the following paragraph: “Finally, it is not possible to conclude **no** Adverse Effect on Site Integrity in-combination if one (or more) of the Muir Mhòr, Ossian or Caledonia projects alone have already concluded an Adverse Effect on Site Integrity (and are proposing compensation for that SPA qualifying feature) within their respective project Reports to Informa Appropriate Assessments (RIAs). Consequently, fifteen SPA qualifying features were removed due to an existing Adverse Effect on Site Integrity (and proposed compensation) from one, or more, of Muir Mhòr, Ossian or Caledonia”. Our understanding is that this should read “Finally, it is not possible to **conclude Adverse Effect on Site Integrity** in-combination” to be consistent with the earlier statements.

Muir Mhòr were advised in a meeting in December 2025 that a PVA for guillemot at Buchan Ness to Collieston Coast SPA may have been missed based on this approach as the Muir Mhòr RIAA and AEI concluded no AEoSI for this feature. As a result of our advice on the AEI submission, Muir Mhòr have now concluded AEoSI from their project on guillemot at Buchan Ness to Collieston Coast SPA. Along with the existing AEoSI conclusion for Ossian, this means two of the three projects in question will now compensate their impacts to this feature, thus in our view, an in-combination PVA is not required for the project-alone impacts of Caledonia, noting that this is based on NatureScot conclusions, as the Appropriate Assessment has not yet been completed.

We believe that the approach taken in the in-combination PVA assessment has not excluded any in-combination PVAs because of these differences as there are no scenarios that would allow this to

occur. We do however wish to flag the issues with the wording of this approach, in the case that any future Applicants may refer to this report to inform their own assessments.

A.1.2 CEF PVA selection tool spreadsheet

Whilst we accept the Cumulative Effects Framework (CEF) PVA selection tool spreadsheet submitted as part of this Additional Information, we highlight various points to assist future Applicants in the interpretation of the spreadsheet and use in future assessments.

A.1.2.1 Razorbill non-breeding

In the 'RA Non-Breeding' sheet of the CEF PVA selection tool spreadsheet, Fowlsheugh SPA winter passage is entered twice. Instead, one set of winter impacts should be for Troup, Pennan and Lion's Heads SPA and this applies to all projects listed.

As a result, there is also an error in the 'Summary' sheet of the CEF PVA selection tool spreadsheet. The corrected impact values in column C should be 90.56664719 for Fowlsheugh SPA and 18.34788324 for Troup, Pennan and Lion's Heads SPA.

However, as neither SPA was taken through to the PVA stage in this Additional Information, there are no implications for our advice for Ossian, although future Applicants should be made aware of this when using the CEF PVA selection tool spreadsheet.

A.1.2.2 Kittiwake non-breeding

In the 'KI Non-Breeding' sheet of the CEF PVA selection tool spreadsheet, for East Caithness Cliffs SPA in both autumn and spring migration seasons, and for both collision and displacement impacts, the value for column M 'Project consented and committed to all compensation' was set to 'Y' for almost all projects, so all impacts were set to zero. The only Scottish projects which should have been set to 'Y' (i.e. consented projects with requirement for compensation) and have impacts zeroed are:

- Berwick Bank
- Green Volt
- Salamander
- West of Orkney

Please note, we have not reviewed the non-Scottish projects in this column, however, it is likely that most of the projects listed have also been incorrectly set to 'Y' and zeroed.

This affects the non-breeding season total impact for East Caithness Cliffs SPA and the annual total impact. However, East Caithness Cliffs SPA was not taken through to the PVA stage in this Additional Information, so there are no implications for our advice for Ossian. Changing column M to 'N' for the affected projects would resolve this issue and future Applicants should be made aware of this when using the CEF PVA selection tool spreadsheet.

A.2 Summary of second Additional Information in-combination conclusions

Our assessments of AEOsI are primarily based on the PVA Counterfactual of Population Size (CPS) outputs after 35 years (2067). However, in reaching our conclusions we also consider a range of other factors including:

- counterfactual of Population Growth Rate (CGR) outputs and the % decrease in population growth rate

- status of the population including short and long-term trends, at SPA, national and UK levels
- condition of the feature
- species ecology
- proportional importance of species in Scotland and UK
- impacts of HPAI and other recent mortality events.

PVAs were undertaken for the following impact pathways:

- collision
- distributional responses
- collision and displacement combined for gannet and kittiwake.

Our conclusions of AEOsI in relation to Ossian and the assessment provided within the second Additional Information are summarised below in Table A-1, further detail is provided in section A.3.

*Table A-1. Summary of assessment conclusions for Ossian in-combination with Muir Mhòr and Caledonia where PVA has been undertaken for this Additional Information. Conclusions of AEOsI are bolded. ** indicates no project alone mortality for Muir Mhòr and *** indicates no project alone mortality for Caledonia. Those SPAs / features where no project mortality has been determined for Ossian have been removed.*

Special Protection Area (SPA)	Qualifying species	CPS (35 years)	CGR (35 years)	NatureScot conclusion of AEOsI
Copinsay	Kittiwake**	0.822-0.747	0.995-0.992	AEOsI
Fair Isle	Gannet	0.970-0.942	0.999-0.998	No AEOsI
	Kittiwake***	0.869-0.812	0.996-0.994	AEOsI
Forth Islands	Puffin	0.913-0.834	0.997-0.995	AEOsI
Hermaness, Saxa Ford & Valla Field	Gannet	0.964-0.923	0.999-0.998	No AEOsI
Marwick Head	Kittiwake	0.941-0.916	0.998-0.998	No AEOsI
North Rona & Sule Sgeir	Gannet	0.992-0.985	1.00-1.00	No AEOsI
Noss	Gannet	0.967-0.934	0.999-0.998	No AEOsI
Rousay	Kittiwake	0.652-0.531	0.988-0.983	AEOsI
Sule Skerry & Sule Stack	Gannet	0.918-0.910	0.998-0.997	No AEOsI

A.3 Individual SPA in-combination assessments from second Additional Information relevant for Ossian

A.3.1 Copinsay SPA

*Table A-2. PVA results for Copinsay SPA. ** indicates no project alone mortality for Muir Mhòr*

Species	CPS	CGR	NatureScot conclusion of AEOsI
Kittiwake**	0.822-0.747	0.995-0.992	AEOsI

For kittiwake we conclude AEOsI at Copinsay SPA, considering:

- the significantly low CPS value representing a population decrease of up to 25%

- a decrease in population growth rate of up to 0.8%
- 78% population decline between Seabird 2000 and Seabirds Count
- the recent impact of HPAI resulting in a further 69% decline in population (Tremlett et al 2024¹)
- the unfavourable condition of the feature.

A.3.2 Fair Isle SPA

Table A-3. PVA results for Fair Isle SPA. *** indicates no project alone mortality for Caledonia

Species	CPS	CPS	NatureScot conclusion of AEoSI
Gannet	0.970-0.942	0.999-0.998	No AEoSI
Kittiwake***	0.869-0.812	0.996-0.994	AEoSI

For gannet at Fair Isle SPA we conclude No AEoSI, considering:

- the high CPS values, representing only a small population decline of up to 5.8%
- the high CGR value, representing a decrease in population growth rate of only 0.2%
- the increasing population between Seabird 2000 and Seabirds Count and only a 3% decline following HPAI.

For kittiwake at Fair Isle SPA we conclude AEoSI, considering:

- the significantly low CPS value representing a population decrease of up to 18.8%
- a decrease in population growth rate of up to 0.6%
- 95% population decline between Seabird 2000 and Seabirds Count
- the unfavourable condition of the feature.

A.3.3 Forth Islands SPA

Table A-4. PVA results for Forth Islands SPA

Species	CPS	CGR	NatureScot conclusion of AEoSI
Puffin	0.913-0.834	0.997-0.995	AEoSI

For puffin at Forth Islands SPA we conclude AEoSI, considering:

- the significantly low CPS value for the high displacement scenario, representing a population decrease of 16.6%
- a decrease in population growth rate of up to 0.5%
- 39% population decline between Seabird 2000 and Seabirds Count, despite the favourable condition of the feature.

¹ Tremlett, C.J., Morley, N., and Wilson, L.J. (2024). UK seabird colony counts in 2023 following the 2021-22 outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. RSPB Research Report 76. RSPB Centre for Conservation Science, RSPB, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 2DL.

A.3.4 Hermaness, Saxa Vord & Valla Field SPA

Table A-5. PVA results for Hermaness, Saxa Vord & Valla Field SPA

Species	CPS	CGR	NatureScot conclusion of AEoSI
Gannet	0.964-0.923	0.999-0.998	No AEoSI

For gannet at Hermaness, Saxa Vord & Valla Field SPA we conclude No AEoSI, considering:

- the high CPS values, representing only a small population decline of up to 7.7%
- the high CGR value, representing a decrease in population growth rate of only 0.2%
- the increasing population between Seabird 2000 and Seabirds Count of 89%, though we note a 37% decline following HPAI (Tremlett et al 2024).

A.3.4 Marwick Head SPA

Table A-6. PVA results for Marwick Head SPA

Species	CPS	CGR	NatureScot conclusion of AEoSI
Kittiwake	0.941-0.916	0.998-0.998	No AEoSI

For kittiwake at Marwick Head SPA we conclude No AEoSI, considering:

- the high CPS values, representing only a small population decline of up to 8.4%
- the high CGR value, representing a decrease in population growth rate of only 0.2%.

We note that the population decline of 84% between Seabird 2000 and Seabirds Count and the unfavourable condition of the feature, but a population increase of 59% was recorded in 2023 (Tremlett et al 2024). However, the counterfactual values are not of concern and the project contribution to the in-combination totals is minimal.

A.3.5 North Rona & Sule Sgeir SPA

Table A-7. PVA results for North Rona & Sule Sgeir SPA

Species	CPS	CGR	NatureScot conclusion of AEoSI
Gannet	0.992-0.985	1.00-1.00	No AEoSI

For gannet at North Rona & Sule Sgeir SPA we conclude No AEoSI, considering:

- the high CPS values, representing only a small population decline of up to 1.5%
- the high CGR value, with no decrease in population growth rate
- the increasing population between Seabird 2000 and Seabirds Count of 33%, though we note a 23% decline following HPAI
- the favourable condition of the feature.

A.3.6 Noss SPA

Table A-8. PVA results for Noss SPA

Species	CPS	CGR	NatureScot conclusion of AEoSI
Gannet	0.967-0.934	0.999-0.998	No AEoSI

For gannet at Noss SPA we conclude No AEOsI, considering:

- the high CPS values, representing only a small population decline of up to 6.6%
- the high CGR value, representing a decrease in population growth rate of only 0.2%
- the increasing population between Seabird 2000 and Seabirds Count of 59%, though we note a 10% decline following HPAI (Tremlet et al 2024).

A.3.7 Rousay SPA

Table A-9. PVA results for Rousay SPA

Species	CPS	CGR	NatureScot conclusion of AEOsI
Kittiwake	0.652-0.531	0.988-0.983	AEOsI

For kittiwake at Rousay SPA we conclude AEOsI, considering:

- the very low CPS value representing a population decrease of up to 47%
- a decrease in population growth rate of up to 1.7%
- 88% population decline between Seabird 2000 and Seabirds Count
- the unfavourable condition of the feature.

A.3.8 Sule Skerry to Sule Stack SPA

Table A-10. PVA results for Sule Skerry to Sule Stack SPA

Species	CPS	CGR	NatureScot conclusion of AEOsI
Gannet	0.918-0.910	0.998-0.997	No AEOsI

For gannet at Sule Skerry to Sule Stack SPA we conclude No AEOsI, considering:

- the high CPS values, representing only a small population decline of up to 9%
- the high CGR value, representing a decrease in population growth rate of up to 0.3%
- the stable population between Seabird 2000 and Seabirds Count
- the favourable condition of the feature.

A.4 Summary of final in-combination conclusions for Ossian

Table A-11 includes a summary of final NatureScot advice on the in-combination conclusions of AEOsI following the provision of Additional Information in relation to SPAs with breeding seabird qualifying species, for Ossian. These conclusions supersede our previous conclusions for the sites/species outlined below.

As indicated above, and in our response to the first Additional Information Report (issued 02 December 2025), where relevant Ossian has opted to remove Berwick Bank (and Green Volt) compensated impacts from the individual assessments provided within the first Additional Information. Caledonia has also done this. However, this differs from the approach taken by Muir Mhòr whereby an in-combination scenario which includes full, uncompensated impacts from Berwick Bank (and Green Volt) is presented, as agreed based on the position at the time. We highlight this difference in approach to Scottish Ministers for consideration.

For Ossian, we also highlight that in the first Additional Information scenarios ‘including’ and ‘excluding’ Berwick Bank were presented for some sites/species; this is relevant for specific SPA features that Berwick Bank is not required to compensate. In the original Application Ossian presented in-combination scenarios including Berwick Bank and without Berwick Bank.

Table A-11. Summary of NatureScot in-combination conclusions drawn from the assessment(s) provided in the Ossian original Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) from 28 June 2024, first Additional Information Report (AIR) from 16 October 2025, second Additional Information Report (AIR) from this consultation. Conclusions of AEoSI are bolded.

Special Protection Area (SPA)	Qualifying Species	CPS (35 years)	Source (original EIAR, first AIR, second AIR)	NatureScot conclusion of AEoSI (in-combination)
Buchan Ness to Collieston Coast SPA	Guillemot	0.967–0.864 with BB 0.972–0.833 without BB	First AIR	Unable to conclude no AEoSI
	Herring gull	PVA not undertaken, see NatureScot advice on First AIR ²	First AIR	No AEoSI
	Kittiwake	0.882 – 0.868	First AIR	AEoSI
Calf of Eday SPA	Kittiwake	PVA not undertaken, see NatureScot advice on First AIR ³	First AIR	No AEoSI
Copinsay SPA	Kittiwake	0.822-0.747	Second AIR	AEoSI
East Caithness Cliffs SPA	Kittiwake	0.790-0.712	First AIR	AEoSI
	Razorbill	Screened out in First AIR ⁴	First AIR	Screened out – No AEoSI
Fair Isle SPA	Gannet	0.970-0.942	Second AIR	No AEoSI
	Kittiwake	0.869-0.812	Second AIR	AEoSI
Forth Islands SPA	Gannet	0.712-0.787 with BB 0.763-0.822 without BB	Original EIAR	AEoSI
	Kittiwake	0.857-0.794	First AIR	AEoSI
	Guillemot	0.931-0.720	First AIR	AEoSI
	Razorbill	0.928-0.674	First AIR	AEoSI
	Puffin	0.913-0.834	Second AIR	AEoSI
Fowlsheugh SPA	Guillemot	0.953-0.800	First AIR	Unable to conclude no AEoSI
	Herring gull	PVA not undertaken, see NatureScot advice on First AIR ⁵	First AIR	No AEoSI
	Kittiwake	0.866 - 0.815	First AIR	AEoSI

² NatureScot advice issued 02 December 2025, see Table 3 and advice on page 11.

³ NatureScot advice issued 02 December 2025, see Table 3 and advice on page 11.

⁴ See relevant advice in section A.2.2 of NatureScot advice (pages 9 – 10) issued 02 December 2025.

⁵ NatureScot advice issued 02 December 2025, see Table 3 and advice on page 11.

	Razorbill	0.963-0.826	First AIR	Unable to conclude no AEoSI
Hermaness, Saxa Vord and Valla Field SPA	Gannet	0.964-0.923	Second AIR	No AEoSI
Hoy SPA	Kittiwake	PVA not undertaken, see NatureScot advice on First AIR ⁶	First AIR	No AEoSI
Marwick Head SPA	Kittiwake	0.941-0.916	Second AIR	No AEoSI
North Caithness Cliffs SPA	Kittiwake	0.83-0.789	First AIR	AEoSI
	Razorbill	Screened out by First AIR ⁷	First AIR	Screened out – No AEoSI
North Rona and Sula Sgeir SPA	Gannet	0.992-0.985	Second AIR	No AEoSI
Noss SPA	Gannet	0.967-0.934	Second AIR	No AEoSI
Rousay SPA	Kittiwake	0.652-0.531	Second AIR	AEoSI
St Abb's Head to Fast Castle SPA	Kittiwake	0.910-0.867	First AIR	Unable to conclude no AEoSI
	Razorbill	0.997-0.908	First AIR	No AEoSI
	Guillemot	0.965-0.854	First AIR	Unable to conclude no AEoSI
Sule Skerry and Sule Stack SPA	Gannet	0.918-0.910	Second AIR	No AEoSI
Troup, Pennan and Lion's Heads SPA	Guillemot	0.966-0.866 with BB 0.969-0.878 without BB	First AIR	Unable to conclude no AEoSI
	Kittiwake	0.876-0.832	First AIR	AEoSI
	Razorbill	0.979-0.914	First AIR	No AEoSI
West Westray SPA	Kittiwake	Screened out ahead of First AIR ⁸	<i>Supplementary Re-Screening and Apportioning Technical Note</i> prior to First AIR.	Screened out – No AEoSI

⁶ NatureScot advice issued 02 December 2025, see Table 3 and advice on page 11.

⁷ See relevant advice in section A.2.2 of NatureScot advice (pages 9 – 10) issued 02 December 2025.

⁸ Prior to the submission of the First AIR Ossian provided several technical notes and slide-packs setting out their approach to updating the ornithology assessment (i.e. re-screening, apportioning and PVA for selected species). A *Supplementary Re-Screening and Apportioning Technical Note* was provided on 28 January 2025; in NatureScot advice issued to Ossian and MD-LOT on 28 February 2025 we accepted the list of Scottish sites screened in as presented in Table 2 of the Technical Note. West Westray SPA was not screened in for further assessment, we understand the basis for screening-out this SPA was the edge-to-edge at sea distance between the Ossian site boundary and the SPA boundary (as per distances provided by Ossian on 16 December 2024), which we accept.

A.4.1 Seabird assemblage features

As highlighted within our previous advice (issued 02 December 2025 and 20 September 2024), for those SPAs which have a seabird assemblage feature, where we have concluded AEOsI for at least one named species of the seabird assemblage, then the same conclusion is reached for the seabird assemblage feature.

NatureScot conclusions for seabird assemblage features are included below to update those provided within our previous advice.

For the seabird assemblage feature (and named species) we therefore **conclude AEOsI in-combination** at:

- Buchan Ness to Collieston Coast SPA (kittiwake)
- Copinsay SPA (kittiwake)
- East Caithness Cliffs SPA (kittiwake)
- Fair Isle SPA (kittiwake)
- Forth Islands SPA (kittiwake, guillemot, razorbill, gannet, puffin)
- Fowlsheugh SPA (kittiwake)
- North Caithness Cliffs SPA (kittiwake)
- Rousay SPA (kittiwake)
- Troup, Pennan and Lion's Heads SPA (kittiwake)

For the seabird assemblage feature (and named species) we are **unable to conclude No AEOsI in-combination** at:

- Buchan Ness to Collieston Coast SPA (guillemot)
- Fowlsheugh SPA (guillemot, razorbill)
- St Abbs Head to Fast Castle SPA (kittiwake, guillemot)
- Troup, Pennan and Lion's Heads SPA (guillemot)

A.4.2 Marine SPAs

A.4.2.1 Outer Firth of Forth and St Andrews Bay Complex SPA (OFFSABC)

As set out in our advice dated 02 December 2025, our assessment of impacts to the OFFSABC marine SPA breeding seabird qualifying features has been undertaken with respect to the functionally linked breeding colony SPAs⁹. These are listed in Table A-12 below along with relevant features and our colony SPA conclusions for AEOsI. Table A-12 provides an update to the conclusions provided for OFFSABC within in our previous advice.

Table A-12. Summary of NatureScot conclusions for functionally linked breeding colony SPAs for OFFSABC. Conclusions are drawn from the assessment(s) provided in the Ossian original Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) from 28 June 2024, first Additional Information Report (AIR) from 16 October 2025, second Additional Information Report (AIR) from this consultation.

SPA	Species	Source (original EIAR, first AIR, second AIR)	NatureScot conclusion for colony SPA (in-combination)
Buchan Ness to Collieston Coast	Kittiwake	First AIR	AEOsI
	Guillemot	First AIR	Unable to conclude no AEOsI

⁹ Conservation and Management Advice (2022) Outer Firth of Forth and St Andrews Bay Complex Special Protection Area (SPA)

Forth Islands	Kittiwake	First AIR	AEoSI
	Guillemot	First AIR	AEoSI
	Razorbill	First AIR	AEoSI
	Gannet	Original EIAR	AEoSI
	Puffin	Second AIR	AEoSI
Fowlsheugh	Kittiwake	First AIR	AEoSI
	Guillemot	First AIR	Unable to conclude no AEoSI
	Razorbill	First AIR	Unable to conclude no AEoSI
St Abbs Head to Fast Castle	Kittiwake	First AIR	Unable to conclude no AEoSI
	Guillemot	First AIR	Unable to conclude no AEoSI
	Razorbill	First AIR	No AEoSI
Troup, Pennan and Lion's Heads	Kittiwake	First AIR	AEoSI
	Guillemot	First AIR	Unable to conclude no AEoSI
	Razorbill	First AIR	No AEoSI

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Good afternoon,

NLB have no comment to provide with regard to this ornithological update.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017

The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 AND MARINE LICENCES UNDER PART 4 OF THE MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE OSSIAN OFFSHORE WIND FARM, APPROXIMATELY 80 KM SOUTH EAST OF ABERDEEN.

On 28 June 2024, Ossian Offshore Wind Farm Limited (“the Applicant”) submitted an application to the Scottish Ministers, in accordance with the above legislation, to construct and operate the Ossian Offshore Wind Farm at a site off the coast of

Aberdeen.

Further to the consultation on the applications and EIA Report issued on 12 July 2024, and subsequent consultation on the additional information issued on 16 October 2025, the Applicant has now submitted new documents and additional information in relation to ornithology as follows:

- [Cover Letter](#)
- [Ornithology in-combination Population Viability Analysis \(“PVA”\) screening tool](#)
- [Ossian, Muir Mhor and Caledonia interim cumulative effects framework in-combination estimates](#)
- [PVA output files for screened in SPA features](#)

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, a copy of this additional information must be supplied to everyone who was provided with a copy of the EIA Report.

All the information about the project, including the EIA Report, can be found at: <https://marine.gov.scot/?q=node/27212>. The information provided in relation to the project including all other environmental topic assessments other than ornithology remain as per the information provided within the EIA Report, issued on 12 July 2024, and the additional information, issued on 16 October 2025, which you were previously consulted on. Any previous representations which you have submitted with regards to the above section 36 consent and marine licence applications will be considered.

Please submit your representations on the additional information to MD.MarineRenewables@gov.scot by 27 February 2026. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please contact the Marine Directorate – Licensing Operations Team on receipt of this e-mail.

Kind regards,
Iain

Iain MacDonald

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order
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Proposal Application for consent under section 36 of the electricity act 1989 and marine licences under part 4 of the marine and coastal access act 2009 to construct and operate the ossian offshore wind farm, approximately 80 km south east of aberdeen.

Location Ossian Offshore Wind Farm Ltd

Applicant Iain MacDonald

I would confirm that Development Management have **No Objection** to the above consultation.

Yours Faithfully

Mr Laurence O'Dwyer
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RSPB Scotland Response to Ossian Additional Information Report March 2026

The Ossian Additional Information Report (2025) addresses the need for in-combination PVAs across Muir Mhòr, Ossian and Caledonia identified by NatureScot.

The in-combination PVA screening identifies 16 SPA qualifying features, covering gannet, kittiwake and puffin across multiple SPAs. At each of these the % change in adult survival exceeded the 0.02% threshold. While these SPAs were previously identified as having connectivity, they were not identified as having AEoSI.

Having reviewed the PVA results included in the Additional Information Report we would flag seven SPAs where the estimated in combination impact is of concern (Table 1). These SPAs are estimated to have reductions in population size of up to *ca.* 50% over 30 years when many populations are already declining.

Table 1. Summary of focal species counterfactual of population size (CPS) and associated confidence intervals (CI) for Special Protection Areas (SPAs) identified during revised scoping. CPS relate to NatureScot “High” Impact Scenario in combination with consented developments and relate to combined collision (kittiwake) and displacement (all species) impacts after 30 and 50 years.

Species	SPA	CPS 30y	CI	CPS 50y	CI
Guillemot	Sule Skerry	0.910	0.875-0.947	0.877	0.838-0.918
Kittiwake	Copinsay	0.747	0.617-0.906	0.667	0.544-0.815
	Fair Isle	0.812	0.697-0.948	0.748	0.636-0.879
	Rousay	0.531	0.439-0.639	0.414	0.338-0.506
Puffin	Forth Islands	0.834	0.810-0.856	0.777	0.748-0.803
	Hoy	0.812	0.572-1.130	0.750	0.468-1.170
	North Caithness Cliffs	0.655	0.579-0.734	0.555	0.472-0.653

Table 2. Summary of species population count and percentage change since last census for selected SPA populations taken from the Seabirds Count database

Species	SPA	Population	Unit	% change
Guillemot	Sule Skerry	9000	Individuals	-21%
Kittiwake	Copinsay	955	Apparently Occupied Nests	-78%
	Fair Isle	448		-95%
	Rousay	330		-88%
Puffin	Forth Islands	42923	Apparently Occupied Burrows	-39%
	Hoy	430		n/a
	North Caithness Cliffs	3039		-56%

Analysis

1. Within the range of likely mortalities derived using the methods advocated by NatureScot, Marine Scotland Science and the RSPB during scoping, the impacts arising from distributional change associated with Ossian Offshore Wind Farm in combination with other North Sea wind farms (including Caledonia and Muir Mhòr) are predicted to result in the annual population growth rate of Guillemot at the Sule Skerry SPA declining with a ratio of impacted to unimpacted population growth rate of between 0.996 and 0.998. This means that after the 30-year lifetime of the Ossian Offshore Wind Farm, the population size of the SPA is expected to be between 87.5 and 94.7% of what it would have been in the absence of the development.
2. Within the range of likely mortalities derived using the methods advocated by NatureScot, Marine Scotland Science and the RSPB during scoping, the impacts arising from distributional change associated with Ossian Offshore Wind Farm in combination with other North Sea wind farms (including Caledonia and Muir Mhòr) are predicted to result in the annual population growth rate of Kittiwake at the Copinsay SPA declining with a ratio of impacted to unimpacted population growth rate of between 0.987 and 0.996. This means that after the 30-year lifetime of the Ossian Offshore Wind Farm, the population size of the SPA is expected to be between 61.7 and 90.6% of what it would have been in the absence of the development.
3. Within the range of likely mortalities derived using the methods advocated by NatureScot, Marine Scotland Science and the RSPB during scoping, the impacts arising from distributional change and collision mortality associated with Ossian Offshore Wind Farm in combination with other North Sea wind farms (including Caledonia and Muir Mhòr) are predicted to result in the annual population growth rate of Kittiwake at the Fair Isle SPA declining with a ratio of impacted to unimpacted population growth rate of between 0.991 and 0.998. This means that after the 30-year lifetime of the Ossian Offshore Wind Farm, the population size of the SPA is expected to be between 69.7 and 94.8% of what it would have been in the absence of the development.
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6. Within the range of likely mortalities derived using the methods advocated by NatureScot, Marine Scotland Science and the RSPB during scoping, the impacts arising from distributional change associated with Ossian Offshore Wind Farm in combination with other North Sea wind farms (including Caledonia and Muir Mhòr) are predicted to result in the annual population growth rate of Puffin at the Hoy SPA declining with a ratio of impacted to unimpacted population growth rate of between 0.985 and 1.000. This means that after the 30-year lifetime of the Ossian Offshore Wind Farm, the population size of the SPA is expected to be between 57.2 and 113.0% of what it would have been in the absence of the development.
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Hi Matt,

Many thanks for getting back to me. I have now received response from our Planning and Environment Officer and I write to inform you that RYA Scotland have no comment that we wish to make on this application.

Kind Regards

Pauline

Pauline McGrow
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Hi Pauline,

Thanks for your email, a response by this afternoon would be very much appreciated.

Kind regards,

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Importance: High

Hi Iain,

Many thanks for your email. I am really sorry but I actually missed the original email. I have sent an urgent email to our Planning and Environment Officer to check that there is no objections. Is it ok for me to get back to you this afternoon?

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The consultation period for the proposal described below ended on 27 February 2026, however MD-LOT has not received a response from your organisation. Therefore, MD-LOT is assuming a nil response.

Kind regards
Iain

Iain MacDonald
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Kind regards,
Iain

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Dear Iain MacDonald

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00010861 & 00010862

**Construct And Operate The Ossian Offshore Wind Farm
Approximately 80 KM South East Of Aberdeen**

Thank you for the above consultation. The additional information provided falls outwith SEPA's remit and we therefore have no comment. It appears that this application falls below the thresholds for which SEPA provide site specific advice. Please refer to our standing advice and other guidance which is available on our [website](#).

In addition, please also refer to our SEPA standing advice for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Marine Scotland on marine consultations available [here](#).

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

Kind regards

Nicki Dunn

Senior Planning Officer



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To the Licencing Officer for this casework,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the statutory consultation reference 00010861 / 00010862 Further Additional Information Submission for the Ossian Offshore Wind Farm. After reviewing the materials provided, we have no comments or suggestions to offer at this time. Please consider this as a formal response indicating no comments from Scottish Fishermen's Federation.

I would appreciate confirmation of receipt of this email for our audit purposes.

Regards,
Oliwia

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FAO Iain MacDonald

Afternoon Iain,

Thank you for the opportunity for Transport Scotland to comment on the Additional Information (AI) submitted in support of the Ossian Offshore Wind Farm proposal.

Transport Scotland was consulted on both the Scoping Report and EIAR for this application. We provided comment in a letter dated 6th April 2023 and email dated 3rd September 2024, respectively. In these, we noted that separate consents, licenses, and permissions for the Onshore (landward of MLWS) infrastructure of Ossian will be required and will be applied for by the Applicant, and that an Onshore EIA Report will support the onshore consent and license applications. Given the above, we confirmed that Transport Scotland had no comment to make on the Offshore supporting documents and had no objection to the proposed development.

As the AI is submitted in relation to the Ornithological elements of the proposal, I can confirm that Transport Scotland has no comment to make in this regard. As indicated previously, we will be pleased to review and comment on the Onshore elements as and when these become available.

Kind regards,

Iain

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