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PAC Report Appendix 2: Stakeholders and Promotion

MarramWind Offshore Wind Farm

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2.1 Stakeholder List

Organisations	
Aberdeen Airport	North & East Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group
Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce	North East Scotland Biodiversity Partnership
Aberdeen Archaeology Service	North East Scotland College
Aberdeen Climate Action	North Link Ferries
Aberdeen Harbour	North Sea Midstream Partners
Aberdeen Renewable Energy Group	North Sea Transition Authority
Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership	Northern Lighthouse Board
Aberdeenshire Council	Offshore Energies UK
Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust	Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult
British Helicopter Association	Opportunity North East
British Ports Association	Peterhead Academy
Buchan Development Partnership	Peterhead Area Community Trust
Buchanhaven Harbour	Peterhead Community Campus
Buchanhaven Heritage Centre	Peterhead Golf Club
Caledonian MacBrayne Ferry Services	Peterhead Port Authority
Civil Aviation Authority	Peterhead Prison Museum
Climate Ready Aberdeenshire	Peterhead Sailing Club
Communities Inshore Fisheries Alliance	Port Eroll Harbour
Crown Estate Scotland	Port of Cromarty Firth
Deepwind Offshore Wind Cluster	Prosper Scot
Deeside Community Trust	River Deveron District Salmon Fishery Board
Don Salmon Fishery Board	River Ythan District Salmon Fishery Board
Duthies Quay	Rosehearty Community Boat Club

Organisations	
East Grampian Coastal Partnership	Rotary Club of Peterhead
Energy Skills Partnership	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
Esk District Salmon Fishery Board	Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Scotland
Federation of Small Businesses	RSPB Loch of Strathbeg
Fraserburgh Academy	Sail Scotland
Fraserburgh Harbour	Scotland Lighthouse Museum Peterhead
Fraserburgh Heritage Centre	Scottish Canoe Association
Fraserburgh Port Authority	Scottish Enterprise
Friends of the Earth	Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
Grampian Pro Wind Alliance	Scottish Environmental Link
Highlands and Islands Airports Limited	Scottish Federation of Sea Anglers
Highlands and Islands Enterprise	Scottish Fishermen's Federation
Historic Environment Scotland	Scottish Funding Council
Individual local fishers	Scottish Maritime Academy
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) UK Peatland Programme	Scottish Marine Environmental Enhancement Fund
Invest Aberdeen	Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's Association
Joint Radio Company	Scottish Seafarms Limited
Longside Football Club	Scottish Sub Aqua Club
Longside Golf Club	Scottish Surfing Federation
Longside Parish Church	Scottish Water
Longside Tennis Club	Scottish White Fish Producers Association
Macduff Harbour	Scottish Wildlife Trust
Marine Conservation Society UK	Skills Development Scotland
Marine Directorate of Scotland	Sport Scotland

Organisations	
Marine Directorate – Licensing Operations Team (MD-LOT) - renamed from Marine Scotland in Summer 2023	Spey Fishery Board
Maritime Coastguard Agency	Surfers Against Sewage
Mintlaw Academy	The Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland
Mintlaw and Buchan Initiative	The Cruising Association
Ministry of Defence (MOD)	The European Marine Energy Centre
Montrose Port Authority	Transport Scotland
Moray Firth Coastal Partnership	Transport Scotland Scotways
National Air Traffic Services	UK Chamber of Shipping
National Trust for Scotland	UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre
NatureScot	Visit Scotland
Net Zero Technology Centre	Waterside Hotel
Nestrans	Whale and Dolphin Conservation
Community Councils	
Boddam Community Council	Mintlaw and District Community Council
Buchan East Community Council	New Pitsligo Community Council
Longside Community Council	Strichen Community Council
Peterhead Community Council	Rathen, Memsie and Cortes Community Council
Cruden Community Council	Invercairn Community Council
Deer Community Council	
Councillors	
Dianne Beagrie	Stephen Smith
Alan Buchan	Geoff Crowson
Matthew James	David Mair

Organisations	
Leeann McWhinnie	Hannah Powell
George Hall	Anne Simpson
Colin Simpson	
Members of Parliament (MP) and Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSP)	
David Duguid MP	Liam Kerr MSP
Seamus Logan MP	Douglas Lumsden MSP
Karen Adam MSP	Michael Marra MSP
Gillian Martin MSP	Mercedes Villalba MSP
Maggie Chapman MSP	Tess White MSP
Maurice Golden MSP	

2.2 Statutory Consultation 1

2.2.1 Leaflet



MarramWind Offshore Windfarm

Have your say

Public Consultation 27 May to 1 July 2024

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The windfarm will consist of floating wind turbines that could deliver up to 3 gigawatts of renewable energy – enough renewable electricity to power the equivalent of more than 3.5 million homes. MarramWind will play a pivotal role in helping achieve Scottish and UK net zero targets and supporting the UK's pursuit of energy security and self-reliance.

The energy generated by the wind turbines will be collected by offshore substation platforms and transmitted to shore via subsea cables. From shore, onshore underground cables will connect to onshore substations for onward connection to the electrical power grid.

MarramWind is committed to pursuing significant opportunities for investment and economic growth in the North East as well as the wider Scottish and UK communities. Local supply chain growth, skills development and job creation are central to the MarramWind Project ambitions.

The project is now at a public consultation stage where we would like your feedback on our proposals. See overleaf on where to find out more information and how to share your feedback with us.



marramwind.co.uk



We are hosting two public information events and two online events where you can learn more about the MarramWind development, meet the project team, and ask any questions you may have. These events will be held at:

Palace Hotel

6 June 2024, 1pm to 7pm

Prince Street, Peterhead AB42 1PL

Longside Parish Hall

7 June 2024, 1pm to 7pm

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Online events

30 May and 26 June, 6pm to 7pm

Email us if you would like to join

stakeholder@marramwind.com

Find out more

You can find out more information on our proposals at **www.marramwind.co.uk**.



If you have any questions, you can email us at **stakeholder@marramwind.com**

Copies of our information booklet, feedback forms and Freepost addressed envelopes are available at Peterhead Library, St Peter Street, Peterhead AB42 1QD.

Sharing your feedback

Your feedback is important to us, and we will consider it in design decisions of the project before we submit our planning application. You can provide your feedback through one of the following ways.

Online at

www.marramwind.co.uk

By email to

stakeholder@marramwind.com

Write to us at

Freepost MARRAMWIND

(No stamp needed)

Comments made to us at this stage are not formal representations to the Planning Authority or the Scottish Ministers.

Following our planning application, which we intend to submit in late 2024, you will have further opportunity to make representations to Aberdeenshire Council and the Scottish Government's Marine Directorate, who will determine whether to grant permission.

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Evidence of distribution area (12,500 properties) for Letterbox drop



2.2.2 Letters

Statutory Consultees



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6 May 2024

Invitation to statutory consultation and online engagement events

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Yours Sincerely

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Community Councils and Councillors



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Fishing Organisations



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The times for these sessions are outlined below.

- Offshore array fisheries drop-in event: 15:00-17:30
- Inshore fisheries drop-in event: 17:30-19:00

Please confirm your attendance at one of the drop-in sessions by emailing stakeholder@marramwind.com by 30 May.

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MSP's and MP's



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2.2.3 Adverts

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NEWS 23

Booing 'won't be censored' at Eurovision



ANGER: Israeli entrant Eden Golan was booed while singing Hurricane in Malmö.

BY CHARLOTTE MCLAUGHLIN

Eurovision Song Contest organisers have said they will not "censor" the audience at the second semi-final in Malmö, Sweden, after Israel's entry Eden Golan was booed during rehearsals.

Golan will be one of the last performers at Malmö Arena with her song Hurricane, which was reworked from an earlier track called October Rain, thought to be a reference to the date of the Hamas attack on Israel in which hundreds of people were kidnapped and killed.

She was booed by some of the spectators watching rehearsals on Wednesday and there were reportedly shouts of "free Palestine".

"Just like in all major TV productions with an audience, SVT work on the broadcast sound to even out the levels for TV viewers," a statement from the Eurovision organisers, including Swedish host broadcaster SVT, said.

"This is solely to achieve as balanced a sound mix as possible for the audience;

and SVT do not censor sound from the arena audience.

"The same principle applies to all competing performances and opening and interval acts.

"The EBU (European Broadcasting Union) and SVT encourage all audiences to attend in the spirit of the contest, embracing its values of inclusivity, celebrating diversity and being united by music."

Yesterday, Greta Thunberg, 21, was at the Stop Israel demonstration, between Stortorget and Mollaplatsen in the centre of the Swedish city ahead of Golan's performance.

The environmental activist was wearing a keffiyeh, a scarf commonly used to show support for Palestine, around her body in the centre of the crowd.

During the march, Stockholm-born Thunberg refused to comment apart from telling the PA news agency that she was "good" while flanked by other young activists.

Swedish police have

estimated between 10,000 to 12,000 people took part in the protest march.

"There was a banner created with Eurovision-style branding with the words "genocide" on it, an accusation vigorously denied by Israel amid the war with Hamas which was sparked by the October 7 killings and kidnappings of hundreds of Israelis.

The sign was later taken to Malmö Arena, where activists handed out leaflets making similar allegations.

At a protest in Malmö, Rory Flynn, 27, from Kildare, part of the Eurovision Irish fan club, said he was part of a "separate movement" to protest against Israel, adding the country's entry is "overshadowing the competition".

He said: "We feel that it's important to make our voices heard in the arena."

"Others are doing a full boycott - and full respect to people who are doing a full boycott - but we think it's important that our voices are heard in the arena and around Malmö."

Mr Brightside becomes UK's top selling song never to reach No 1

Iconic 2003 track Mr Brightside by the Killers has usurped Wonderwall by Oasis as the longest-running song in the UK top 100 chart without ever actually claiming the No 1 spot.

According to the Official Charts Company, Mr Brightside's 5.57 million combined sales and streams also makes it the UK's third biggest song of all time.

Elton John's Candle in the Wind '97/ Something About The Way You Look Tonight and Band Aid's Do They Know It's Christmas remain No 1 and No 2, respectively.

Mr Brightside has a total of 530.3m streams - 100 paid streams or 600 free streams equal one "sale" - and has sold 1.1m copies since its initial release over 20 years ago.

The song has spent 408 weeks - seven years - in the UK top 100.

Its closest competitor is Lewis Capaldi's Someone



Brandon Flowers.

You Loved, which trails behind at 234 weeks in the top 100.

Brandon Flowers, who wrote the iconic track with bandmate Dave Keuning, told the Official Charts Company that he now feels like the song is not even theirs.

"It's funny. I don't feel so much of it anymore. It just exists in the world," Flowers said.

"It's amazing that I had something to do with it, but I almost feel a little bit removed from it because it's so big."

The enduring track is still being streamed 1.8 million times per week by Britons.

There is no sign of it slowing, either, with last year representing the track's biggest year of streams, with 79.97 million plays.

In 2024, Mr Brightside is accelerating further still with average combined weekly sales and streams up 23% year-on-year.

On his first indication of the song's impact, 42-year-old Flowers said: "The John Peel stage at Glastonbury (in 2004).

"We'd been coming to the UK and had some great experiences, but when we played that song something had happened. A change had happened."

"Something shifted in the way that the audience physically responded, and it set us off on this path to become the live band that we are now."

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In-person consultation events

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You can find out more and share your feedback on our proposals from 27 May on our website **www.marramwind.co.uk**

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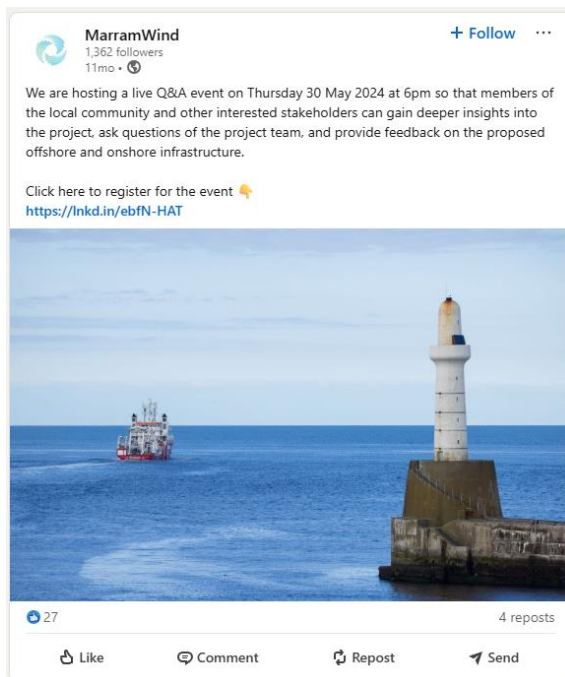
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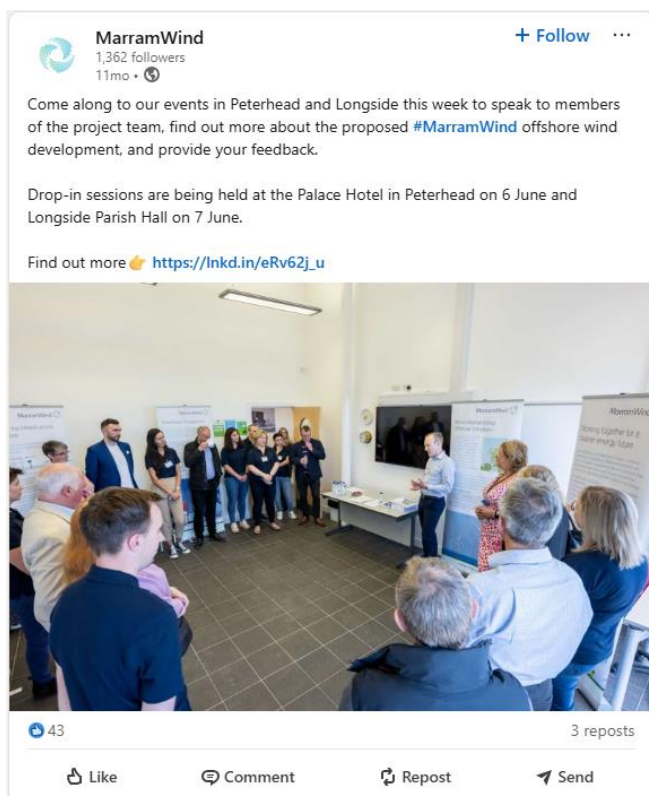
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2.2.5 Social Media

LinkedIn post - Live Q&A promotion



LinkedIn post – Drop-in event promotion



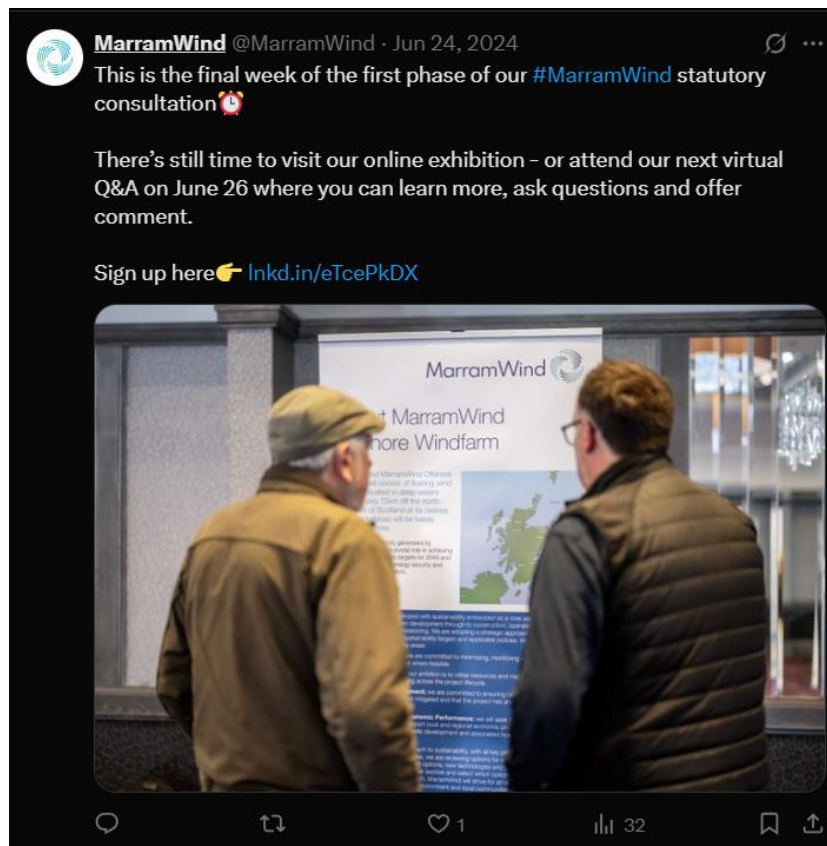
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X post - Beginning of consultation



X post – Final week of Statutory Consultation



2.3 Statutory Consultation 2

2.3.1 Leaflet



MarramWind Offshore Windfarm

Have your say

Public Consultation 9 October to 19 November 2024

ScottishPower and Shell have joined forces to develop the MarramWind floating offshore windfarm, located 75km off the north-east coast of Aberdeenshire.

The windfarm will consist of floating wind turbines that could deliver up to 3 gigawatts of renewable energy – enough renewable electricity to power the equivalent of more than 3.5 million homes. MarramWind will play a pivotal role in helping achieve Scottish and UK net zero targets and supporting the UK's pursuit of energy security and self-reliance.

MarramWind is committed to pursuing significant opportunities for investment and economic growth in the north east of Scotland as well as the wider Scottish and UK communities. Local supply chain growth, skills development and job creation are central to the MarramWind Project ambitions.

The project is hosting a second round of public consultation and we would like your feedback on our proposals which have been further developed since our first round of consultation held earlier this year. See overleaf on where to find out more information and to share your feedback with us.





We are hosting two public information events and two online events where you can learn more about the MarramWind development, meet the project team, and ask any questions you may have. These events will be held at:

In-person consultation events

Palace Hotel

29 October 2024, 1pm to 7pm
Prince Street, Peterhead AB42 1PL

Longside Football Club

30 October 2024, 1pm to 7pm
Davidson Park/Station Rd,
Peterhead AB42 4GR

Online Q&A events

**7 October and 7 November 2024,
6pm to 7pm**

Email us if you would like to join
stakeholder@marramwind.com

Sharing your feedback

Your feedback is important to us, and we will consider it in design decisions of the project before we submit our planning application.

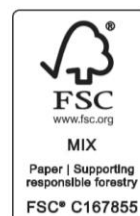


You can find out more and share your feedback on our proposals from
9 October 2024 until 11:59pm
on 19 November 2024
on our website
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Evidence of distribution area (13,055 properties) for Letterbox drop for Statutory Consultation 2



2.3.2 Letters

Community Councils and Councillors



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10 September 2024

Invitation to statutory consultation and online engagement events

I am writing to provide you with updates relating to the proposed MarramWind offshore windfarm and to invite you to participate in the second statutory consultation phase for the project, scheduled to take place in October 2024.

About MarramWind

MarramWind is a proposed floating offshore windfarm being developed by ScottishPower and Shell, 75km off the north-east coast of Aberdeenshire. The project, one of the first commercial-scale floating offshore windfarms in the world, has the potential to produce up to 3 gigawatts (GW) of clean, renewable electricity, which would power the equivalent of more than 3.5 million homes.

Statutory consultation phase one

On 3 April 2024, MarramWind submitted a Proposal of Application Notice (PoAN) to Aberdeenshire Council which was subsequently accepted. This submission commenced the statutory Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) period for the proposed onshore infrastructure works associated with the proposed Windfarm. Under the Town and Country Planning (Pre-Application Consultation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, on 8 May 2024 we wrote to all Community Councils whose boundary area is within or adjoins the land of the proposed development, advising them of our statutory consultation dates and inviting engagement and feedback on our plans.

The project undertook its first round of statutory consultation between 27 May – 1 July 2024, with in-person events in Peterhead & Longside, and two online Q&A sessions. The consultation booklet from these events is available on the Project website: www.marramwind.co.uk. We are grateful for the comments provided by stakeholders during the first consultation period and since then, the Project team has been assessing the themes and issues raised by stakeholders in order to refine the project's design. Details of how we have considered stakeholder feedback will be demonstrated during our next statutory consultation period outlined below.

Subsequently, following a review of the MarramWind development programme, we decided to delay our second round of statutory consultation to allow additional time to present a considered project design, enabling stakeholders to provide meaningful feedback to shape the planning applications we intend to submit to the relevant consenting bodies in September 2025. Details of the Project's second statutory consultation phase, approved by Aberdeenshire Council, can be found below.

Statutory consultation phase two

As part of the PAC, we are hosting the in-person engagement events noted below so that members of the local community and other interested stakeholders can gain deeper insights into the project, ask questions of the project team, and provide feedback on the proposed offshore and onshore infrastructure:

- Tuesday 29 October 2024, 1pm to 7pm
Palace Hotel, Prince Street, Peterhead, AB42 1PL
- Wednesday 30 October 2024, 1pm to 7pm
Longside Football Club, Davidson Park/Station Rd, Longside, AB42 4GR

We would like to invite you to a dedicated introductory hour from 12pm to 1pm on Tuesday 29 October and Wednesday 30 October to review the project proposals and engage in discussions with the project team prior to the events opening to the public. Please confirm your attendance by emailing stakeholder@marramwind.com by 22 October. We will also be providing a light lunch. If you have any dietary requirements, please include them in your confirmation.

Online presentations

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- Monday 7 October 2024, 6pm to 7pm
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Virtual exhibition

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Outwith the consultation events noted above, I would also like to extend an invitation to meet with us at a convenient date to discuss the benefits the project will bring to local communities and the region. If a meeting is of interest, please email the project's Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Ross Williams, at stakeholder@marramwind.com to arrange.

Yours Sincerely,

[Redacted]

Project Director

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Marine Licence Notice for stakeholders



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10 September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Notice under Regulation 6(2) of the Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013

I am writing on behalf of MarramWind Ltd regarding the proposed MarramWind Floating Offshore Windfarm.

This letter notifies you of MarramWind Ltd's intention to submit applications for marine licences from Marine Scotland for the development, construction, and operation of the offshore windfarm and associated transmission infrastructure.

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Stakeholder engagement and consultation is a critical part of the development process, and we are committed to developing an offshore windfarm in a considered way that is sensitive to the needs and expectations of local stakeholders whilst creating long-lasting benefits and opportunities. The Project undertook its first round of statutory consultation between 27 May – 1 July 2024 in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, with in-person events in Peterhead & Longside, and two online Q&A sessions. The consultation booklet is available on the Project website: www.marramwind.co.uk.

The project is holding further online and in person public consultation events under the Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) requirements within the Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013. These events will allow members of the local community and other interested stakeholders to gain deeper insights into the project, ask questions of the project team, and provide feedback on the proposed offshore and onshore infrastructure.

In accordance with Section 7 of the Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, a notice providing details of our upcoming statutory consultation activity will be published in a local newspaper a minimum of six weeks before the first event. A copy of the notice, alongside a figure identifying the area of the Scottish marine area which is the subject of a proposed application for a marine licence, is enclosed with this letter.

Also enclosed with this letter is a comprehensive PAC Overview Report. This report describes in general terms the development to be carried out, the planned approach to the delivery of statutory consultation, when these consultations will take place and with whom, and the appropriate notification arrangements for all relevant parties.

Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to make contact by emailing Ross Williams at: Stakeholder@marramwind.com or calling at 07514 954 627.

Yours Sincerely
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Project Director

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12 September 2024

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Fishing organisations



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The times for these sessions are outlined below.

- Offshore array fisheries drop-in event: Tuesday 29 October, 15:00-17:30
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Yours Sincerely,

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General stakeholders



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2.3.3 Adverts

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NEWS



Alexander Burnett MSP and Buchanan and Gordon MP Harriet Cross outside one of the Minor Injury Units.

U-turn call on closures overnight

Kevin McRoberts
Reporter
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More than 90 per cent of residents say the overnight closure of three Aberdeenshire minor injury units will have an impact on their family.

A recent survey conducted by Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership found 2,177 (91 per cent) of people would be detrimentally affected by the change in opening hours to Fraserburgh, Huntly and Peterhead minor injury units.

Aberdeenshire West MSP Alexander Burnett and Buckie-based MSP Tim Eagle said the survey results highlight the need to reverse the decision to cut overnight opening hours at the three facilities.

Politicians met NHS Grampian bosses on Friday to raise concerns about a number of issues, including MIU accessibility.

But there is hope the overnight closures may be U-turned when a paper outlining the impacts of the decision is published early next year.

The data, gathered throughout the six months

since the closure, will look at the impact on the wider out of hours health care system, including attendances at the emergency departments at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and Dr Gray's, and the resulting pressure on the Scottish Ambulance Service and GMed services.

In the new survey recently published, there were 1,092 responses relating to concerns on the increased distance to access treatment overnight. These comments included fears about the lack of public transport and travel costs, particularly for those who don't drive or own a vehicle.

There were also 334 responses relating to concerns about accessing local health care overnight.

A total of 310 concerns were raised about what would happen in the event of a medical emergency in the overnight period. This included concerns about who to turn to in the event of a stroke, heart attack, anaphylaxis or severe blood loss.

Mr Burnett, said: "This survey sends a clear message that closing Huntly, Fraserburgh and Peterhead minor injury units overnight is the

wrong decision.

"The people of the North East shouldn't have had to wait months after the decision had already been made for this survey to be published and for their voices to be heard.

"This and the sheer lack of consultation sends the wrong message to the public whose rural healthcare services are being cut to the bone.

"Since these cuts have been implemented, I have heard first-hand how patients are now living in fear if a medical matter arises overnight, with many being forced to wait until the morning to be seen or in some cases, not bother at all due to the lack of local health provision available.

"When the new paper outlining the impacts of this decision is published early next year, I hope this deeply damaging move can be reversed to protect the needs of our communities."

Mr Eagle added: "These minor injury units provide a lifeline service to people, especially for those living in rural areas, and this survey underlines the strength of anger among communities by this decision."

Low overnight numbers and a need to make savings

Overnight closures of the Minor Injury Units in Fraserburgh, Peterhead and Huntly were introduced in July this year.

They now operate from 7am with the first available appointment at 8.30am and the last available appointment for a minor injury presentation at 7pm.

At the time the changes were introduced, John Tomlinson, chair of the Integrated Joint Board (IJB), said: "We know that change can be unsettling and this decision, to alter the opening hours of the three MIUs, has not been taken lightly; it rests on a strong foundation of data collected over many months – which shows a low number of minor injury presentations overnight."

Councillor Anne Stirling, IJB vice chair, added: "Like much of the public sector we are facing significant budgetary pressures and will need to make efficiencies and savings of over £20m



Peterhead's minor injury unit is closed overnight. (Pic: Google Maps)

this financial year to ensure that health and social care services for our most vulnerable residents are sustainable into the future."

The minor injury service and the out of hours GP services (GMed) are both accessed by calling NHS 24 on 111 and people should not arrive at any of the units without an appointment.

You should call NHS 24 on 111 when you think you need A&E but it's not life or limb threatening; you need support with mental health distress; or you need urgent care, and your GP, pharmacy or dental practice is closed.

Always call 999 in a medical emergency – when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.

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MarramWind Offshore Windfarm

Public Consultation 9 October to 19 November 2024

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In-person consultation events

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NEWS

Construction begins on major electricity project

Kevin McRoberts
Reporter
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Construction work on what will be the UK's single biggest ever electricity transmission project took a step forward with a simultaneous ground-breaking ceremony in Scotland and England at each end of the 2GW subsea link.

Representatives from SSEN Transmission and National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET), who will deliver the £4.3bn EGL2 project as a joint venture, took the first ceremonial spadefuls of earth at events in Peterhead and Drax in North Yorkshire on Thursday.

At more than 500km in length, the project includes what will be the longest



Representatives of partners involved in the Eastern Green Link 2 project break ground in Peterhead.

HVDC subsea cable in the UK (436km), and will provide enough green electricity to power around two million

homes. The project will support hundreds of skilled jobs during the construction phase

and thousands more through supply chain activity.

Gregor Alexander, chair of the SSEN Transmission

board, was joined in Peterhead by representatives from SSEN Transmission and NGET, and industry regulator Ofgem.

Key supply chain partners were also present – Prysmian will manufacture and install the cable; and Hitachi Energy and BAM will supply converter stations at either end of the link.

Mr Alexander, said: "Today's groundbreaking is a landmark day in this nationally critical infrastructure project, and testament to a huge collective effort from the project teams at SSEN Transmission and NGET who have worked tirelessly to get us to a stage where construction work can begin."

"EGL2 will play a major role in bolstering energy security and contributing to

net zero targets, and it will also generate jobs and provide a legacy to local communities here in the north-east of Scotland, where our teams are already supporting local environmental initiatives."

Akshay Kaul, Ofgem's director general for infrastructure, added: "Harnessing homegrown clean energy will help build a secure energy future for Britain, and projects like EGL2 are pivotal in our move towards that."

"The part Scotland plays in achieving that goal cannot be overstated, and the long-term gains for Scottish bill payers, in terms of secure, more affordable, and cleaner power will be reaped for generations to come."

EGL2 is expected to be fully energised and operational in 2029.

Welcome news on GB Energy

Aberdeenshire Council Leader Gillian Owen has welcomed the UK Government's announcement that Aberdeen is to be the home of the new state-owned energy company GB Energy.

Cllr Owen said: "The north east of Scotland became an established energy world leader because of the expertise and specialisms we developed. I am confident that headquartering here sends the same message, that we are all focusing on the energy transition and the future."

"It's a chance to remind everyone we are very much open for business, and the inward investment in the city and shire that this will generate has enormous potential."

She added: "We want to



GB Energy will be based in Aberdeen. (Pic: © Colin Smith cc-by-sa/2.0)

work with the government to make the most of this opportunity to maximise local businesses in order to accelerate the energy transition, safeguarding jobs and creat-

ing new opportunities. "Maybe with this announcement we can kickstart the next era of energy and a sustainable future in our corner of the country."

Shire is the best destination

VisitAberdeenshire has won the 'Destination' category at the UK Inbound Awards for Excellence 2024, held in Liverpool on Thursday.

Shortlisted alongside destination organisations for Wales and for Bath & Bristol, VisitAberdeenshire was recognised for successful outcomes across a range of

activity over the past year. Chris Foy, CEO of the tourism body, said: "VisitAberdeenshire is playing a significant role in the economic transition of the North-east, following a record-breaking 2023, the economic impact of tourism in the region was valued more than £1.1 billion, fuelled by more than three

million overnight visitors. "At the vanguard of the region's ambitious tourism strategy, VisitAberdeenshire is leading trailblazing projects to support local businesses, inspire visitors with impactful promotional activity and secure leading business events to be hosted in the region."



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Attendees at the gathering in the House of Commons included, from left, Steve Murphy, Seamus Logan, Tim Moore, of EGL2, and Graeme Reid.

Port is thriving – but further taxes will hit investment

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Steve Murphy, Storegga executive vice president, welcomed the UK Government's recent pledge of £21.7bn for two Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage (CCUS) projects in England – but warned the government about the risk of delaying decisions on other energy transition infrastructure, including the Acorn CCUS project at St Fergus.

"Storegga is a British company, working with British partners to drive real change in Britain," he said. "But to do so we need policy clarity and consistency from Government – without which we'll find ourselves at a disadvantage to other countries and regions where there is a clearer path for investors to delivery – and returns."

Aberdeenshire North and Moray East MP Seamus Logan said: "I believe it is our job as politicians, whether in Gov-

ernment or opposition, to ensure that we encourage investment, that we focus our expenditure on the infrastructure of the future and that we provide clearly articulated support in the public realm so that bodies like Peterhead Port Authority can deliver on their vision and ensure economic growth and enhanced prosperity, both locally and to the wider Scottish and UK economies."

Guests were also provided with an update on the ongoing £4.3 billion project to take offshore wind power from Scotland to the east coast of England, known as EGL2, which includes a 436km stretch of cabling – from Peterhead to Drax in North Yorkshire – buried under the North Sea.

The project, highlighted by former oil and gas engineer Tom Moore, is expected to come on stream in 2029.

Have say on long-term town plan

Kevin McRoberts
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Peterhead Town Board is inviting feedback from local people on priorities for a potential £20 million in endowment funding for the town.

In March this year, Peterhead was added to the UK Government's 'Long-Term Plan for Towns' programme.

The programme announced a potential £20 million in endowment funding for Peterhead over 10 years from April 2025.

Peterhead Town Board must submit a plan to the UK Government, and have it agreed, before the programme starts.

The UK Government has asked that the Long-Term Plan for Peterhead be submitted by November 1 – but this deadline was suspended after the General Election.

The new Labour Government is currently reviewing its budget, and the final decisions taken at the end of October may impact on the future funding of the Long-Term Plan for Towns' programme.

Peterhead Town Board, though, has decided that it is essential to keep working on its plan so the town is in a strong position when the government's decision is made, enabling the board to move forward swiftly and take full advantage of any opportunities that may arise.

The Long-Term Plan must include a 10-year vision, and an initial three-year investment plan.

So the board is asking for local views on the right priorities for the Long-Term Plan for the town.

The feedback received from the public will help the board to select the right priorities for the town.

The board may invest funding across three broad themes:

- Safety and Security;
- High Streets, Heritage and Regeneration;
- Transport and Connectivity.

A survey has been created to help people share their views.

There are 10 questions in the survey, which can be accessed online at engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/peterhead-long-term-plan-for-towns.

Paper copies of the survey can be picked up from Buchan House or Peterhead Library.

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Stay off pump track for now

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Work is nearing completion on Peterhead's new pump track – but people are being urged to stay off until all construction work has ended.

Team PACT (Peterhead Community Trust) – who are behind the new community facility at Victoria Community Park – were delighted to share the news that the turf has been laid at the pump track.

But in a Facebook post, the team made the following plea: "We are looking for our community's support. Please stay off the pump track and the turf. This project is fully funded but there is no funding for damages done."



A huge amount of work has gone into creating this community facility.

"This is still a construction site with no access to the public."

"Unfortunately we have had some visitors to the track at their own risk."

Construction of the free-to-use pump track with floodlights began earlier this summer, and an opening date will be advised when everything is ready.

Meanwhile, in another milestone for the PACT team, construction is due to begin this week on the multi-use games area (MUGA) complete with floodlighting at Victoria Community Park, following a successful meeting with Hunter Construction last week.

The MUGA is being funded by the Scottish Government, Aberdeenshire Council and the UK Government.

The PACT team also have plans for an accessible swing, which will add to existing park attractions, including children's play areas, an outdoor gym and sensory area.



Looking good... turf is laid as the pump track nears completion. (Pics: PACT)

Key fisheries role for Seamus

Aberdeenshire North and Moray East MP Seamus Logan has been appointed Vice-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Fisheries.

The inaugural meeting for the new Parliament of the APPG was held last Tuesday at Westminster.

Commenting after the meeting, Mr Logan – whose constituency includes the UK's biggest fishing port in Peterhead – said: "Fishing is part of the DNA of our coastal communities."

"It is a multi-million pound industry, and employs many thousands of people."

"In addition, fishing directly supports many more thousands of jobs onshore,



Seamus Logan MP, pictured at Fraserburgh Harbour.

in processing, retail, supply, maintenance, boat building and so on."

"The fishing industry is particularly important to my constituency so I am pleased that has been recognised with this appointment."

"I will aim to be a strong voice for all sectors within the industry in this forum and I look forward to the APPG getting down to work."

The APPG on Fisheries is a neutral, cross-party forum for debate, discussion and learning within the UK Parliament.

The group was founded by MPs and peers who wanted to promote and support the UK fishing industry, whilst exploring key questions for the future of fishing, processing, coastal communities and the marine environment."

Concert is a tribute to Cher

Tickets are selling fast for 'Strong Enough' – The Ultimate Concert Tribute to Cher – which is being staged at Peterhead Community Centre Theatre next month.

It's a chance to celebrate the music of a global superstar and female music icon, whose career spans six decades.

The show will feature 25 smash hits including the likes of Turn Back Time, I Found Someone, Believe, Strong Enough, Gypsies Tramps and Thieves, her modern Abba remixes and many more.

It promises to be a show-stopping dazzling extravaganza, taking the audience on a musical journey from the

Dark Lady days, to the rocking 80s perm days and the celebration disco hits.

'Strong Enough' is at Peterhead Community Centre Theatre on Friday, November 15, 7-9.30pm. For tickets, go to www.tickettailor.com/events/carltonentertainmentmanagement/1049455?

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DEMAND: Businesses in Skye say revenues from a visitor levy should be spent locally.

‘Keep tourist tax proceeds on the island’

Local businesses have insisted that any money raised from a new tourist tax should remain on Skye.

Highland Council is holding a consultation on how the levy should work in the region.

It comes after MSPs approved a plan in May to introduce a visitor levy across Scotland.

This allows local councils to add a charge to overnight accommodation such as hotels, B&Bs and holiday lets.

Now, 99% of businesses on Skye that responded to a survey by destination organisation SkyeConnect on the proposed levy, want all the revenue raised on the island to be spent locally rather than go into a Highland Council pot.

The Highlands get more than six million visitors a year – including day trippers, overseas tourists and cruise passengers.

The council has yet to publish its plans in terms of the percentage charge on overnight accommodation.

However, Edinburgh City Council is proposing a year-round levy charged at 5% of the accommodation cost, capped at seven consecutive nights and applied across the entire local authority area.

Council chiefs in the capital are also proposing that 10% of revenue is ring-fenced for destination management.

SkyeConnect would like to see a similar commitment from Highland Council following the removal of core funding from all destination management organisations (DMOs).

SkyeConnect's survey was sent to over 1,000 businesses and individuals.

The DMO received 185 responses with the vast majority (130) coming from the accommodation sector of the tourism industry.

When asked what a fair percentage levy on accommodation costs would be, 58% of all respondents opted for a 1-2% charge with 22% suggesting a 3-4% charge would be fair and 13% calling for a 5-6% levy.

However, among accommodation providers, only 72% of respondents favoured a 1-2% levy, 16% wanted a 3-4% charge and 8% backed a 5-6% levy.

The legislation only allows a levy to be charged per night on accommodation whether that be in a hotel, self-catering unit, B&B, campsite or hostel.

However, respondents to the survey wished the levy to be applied to other visitors, with 88%

saying campervans and motorhomes not staying in commercial campsites should be charged; 45% called for day visitors to be charged; 61% wanted the levy applied to cruise ship passengers, 66% for tour groups while 46% wanted wild campers to be included.

There is concern about the administrative burden the levy scheme will place on businesses, with 68% of respondents from the accommodation sector believing they should be compensated for collecting and administering the levy on behalf of the council.

SkyeConnect said it understands that there are currently no plans for Highland Council to exempt certain groups of people from paying the levy.

This is opposed by 77% of respondents to the survey with significant support for exemptions for healthcare workers, emergency service personnel people visiting relatives in hospital, people attending funerals and carers.

A SkyeConnect spokesperson said: “We advocate for funds raised on Skye to be allocated locally, focusing on projects that enhance the visitor experience and support the local economy.”

Stolen kayak sparks coastguard's five hour missing person search

A stolen kayak led to a frantic missing person search off the coast of Portgordon.

An HM Coastguard search team was mobilised at around 6.40pm on Monday after the kayak was found drifting off the harbour.

An appeal was launched to ask for information regarding the owner, while rescue teams searched the area.

In a later update, HM Coastguard Moray said the kayak had been stolen after the vessel's owner was found safe and well via the online appeal.

The search was stood down at 11.30pm after a five-hour search off the Moray coast.

The coastguard have now thanked those who assisted in the search.

An HM Coastguard – Moray statement read: “Thank you to all the individuals and organisations that shared our earlier post for



The Moray coastguard team conducting their search.

information regarding a kayak found drifting off Portgordon harbour.

“The owner has been found safe and well following this appeal and it appears the kayak had been stolen earlier.

“Thank you for your assistance in resolving this matter and to the persons who promptly made the emergency call when they saw the kayak drifting.”

Last weekend, HM Coastguard – Moray had taken part in a water rescue training exercise on the River Spey near Fochabers.

The exercise simulated two four-man canoes capsizing, with an unknown number of casualties, and tested the collective response of multiple emergency services.

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IN TRAINING: Dalvenie Gardens residents practise balloon tennis ahead of the games.

TV stars send best wishes to 'Olympians'

BY ELLIE MILNE

TV presenter Gabby Logan and former tennis star Tim Henman are among the sports personalities who have sent a special "good luck" video to Aberdeenshire sheltered housing "Olympians".

Those who live at Dalvenie Gardens in Banchory have been training hard to take part in the Very Sheltered Housing Olympics.

They will travel to Dawson Court in Turrieff to compete against them and four other groups from Doocot View in Banff, Jarvis Court in Fraserburgh, Playfauld House in Inverurie and Abbey Court in Mintlaw.

The event used to be a regular fixture in the sheltered housing calendar but has not been held in-person since the pandemic.

Everyone involved has been preparing for months for its return – and those at the Raemoir Lane facility have even been given an extra boost of encouragement from some famous faces.



Floor curling is one of the popular group events.

Presenters Clare Balding and Logan, athletes Steve Cram and Colin Jackson, curler Eve Muirhead and athlete Henman all wanted to wish the residents the best of luck after hearing about the event.

Pauline Thom, manager of Dalvenie Gardens, said: "The residents have been training for months."

"They were all watching this year's Games on TV."

"One of the tenants had a relative visiting and they were going on about how excited they were for the Olympics."

"Turns out she works for the BBC. She spoke to all these people and asked

them to send a video message.

"We got an email of all these lovely video messages wishing them all the very best, which was really nice."

"We put them all together to show the residents and they were chuffed to bits. It has boosted their confidence."

The group of staff and residents from Banchory, including six residents and four members of staff, will travel to Turrieff for the big tournament.

They will compete across six different activities, including floor curling, hook a duck, balloon tennis and onion shot put.

Plans to turn former 18th-Century sail loft into seaside dream home

Stonehaven's Jubilee House dates back to the 18th Century, when it was built as a sail loft for the town's fishing fleet.

The storied property is on Keith Place, just between the seafront boardwalk and across from the historic harbour.

For decades, it was operated as a holiday home for people with disabilities.

But charity Cornerstone stopped using it a few years ago, and it was put on the market as a potential dream home this year.

ASPC listed it for £350,000, hailing the property's location.

Now, proposals have been submitted to Aberdeenshire Council by Jamie McMillan, the director of real estate firms J2M Holdings and Nostaw Ltd.

Architects CTA Scotland say it "has not been let for a number of years".

Mr McMillan wants to



The property operated as a charity's holiday home.

transform it into a two-bedroom home – with an external decking area on the first floor looking out over the bay.

The architects added: "This will ensure a redundant building can be brought back into use as a private house."

"The deck area will provide a better outdoor space with fantastic vistas across the bay."

There are also plans to keep a boat and "other water sports equipment" at the home.

Work will take place to remove the disabled-friendly guestrooms across the ground floor, while a lounge will become a study.

There would be a large open-plan kitchen/dining area on the first floor, and two bedrooms.

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INVESTIGATION: Stuart Murray has had his licence to practise criminal law suspended.

Top solicitor facing probe into finances

BY DAVID MCPHEE

A top north-east solicitor has been stripped of his licence to practise law as an investigation into alleged financial irregularities gets under way.

Stuart Murray, a former president of the Aberdeen Bar Association and vice-president of the Scottish Solicitors Bar Association, has had his licence to practise criminal law suspended with immediate effect within all UK courts.

Mr Murray – who is based in Aberdeen – has also worked on some high-profile legal cases, including representing US fugitive Nicholas Rossi.

It is understood an investigation is ongoing into Mr Murray's financial activities and relates to his time with his previous firm. The firm was dissolved earlier this year, with Mr Murray's former law partner launching his own practice in the city.

The Law Society of Scotland said its Client Protection Sub-Committee withdrew Mr Murray's

Practising Certificate earlier this month due to "breaches of the accounts rules that apply to all Scottish solicitors".

Mr Murray did not respond to requests to comment on the allegations.

A Law Society spokesman said the decision was made "in accordance with section 40 of the Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980, which provides the Law Society with statutory powers related to accounts rules, including to ensure that proper records are kept and that client funds are protected."

"As the professional body for Scottish solicitors, we take our regulatory duties very seriously to ensure that people have confidence in the legal profession."

"In any case where we have reason to believe that one of our members has not met the standards expected of them, we will take action to ensure that clients are protected."

The Aberdeen Bar Association stated that Mr Murray had not held any executive or

committee-level role since 2022, adding that he was "not a current member".

The group released a statement describing the legal profession as an institution "built upon the principles of integrity, trust and professionalism, which we hold in the highest regard".

It added: "We expect all of our members to maintain these standards."

"The regulation and oversight of solicitors in Scotland is the exclusive responsibility of the Law Society of Scotland and we trust that the appropriate steps are being taken."

"Given that investigations may be ongoing, it would not be appropriate for the Aberdeen Bar Association to provide commentary on the specifics of this matter."

The Scottish Solicitors Bar Association confirmed that Mr Murray served as its former vice-president but that he was no longer an office holder.

It added that it "wouldn't be appropriate to comment" while the investigation was ongoing.

Bargain corner shop set to open after unit lay empty for a decade

A bargain corner shop is to open in the Rosemount area of Aberdeen.

Family Shopper will open on South Mount Street, at its junction with Kintore Place and across from Rosemount Square flats, on Monday.

The unit has sat empty for nearly a decade and has formerly been a Morning, Noon & Night, KeyStore and Costcutter. Midstocket/Rosemount councillor Bill Cormie said: "It's great news for that area and it was well used before."

"It's great to see a shop like that coming back into the community after 10 years to hopefully what it was and any shopping facility in a close-knit community like this is great. I wish them all the best."

Rosemount's Family Shopper will be the third of its kind in Aberdeen.

There is a store on Greenburn Drive in



Local councillor Bill Cormie has hailed the news.

Buckburn and on Rousay Drive in Sheddocksley.

Each is locally owned by independent retailers and offers £1 deals,

price-marked packs and multi-buys.

Family Shopper has been contacted for comment.

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Local loons in spotlight with 'hero' awards



SIGN OF AFFECTION: Jim Reid in front of the Millennium Stone in Kintore, which he restored before hand-painting the town's coat of arms.

BY JENNA SCOTT

Two community champions have been hailed as heroes for their determination to improve their hometowns.

Jim Reid of Kintore in Aberdeenshire and Jim Nicol from Dufftown in Moray have received recognition as High Street Heroes in the 2024 Scotland Loves Local Awards.

Their respective achievements follow the success of Oban being named Scotland's Town of the Year with Inverurie close behind.

Mr Reid, whose family operate a vehicle sales and service business on the edge of Kintore, has been instrumental in leading a clean-up campaign around the north-east.

He said: "I'm humbled yet absolutely delighted not only to be nominated but to win the High Street Hero Award for the north-east of Scotland."

"As a family-owned business that's been based in Kintore for almost 22

years, I feel it's very important to 'give back' and support our local community, which we do on a voluntary basis.

"Despite it being my name on the award, I accept this on behalf of all the teams I have been involved with. They have made such a massive difference to Kintore community. Well done all."

Judges were delighted to hear how Mr Reid has dedicated his time to promoting and enhancing the town through his It's Your Neighbourhood project.

His efforts have resulted in clean bus shelters, tidy green spaces and improved public areas around the town house.

His nomination stated: "The community council as a whole is doing great work. However, Jim has brought an energy, drive and ambition which has reinvigorated the community and he richly deserves an award for his efforts."

Meanwhile, Mr Nicol, a well-known member of the Dufftown community and presenter for Keith Community Radio, was recognised for his active contributions to supporting the town's social and cultural activities.

His nomination said that Mr Nicol maintains a "deep love" for his hometown and this is shown through his efforts to engage with the local community.

Mr Nicol said: "I like to promote Dufftown in any way I can."

"I have been called 'the Speir's Mannie' by the locals and met a lot of folk through it."

"I am lucky to be at a time when Facebook is around. I love it when I can share photos and articles from Dufftown Speir's page."

"The radio station is a recent adventure. I do a monthly rock show. I send in my pre-recorded show from my studio/shack in my garden."

Man, 65, in hospital after one-car accident near Moray roundabout

A man has been taken to hospital following an accident on the A98 Fochabers to Cullen road.

Police, fire crews and an air ambulance were sent to the scene north of Moray Monster Trails at around 8.30am yesterday morning.

The accident involved just one vehicle, which had left the road.

The A98 was closed in both directions while emergency services attended but has since re-opened.

A police spokesperson said: "At about 8.45am on Friday October 25, we were called to a one-car crash on the A98 near to Fochabers roundabout."

"Emergency services attended and a 65-year-old man was taken to hospital for treatment."

No further information was provided about his condition.

A spokesperson for the Scottish Fire and Rescue confirmed they had



The road has since been reopened after the crash.

received a call-out to a one-vehicle crash on the A98 at 8.44am and deployed two appliances – one from Buckie and one from Keith.

The Scottish Ambulance Service confirmed that "one ambulance, our trauma team and an air

ambulance" were sent to the scene.

Today, a team of road policing officers were seen surveying the scene and carrying out an investigation.

A police spokesperson added: "Inquiries are ongoing."

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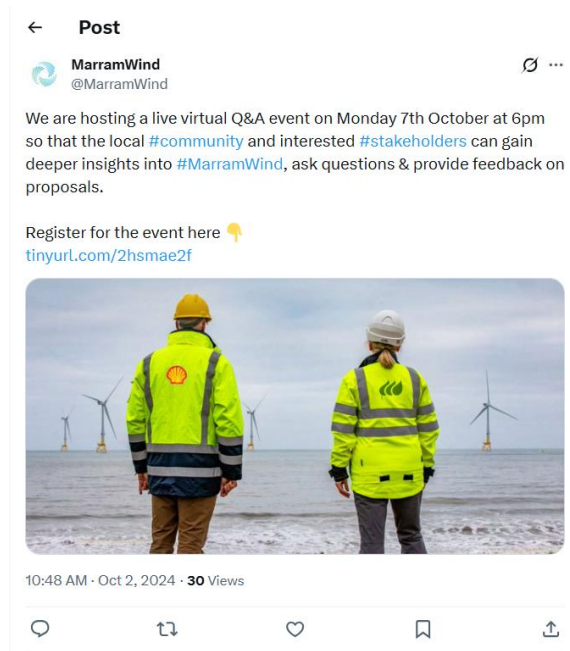
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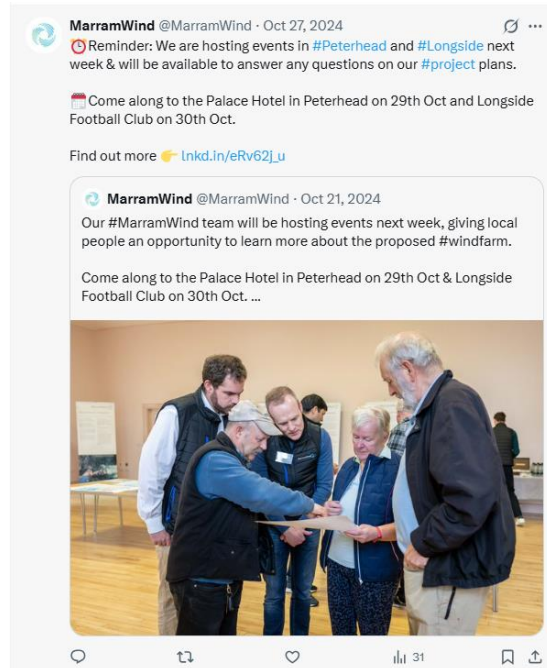
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2.3.6 Buchan Development Partnership Newsletter

BDP Newsletter - October 2024



Aberdeenshire
Community Planning Partnership



Welcome

Want to know more about how we interact with our local community? We appreciate when groups and projects contact us about what is happening in their local areas.

Our monthly Newsletter shares the events, community projects and stories from throughout the Buchan area. Each month the newsletter will focus on a different settlement area within Buchan. This month's newsletter community focus area is Peterhead.

In this Newsletter:

Community News

- Buchan Communities Hub
- Buchan in Bloom
- Get your home winter ready
- Aden Heritage and Tractor Day

Consultations

- BDP Forums
- Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership Engagement Event
- Marram Wind Consultation

Training

- Enable Diversity and Sport

Grants & Funding

- Cycling Access Fund
- Shell Small Grants
- Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund
- Buchan Small Grants

AHSCP Community Engagement Events



JOIN US...

...to help shape our budget and how we deliver services whilst finding out more about health, social care & wellbeing in your area!

Monday 16th September:
PETERHEAD Buchan House 3-7pm

Monday 7th October:
BANFF Seafeld House 3-7pm

Thursday 10th October
MINTLAW Village Hall 3-6pm

Monday 14th October
FRASERBURGH Robertson Rd Resource Centre 3-7pm

Pop along to find out more about Carers Support, Step In Services, Mental Health & Wellbeing and a whole lot more!



SCAN HERE!

If you can't make it to one of our sessions you can always tell us your thoughts online!

engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care-in-aberdeenshire



Marram Wind Consultation



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Sharing your feedback

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- Completing a feedback form at our in-person event.

In-person consultation event

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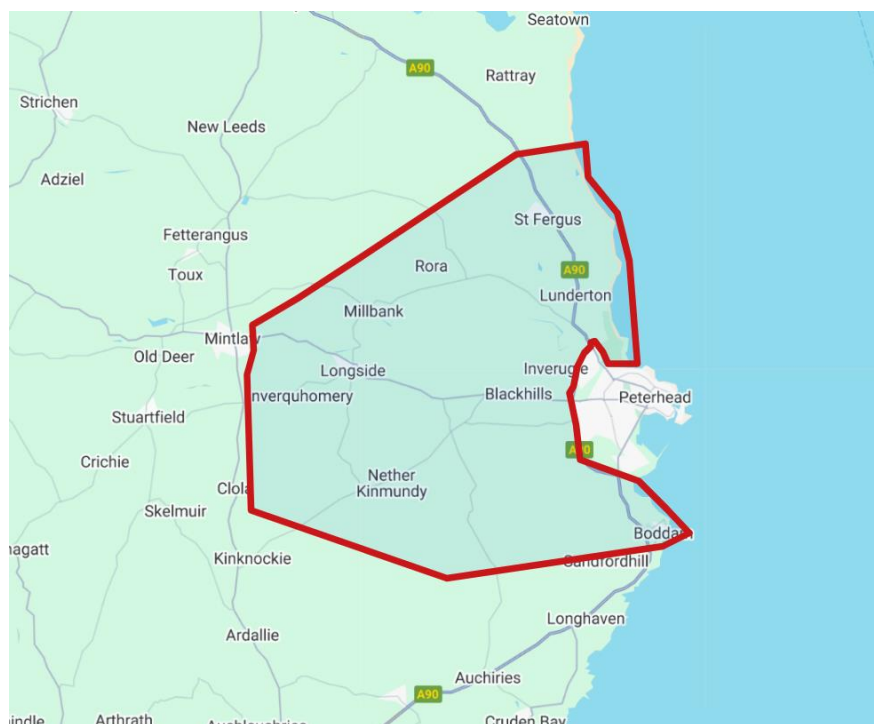
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Distribution Area



2.4.2 Letters

Community Councils and Councillors



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25 July 2025

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Meeting invitation

In addition to the above activities, I would also like to extend an invitation to meet with the team to discuss any aspect of our proposals and vision for the project. If a meeting is of interest, please email the project's Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Ross Williams, at stakeholder@marramwind.com to arrange.

Yours Sincerely,

[Redacted]

Ross Williams
Stakeholder Manager

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Marine Licence Notice for Stakeholders



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Dear Sir/Madam,

Notice under Regulation 6(2) of the Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013

I am writing on behalf of MarramWind Ltd regarding the proposed MarramWind Floating Offshore Windfarm.

This letter notifies you of MarramWind Ltd's intention to submit applications for marine licences to Marine Directorate related to the development, construction, and operation of the offshore windfarm and associated transmission infrastructure.

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Stakeholder engagement and consultation is a critical part of the development process, and we are committed to developing an offshore windfarm in a considered way that is sensitive to the needs and expectations of local stakeholders whilst creating long-lasting benefits and opportunities. The project conducted two rounds of statutory consultation in 2024, with events at Peterhead and Longside. In total, approximately 300 people from across Aberdeenshire took part and had their say at our in-person events, a virtual exhibition space, and online Q&As. The consultation booklets from the previous rounds of consultation are available on the project website: www.marramwind.co.uk.

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In accordance with Section 7 of the Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, a notice providing details of our upcoming statutory consultation activity has been published in local newspapers. A copy of the notice, alongside a figure identifying the Scottish marine area which is the subject of a proposed application for a marine licence, is enclosed with this letter.

Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to make contact by emailing stakeholder@marramwind.com or calling 07514 954 627.

Yours Sincerely

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We look forward to welcoming you to MarramWind's public consultation event. If you have any questions or issues in the meantime, please get in touch with the project's Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Ross Williams, at stakeholder@marramwind.com.

Yours Sincerely,

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2.4.3 Adverts

THE PRESS AND JOURNAL
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NEWS 11



CUTBACKS: Albyn School is seeking to 'minimise pressure' on school fees.

Top staff go as school acts to curb costs

BY ROSS HEMPSEED

Three senior members of Albyn School's leadership team have gone as part of a major shake-up.

The private school, on Queen's Road, issued a letter – seen by the Press and Journal – to parents announcing a number of departures.

The letter, signed off by head of school David Starbuck, confirms changes in senior leadership.

It says the steps have been taken to ensure "Albyn is aligned for the future" and help it meet financial pressures.

Mr Starbuck wrote: "A smaller team will allow us to work closely together, while keeping leadership costs proportionate."

"In doing so, we can focus our resources where they matter most – on teaching, on pupil support, and on minimising pressure on school fees."

The restructuring has resulted in the departure of three of the school's long-standing senior staff.

These are co-curricular life leader John Blundson, senior teacher and exams officer Carly Blair and head of development



Albyn's head of school David Starbuck.

Frances Loughrey. Other staff have moved roles.

Nathan Davies, who served as head of lower school, will remain until October in an interim support role.

Mr Starbuck accepts their "absence will be felt".

He said: "One important change is that we no longer have a separate head of lower school."

"As head of school, I now hold overall responsibility, with senior colleagues taking clear leadership roles in both wellbeing and learning across all stages."

"This reflects and strengthens our one-school approach, ensuring consistency and continuity

for every pupil as they move through Albyn."

Several new staff have also joined the school, while a number of current staff have been given additional roles.

Mr Starbuck added: "With these changes and successes, Albyn moves forward into the new session aligned, focused and confident about the future."

A spokesperson for Albyn School said: "We can confirm that school leadership has undergone a restructure."

"That has been completed."

"The school is not intending to make redundancies in the coming weeks."

'Seismic change' for motor group as turnover grows by almost £13m

Motor group Dicksons of Inverness has seen its turnover grow by almost £13 million in its latest accounts.

The firm owns five dealerships across the Highland capital and has revealed it was a year of "seismic change".

The accounts for the year ending March 31 2025 show a pre-tax profit of £174,007 in its first year of a multi-million-pound management buyout.

They also show turnover rising to £56.4m, compared to £43.5m the year before.

Dicksons runs Kia, MG, Nissan and Suzuki showrooms, as well as its own affordable showroom, Carzar.

Managing director Fraser Bryce said the company is still on track to grow its turnover to £100m in the next five years.

Dicksons said there were substantial costs for several reasons over the 12



The Carzar showroom operated by Dicksons.

months. It invested £500,000 in its new Kia showroom as well as further investment in a rebrand.

The motor group said global issues around electric vehicles have also contributed to the rising costs.

Mr Bryce said: "The directors are happy with the continued growth with increased revenue across all dealerships and all departments."

"We are still on course

for our stated five-year forecast of staffing levels reaching 100, and turnover £200m."

The year's turnover was split between vehicle sales of £50.1m and after-sales revenue of £6.3m.

Mr Bryce and four other directors completed a management buyout last year. It is being driven forward by a five-team board of directors – Mr Bryce, Jim Mackenzie, Jamie Dunlop, Douglas Laird and Linda MacPhee.

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NEWS



Shop owners, Aberdeenshire councillors and economic development officers launch the digital gift card.

Gift Card goes digital

Dawn Renton
Reporter
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It has just got even easier to buy and spend your Aberdeenshire Loves Local Gift Card.

The new, convenient digital format officially launched this week making it easier than ever to give the gift of local shopping, dining, and experiences.

The digital card – which has almost 400 North-east firms signed-up to it – can be purchased online and sent directly to the recipient via their phone or email address.

Designed for convenience, recipients can easily add the card to their Apple Pay or Google Wallet, enabling them to make payments in-store or online with just a tap.

This innovation ensures gifting is smoother, simpler, and faster – ideal for those last-minute presents. Digital gift cards offer numerous benefits:

- **Convenience** – No physical card to carry and risk losing;
- **Instant delivery** – Perfect for last-minute gifts;
- **Eco-friendly** – Reducing waste and environmental impact.

The council is also launch-



The new Aberdeenshire Loves Local digital card is even easier to use.

ing a fresh new design across both the physical and e-card which aims to better reflect the Aberdeenshire area, making the card even more appealing.

Councillor Alan Turner, chair of Aberdeenshire Council's Infrastructure Services Committee, said: "The Aberdeenshire Loves Local Gift Card supports almost 400 businesses in our villages and towns across the region."

"Since its launch in 2021, our gift card really has gone from strength to strength – it's the ideal means of treating someone to the fantastic products, services and experiences on offer in our area, and at the same time protecting vital local jobs and ensuring our communities prosper."

"Whether you're supporting independent shops, restaurants, attractions or services, by choosing the Aberdeenshire Loves Local Gift Card you're not only giving someone you care for a thoughtful present but helping to keep the spend local in Aberdeenshire and boosting our local economy."

To purchase a digital card and view all participating businesses, visit www.aberdeenshiregiftcard.com.

Businesses operating in Aberdeenshire who want to find out more can join a webinar on Thursday, September 11, 6pm-7pm. Register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/aberdeenshire-gift-card-business-webinar-tickets-1602196556029.

Festival funding puts the spotlight on artistic talent

Peterhead's MSP Karen Adam has welcomed the announcement of £1.8 million in funding support for arts and cultural festivals across Scotland.

The Expanded Festivals Fund will help to put the spotlight on artistic talent throughout the country and is available to non-profit arts and cultural festivals across Scotland, including those in Aberdeenshire.

The grants will help local festivals to enhance their reputation and to develop skills in local areas.

The new fund builds on the Scottish Government's Festivals EXPO Fund and helps deliver a key commitment in the Scottish Budget 2025-26 to expand the reach of the fund across Scotland.

Grants of up to £200,000 will be available in the first year and will be administered by Creative Scotland.

Applications for the funding open on Wednesday, September 3.



Karen Adam at the opening of the Edinburgh Deaf Festival.

Ms Adam, who is MSP for Banffshire and Buchan Coast, said: "I welcome the announcement of this additional funding from the SNP Scottish Government for festivals across Scotland, including here in the North East."

"Scotland's world-famous festivals are a celebration of our creativity and culture, bringing us together through our enjoyment

of art, literature, music and other performing arts. They are enjoyed by local communities and people from around the world.

"I've just returned from this year's Deaf Festival which was a powerful reminder of why accessibility must be at the heart of our cultural life."

"True accessibility is about ensuring that everyone, regardless of background or circumstance, has the chance to experience the joy of the arts."

"This new funding has the potential to support festivals right across Scotland to follow that lead and make creativity open to all."

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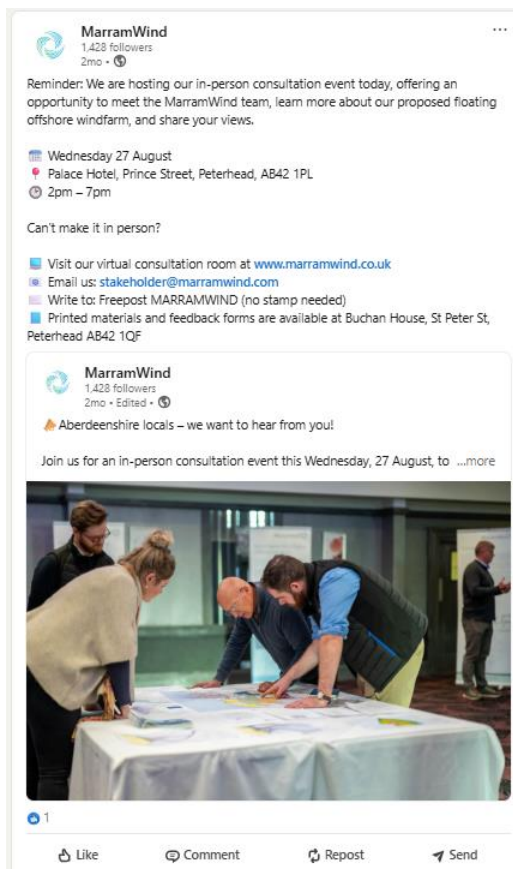
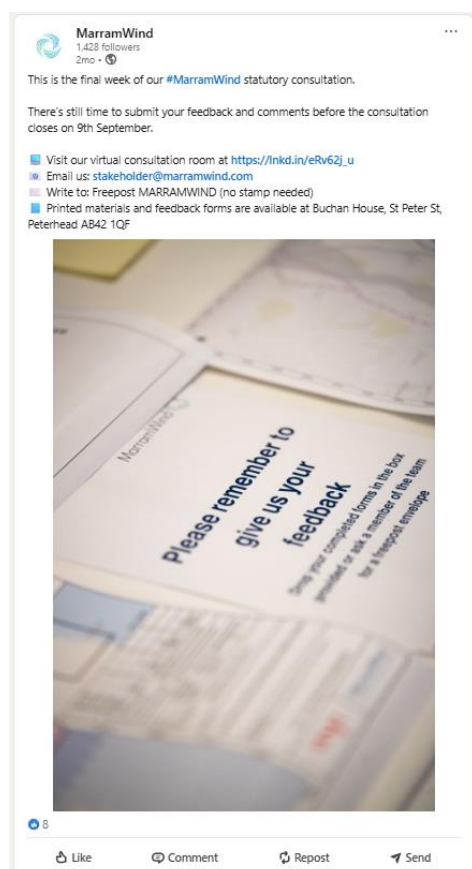
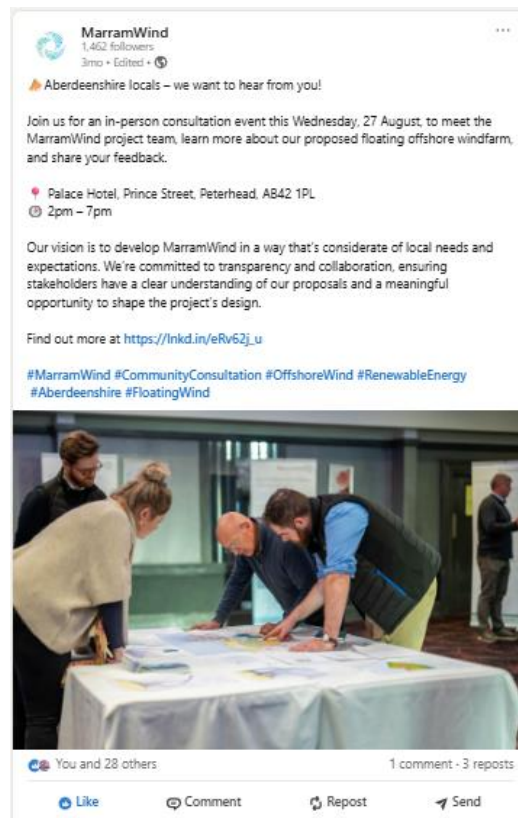
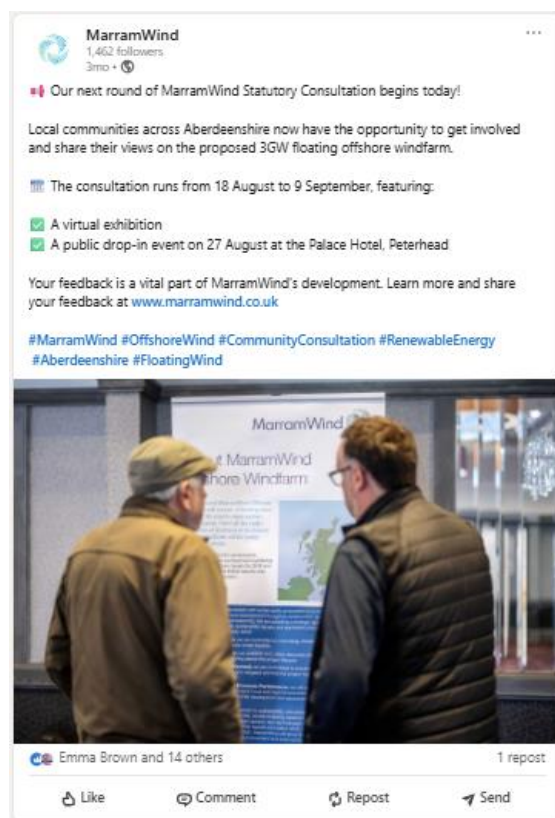
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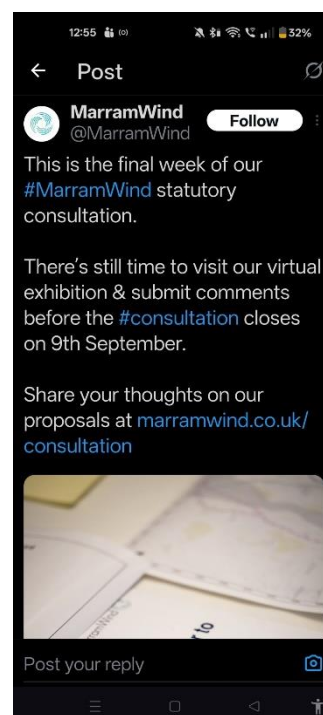
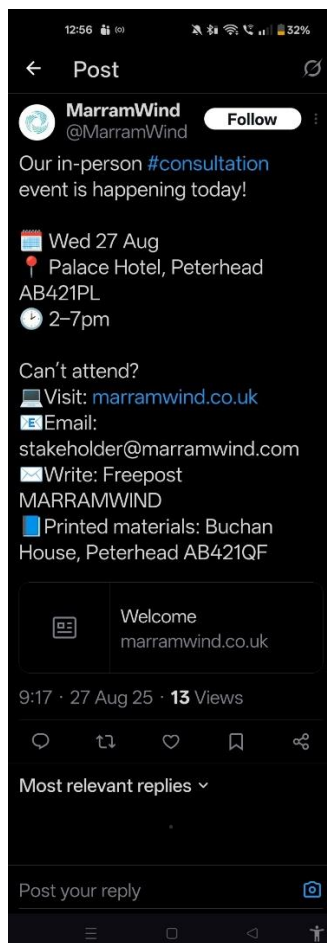
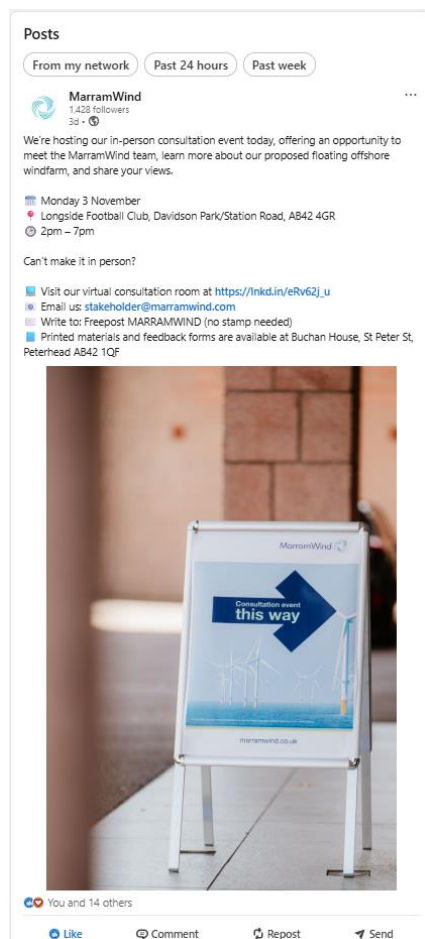
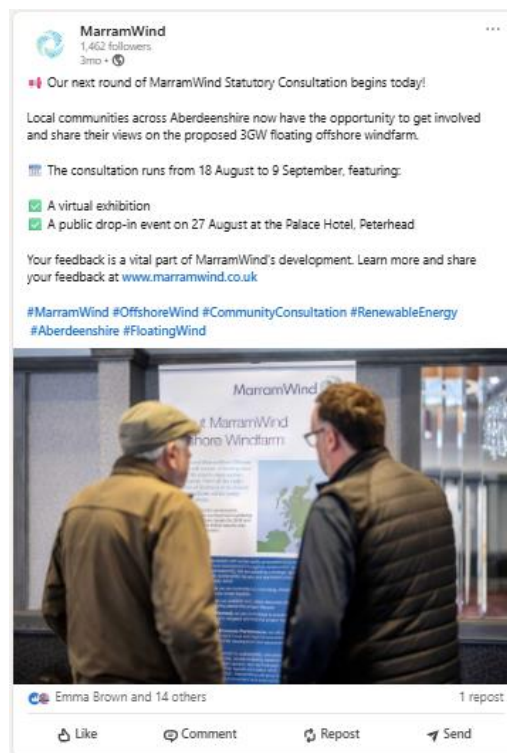
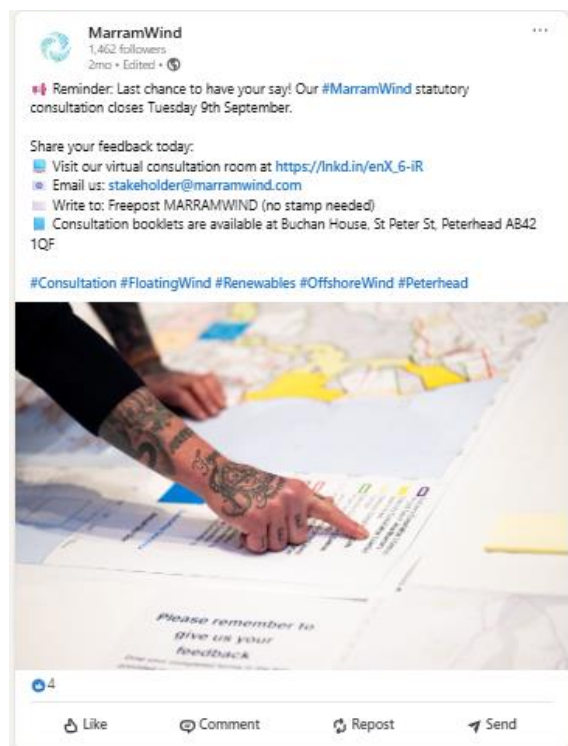
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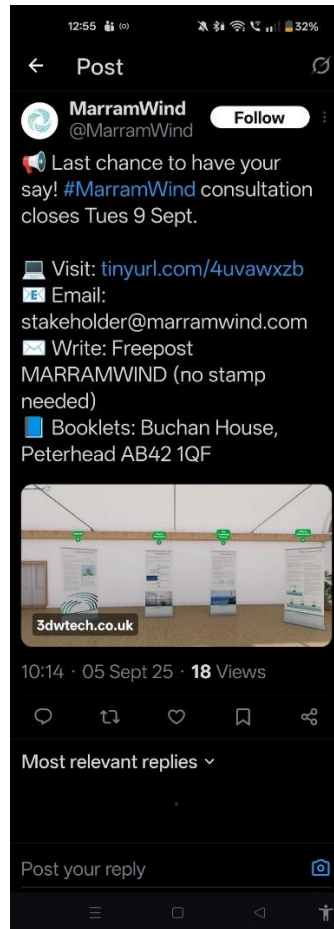
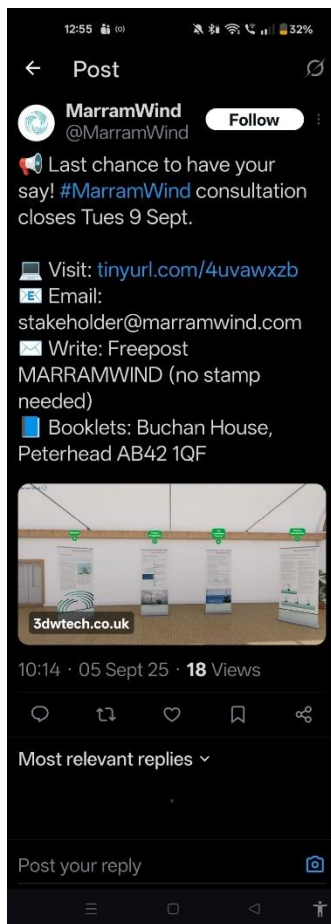
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2.4.5 Social Media







2.4.6 Buchan Development Partnership Newsletter



BDP Newsletter - August 2025



Aberdeenshire
Community Planning Partnership



Welcome to the August Newsletter. We aim to make this newsletter a useful resource to bring you all the latest community news, information on events, groups and activities along with funding opportunities.

Our free monthly newsletter can provide a focus for your community, so if you have something happening in your area, please get in touch and tell us about it, we would be delighted to help promote and raise awareness of all the fantastic things happening where you live.

Buchan Community News

- MarramWind Community Consultations

Funding Opportunities

- EGL-2 Micro Grants
- Action Earth 2025
- Community Matters Fund (Low Carbon Communities)
- Just Transition PB Fund
- The Boost Fund

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2.5.1 Leaflet



MarramWind Offshore Windfarm

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Public Consultation 30 October to 13 November 2025

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The windfarm will use floating wind turbines to generate up to 3 gigawatts of renewable energy, helping Scotland and the UK reach net zero targets, and improve energy security.

We are committed to pursuing significant opportunities for investment and economic growth in the northeast of Scotland as well as the wider Scottish and UK communities. Local supply chain growth, skills development and job creation are central to our ambitions.

We are now entering our fourth and final round of public consultation to invite your feedback before the submission of our planning applications. Please see overleaf for more details.



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In-person consultation event

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Distribution Area

2.5.2 Stakeholder emails

Invitation to final round of statutory consultation for MarramWind

From MarramWind Stakeholder <stakeholder@marramwind.com>

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to invite you to participate in the fourth round of statutory consultation for the proposed MarramWind floating offshore wind project. The consultation period will be open from 30 October 2025 until 13 November 2025.

About MarramWind

MarramWind is a proposed floating offshore windfarm being developed by ScottishPower and Shell, 75km off the northeast coast of Aberdeenshire. The project, one of the first commercial-scale floating offshore windfarms in the world, has the potential to produce up to 3 gigawatts (GW) of clean, renewable electricity, which would power the equivalent of more than 3.5 million homes.

Previous statutory consultation

The project has completed three previous rounds of statutory consultation over 2024 and 2025, consisting of in-person events at Peterhead and Longside, online Q&A sessions with the project team, and virtual exhibitions hosted on the project's website. In total, approximately 340 people from across Aberdeenshire have taken part so far.

The consultation booklets from the previous rounds of consultation are available on the project website - www.marramwind.co.uk. We are grateful for the comments provided by stakeholders to date, which have been used by the team to refine the project's design. Details of how we have considered stakeholder feedback throughout the early design stages will be demonstrated during our upcoming statutory consultation period.

Statutory consultation in 2025

We are holding a further in-person consultation event on **Monday 3 November 2025**, 2pm to 7pm, at Longside Football Club, Davidson Park/Station Rd, Peterhead, AB42 4GR. The event is an opportunity for the local community and other interested stakeholders to learn more about the project, ask questions to the team and provide feedback on the proposed offshore and onshore infrastructure. This event marks our final public consultation ahead of submitting our offshore and onshore consent applications to the authorities before the end of 2025.

Virtual exhibition

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If you have any questions or issues in the meantime, please do get in touch via - stakeholder@marramwind.com.

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2.5.3 Adverts

THE PRESS AND JOURNAL
Monday, November 3, 2025

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SPARKS IN THE PARK: The gentle fireworks display proved to be a huge hit for all concerned.



Frankenstein stalks into cinemas – but north-east fans await Netflix

Guillermo del Toro's *Frankenstein* has arrived in cinemas – but north-east audiences will have to wait until the film's streaming release to see scenes filmed in Aberdeenshire.

The movie has opened in selected cinemas across the Central Belt.

And it will be available to stream on Netflix from Thursday November 7.

Del Toro's take on Mary Shelley's 1818 novel brings together a star-studded cast in a dark reimagining of the Gothic tale.

It features scenes filmed at Dunecht House, near Westhill in Aberdeenshire.

The celebrated director behind films such as *Hellboy*, *The Shape Of Water* and *Pan's Labyrinth*, visited Dunecht House while writing the script.

The production company behind the film simply knocked on the door and asked if they could use the country house on screen.



Oscar Isaac appears in a scene from *Frankenstein*, some of which was filmed in Aberdeenshire.

It features on screen as the set of Victor Frankenstein's study.

Filming for the project took place under the working title *Prodigal Father*.

And signs on the estate confirmed its involvement in the production.

The crew were spotted filming in Aberdeenshire in 2024.

Del Toro had previously announced plans to film in Scotland and England,

with confirmed locations in Glasgow, Edinburgh and London.

The fact that del Toro is working on *Frankenstein* is no surprise, with the director having called Mary Shelley's novel his favourite book of all time.

He has been developing his version of *Frankenstein* for more than a decade.

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Veteran's tribute to families left bereft by deaths during wartime

An 85-year-old Royal Navy veteran has urged people to remember not only those who died in conflicts but the families they left behind on Remembrance Day.

George Walker was around four years old when he met his father Harry for the only time before he was killed at sea at the age of 27 during the Second World War.

His father was in the trawler fleet which came under the Merchant Navy & Reserved Occupations.

He died when his ship, the Strathlyon, was hit by a mine off Iceland in 1943.

Mr Walker, who lives at Erskine's Veterans Home in Edinburgh, remembers meeting his father only once when he came home from sea. He has urged people



Royal Navy veteran George Walker, 85.

to remember the relatives of those who gave their lives for their country as the nation prepares to mark Remembrance Day tomorrow.

He said: "When the silence falls at 11am, my mind always goes straight to my father. "He died so young, at 27, and I never had the chance to know him. I

often wonder what kind of father he might have been to me.

"It's not just about soldiers in battle, it's about the empty chairs at the table, the children who grew up without parents, and the families who had to find a way to carry on.

"That's what remembrance means to me."

Region falls silent to remember war heroes

The north-east joined the rest of the UK yesterday in honouring the nation's fallen war heroes as Remembrance Sunday events and tributes took place across the region.

Aberdeen paid tribute with a military parade, civic procession and wreath-laying ceremony at the war memorial on Schoolhill in Aberdeen.

The parade started on Back Wynd and marched to the memorial, joined by a civic procession led by Lord Provost Dr David Cameron.

The service of remembrance, conducted by the Rev Tanya Webster, included a two-minute silence at 11am.

Press and Journal photographer Kath Flannery was there to capture the ceremony.



Wreaths laid at the Schoolhill war memorial.



Ex-servicemen pay tribute to the war dead at the city's service of remembrance.

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Starmmer is no better than Boris

Kevin McRoberts
Reporter
kevinmcroberts@nationalworld.com

Prime Minister Keir Starmer has been compared to bumbling Boris Johnson following his "brazen betrayal" of Scotland and its fishing industry. SNP MP Seamus Logan, whose Aberdeenshire North and Moray East includes two of the largest fishing ports in Peterhead and Fraserburgh, said the Labour government's sums and excuses "don't add up" following the allocation of the £360 million Fishing and Coastal Growth Fund.

He raised the matter at Westminster last week with UK Fisheries Minister Angela Eagle MP, whose dismissive response was the funding had been allocated to the devolved governments in the normal way by using the Barnett Formula - and that the Scottish Government should use other funding it has received if it wants to support the fishing industry.

Mr Logan said: "My urgent question clearly showed that not only do the Labour Party's sums not add up, their excuses don't add up either."

"They have cut Scotland's fair share of this fishing fund by 83 per cent and they now have the brass neck to tell Scotland's coastal communities that they should be somehow grateful."

"Keir Starmer is clearly taking the Boris Johnson approach on how to brazenly betray Scotland's fishing industry."

"Scotland has a cast iron case for a fair share of fisheries funding. By not funding Scotland fairly, the UK Labour government is choosing to funnel massive financial support to England's fisheries at Scotland's expense."

"When we were still part of the EU, we received 46% of funds based on our share of the UK fishing sector. We were led to believe that Labour's Fishing and Coastal Growth Fund would replicate this allocation - but Labour's habit of breaking promises strikes again."

"This is another example of a broken Westminster



Seamus Logan says Keir Starmer has betrayed fishermen - just like Boris.

system that doesn't work for Scotland - coastal communities and rural Scotland marginalised by a UK Government that is making decisions from afar, with little or no knowledge of the communities they are harming."

Scottish Conservative fishing spokesman Tim Eagle MSP described Scotland's allocation as a pitiful amount which did not come close to the true scale that Scotland's fishing sector benefits the UK.

"It is a drop in the ocean when almost 40% of fishermen are based here in Scotland, landing substantially more fish than anywhere else in the UK," he said. "The significant gap between the funding that has been made available to Scotland, compared to Scotland's overall output, is neither fair nor proportionate."

"This short-changes Scotland and will do little to ease the anger that fishermen rightly feel towards Keir Starmer for surrendering our fishing waters to the EU until 2038. Once again, we are seeing this Labour UK Government undervalue our fishing industry."

Scottish Conservative colleague and North East MP Andrew Bowie said the allocation of the Fishing and Coastal Growth Fund proved Labour "has absolutely no regard for Scotland's totemic fishing industry".

He added: "We have this

pitiful sum to support the industry in Scotland, based on population rather than the massive contribution our fishermen make to the UK economy."

"The Conservatives are continuing to champion Scotland's fishing industry, from catch to processing to the kitchen table, while Labour do not understand how important this all is."

"If it's not taxing family farms out of business, it's spreading coppers around on fishing, which is worth so much more than that. Keir Starmer either doesn't know how bad this looks in the eyes of rural Scotland or doesn't care."

Scottish Liberal Democrat MP Alistair Carmichael, speaking in the House of Commons, pointed out that by value and volume, Shetland in his constituency accounted for nine per cent of the fish landed in the UK, more than the percentage of funding Scotland was getting as a whole.

He told the Fishing Minister: "Let's not forget that this fund was created because the Prime Minister went and rolled over for 12 years the catastrophically bad deal that Boris Johnson gave us for five."

"If the Minister is sincere when she says that the aim of the government is to maximise local investment, then to use the Barnett formula to distribute this is ocean-going madness."



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NEWS



Harriet Cross says failure to upgrade roads like the A90 to Peterhead has had devastating consequences.

Neglect has cost lives

Kevin McRoberts
Reporter
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North-east roads have been named the most dangerous in Scotland after 24 people were killed on routes across the region last year.

Annual figures released by Transport Scotland show the North-east had the highest number of road fatalities in the country in 2024.

Transport Scotland's statistics showed the 24 fatalities occurred from 22 collisions last year, a rise of 10 collisions on 2023 when 12 were recorded.

Of the 24 deaths, 12 occurred on roads in Aberdeenshire, nine happened in Moray, and three in Aberdeen.

A further 384 people were injured on North-east roads – 82 in Aberdeen, 244 in Ab-

erdeenshire and 58 in Moray – resulting from 273 collisions.

Of those injured in Aberdeenshire, 123 suffered serious injuries.

Gordon and Buchan MP Harriet Cross has described the figures as "horrifying" and has slammed the Scottish Government for turning the North-east into the "road death capital of Scotland".

The MP hit out at ministers for pausing the dualing of the A96, refusing to upgrade the A90 between Ellon, Peterhead and Fraserburgh, and stalling on improving the A90 Laurencekirk junction.

The Scottish Conservative MP said: "These horrifying figures are the tragic reality of the Scottish Government's lack of action to dual roads such as the A96 and A90 in the North-east."

"One death is too many and behind these statis-

tics lay bare the human cost of these dreadful incidents.

"The North-east is now the road death capital of Scotland, which is a damning indictment that routes across the region are not fit for the 21st century."

"Roads like the A96 should have been dualled by now but, instead, the SNP government has betrayed our region by reneging on its promise that it made more than a decade ago."

"The continued neglect of our roads is costing lives, hampering the creation of new jobs, restricting our emergency services and putting off much-needed potential investors in our local and regional economy."

Across Scotland, 161 people lost their lives in collisions on the roads.

A further 5,573 people were injured, including just under 2,000 people who suffered serious injuries.

Rent increases

Rent in Aberdeen and Shire rose 4 per cent over the past year, new figures show.

Provisional figures from the Office for National Statistics show the average private rent in the Aberdeen and Shire rental market area reached £854 per month in the year to September – up 4 per cent from £825 a year prior. It was also up 24 per cent from an estimated £689 per month five years ago.

Scotland's rent data is collected by Rent Service Scotland, and is predominantly for advertised new lets, with only a small proportion based on existing tenancies. Therefore, price changes for existing tenancies are largely estimated.

Across Scotland, the average rent was £1,004.

Lothian had the highest rental cost in the country at £1,397 per month, while the lowest was in Dumfries and Galloway at £527.

Call for a fair deal for rural Scotland

The Scottish Liberal Democrat autumn conference has backed proposals which would ensure that all legislation works for rural communities.

The motion also called for a review of the shape and size of rural local authorities, and funding formulas – subject to their request – to ensure local services are properly resourced and meet the needs of local communities.

It was backed overwhelmingly by conference.

Speaking in support of the motion, the Liberal Democrats Lead Scottish Parliamentary Candidate for the North East Region Yi-pei Chou Turvey (pictured) said: "In rural areas like Aberdeenshire and Angus the risk of losing our local schools, our rural nurseries, our bus routes and our local health ser-

vices is hanging constantly over families' heads.

"For fishermen, farmers and other rural workers there is no working from home – their work is where it is, and we need for support our rural communities."

"As representatives of North-east communities, we are facing death by a thousand cuts and anger in our communities is growing."

"North-east local authorities especially Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire have been consistently underfunded throughout 18 years of SNP government."

"That is why I support this motion – we need to reverse that trend and update the Scottish Government and COSLA funding formulae to give more recognition to the challenges rural communities face."



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📢 Our next round of MarramWind Statutory Consultation begins today!

Local communities across Aberdeenshire now have the opportunity to get involved and share their views on the proposed 3GW floating offshore windfarm.

📅 The consultation runs from 30 October to 13 November, featuring:

- ✅ A virtual exhibition
- ✅ A public drop-in event on 3 November at Longside Football Club, Peterhead.

Your feedback is a vital part of MarramWind's development. Learn more and share your feedback at https://lnkd.in/eRv62j_u



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📅 Monday 3 November
📍 Longside Football Club, Davidson Park/Station Road, AB42 4GR
🕒 2pm – 7pm

Can't make it in person?

- 📄 Visit our virtual consultation room at https://lnkd.in/eRv62j_u
- ✉ Email us: stakeholder@marramwind.com
- ✉ Write to: Freepost MARRAMWIND (no stamp needed)
- 📄 Printed materials and feedback forms are available at Buchan House, St Peter St, Peterhead AB42 1QF



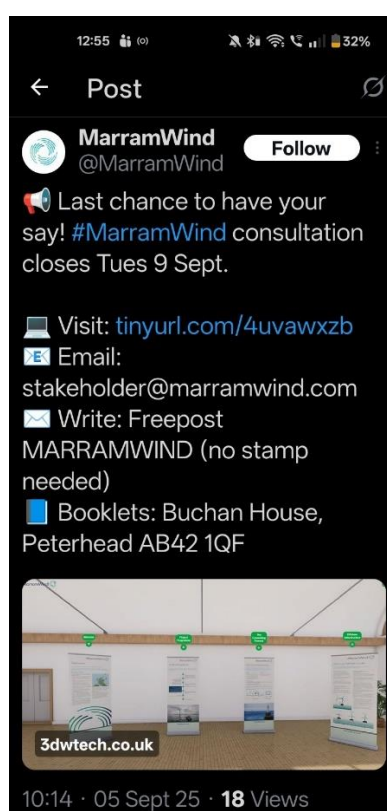
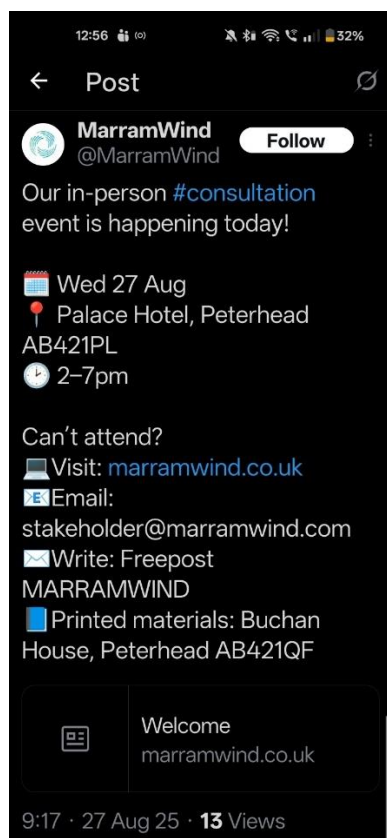
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Welcome to the November Newsletter. We aim to make this newsletter a useful resource to bring you all the latest community news, information on events, groups and activities along with funding opportunities.

Our free monthly newsletter can provide a focus for your community, so if you have something happening in your area, please get in touch and tell us about it, we would be delighted to help promote and raise awareness of all the fantastic things happening where you live.

Buchan Community News

- Buchan Community Benefit Steering Group
- Central Buchan Bus Services
- MarramWind Consultations

Funding Opportunities

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