



Pre-Application Consultation Report

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Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm Project

Pre-application consultation report

1. Proposed Licensable Marine Activity

Please describe below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form the proposed licensable marine activity, including its location

Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited – a wind farm with a total output of 450MW comprising of up to 54 wind turbines 15.5km east of Fife Ness in the Firth of Forth. Inter-array and inter-connector cables will connect the turbines up to 2 Offshore Substation Platforms. Two export cables will come ashore at Thorntonloch beach in East Lothian. More information is provided in Section 2.1 (Project Overview) of the Pre-Application Consultation Report.

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4. Pre-application Consultation Event

Please describe below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form the pre-application consultation event

There were five (5) Pre-Application Consultation events held between 25th September 2017 and 4th October 2017 (North Berwick, Dunbar, Carnoustie, Crail and St Andrews). Please refer to Section 4 (Pre-Application Consultation Events) of the Pre-Application Consultation Report for more details.

5. Information provided by the Prospective Applicant at the Pre-application Consultation Event

Please provide below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form detail of any information provided by the prospective applicant for a marine licence at the pre-application consultation event

Please refer to Section 4 (Pre-Application Consultation Events) of the Pre-Application Consultation Report for more details.

6. Information received by the Prospective Applicant at the Pre-application Consultation Event

Please provide below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form detail of any comments and objections received by the prospective applicant for a marine licence at the pre-application consultation event

Please refer to Section 5 (Analysis of Event Questionnaire Outputs) of the Pre-Application Consultation Report for more details.

7. Amendments made, or to be made, to the Application for a Marine Licence by the Prospective Applicant following their Consideration of Comments and/or Objections received at the Pre-application Consultation Event

Where any amendments are made, or are to be made, by the prospective applicant for a marine licence to the marine licence application as a direct result of their consideration of comments and/or objections received at the pre-application consultation event, please provide below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form details of such amendments

Please refer to Appendix 12 (Public Consultation Response Summary and Applicants Response) of the Pre-Application Consultation Report for more details.

8. Explanation of Approach taken by the Prospective Applicant where, following Relevant Comments and/or Objections being received by the Prospective Applicant at the Pre-application Consultation Event, no Relevant Amendment is made to the Application for a Marine Licence

Where, following comments and/or objections having been received by the prospective

applicant for a marine licence at the pre-application consultation event, no relevant amendment is made to the application for a marine licence by the prospective applicant, then please provide below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form an explanation for the approach taken

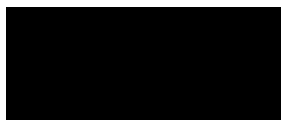
Please refer to Appendix 12 (Public Consultation Response Summary and Applicants Response) of the Pre-Application Consultation Report for more details.

CERTIFICATION

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Date: March 7th 2018

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1 Introduction

1.1 Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm

1. Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Ltd (hereafter referred to as 'NnGOWL') is developing the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm (hereafter referred to as 'the Project'). The Project is a proposed offshore wind farm located in the Firth of Forth, with a maximum generating output of 450 megawatts (MW).

1.2 Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited

2. NnGOWL is the developer of the Project and the applicant for the Section 36 consent and marine licences. NnGOWL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mainstream Renewable Power Limited (hereafter referred to as 'Mainstream') and was incorporated specifically for the development of the Project. Further information is available at www.nngoffshorewind.com.

1.3 Mainstream Renewable Power

3. Mainstream was founded by Eddie O'Connor in 2008 to develop wind and solar plants around the world. The company has a global development portfolio of over 9 Gigawatts (GW), consisting of both onshore (wind and solar) and offshore wind projects across four continents.
4. Collectively, Mainstream has over 600 years of combined experience in those areas critical to project development. Mainstream has a set of values which create a strong foundation for decision making at the project and company level. These values include a focus on working with others and respecting those that the organisation works with, and these have been reflected in the extensive consultation carried out for the Project.
5. Health and Safety is integral to all that Mainstream does. Ensuring a safe working environment for personnel and the public is Mainstream's primary concern. In addition to ensuring all necessary and relevant legislation is adhered to, Mainstream applies its certified Integrated Management System to all operations.
6. The company has extensive offshore wind experience and was successful in progressing the Hornsea Zone off the east coast of England, developed by SMart Wind - a joint venture with Siemens Projects Ventures and investor DONG Energy. In 2010, SMart Wind won The Crown Estate's Round 3 tender to develop the Zone. The project reached a number of milestones including consent for Project One (1,200MW), Project Two (1,800 MW), and the delivery of the very successful SMart Futures schools programme. In February 2015, DONG Energy bought 33% of the Hornsea Zone and in August 2015 they exercised the right to purchase the remainder of the Hornsea Zone.
7. Mainstream is also actively developing wind and solar plants onshore in the US, Canada, Chile and South Africa.
8. Further information is available in the EIA Report Chapter 1: Introduction and at www.mainstreamrp.com.

1.4 Facilitating Change

9. Facilitating Change (UK) Limited has prepared this report under contract to NnGOWL.
10. Facilitating Change (UK) Limited is a highly respected facilitation company that works with clients in both the public and private sector:
 - to deliver public consultation processes; and

- to facilitate meetings, workshops and conferences
11. Facilitating Change's experts act independently to build mutual trust and respect with the groups that they work with. They specialise in delivering large consultation and engagement programmes where groups with diverse ideas and beliefs come together to discuss issues affecting their community.
 12. Further information about Facilitating Change is available at www.fchange.com.

1.5 The Purpose of this Report

13. Facilitating Change has been commissioned by NnGOWL to undertake, analyse and review the output of the consultation undertaken with the local community on the Project.
14. This report provides a brief description of the background to the development, and the legislative requirements that both the developer, and the consultation process, must satisfy and how these requirements have been satisfied.
15. The report includes:
 - A review of the consultation undertaken to date, covering statutory consultation, information provision and public consultation
 - A review of the output from the public consultation, including the main issues raised by residents through the consultation process

1.6 Reporting Method

16. The report has been reviewed by NnGOWL, but the views expressed and conclusions reached are those of the respondents who completed the project questionnaire and do not necessarily represent the views of NnGOWL.

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2 Context

2.1 Project Overview

22. The Project will be comprised of the Offshore Wind Farm (the wind turbines, their foundations and associated inter-array cabling); and the Offshore Transmission Works (OfTW) (comprising the Offshore Substation Platform(s) (OSP(s)), their foundations and the Offshore Export Cables).
23. The overall objective of the proposed development is to generate electricity to feed into the national grid, to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, thereby reducing future levels of atmospheric CO₂ and other greenhouse gases.
24. The Project will be connected to the national grid via the Onshore Transmission Works (OnTW). The onshore infrastructure is the subject of a planning permission granted under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) and does not form part of the Project.
25. The Project is located in the Firth of Forth, approximately 15.5 kilometres (km) east of Fife Ness (see Appendix 1). The location of the Project is referred as the 'Development Area'. This is further divided into two discrete areas referred as the 'Wind Farm Area', comprising the geographical area where the wind turbines, inter-array cables, OSPs and other associated infrastructure will be located; and the 'Offshore Export Cable Corridor', comprising the geographical area within which the Offshore Export Cables will be located and the landfall area.
26. The Wind Farm Area will cover an area of approximately 105 km². A detailed project description is presented in the EIA Report Chapter 4: Project Description, but the following provides a brief overview of the main aspects of the Project.
27. A maximum of 54 wind turbines will be installed in the Wind Farm Area. The turbine foundations will utilise a steel lattice jacket with piled foundation design.
28. In addition to the turbines, up to two OSPs will be installed, and a meteorological mast may also be installed within the Wind Farm Area.
29. Subsea inter-array cables will be required to connect the turbines to each other and to the OSP(s). In the event that two OSPs are installed, there will be interconnector cables installed between the OSPs. A pair of Offshore Export Cables, each 43 km in length, will run from the OSP(s) to the landfall point at Thorntonloch, south of Torness Power Station in East Lothian.
30. Underground Onshore Export Cables will connect the Project to a new onshore substation located adjacent to the existing substation for the 'Crystal Rig II' onshore wind farm, where the Project will connect to the national grid. The OnTW will include up to two transition pits at the landfall (landward of mean high water springs (MHWS)) where the Offshore Export Cable and Onshore Export Cable will be connected. As noted above, the OnTW has been granted planning permission under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.
31. Construction activities are anticipated to commence offshore in early 2021 and will last for approximately 2 years.

2.2 Project Background

32. In May 2008, The Crown Estate (TCE) (now Crown Estate Scotland (CES)) invited developers to bid for potential offshore wind farm sites within Scottish Territorial Waters (STW). Following the bid, TCE offered exclusivity agreements for ten sites around Scotland, with the potential to generate over 6 GW of offshore wind power. Mainstream was awarded one of these exclusivity agreements for the area known as Neart na Gaoithe.

33. The lease agreement with TCE is for up to 50 years, with the Project potentially operating over this full lease period.
34. Further information on the background of the Project, including the onshore planning permission, the original consent granted in 2014, and the subsequent variation and Judicial Review, can be found in the EIA Report Chapter 1: Introduction.

2.3 The Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013

35. The Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (hereafter 'the Regulations') came into force on 1 January 2014 and apply to all relevant marine licence applications submitted to Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT) on or after 6 April 2014. These requirements only apply in respect of relevant applications in the Scottish Inshore Region, from MHWS to 12 nautical miles (NM).
36. Pre-application consultation is required for licensable activities which involve, among other things:
 - The deposit of a submarine cable into the sea or on or under the seabed from a vehicle, vessel, aircraft, marine structure or floating container, where that cable is over 1,853 m (approx. 1 NM) in length and where it crosses the inter-tidal boundary; or
 - The construction of a renewable energy structure in or over the sea or on or under the seabed, where the total area in which the structure is to be located exceeds 10,000 m².
37. The purpose of the Regulations is to allow the local community, stakeholders and other interested parties to comment upon marine development proposals prior to an application for a Marine Licence being submitted. The Regulations set out the process for pre-application consultation which is summarised below in Table 1.

Table 1: Pre-application consultation requirements under the Marine Licensing (Pre-application consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013

Requirement	Action Taken
<p>Notice that an application for a marine licence is to be submitted must be given at least 12 weeks before the submission of the application to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Commissioners of the Northern Lighthouses (also known as Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB)); - The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA); - The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA); - Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH); and - Any delegate for a marine region where the application for a marine licence is for an activity which is to be carried out wholly or partly in that region. <p>The notice must contain the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A description in general terms of the activity to be carried out; - A plan or chart showing the outline of the location at which the activity is to be carried out (including as appropriate, the route to be taken in order to carry out the activity), which is sufficient to identify the location; and 	<p>Notice containing the specified information was provided to NLB, MCA, SEPA and SNH on 3rd August 2017. Please see Appendix 13 for a copy of one of the letters providing the relevant notification.</p>

Requirement	Action Taken
<p>- Details as to how the prospective applicant is to be contacted.</p>	
<p>At least one public event is to be held where local communities, environmental groups, NGOs, regulators and other interested parties are given the opportunity to consider and comment upon the prospective application.</p>	<p>Five consultation events were held. Please see section 4 Pre-application Consultation Events for further details.</p>
<p>The prospective applicant must notify the following statutory consultees that an application for a marine licence is to be submitted to MS-LOT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NLB - MCA - SEPA - SNH - Any delegate for the relevant marine region or regions, when such delegates have been established under Section 12(1) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 <p>The notification should include basic information relating to the application and include the time and location of the consultation event. The notification must be made at least 6 weeks in advance of the event.</p>	<p>Notice containing the specified information was provided to NLB, MCA, SEPA and SNH on 3rd August 2017. Please see Appendix 13 for a copy of one of the letters providing the relevant notification.</p>
<p>No less than 6 weeks in advance of the public pre-application consultation event, the prospective applicant must also publish in a local newspaper a notice containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A description, including location, of the marine licensable activity. - Details as to where further details concerning the activity may be obtained. - The date and place of the pre-application consultation event. - A statement explaining how persons wishing to provide comments may do so and the date by which this must be done. - A statement clarifying that comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to MS-LOT and that there will be an opportunity for representations to be made to MS-LOT on the application once the application has been made. <p>The pre-application consultation event must be held at least 6 weeks after the date of the published notice, or the date the persons mentioned above were notified of the intention to submit a marine licence application, whichever is later.</p>	<p>Notices containing the specified information were published in local newspapers as required. Please see section 4.2 Advertisement of the Events for further details.</p>

Requirement	Action Taken
<p>The consultation event must be held in a suitably accessible venue.</p> <p>The venue must be suitably accessible both in terms of allowing physical access by persons of impaired mobility, and being local to the proposed marine licensable activity. This is to allow the provision of information to, and attendance by, persons who are most likely to have an active interest in the proposed activity. The venues in which these events are held is likely to vary in size and nature, dependent largely upon the availability of public buildings in those parts of Scotland close to where the proposed marine licensable activities are to take place. It is expected by MS-LOT that the typical venue which will be used will be a local town hall or hotel.</p>	<p>Please see section 4.1 Event Details</p>
<p>A pre-application publication report, in the form prescribed by the Regulations, must be prepared and submitted with the marine licence application, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A description of the consultation event. - A description of the information provided by the prospective applicant at the event. - Comments received by the prospective applicant at the pre-application event. - A description of amendments to be made to the marine licence application, where applicable, in response to those comments. - An explanation for the approach taken where, despite the prospective applicant receiving relevant comments and objections no relevant alterations are proposed to be made to the marine licence application. 	<p>The prescribed form has been completed and this document (PAC Report – December 2017) is an attachment to the form and includes details of the information required by the form.</p> <p>Please refer to Appendix 12 (Public Consultation Response Summary and Applicants Response) for more information.</p>

3 Programme of Engagement

3.1 Consultation Objectives

38. Since the project's inception, NnGOWL's aim has been to work with all stakeholders (organisations, individuals and communities) who have an interest in the Project, whether as a result of their activities or their location. This has enabled NnGOWL to benefit from the considerable experience of the stakeholders and has allowed the Project to develop with the involvement of stakeholders on whom it will ultimately impact. This engagement started prior to the original consent application being submitted and has been maintained during the pre-application phase of this new consent. NnGOWL will continue to engage with stakeholders as the Project progresses.

3.2 Scope of the this Report

39. Pre-application consultation has been carried out in line with the requirements of the Regulations as set out in Section 2.3. This report has also been compiled in line with the requirements of the Regulations, also set out in Section 2.3. Details of consultation undertaken with other stakeholders (both statutory and non-statutory) in the preparation of the consent application are provided in the EIA Report Chapter 5: Scoping and Consultation and in the individual technical chapters of the EIA Report.
40. In addition to consulting with the public through organised events, NnGOWL has also consulted with community and interest groups who may require more targeted engagement to facilitate involvement in the consultation.

3.3 Community Councils

41. Community Councils represent an important source of information regarding how best to engage with local communities. NnGOWL has established excellent working relationships with members of the local Community Councils over many years. Where possible, public events were planned with input from local Community Councils, with particular guidance sought from specific Community Councils on appropriate venues for the pre-application consultation events. The following Community Councils were consulted during the pre-application period:

- Anstruther Community Council
- Arbroath Community Council
- Carnoustie Community Council
- Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council
- Crail Community Council
- Dunbar Community Council
- East Lammermuir Community Council
- Elie and Earlsferry Community Council
- Ferryden Community Council
- Guardbridge Community Council
- Gullance Community Council
- Kingsbarns Community Council
- Leuchars Community Council
- Longniddry Community Council
- Monifieth Community Council
- Montrose Community Council

- North Berwick Community Council
- Pittenweem Community Council
- Prestonpans Community Council
- St Andrews Community Council
- St Monans, Abercrombie and District Community Council
- St Monans Community Council
- Tayport Community Council
- West Barns Community Council

3.4 Project Website

42. The project website at www.nngoffshorewind.com provides up-to-date information about the Project. It allows interested parties to register their interest and receive updates on the Project as well as providing contact details for those wishing to make comments on the Project.
43. Individuals or organisations who would like to be part of the supply chain for the Project are also able to register their interest online via the website or by visiting www.nngsupplierdatabase.com.
44. In addition to providing regular news updates, the website features a comprehensive repository of documents including:

3.4.1 Project Brochures

45. Project Brochure – September 2017 (PDF)

3.4.2 Project Storyboards

46. Project Information (PDF)
47. Photomontage viewpoint: Arbroath Signal and Carnoustie (PDF)
48. Photomontage viewpoint: St. Andrews and Crail (PDF)
49. Photomontage viewpoint: North Berwick Law and Dunbar (PDF)

3.4.3 Generation Licence

50. Generation Licence Application (PDF)

3.4.4 Schedule 9 Statement

51. Schedule 9 Statement (PDF)

3.4.5 TMZ Consultation

52. TMZ Consultation Document (PDF)
53. TMZ Consultation FAQs (PDF)

3.4.6 Scoping Reports

54. Offshore Scoping Report (PDF)
55. Offshore Scoping Report – Appendices (PDF)
56. Offshore Scoping Report, May 2017 (PDF)
57. Offshore Scoping Report, May 2017 – Appendices (PDF)
58. Onshore Scoping Report, Jan 2012 (PDF)
59. Onshore Scoping Report, Jan 2012 – Figures (PDF)

3.4.7 Environmental Statements

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- 61. Onshore Environmental Statement
- 62. Offshore Addendum of Supplementary Environmental information

3.4.8 Offshore Section 36 Consent Variation

- 63. Offshore Section 36 Consent Variation

3.4.9 Onshore Section 42 Application

- 64. S42 Application – Conditions (Clean) (PDF)
- 65. S42 Application – Conditions (Tracked) (PDF)
- 66. S42 Application – Covering Letter (PDF)
- 67. S42 Application – Illustration of Areas A, B and S (PDF)
- 68. S42 Application – Site Boundary (PDF)
- 69. Once the consent application has been accepted by MS-LOT, the consent application documents, including this report, will be uploaded to the website.

3.5 Telephone Helpline

- 70. The Project has a dedicated telephone line to deal with any enquiries about the Project.
+44 (0)141 206 3860

3.6 Project Email Address

- 71. The Project has a dedicated email address to deal with any enquiries about the Project.
info@nngoffshorewind.com

4 Pre-application Consultation Events

72. NnGOWL has previously held 15 public consultation events in relation to the original consent, including exhibitions in local venues and attendance at community galas and fetes. In the first instance, public exhibition venues were selected in areas from where the Project is likely to be most visible which led to events in Fife, Angus and East Lothian. Feedback from these events was used to refine the process going forward and resulted in NnGOWL targeting a wider demographic through attendance at popular local galas and fetes.
73. In support of the new consent application, NnGOWL has consulted with MS-LOT and local planning authorities to ascertain the most appropriate means of re-engaging with the local communities. NnGOWL felt that it was important to re-visit the communities across Fife, Angus and East Lothian and so decided to hold five events during late September and early October 2017 in these areas.

4.1 Event Details

74. Venues that were chosen for the public events were fully accessible to the public and were staffed by members of the Project team to ensure that those attending would be able to engage in face-to-face dialogue. All the events were scheduled to take place at times that were accessible to as many members of the community as possible and ran from 2pm until 8pm. Details of dates and venues are detailed below in Table 2.

Table 2: Dates and venues of pre-application consultation events

Date	Venue
Monday 25th September 2017	North Berwick Community Centre 8 Law Road North Berwick EH39 4PN
Tuesday 26th September 2017	Bleachingfield Centre Countess Crescent Dunbar EH42 1DX
Wednesday 27th September 2017	Carnoustie Golf Hotel Links Parade Carnoustie DD7 7JE
Thursday 28th September 2017	Crail Community Hall St Andrews Road Crail KY10 3UH
Wednesday 4th October 2017	St Andrews Town Hall Queens Gardens St Andrews KY16 9TA

4.2 Advertisement of the Events

75. A number of different media were used to promote the events including a notice in local newspapers, press release, email invitations and door-to-door leafleting.

4.2.1 Statutory Notifications

76. As per the requirements of the Regulations, as set out in Section 2.3, notifications of the upcoming consultation events were sent to the NLB, MCA, SEPA, SNH and MS-LOT on 3 August 2017.

4.2.2 Local Press Notices & Press Release

77. As per the requirements of the Regulations, a notice of the events (please see Appendix 2) was placed in the following local newspapers at least 6 weeks before the events:

- East Lothian Courier – 3rd August 2017
- The Courier (Dundee edition) – 4th August 2017
- Berwickshire Advertiser – 3rd August 2017
- Berwickshire News - 3rd August 2017
- East Fife Mail – 9th August 2017
- Fife Herald – 4th August 2017
- St Andrews Citizen – 4th August 2017

4.2.3 Door-to-Door Leafleting

78. A leaflet advertising the events was sent via Royal Mail to over 54,500 residences and businesses in the following postcode areas across coastal locations in Angus, Fife and East Lothian (see Appendix 3). The leaflet included details of the events, a map indicating the location of the Project, and instructions and contact information for people wishing to comment on the proposal.

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| ● DD7 | ● KY10 | ● EH42 |
| ● KY8 | ● KY16 | |

4.2.4 Posters

79. A poster promoting the events was distributed to local shops, businesses, leisure centres, churches, libraries and other community buildings. A copy of the poster and a list of the premises it was provided to are appended to this report¹ (see Appendix 4 and Appendix 5).

4.3 Format of Events

80. The events comprised open drop-in exhibition style sessions where the public and stakeholders were invited to attend at their leisure to view the exhibition and meet with members of the Project team.
81. The exhibition focused on nine display boards, featuring information about the project (see Appendix 6).
82. The information contained in the boards was repeated in an A5 brochure which was available for attendees to take away (see Appendix 7) alongside copies of the recent Fraser of Allander Institute report on the economic impact of the Project.

¹ Please note that, in a number of cases, it was not possible for Facilitating Change's operative to physically put the poster up either because there was no one available to provide access to the building in question or because the person in charge took the poster and indicated that they would display it. In the case of inaccessible buildings, the poster was put through the letterbox, or similar. NnGOWL can therefore not guarantee that the poster was displayed in all of the locations listed.

83. Refreshments were also available.

84. The content of the boards can be summarised, as follows:

4.3.1 Board 1

85. The first board featured an introduction to the Project with a brief overview of the consenting process to date and key Project milestones and timelines. It included a location plan.

4.3.2 Board 2

86. Board 2 displayed key facts comparing the original consent to the new consent application. It provided a schematic illustration of the key components of an offshore wind farm and onshore grid connection.

4.3.3 Board 3

87. The third board highlighted some of the key environmental studies and survey work undertaken and explained the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes for the Project. It included information relating to birds, marine mammals, fish, shipping navigation routes, and commercial fishing.

4.3.4 Board 4

88. Board 4 explained the OfTW and OnTW and provided details regarding the planning permission for the OnTW.

4.3.5 Board 5

89. The fifth board focused on the socio-economic aspects of the Project, highlighting some of the projected benefits and outlining the work undertaken in relation to the supply chain for the Project. It also described the three other offshore wind farms proposed in the vicinity.

4.3.6 Board 6

90. The construction processes for the OnTW, OfTW and Offshore Wind Farm were explained on the sixth board.

4.3.7 Boards 7, 8 & 9

91. The final three boards featured graphic photomontage representations of the Project from six key viewpoints agreed with MS-LOT and the local planning authorities.

4.3.8 Event Questionnaire

92. During the exhibition, attendees were asked to complete a feedback questionnaire (see Appendix 8). The questionnaire could be completed at the event itself, or could be completed after the event and posted to Facilitating Change with pre-addressed Freepost envelopes provided for this purpose. The consolidated output from these questionnaires is in Sections 5 and 6 of this report.

5 Analysis of Event Questionnaire Outputs

5.1 Introduction

93. The following section examines the questionnaire responses. As shown in Table 3 below, of the **371** people who attended the exhibitions, **171 (46.1%)** filled in the questionnaires although not all participants completed all of the questions. Only the questions with a response are included in the following analysis.

Table 3: Participation in the public consultation

Location	Date	Questionnaires completed	Numbers participating	Percentage
North Berwick	25 Sept 2017	35	85	41.2%
Dunbar	26 Sept 2017	44	122	36.1%
Carnoustie	27 Sept 2017	8	15	53.3%
Crail	28 Sept 2017	28	63	44.4%
St Andrews	4 Oct 2017	45	86	52.3%
Postal/ e-mail questionnaires	Oct 2017	11	n/a	n/a
Letters/ e-mails only	Sept-Nov 2017	n/a	18	n/a
TOTAL		171	371	46.1%

94. The same questionnaire was used for each consultation event and the results have been consolidated and compared. Graphs show an overview of the responses with an accompanying table providing more detailed data.

95. The interpretation of the output from the questionnaires can only be taken as an indication of the public views rather than a representative sample of attendees due to the numbers involved.

5.2 Analysis of Questionnaires (Multiple Choice)

The first two questions of the questionnaire examined people's attitudes on the following subjects:

- Climate change
- Renewable energy sources

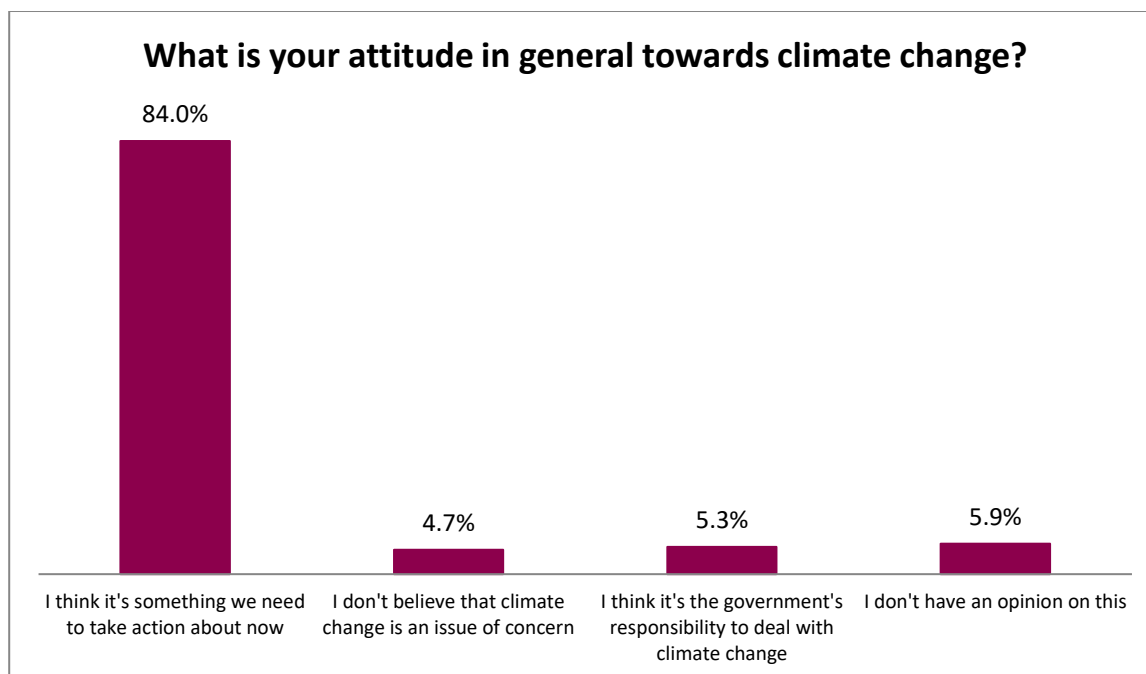
The questionnaires showed that a high percentage of those polled thought that:

- Climate change is something that we should take action about now (**84.0%**).
- It is important that we take the development of renewable energy sources seriously (**90.5%**).

The responses demonstrate a high level of support for actions that address these issues.

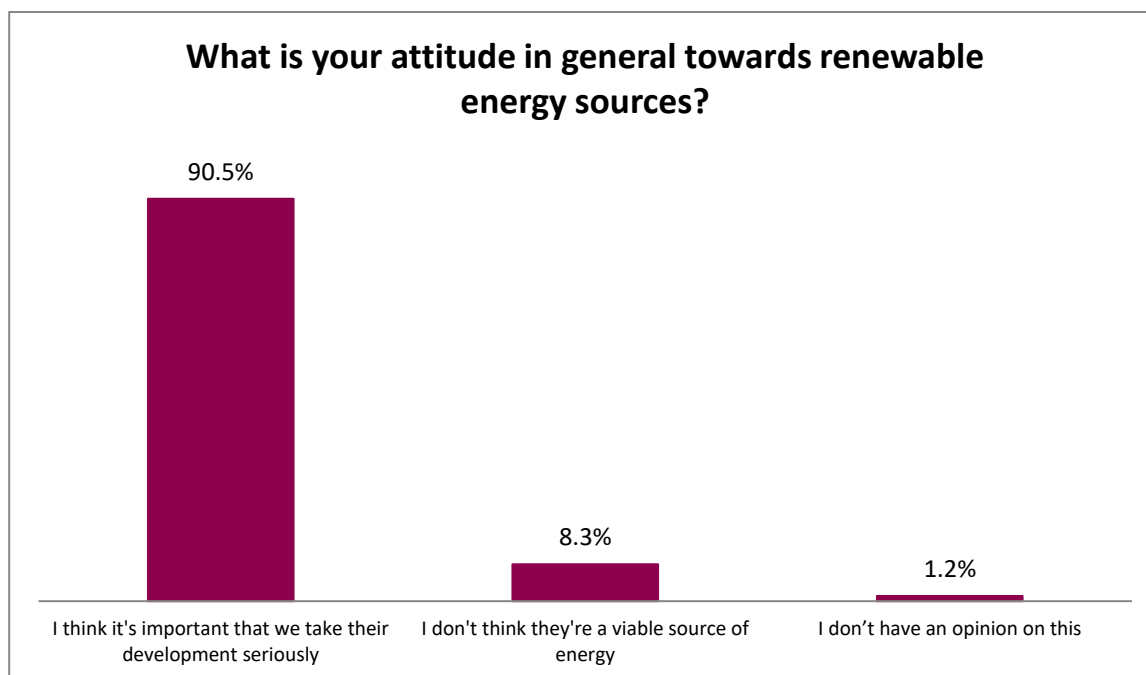
Response	Number of respondents	%
I think it's something we need to take action about now	142	84.0%
I don't believe that climate change is an issue of concern	8	4.7%
I think it is the government's responsibility to deal with climate change	9	5.3%
I don't have an opinion on this	10	5.9%
TOTAL	169	100%

Figure 1: Attitude towards climate change



Response	Number of respondents	%
I think it's important that we take their development seriously	153	90.5%
I don't think they're a viable source of energy	14	8.3%
I don't have an opinion on this	2	1.2%
TOTAL	169	100%

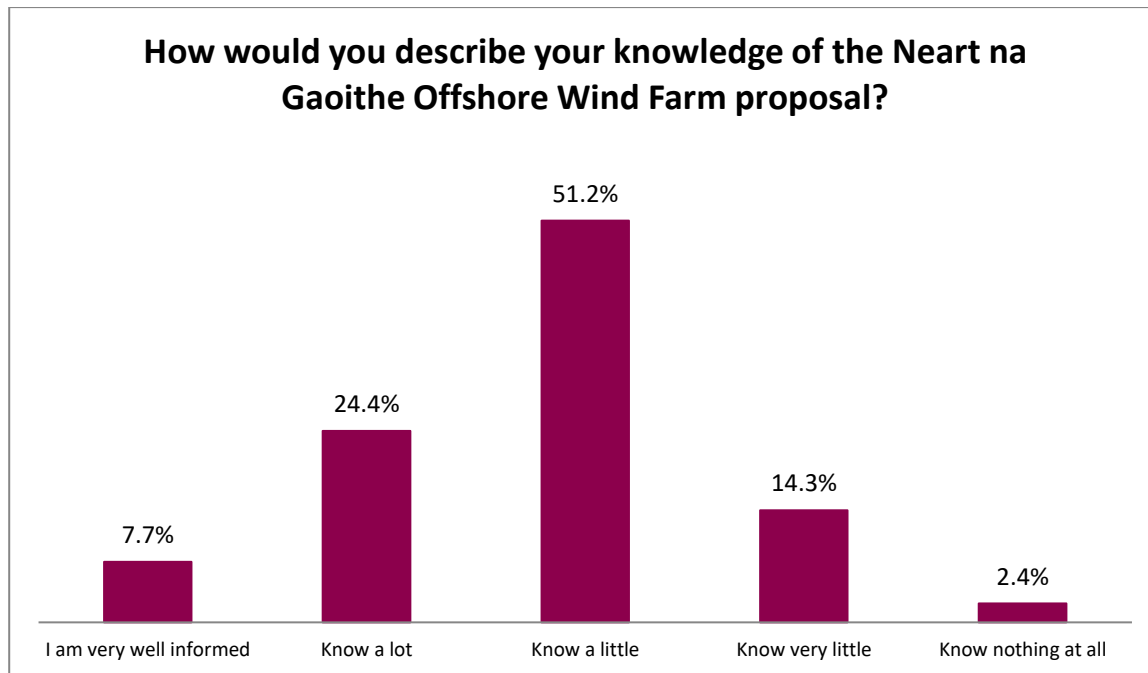
Figure 2: Attitude towards renewable energy sources



96. The third question examined people's knowledge of the Project. Given that the Project has been in the public domain for many years, it is perhaps not surprising that only **2.4%** of respondents said they "**know nothing at all**" and only **14.7%** stated they "**know very little**" about the proposals.

Response	Number of respondents	%
I am very well informed	13	7.7%
Know a lot	41	24.4%
Know a little	86	51.2%
Know very little	24	14.3%
Know nothing at all	4	2.4%
TOTAL	168	100%

Figure 3: Knowledge of Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm



97. Planning legislation in the UK requires extra public engagement on large development proposals with emphasis placed on the public's understanding of the impacts of the proposal. It is important that they recognise and understand positive as well as negative impacts.
98. Question 4 examined the respondents' opinions on the perceived impact of the Project for a number of pre-defined criteria. For each criterion the participants were asked to consider whether the Project would have a:
- Positive / good effect
 - Neutral / no effect
 - Negative / bad effect
 - Not sure
99. Figure 4, Figure 5, Figure 6 and Figure 7 detail the responses given. Individual graphs compare the assessment of effect for each criterion. For example, the first graph shows the positive responses by criteria to allow a comparison. Of the total responses there were:
- 294 Positive / good effect
 - 495 Neutral / no effect
 - 466 Negative / bad effect
 - 268 Not sure
100. Figure 4 shows that respondents believe that the greatest positive impacts will be:
- CO₂ reduction (74.3%)
 - Jobs (60.9%)

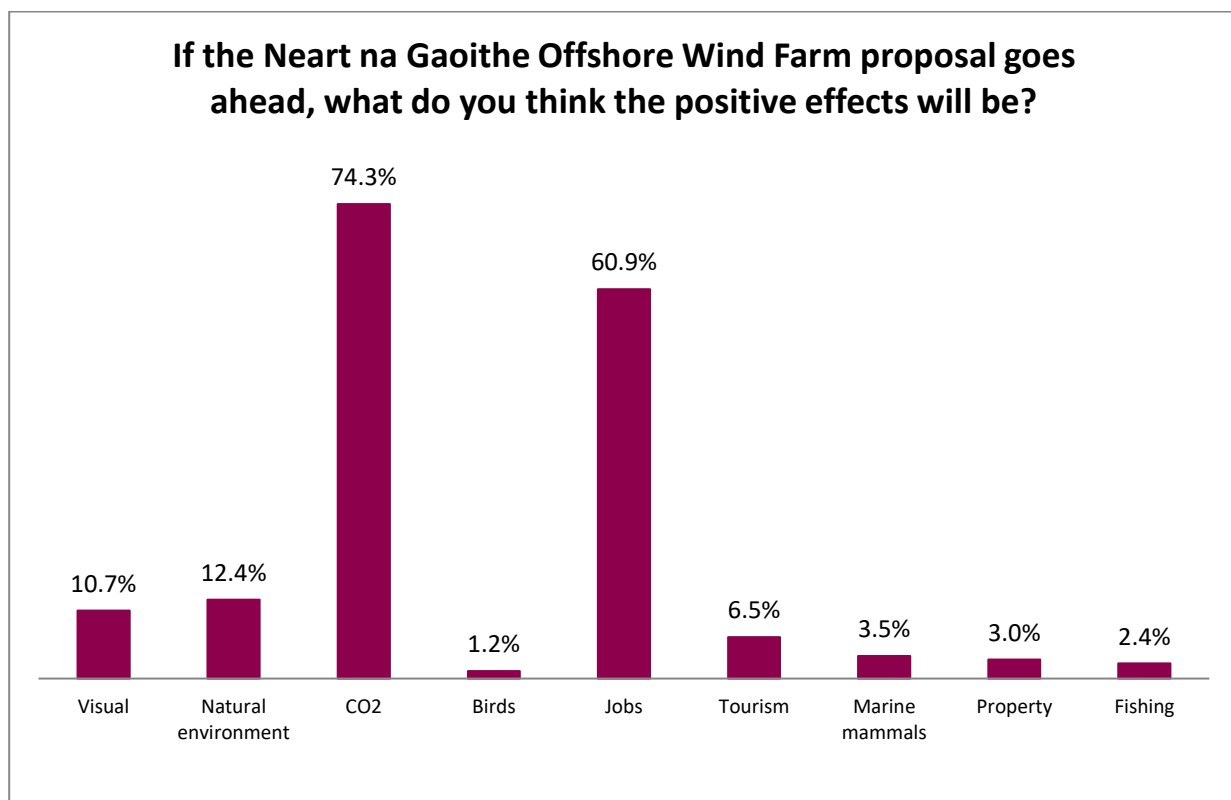


Figure 4: Respondents' opinions on which aspects of the Project will have positive effects

101. Figure 5 shows that respondents believe the greatest negative impacts will be:

- Birds (51.5%)
- Visual effect on the seascape and landscape (50.3%)
- Natural environment (44.1%)
- Marine mammals (38.6%)
- Fishing (31.2%)
- Tourism (28.8%)

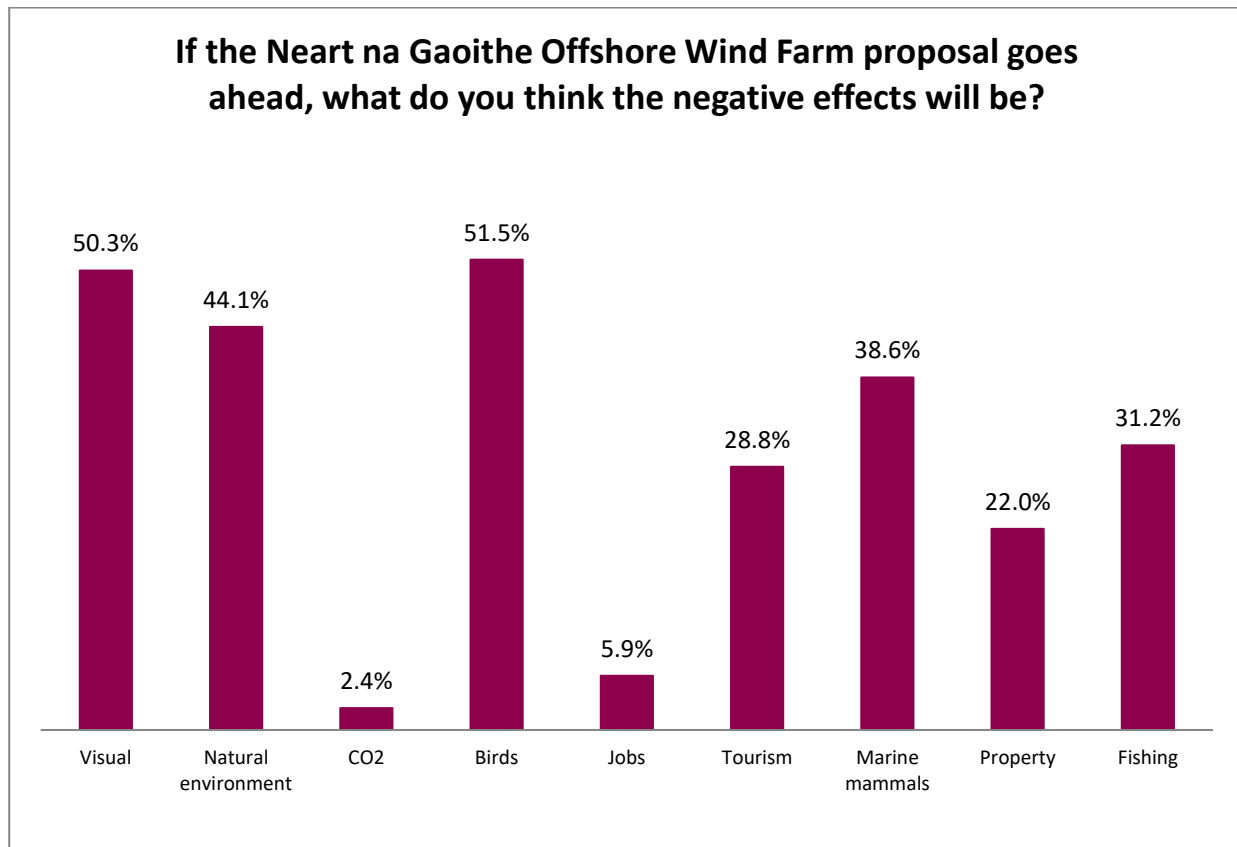


Figure 5: Respondents' opinions on which aspects of the Project will have negative effects

102. Figure 6 shows the areas that the respondents believe will have neutral or no impact:

- Property Values (57.1%)
- Tourism (54.7%)
- Visual (32.0%)
- Marine mammals (31.0%)
- Fishing (28.2%)

103. In the final graph of this series, Figure 7 shows that respondents are not sure about the potential effects of the Project on the following aspects:

- Fishing (38.2%)
- Marine Mammals (26.9%)
- Birds (22.5%)

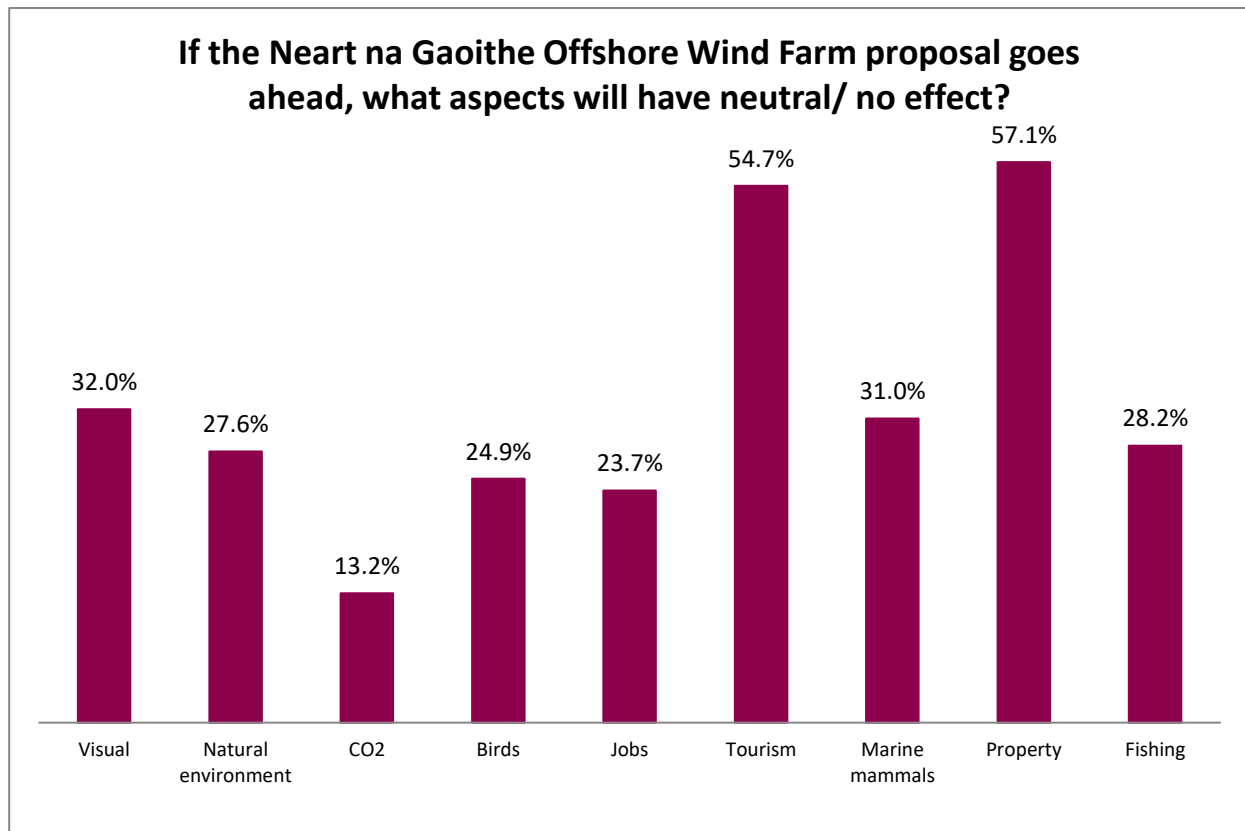


Figure 6: Respondents' opinions on which aspects of the Project will have neutral/ no effect

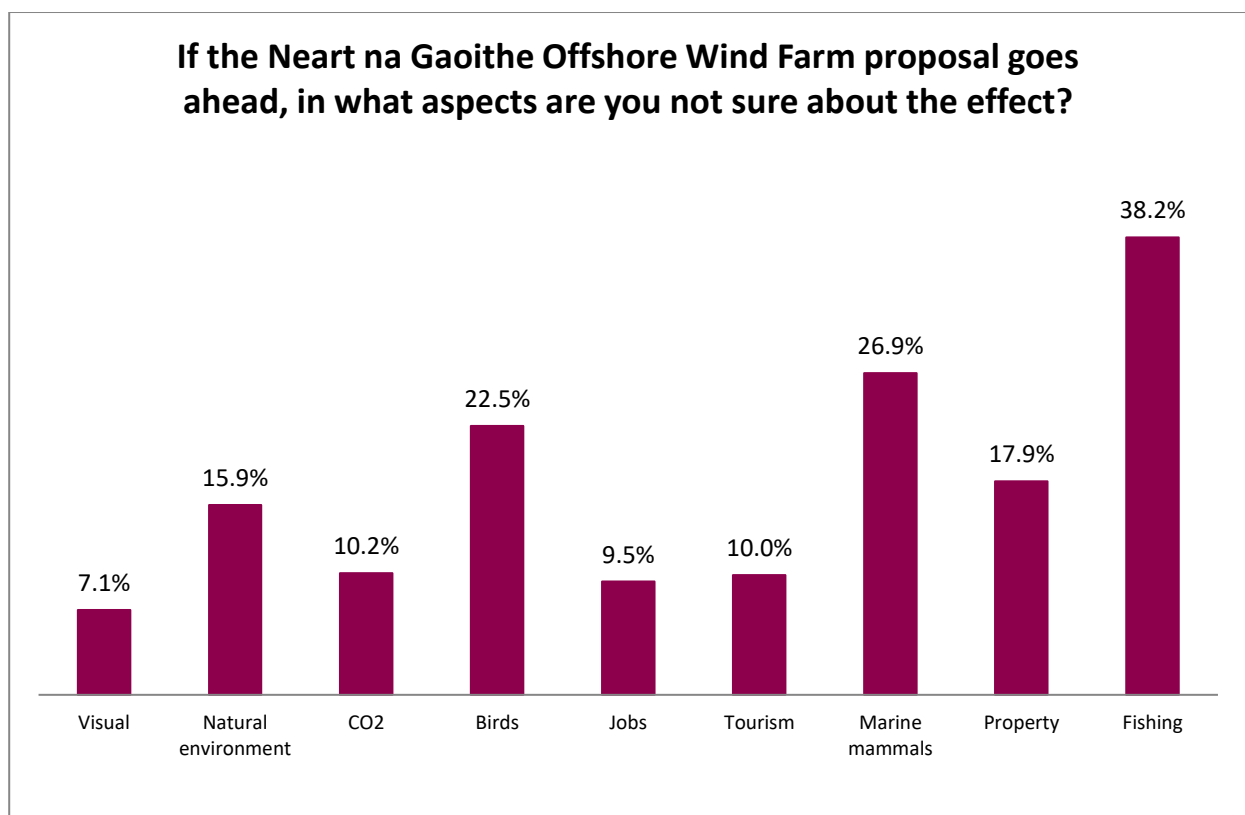


Figure 7: Aspects of the Project where respondents are not sure of the effects

Aspect	Positive/ good effect	Neutral/ no effect	Negative/ bad effect	Not sure
Visual	18 (10.7%)	54 (32.0%)	85 (50.3%)	12 (7.1%)
Natural Environment	21 (12.4%)	47 (27.6%)	75 (44.1%)	27 (15.9%)
CO ₂ reduction	124 (73.4%)	22 (13.2%)	4 (2.4%)	17 (10.2%)
Birds	2 (1.2%)	42 (24.9%)	87 (51.5%)	38 (22.5%)
Jobs	103 (60.9%)	40 (23.7%)	10 (5.9%)	16 (9.5%)
Tourism	11 (6.5%)	93 (54.7%)	49 (28.8%)	17 (10.0%)
Marine mammals	6 (3.5%)	53 (31.0%)	66 (38.6%)	46 (26.9%)
Property Values	5 (3.0%)	96 (57.1%)	37 (22.0%)	30 (17.9%)
Fishing	4 (2.4%)	48 (28.2%)	53 (31.2%)	65 (38.2%)
TOTAL	294	495	466	268

Table 4: Summary of responses to question 4

104. Question 6 examined respondents' overall reaction to the Project. Of the questionnaires completed:

- 50.9% support the development
- 21.6% neither support nor object to the development
- 26.3% oppose the development
- 1.2% did not answer the question

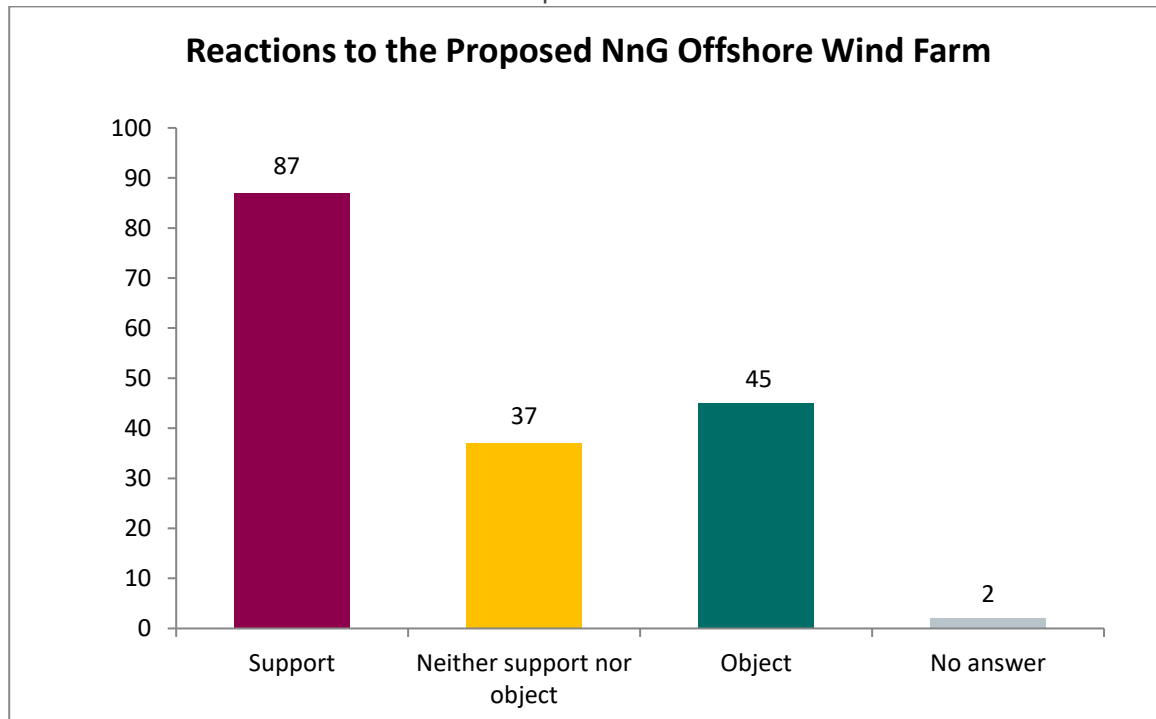


Figure 8: Overall Reactions to the NnG Offshore Wind Farm

105. Figure 9, Figure 10 and Figure 11 and examine the range of opinion across the consultation events. The output demonstrates how the reaction to the Project differs by:

- Local Authority area
- Occupation
- Age
- Gender

106. The graphs show that:

- Those living in Angus and East Lothian or 'Other' Local Authority areas are more likely to support the Project than are those living in Fife.
- Those living in Fife or 'Other' are more likely to object to the Project than those living in other areas.
- Those who did not disclose their occupation were more likely to object to the Project than those who are retired or occupied in paid, unpaid or voluntary work.
- 87.0% of respondents were willing to disclose their occupation.
- 62.6% of respondents were 60 years old or over with a further 25.7% aged 40-59 years.
- There were no respondents from the 16-24 years age bracket and only one was under 16 years.
- Those aged 60 or over were more likely to support the Project than those in their 40s and 50s.
- More than half (57.9%) the respondents were male.
- Males are slightly more supportive of the Project than females.

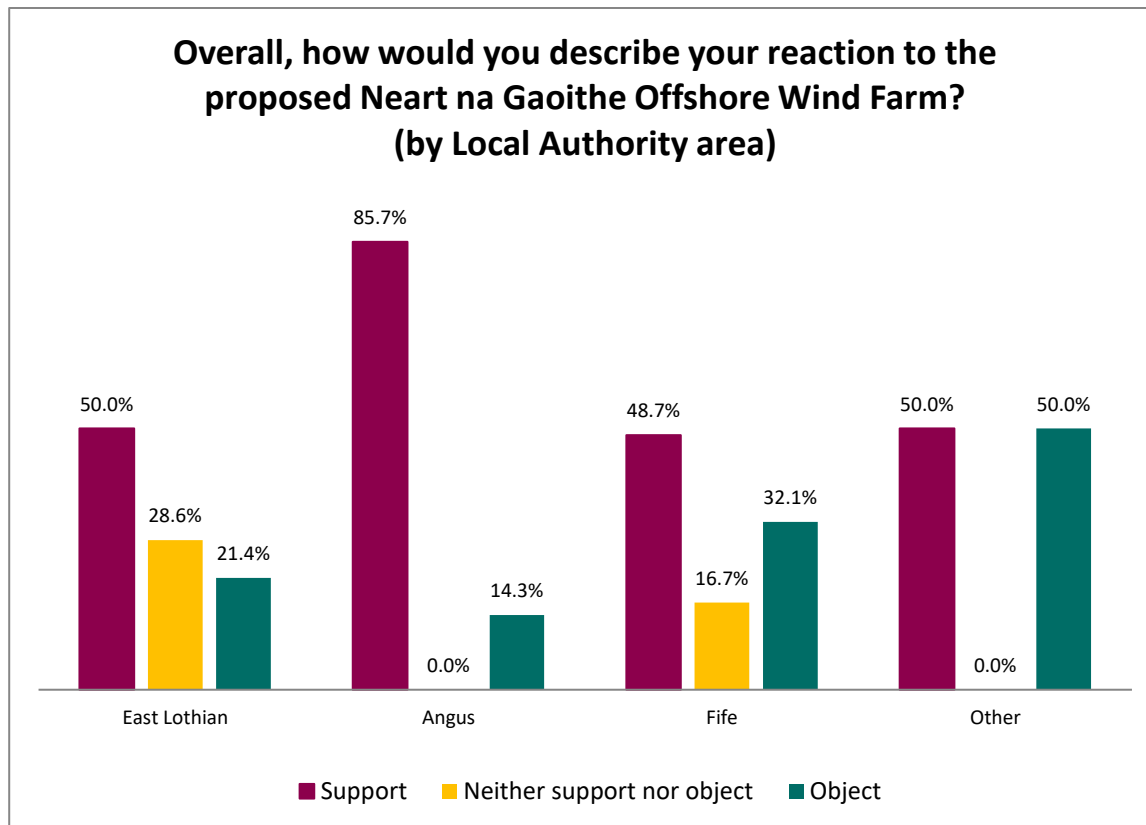


Figure 9: Reaction to the Project by Local Authority area

Area	Support	Neither support nor object	Object	No answer	TOTAL responses
East Lothian	42 (50.0%)	24 (28.6%)	18 (21.4%)	0 (0.0%)	84 (49.1%)
Angus	6 (85.7%)	0 (0%)	1 (14.3%)	0 (0.0%)	7 (4.1%)
Fife	38 (48.7%)	13 (16.7%)	25 (32.1%)	2 (2.6%)	78 (45.6%)
Other	1 (50%)	0 (0%)	1 (50%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (1.2%)
TOTAL	87	37	45	2	171

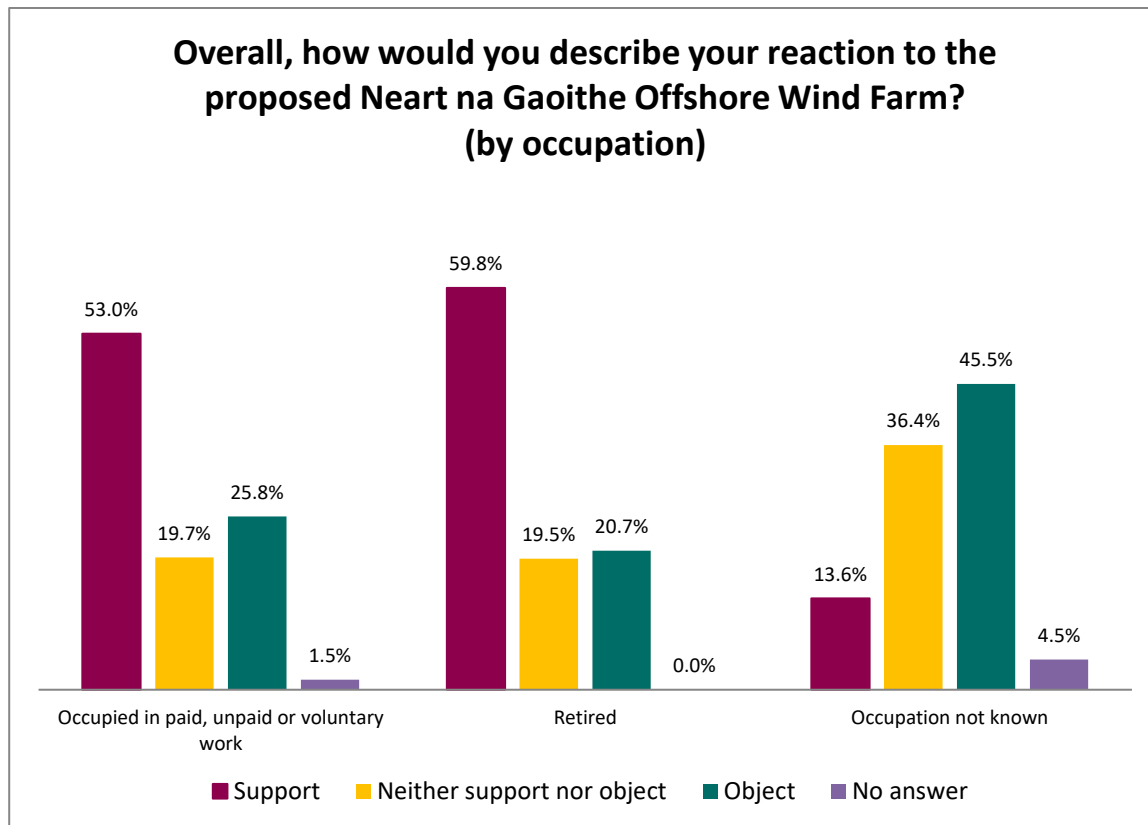


Figure 10: Reaction to the proposal by occupation

Response	Support	Neither support nor object	Object	No answer	TOTAL responses
Occupied in paid, unpaid or voluntary work	35 (53.0%)	13 (19.7%)	17 (25.8%)	1 (1.5%)	66 (38.8%)
Retired	49 (59.8%)	16 (19.5%)	17 (20.7%)	0 (0.0%)	82 (48.2%)
Occupation not disclosed	3 (13.6%)	8 (36.4%)	10 (45.5%)	1 (4.5%)	22 (12.9%)
TOTAL	87	37	44	2	170

**Overall, how would you describe your reaction to the
proposed Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm?
(by age)**

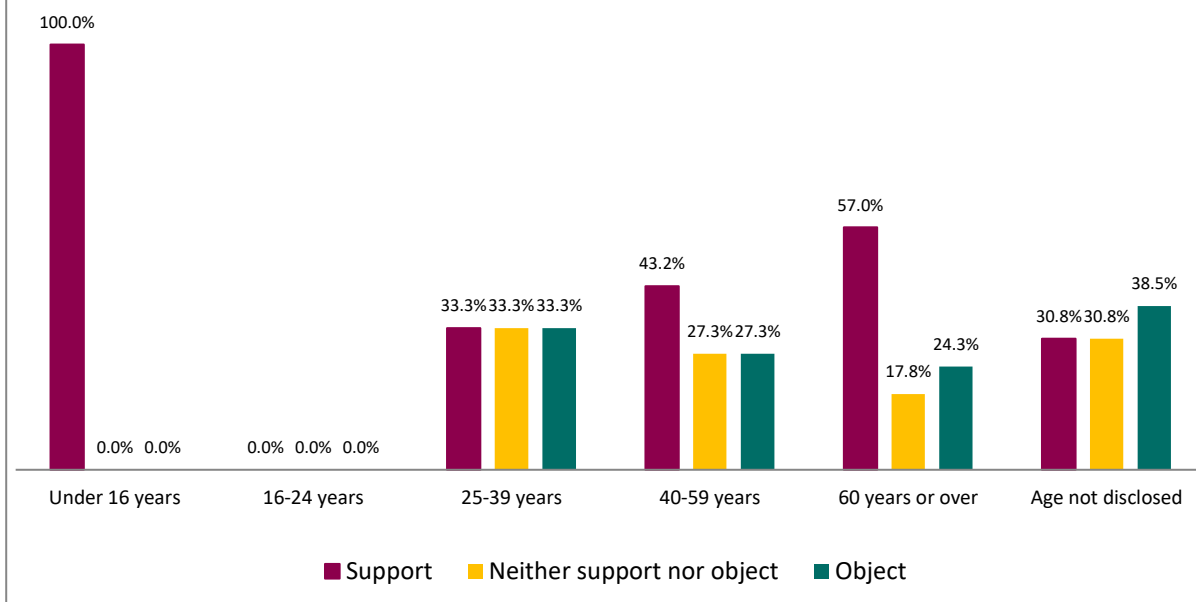


Figure 11: Reaction to the proposal by age

Age	Support	Neither support nor object	Object	No answer	TOTAL responses
Under 16 years	1 (100.0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.6%)
16-24 years	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0.0%)
25-39 years	2 (33.3%)	2 (33.3%)	2 (33.3%)	0 (0%)	6 (3.5%)
40-59 years	19 (43.2%)	12 (27.3%)	12 (27.3%)	1 (2.3%)	44 (25.7%)
60 years or over	61 (57.0%)	19 (17.8%)	26 (24.3%)	1 (0.9%)	107 (62.6%)
Age not disclosed	4 (30.8%)	4 (30.8%)	5 (38.5%)	0 (0.0%)	13 (7.6%)
TOTAL	87	37	45	2	171

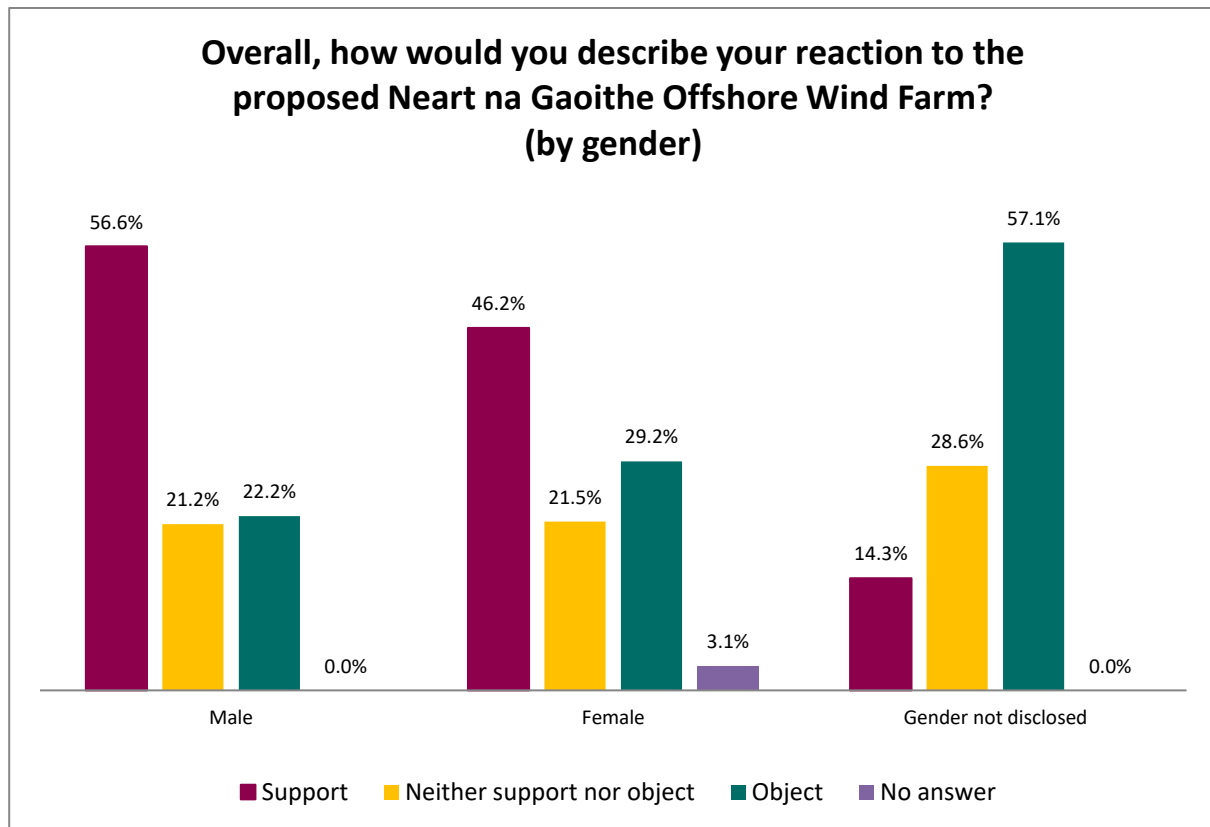


Figure 12: Reaction to the proposal by gender

Response	Support	Neither support nor object	Object	No answer	TOTAL responses
Male	56 (56.6%)	21 (21.2%)	22 (22.2%)	0 (0.0%)	99 (57.8%)
Female	30 (46.2%)	14 (21.5%)	19 (29.2%)	2 (3.1%)	65 (38.0%)
Not disclosed	1 (14.3%)	2 (28.6%)	4 (57.1%)	0 (0.0%)	7 (4.1%)
TOTAL	87	37	45	2	171

5.3 Analysis of Questionnaires (Comments)

107. This section of the report provides a summary of all the comments made in the questionnaire. To aid analysis and understanding, all of the written responses have been collated into either comments about the Project or feedback on the events themselves. General comments will be discussed in this section of the report whereas feedback on the events is detailed in Section 6.

108. This section provides a summary of the comments received, a detailed breakdown is provided in Appendix 9. All comments included in the report are unedited and have been anonymised. Where it has been difficult to interpret handwriting or where context has been added, additional comments that have been made by the author use the following nomenclature []. As per the requirements of the Regulations, a description of any amendments made to the consent application in response to comments has been provided; or where no amendments were made, an explanation of why no amendments were made. This is provided in Appendix 12.

109. The main area where written comments were made was in Question 5:

110. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed Neart na Gaoithe Offshore wind farm development and its onshore infrastructure?

111. Of the **171** questionnaires completed, **94 (55.0%)** included comments in response to Question 5.

5.3.1 Overview

112. Many of the positive comments express a sense urgency to get the Project up and running, viewing it as an asset to Scotland and the local area. Several respondents express a preference for wind and offshore wind in particular as a source of energy rather than nuclear or conventional power stations.

113. Negative comments relate predominately to the perceived impact of the Project on birds and other wildlife, with particular reference to the Isle of May and the Bass Rock as important ornithological habitats. Similar levels of concern are raised over the impact of the proposal on tourism, and visual amenity. Doubts are expressed over the efficiency of wind turbines and the likelihood of the economic benefits reaching the local area.

114. Appendix 12 summarises the comments made via the various channels and the applicable responses from the Applicant. A number of comments were made, and the various chapters containing the relevant information have been referenced. Table 1 states that should comments and objections be received, then details of how these have been taken account of, or reasons why not, should be provided.

115. There has been one amendment to the Application in response to comments received. Further noise assessments have been carried out and, the results of which are provided in Appendix 5.1: Offshore HDD works – Construction Noise Assessment and Appendix 5.2: Construction Noise and Vibration Briefing Note. No other amendments were made to the Application in response to the following comments and objections (and the reasons why):

- Concerns over wildlife in the area (considered in the EIA Report Chapter 7: Fish and Shellfish ecology; Chapter 8: Marine Mammals and Chapter 9: Ornithology)
- Wind farm in the wrong place, utilising the wrong technology and carbon payback (considered in the EIA Report Chapter 3: The Need for the Project, Site Selection and Alternatives)
- Questions regarding impact on tourism (Scoped out of EIA report in the Scoping Opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers)

5.3.2 Comparisons with Other Forms of Energy Generation

116. Participants identified CO₂ reduction as the biggest positive impact of the Project.

5.3.3 Economic Benefit and Tourism

117. 60% of respondents believe that the second biggest positive impact that the Project will have will be on jobs. Nevertheless, the comments supplied in relation to this topic are quite limited. Although 54.7% of respondents think that the Project will have no effect on tourism, a number of concerns are raised about the perceived negative impact of the Project on tourism in the area.

5.3.4 Birds

118. 51.5% of respondents indicate that they believe the Project will have a negative effect on birds with many citing specific species of concern. A number of mentions are made of the Isle of May and Bass Rock as important bird habitats as well as references to migration routes and feeding grounds. The RSPB's concerns about the Project are noted by a few respondents.

5.3.5 Visual Impact

119. 50.3% of respondents feel that the Project will have a negative effect on visual amenity with many arguing that it will be visibly intrusive and suggesting that it should be in a different location and/ or further out to sea. A number of respondents indicated a degree of ambivalence surrounding the visual impact of the Project; indicating that they support the principle of a project of this nature but do not wish to see their views to sea changed by the Project.

5.3.6 Natural Environment

120. Concerns are raised about the effect of the Project on the natural environment and marine life with 44.1% and 38.6% of respondents indicating that they feel the Project will have a negative effect on the natural environment and marine mammals, respectively. While the comments provided very much reflect this mood, the concerns expressed are non-specific and general in nature suggesting a lack of detailed knowledge regarding the ways in which the Project may affect these factors.

5.3.7 Other Comments

121. Other comments relate to very specific concerns including individual respondents' loss of fishing grounds and a perception that the Project is too close to shipping lanes. A number of general observations were also provided and all of these are detailed in Appendix 9 which includes all comments received.

5.4 Correspondence

122. In addition to the responses to the event questionnaire, a further 18 letters and emails were received in response to the consultation process. The content of these has been anonymised and is included in chronological order in full in Appendix 11.

123. In total, 6 of the letters and emails are positive and express support for the Project while 6 are negative and object. The grounds for objection primarily relate to visual impact and concerns about birds although tourism is also mentioned.

124. A further 2 e-mails were received which express ambivalence about the Project and 1 letter makes general comments relating to birds without expressing a specific reaction to the Project. The remaining correspondents request further information, as do several of those already mentioned.

6 Analysis of the Consultation

6.1 Overview

125. Respondents were asked a number of questions to ascertain whether those attending the events were representative of the demographic profile of the area as a whole. They were also asked to evaluate their experience of the consultation process by indicating to what extent they felt the event they attended increased their understanding of the Project and represented an opportunity to participate in an informed discussion.
126. Figure 13, Figure 14, and Figure 15 illustrate the demographic profile of respondents by location of residence, age and gender respectively.

6.2 Location of Respondents

127. Almost half (**49.1%**) of those who responded were from East Lothian with almost the entire remainder (**45.6%**) from Fife. Only **4.1%** were from Angus.

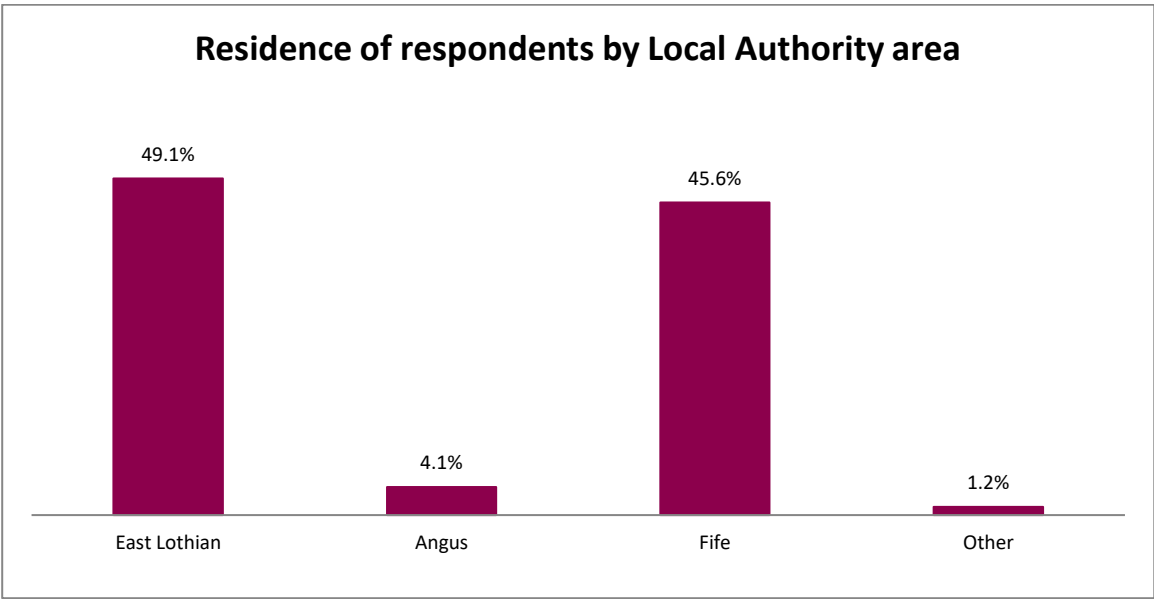


Figure 13: Residence of respondents by Local Authority area

Location	Respondents	Percentage
East Lothian	84	49.1%
Angus	7	4.1%
Fife	78	45.6%
Other	2	1.2%
TOTAL	171	100%

6.3 Age of Respondents

128. The majority of attendees were aged 60 years or over (**62.6%**). This differs considerably from the age profile of the population as a whole, as indicated in Figure 14 below. Significantly, the 16-24 year old age group was entirely unrepresented and only **3.5%** of respondents were in the 25-39 age band.

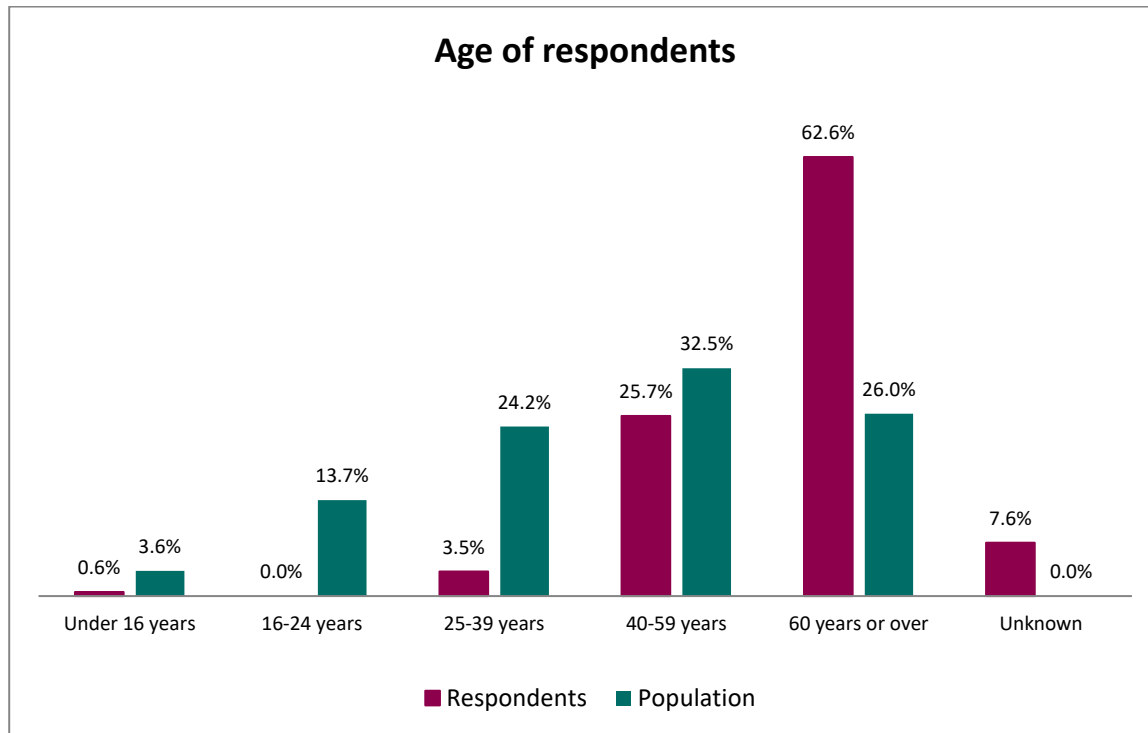


Figure 14: Age of respondents

Age	Number of respondents	Percentage	Population as a whole
Under 16 years	1	0.6%	3.6%
16-24 years	0	0.0%	13.7%
25-39 years	6	3.5%	24.2%
40-59 years	44	25.7%	32.5%
60 years or over	107	62.6%	26.0%
Not disclosed	13	7.6%	0.0%
TOTAL	171	100%	100%

6.4 Gender of Respondents

129. Females were underrepresented in the sample with only 38.0% of respondents compared to a population share of 52.7%.

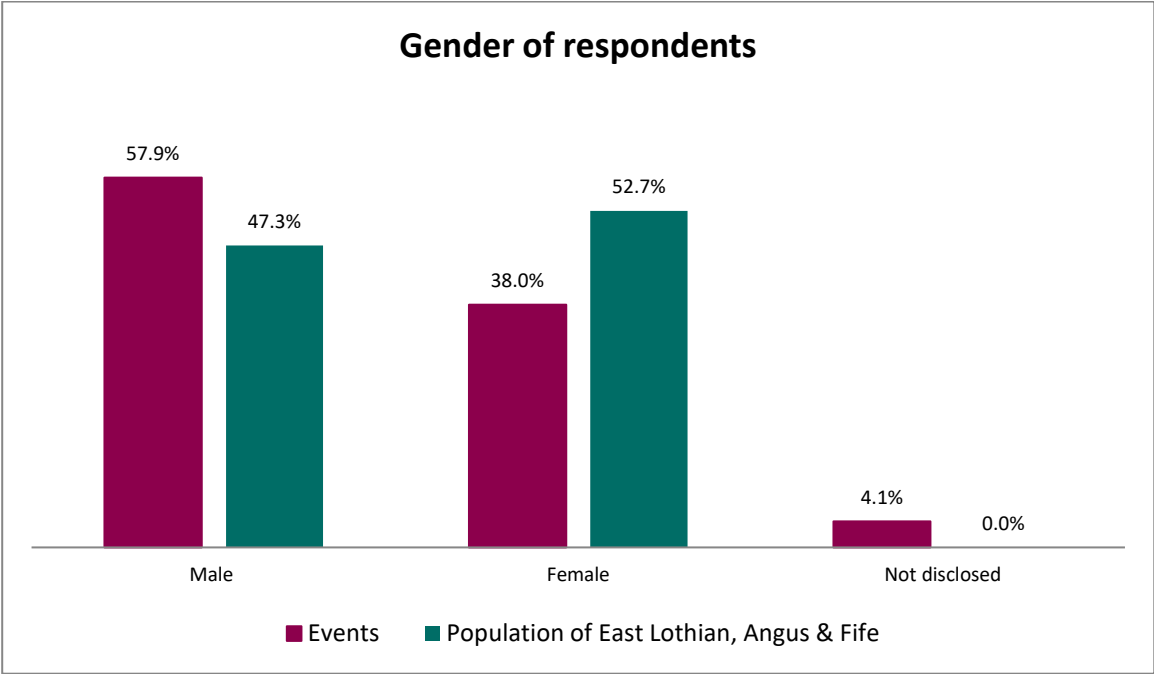


Figure 15: Gender of respondents

Response	Respondents	Percentage	Population as a whole
Male	99	57.9%	47.3%
Female	65	38.0%	52.7%
Not disclosed	7	4.1%	n/a
TOTAL	171	100%	100%

6.5 Feedback on the Events

130. The final question on the questionnaire asked the participants for their feedback on the event. The response from those attending was very positive:

- **31.0%** thought the event they attended provided an excellent opportunity
- **49.7%** thought the event they attended provided quite a good opportunity
- Only **5.3%** of respondents expressed a negative opinion of the event they attended.

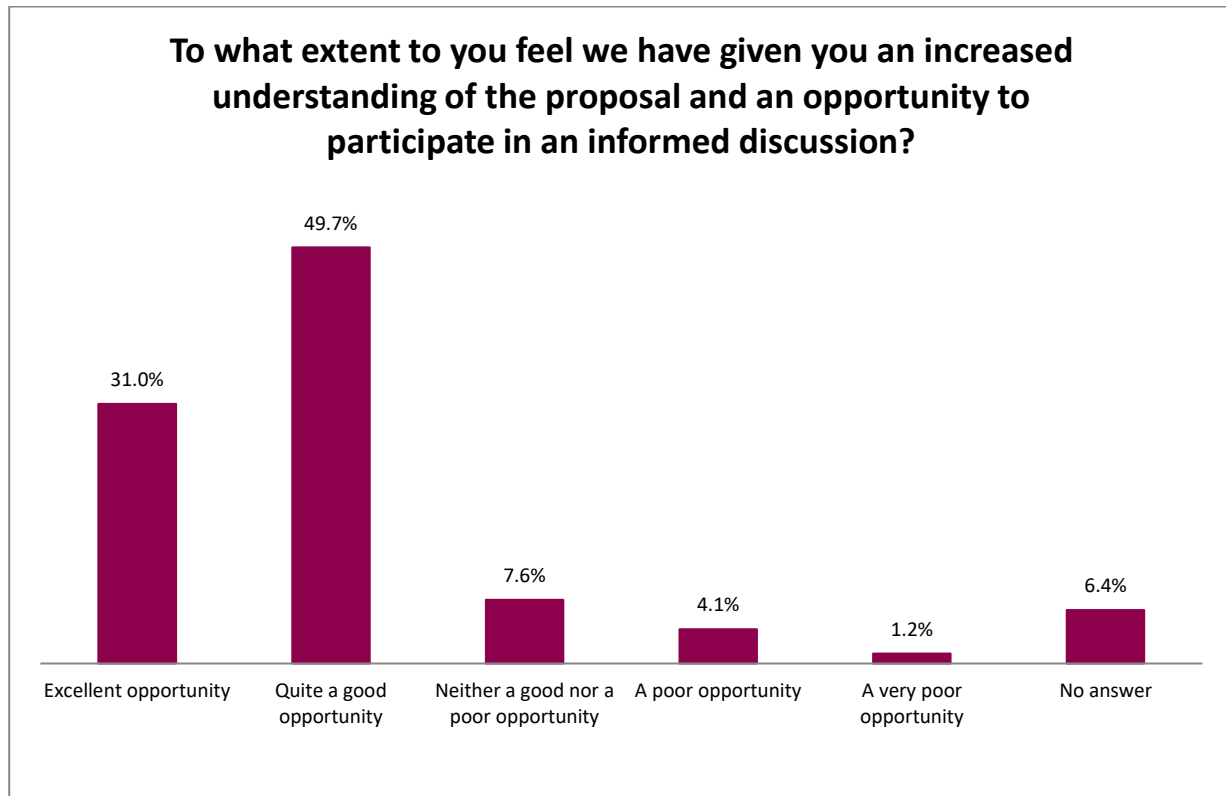


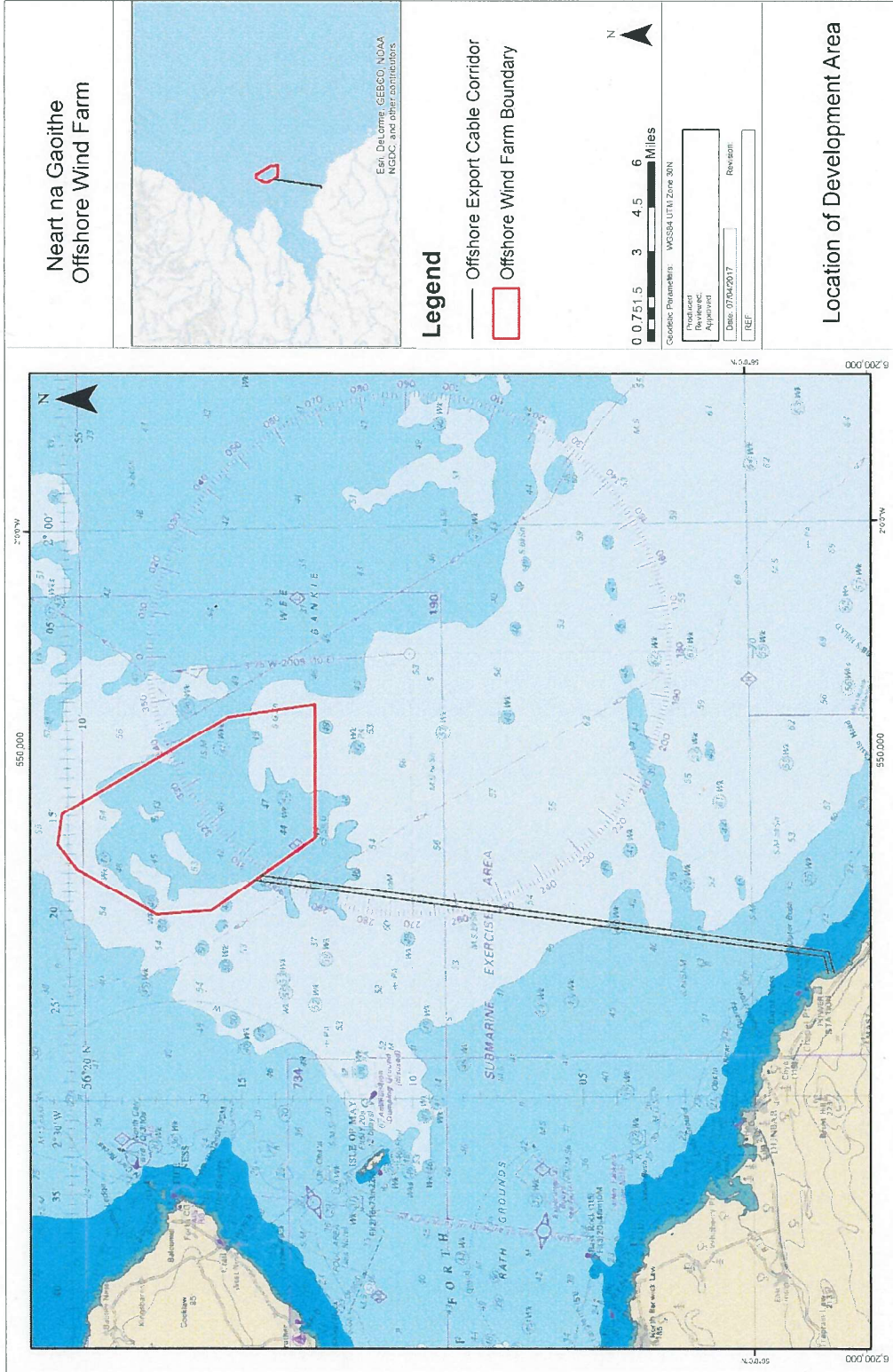
Figure 16: Feedback on the events

Response	Respondents	Percentage
Excellent opportunity	53	31.0%
Quite a good opportunity	85	49.7%
Neither a good nor a poor opportunity	13	7.6%
A poor opportunity	7	4.1%
A very poor opportunity	2	1.2%
No answer	11	6.4%
TOTAL	171	100%

6.5.1 Comments

131. This section provides a summary of the comments made in relation to Question 8. A detailed breakdown is provided in Appendix 10.
132. When asked for comments on the engagement process, **64** people responded. Positive comments related to the knowledge of the Project team and the informative nature of the exhibition. Negative comments focused on the timing of the events, the design of the questionnaire and the pre-event publicity.
133. Suggested improvements included clarification on employment data, more environmental information (and associated statements from opposition parties), additional visual tools and wider publicity. Questions were raised regarding the timing of the events, what happens following the consultation and why the power generated is going to Dunbar.
134. A number of the general comments related to the Project itself or to the associated consenting process and many people used this question as an opportunity to revisit their objections to the Project rather than to comment on the engagement process.

Appendix 1: Project location plan



Appendix 2: Local press notices

Berwickshire Advertiser – 3rd August 2017

PUBLIC NOTICES

**THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF NORTHUMBERSLAND
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
(PIER ROAD AND SURROUNDING AREA, BERWICK, 20 MPH SPEED
RESTRICTION) ORDER 2017**

FROM: 8/8

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council intend to make the above-named Order under Sections 1(1) 2(1) and (2), 2(2), 2(3) and 2(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The effect of the Order, if made, will be to introduce 20 miles per hour speed restrictions on sections of the following lengths of highway:

Section	Street Name and Description	Town
02564270	PIER ROAD (for its entire length)	BERWICK
02564271	RECKINGTON (DRUM) ROAD (for its entire length)	BERWICK
02564272	WESS STREET (for its entire length)	BERWICK

Exemptions are included in the Order for police, fire and rescue and ambulance purposes.

A copy of the draft Order, together with a map showing the area covered and a statement of the Council's Reasons for Proposing to make the Order may be examined at Berwick Information Centre, Walkergate Building, Walkergate or by contacting the Programme and Production Team, Local Services Directorate, County Hall, Newcastle, NE1 1EP during normal office hours.

If you wish to object to the proposals you should send the grounds for your objection in writing for the attention of Mounira Miskack, Legal Services Department at the address shown below before the 25th August 2017.

Dated this 3rd day of August 2017.

Ulan Henry
Legal Services Manager
Northumberland County Council
County Hall
Newcastle
Northumberland NE1 1EP

Section 52 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Northumberland County Council

Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for the County of Northumberland

Definitive Map Modification Order (No 33) 2016

The above Order, made on 1st December 2016, was confirmed on 24th July 2017 and will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by:

Former Berwick Borough

Footpaths No 10 (Part 1 of Part 1)

Adding thereto, a public footpath from the eastern end of the U40 road (South Lane) (OSR Reference: NY 8038 6327) to a private north-easterly direction for a distance of 155 metres to join the G1 road (Castle Back) immediately east of Mill Burn Bridge (CRN 9036 4747).

These details are shown on the Order map. A copy of the Order and the Order map may be seen free of charge at the Council Office of Berwick upon Tweed, Walkergate Building, TD15 1QJ and the offices of the Legal Services Manager, County Hall, Newcastle, during normal working hours. Copies of the Order and map may be purchased.

The Order became operative on 24th July 2017 but if a person aggrieved by the Order wishes to object to its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the grounds that any requirements of the Act, or any regulation that has not been complied with in relation to this Order, he or she may, within six weeks from 27th August 2017 make an application to the High Court for that purpose.

Enquiries should be directed to: 01670 824136

Dated 3rd August 2017

Ulan Henry
Legal Services Manager
Northumberland County Council
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**C59 WAREN MILL JUNCTION TO
EASINGTON GRANGE COTTAGES
EASINGTON**

(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council intend to make an Order to prohibit the use by vehicular traffic on that section of the C59 Warren Mill Junction to Easington Grange Cottages, 177 metres south of its junction with the road to Fells Farm, leading south for 120 metres in the County of Northumberland.

The Order is to be effective from the 7th August 2017 until the 26th December 2017.

It is expected that the road will only be closed from the 14th August 2017 until the 22nd September 2017 however it will be closed at all times during the period.

The alternative route for vehicular traffic will be via the C55, A1, C58, C59 and vice-versa.

Reasons should be made to Northumberland County Council, Council Centre, 0245 500 8430 or at enquiries@ncc.gov.uk before the road closure and road works. Ref:170626.

The closure has been requested by Northumberland County Council for works to Easington Mill Bridge.

Dated this 3rd day of August 2017.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14(1)**

**U15 SCHRAMPTON MAIN ROAD TO
COCKLEY BURN CULVERT SCHRAMPTON**

(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council intend to make an Order to prohibit the use by vehicular traffic on that section of the U15 Schrampton Main Road to Cockley Burn Culvert, 30 metres north of 20 metres south of the Schrampton level crossing in the County of Northumberland.

The Order is to be effective from the 26th August 2017 until the 27th August 2017.

The road will only be closed from the 26th August 2017 until the 27th August 2017 between the hours of 07:00 and 08:00 during this period.

There is no alternative route for vehicular traffic.

Reasons should be made to Northumberland County Council, Council Centre, 0245 500 8430 or at enquiries@ncc.gov.uk before the road closure and road works. Ref:194204.

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NEART NA GAOTHE OFFSHORE WIND LIMITED

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

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Notice is hereby given that Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited, incorporated under the Companies Act (Registered Number SC36223) and having its registered office at 1 West Ragged Street, Glasgow, G2 1BB plans to hold pre-application consultation events regarding licensable marine activities relating to the proposed Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm located approximately 15.5 km east of Fife Ness with bounding co-ordinates:

Longitude (Degrees Decimal Minutes)	Latitude (Degrees Decimal Minutes)
002° 3 59' W	56° 18 27' N
002° 3 29' W	56° 12 72' N
002° 13 36' W	56° 12 72' N
002° 15 23' W	56° 12 78' N
002° 15 42' W	56° 15 47' N
002° 20 09' W	56° 15 47' N
002° 20 23' W	56° 17 43' N
002° 17 42' W	56° 18 72' N
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002° 14 51' W	56° 20 17' N

Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm will comprise:

- An offshore array of wind turbines connected by subsea inter-array cables to one or two offshore substation platforms (OSPs), and
- Subsea export cables running from the OSPs to the landfall at Thorntonloch, East Lothian.

Further information concerning the proposed offshore wind farm can be obtained from www.nnawindfarm.co.uk

The pre-application consultation events will be held at the following venues from 2pm to 8pm on the following dates:

Monday 20 th September 2017	North Berwick Community Centre, 8 Law Rd, North Berwick, EH21 4BN
Tuesday 20 th September 2017	Bleddingburgh Centre, Courteeness, Currie, EH26 1DN
Wednesday 27 th September 2017	Camnashie Golf Hotel, Linx, Pargate, Camnashie, DD17 7JF
Thursday 20 th September 2017	Craig Community Hall, St Andrews Road, Col, KY16 3JL
Wednesday 4 th October 2017	St Andrews Town Hall, Queens Gardens, St Andrews, KY16 5TA

Persons wishing to provide comments on the proposed offshore wind farm can do so by writing to Ewan Walker (Environment and Consents Manager) no later than **Wednesday 25th October 2017** at:

E-mail: enquiries@nnawindfarm.co.uk

Or by post to:
Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Ltd
3rd Floor
2 West Ragged Street
Glasgow
G2 1BB

Comments should be dated and should clearly state the name (in block capitals) and full return address of those making comment.

Comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. If Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited makes an application for a marine licence, an opportunity will be given for representations to be made to the Scottish Ministers on the application.

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THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF NORTHUMBERLAND
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
(PIER ROAD AND SURROUNDING AREA, BERWICK, 30 MPH SPEED
RESTRICTION) ORDER 2017
TROM 079

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council intend to make the above-
named Order under Sections 1(1) (21) and (2), (202), (302) and (401) and Part II
and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The effect of the Order, if made, will be to introduce 20 miles per hour speed
restrictions on sections of the following lengths of highway:

MSGD	Street Name and Description	Town
02504279	PIER ROAD (for its entire length)	BERWICK
02506421	RECREATION GROUND ROAD (for its entire length)	BERWICK
02504812	NESS STREET (for its entire length)	BERWICK

Exemptions are included in the Order for police, fire and rescue and ambulance
purposes.

A copy of the draft Order, together with a map showing the area covered and a
Statement of the Council's Reasons for Proposing to Make the Order may be
examined at Berwick Information Centre, Walkergate Building, Walkergate or by
contacting the Programme and Production Team, Local Services Directorate,
County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2DF during normal office hours.

If you wish to object to the proposals you should send the grounds for your
objection in writing to the attention of Maureen Wilcock, Legal Services
Department at the address shown below before the 25th August 2017.

Dated this 3rd day of August 2017.

Liam Henry

Legal Services Manager

Northumberland County Council

County Hall

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Northumberland NE61 2DF

Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside

Act 1981

Northumberland County Council

Definitive Map and Statement of

Public Rights of Way

for the County of Northumberland

Definitive Map Modification Order (No 33) 2016

The above Order, made on 1st December 2016, was
confirmed on 24th July 2017 and will modify the
Definitive Map and Statement for the area by:-

Former Berwick Borough

Footpath No 15 (Parish of North)

Adding thereto, a public footpath, from the eastern
end of the U40 road (South Lane) (Grid Reference
NT 9029 4742) in a general north-easterly direction
for a distance of 105 metres to join the C1 road
(Castle Bank) immediately east of Mill Burn Bridge
(OSR NT 9038 4747).

These details are shown on the Order map. A copy
of the Order and the Order map may be seen free of
charge at the Council Offices of Berwick upon
Tweed, Walkergate Building, TD15 1DJ and the
office of the Legal Services Manager, County Hall,
Morpeth, during normal working hours. Copies of
the Order and map may be purchased.

The Order became operative on 24th July 2017 but if
a person aggrieved by the Order wishes to question
its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on
the grounds that any requirements of the Act, or any
regulation that have not been complied with in relation
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3rd August 2017 make an application to the High
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Enquiries should be directed to:- 01970 624136

Dated 3rd August 2017

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have made an Order to prohibit the use by vehicular
traffic on that section of the C59 Warren Mill Junction
To Easington Grange Cottages, 170 metres south of
its junction with the road to Ross Farm, heading
south for 120 metres in the County of
Northumberland.

The Order is to be effective from the 7th August 2017
until the 29th December 2017.

It is expected that the road will only be closed from
the 14th August 2017 until the 22nd September 2017
however it will be closed at all times during this period.
The alternative route for vehicular traffic will be via
the C59, A1, C60, C59 and vice-versa.

Enquiries should be made to Northumberland County
Council's Contact Centre 0345 900 6400 or at
www.roadworks.org under the road number and road
name - Ref:125070.

The closure has been requested by Northumberland
County Council for works to Easington Mill Bridge.
DATED this 3rd day of August 2017.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14(1)

U15 SCREMERTON MAIN ROAD TO
COCKLEY BURN CULVERT SCREMERTON
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council
intends to make an Order to prohibit the use by
vehicular traffic on that section of the U15
Scremerton Main Road to Cockley Burn Culvert,
Scremerton from 20 metres north to 20 metres south
of the Scremerton level crossing in the County of
Northumberland.

The Order is to be effective from the 26th August
2017 until the 27th August 2017.

The road will only be closed from the 26th August
2017 until the 27th August 2017 between the hours of
22:00 until 05:45 during this period.

There is no alternative route for vehicular traffic.

Enquiries should be made to Northumberland County
Council's Contact Centre 0345 900 6400 or at
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Agnes McLaughlin on 01361 884000.

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002° 9.868' W	56° 15.271' N
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002° 20.232' W	56° 17.430' N
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Further information concerning the proposed offshore wind farm can be
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The pre-application consultation events will be held at the following venues
from 2pm to 8pm on the following dates:

Monday 20 th September 2017	North Berwick Community Centre, 8 Law Rd, North Berwick, EH39 4BN
Tuesday 26 th September 2017	Bleachingfield Centre, Courteen Crescent, Dunfer- mline, EH42 1DX
Wednesday 27 th September 2017	Camnashie Golf Hotel, Links Parade, Camnashie, DD7 7JE
Thursday 28 th September 2017	Crail Community Hall, St Andrews Road, Crail, KY10 3LH
Wednesday 4 th October 2017	St Andrews Town Hall, Queens Gardens, St Andrews, KY16 STA

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and having its registered office at 1 West Regent Street, Glasgow, G2 1RW
plans to hold pre-application consultation events regarding feasible marine
activities relating to the proposed Neart na Gadhie Offshore Wind Farm
located approximately 10.5 km east of Fife Ness with bounding co-ordinates:

Longitude (Degrees Decimal Minutes)	Latitude (Degrees Decimal Minutes)
002° 9.000' W	56° 15.271' N
002° 9.250' W	56° 12.721' N
002° 13.998' W	56° 12.752' N
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002° 19.626' W	56° 15.479' N
002° 20.550' W	56° 15.837' N
002° 20.230' W	56° 17.430' N
002° 17.826' W	56° 19.752' N
002° 16.516' W	56° 20.142' N
002° 14.910' W	56° 20.171' N

Neart na Gadhie Offshore Wind Farm will comprise:
• an offshore array of wind turbines connected by subsea inter-array cables to one
or two offshore substation platforms (OSPs); and
• subsea export cables running from the OSPs to the landfall at
Thorneloch, East Lothian.

Further information concerning the proposed offshore wind farm can be
obtained from www.neartnagadhie.com

The pre-application consultation events will be held at the following venues
from 2pm to 6pm on the following dates:

Monday 28 th September 2017	North Berwick Community Centre, 5 Law Rd, North Berwick, EH21 4PL
Tuesday 29 th September 2017	Bleachingfield Centre, Courteen Crescent, Dunfermline, EH22 1DX
Wednesday 2 nd September 2017	Comrie Golf Hotel, Links Parade, Comrie, GDT 7JE
Thursday 23 rd September 2017	Crail Community Hall, 55 Andrew Road, Crail, KY10 3JH
Wednesday 4 th October 2017	St Andrews Town Hall, Queens Gardens, St Andrews, KY16 5TA

Persons wishing to provide comments on the proposed offshore wind farm
can do so by writing to Ewan Walker (Environment and Consents Manager)
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Notice is hereby given that Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited, incorporated under the Companies Act (Registered Number SC356233) and having its registered office at 1 West Regent Street, Glasgow, G2 1HA (hereinafter referred to as "the Applicant") is seeking pre-application consultation in relation to the proposed Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm located approximately 15.5 km east of Fife Ness with the following co-ordinates:

Longitude (Degrees Decimal Minutes)	Latitude (Degrees Decimal Minutes)
002° 8.898' W	56° 15.271' N
002° 9.250' W	56° 12.721' N
002° 13.993' W	56° 12.752' N
002° 16.292' W	56° 12.786' N
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002° 20.055' W	56° 16.827' N
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002° 16.516' W	56° 20.312' N
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Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm will comprise:

- an offshore array of wind turbines connected by subsea inter-array cables to one or two offshore substation (platform) (OSPs); and
 - subsea export cables running from the OSPs to the landfall at Thorneoch, East Lothian.
- Further information concerning the proposed offshore wind farm can be obtained from www.neartna.co.uk. The pre-application consultation events will be held at the following venues from 12pm to 5pm on the following dates:

Monday 25th September 2017	North Berwick Community Centre, 8 Law Rd, North Berwick, EH38 4PH
Tuesday 26th September 2017	Seacliff Centre, Gourdon Crescent, Dunbar, EH43 1DX
Wednesday 27th September 2017	Camnashie Golf Hotel, Links Parade, Camnashie, GDT 7YE
Thursday 28th September 2017	Craig Community Hall, St Andrews Road, Craig, KY13 3JH
Wednesday 4th October 2017	St Andrews Town Hall, Queens Gardens, St Andrews, KY16 5TA

Persons wishing to provide comments on the proposed offshore wind farm can do so by writing to: Ewan Walker (Environment and Consents Manager) no later than Wednesday 28th October 2017 at: Email: info@neartna.co.uk

Or by post to: Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Ltd

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PRE-APPLICATION PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Proposal: Tourist, commercial and leisure development including lodges (82 units), restaurant, reception, retail, access road and drainage infrastructure.

Location: Northbank Farm Lathocky, St Andrews.

Further information relating to these proposals may be obtained by calling 07731860473.

A Public Exhibition will take place on: Thursday 17 August 2017 at the Cameron Parish Hall, Cameron, St Andrews, KY16 6PD starting at 11.00 until 19.00 (free).

Those wishing to make comments on the proposals may do so at the above event and in writing to South Planning Consultancy Ltd, 88 Scott Road, Glenrothes, Fife, KY6 5AE.

The final date for representations to be made is 14 September 2017.

Please note that all written representations must be sent to the above address and NOT to Fife Council. The opportunity to make representations to the Council will be available when a formal planning application is submitted.

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THE FIFE COUNCIL (A814 MURPHREE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE) ORDER 2017

Fife Council has made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 prohibiting the use by vehicles of the A814 from the A92 New Inn Roundabout to the C25.

This Order is to allow emergency resurfacing works to be carried out in safety and will be operational from 15/08/17 until 15/09/17 or until earlier completion of the works. The alternative route for through traffic will be via the A814, A91 and A92. Access for emergency service vehicles, residents and pedestrians will be maintained. Any queries regarding this notice should be directed to Lynne Lees, Legal Services, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes, Fife KY7 5LT. 06/08/17

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Notice is hereby given that Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited, incorporated under the Companies Acts (Registered Number SC366223) and having its registered office at 1 West Regent Street, Glasgow, G2 1RW plans to hold pre-application consultation events regarding licensable marine activities relating to the proposed Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm located approximately 15.5 km east of Fife Ness with bounding co-ordinates:

Longitude (Degrees Decimal Minutes)	Latitude (Degrees Decimal Minutes)
002° 9.856' W	56° 15.271' N
002° 9.255' W	56° 12.721' N
002° 13.866' W	56° 12.752' N
002° 16.263' W	56° 12.766' N
002° 19.626' W	56° 16.479' N
002° 20.065' W	56° 15.827' N
002° 20.232' W	56° 17.430' N
002° 17.626' W	56° 18.752' N
002° 16.518' W	56° 20.312' N
002° 14.910' W	56° 20.121' N

Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm will comprise:

- an efficient array of wind turbines connected by subsea inter-array cables to one or two offshore substation platforms (OSPs); and
- subsea export cables running from the OSPs to the landfall at Thorntonloch, East Lothian.

Further information concerning the proposed offshore wind farm can be obtained from www.neartnaoighe.co.uk

The pre-application consultation events will be held at the following venues from 2pm to 6pm on the following dates:

Monday 25 th September 2017	North Berwick Community Centre, 8 Law Rd, North Berwick, EH31 4PH
Tuesday 26 th September 2017	Beaehingford Centre, Courthouse Crescent, Dunbar, EH42 1DX
Wednesday 27 th September 2017	Camouille Golf Hotel, Links Parade, Camouille, DD7 7JE
Thursday 28 th September 2017	Craig Community Hall, St Andrews Road, Craig, KY10 3LH
Wednesday 4 th October 2017	St Andrews Town Hall, Queens Gardens, St Andrews, KY16 9TA

Persons wishing to provide comments on the proposed offshore wind farm can do so by writing to Ewan Walker (Environment and Consents Manager) no later than Wednesday 28th October 2017 at:

E-mail: ewalker@neartnaoighe.co.uk

Or by post to:

Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Ltd
3rd Floor
2 West Regent Street
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Location: Northbank Farm Lathocker, St Andrews.

Further information relating to these proposals may be obtained by calling 01733 990473.

A Public Exhibition will take place on: Thursday 17 August 2017 at the Cameron Parish Hall, Cameron, St Andrews, KY16 6PD starting at 11.00 until 19.00 pm.

Those willing to make comments on the proposals may do so at the above event and/or in writing to: South Planning Consultancy Ltd., 88 Scott Road, Glenrothes, Fife, KY16 1AS.

The final date for representations to be made is 14 September 2017.

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South Planning Consultancy Ltd. on behalf of the Glenrothes Holiday Park Ltd.

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Fife Council has made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1964 prohibiting the use by vehicle traffic of the A1614 from the A92 New Inn Roundabout to the C23.

The Order is to allow catenary manufacturing works to be carried out in safety and will be operational from 17/08/17 until 15/09/17 or until earlier completion of the works. The alternative route for through traffic will be via the A1614, A91 and A92. Access for emergency service vehicles, residents and pedestrians will be maintained. Any queries regarding the Order should be directed to Lynne Lewis, Legal Services, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes, Fife KY16 5LT. 04/08/17

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(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

Notice is hereby given that Heart na Gaolthe Offshore Wind Limited, incorporated under the Companies Act (Registered Number SC364222), and having its registered office at 1 West Regent Street, Glasgow, G2 1HW, plans to hold pre-application consultation events regarding licensable marine activities relating to the proposed Heart na Gaolthe Offshore Wind Farm located approximately 15.5 km east of Fife Ness with bounding co-ordinates:

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Heart na Gaolthe Offshore Wind Farm will comprise:

- an offshore array of wind turbines connected by subsea inter-array cables to one or two offshore substation platforms (OSSPs), and
- subsea export cables running from the OSSPs to the landfall at Thorntonloch, East Lothian.

Further information concerning the proposed offshore wind farm can be obtained from www.heartna.gaolthe.co.uk

The pre-application consultation events will be held at the following venues from 2pm to 8pm on the following dates:

Monday 25 th September 2017	North Benwick Community Centre, 8 Law Rd, North Benwick, EH34 4PN
Tuesday 26 th September 2017	Stirlingfield Centre, Courtesa Crescent, Dunbar, EH22 1DX
Wednesday 27 th September 2017	Camnashie Golf Hotel, Links Parade, Camnashie, DD7 7JE
Thursday 28 th September 2017	Crail Community Hall, St Andrews Road, Crail, KY16 3UH
Wednesday 4 th October 2017	St Andrews Town Hall, Queens Gardens, St Andrews, KY16 5TA

Persons wishing to provide comments on the proposed offshore wind farm can do so by writing to Ewan Walker (Environment and Consents Manager) no later than Wednesday 25th October 2017 at:

E-mail: info@heartna.gaolthe.co.uk

Or by post to: Heart na Gaolthe Offshore Wind Ltd, 3rd Floor, 2 West Regent Street, Glasgow, G2 1HW

Comments should be dated and should clearly state the name (in block capitals) and full return e-mail or postal address of those making comment.

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Appendix 3: Door-to-door leaflet

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Pre-Application Consultation Events 2017

Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited will be holding a series of pre-application consultation events regarding the marine licence(s) for the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm in September and October.

The events will be held at the following venues from 2pm to 8pm on the following dates:

Monday 25th September 2017	North Berwick Community Centre, 8 Law Road, North Berwick, EH39 4PN
Tuesday 26th September 2017	Bleachingfield Centre, Countess Crescent, Dunbar, EH42 1DX
Wednesday 27th September 2017	Carnoustie Golf Hotel, Links Parade, Carnoustie, DD7 7JE
Thursday 28th September 2017	Crail Community Hall, St Andrews Road, Crail, KY10 3UH
Wednesday 4th October 2017	St Andrews Town Hall, Queens Gardens, St Andrews, KY16 9TA

Anyone wishing to provide comments on the proposed offshore wind farm can do so by writing to Ewan Walker (Environment and Consents Manager) **no later than Wednesday 25th October 2017.**

By email to: info@neartnagaoithe.com

Or by post to: Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Ltd, 3rd Floor, 2 West Regent Street, Glasgow, G2 1RW

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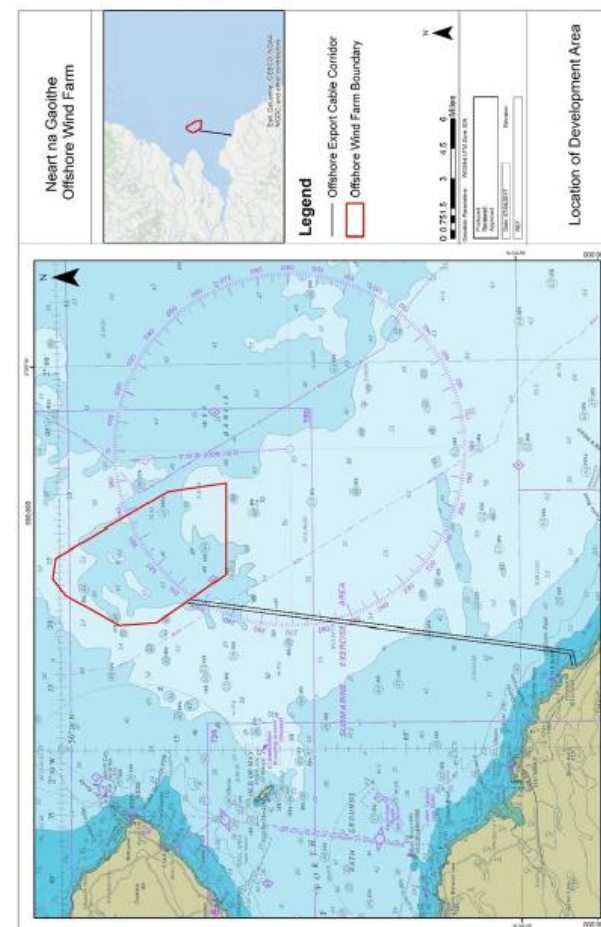
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If you are not able to attend the event in person, the exhibition materials will be made available on our website at www.nngoffshorewind.com

Please note, the planning permission for the onshore elements of the project remains unchanged.

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Appendix 4: Poster promoting events



Invitation to Pre-Application Community Consultation Events 2017

NnG Offshore Wind Ltd are holding a series of community consultation events regarding the marine licence(s) for the NnG Offshore Wind Farm in September and October from 2pm to 8pm, as follows:

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Tuesday 26th September 2017	Bleachingfield Centre Countess Crescent Dunbar EH42 1DX
Wednesday 27th September 2017	Carnoustie Golf Hotel Links Parade Carnoustie DD7 7JE
Thursday 28th September 2017	Crail Community Hall St Andrews Road Crail KY10 3UH
Wednesday 4th October 2017	St Andrews Town Hall Queens Gardens St Andrews KY16 9TA

Anyone wishing to provide comments on the proposal must do so no later than **Wednesday 25th October 2017**.

By email to: info@nngoffshorewind.com

Or by post to:

Ewan Walker
(Environment & Consents Manager)
NnG Offshore Wind Ltd
3rd Floor, 2 West Regent Street
Glasgow
G2 1RW

Comments made to NnG Offshore Wind Limited are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. Representation can be made to the Scottish Ministers when a formal marine licence application is submitted.

If you are not able to attend the event, the exhibition materials will be available at:

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Appendix 5: Targeted locations for poster

Whynot? Café
91 High Street
North Berwick
EH39 4HD

Westgate Galleries
39-41 Westgate
North Berwick
EH39 4AG

Scottish Seabird Centre
The Harbour
North Berwick
EH39 4SS

Buttercup Café
92 High Street
North Berwick
EH39 4HE

Coop Food
117 High St
North Berwick
EH39 4HB

Tesco
Tantallon Rd
North Berwick
EH39 5NF

North Berwick Community Centre
8 Law Rd
North Berwick
EH39 4PN

North Berwick Sports Centre
Grange Road
North Berwick
East Lothian
EH39 4QS

North Berwick Golf Club
New Club House
Beach Rd
North Berwick
EH39 4BB

North Berwick Library
13 School Rd
North Berwick
EH39 4JU

Abbey Church
116 High Street (at Church Road)
North Berwick
EH39 4HE

27 Victoria Rd
North Berwick
EH39 4JL

St Andrew Blackadder Church
St Regulus
6 St Andrew St
North Berwick
EH39 4NU

St Baldred's Church
2 Dirleton Ave
North Berwick
EH39 4AY

The Café at Merryhatton
East Fortune
North Berwick
East Lothian
EH39 5JS

Aviator Café – Museum of Flight
East Fortune Airfield
East Fortune
EH39 5LF

Dunbar Leisure Centre
Castlepark
Dunbar
East Lothian
EH42 1EU

Winterfield Golf Club
North Rd
Dunbar
EH42 1AU

Hallhill Centre
Hallhill/Kellie Road
Dunbar
EH42 1RF

Dunbar Golf Club
East Links
Dunbar
EH42 1LL

West Barns Bowling Club
21 Edinburgh Rd
Dunbar
EH42 1UH

Belhaven Parish Church
Belhaven Rd
Dunbar
EH42 1NH

Dunbar Castle Social Club
Masonic Hall
Belhaven Road
Dunbar
EH42 1DD

Our Lady of the Waves Church
High St
Dunbar
EH42 1JL

Dunbar Town House Museum & Gallery
High St
Dunbar
EH42 1ER

Coop Food
118-120 High St
Dunbar
EH42 1JJ

Crunchy Carrot
43 High St
Dunbar
EH42 1EW

Coop Superstore
Countess Crescent
Dunbar
EH42 1DX

Lloyds Pharmacy
25 High Street
Dunbar
EH42 1EN

Dunbar News
31a High St
Dunbar
EH42 1EW

Carnoustie Library
21 High St
Carnoustie
DD7 6AN

Coop Food Superstore
3 High St
Carnoustie
DD7 6AN

Carnoustie Post Office
83 High St
Carnoustie
DD7 6WW

Coop Food
Barry Rd
Carnoustie
DD7 7QJ

SPAR
43 Barry Rd
Carnoustie
DD7 7QQ

Carnoustie Leisure Centre
Links Parade
Carnoustie
DD7 7JB

Carnoustie Church
Philip Hall
Dundee St
Carnoustie
DD7 7PA

Happy Days Play Diner & Centre
96-98 Dundee St
Carnoustie
DD7 7PH

For Carnoustie Charity Shop
High St
Carnoustie
DD7

SPAR
83 High St
Carnoustie
DD7 7EA

Angus Trophy Centre
60 High St
Carnoustie
DD7 6AH

MacDougall's Newsagents
100 High St
Carnoustie
DD7 6AE

Crail Community Hall
St Andrews Rd
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KY10 3UH

Crail Town Hall
Marketgate
Crail
KY10 3TL

Coop Food
7 High St
Crail
KY10 3TA

Crail Kirk Hall
Marketgate South
Crail
KY10 3

Crail Museum & Heritage Centre
62-64 Marketgate South
Crail
KY10 3TL

Crail Harbour Gallery & Tearoom
Shoregate
Crail
KY10 3SU

Crail Premier Store
2 High St
Crail
KY10 3TD

The Beehive
28 High St
Crail
KY10 3TE

East Sands Leisure Centre
St Mary St
St Andrews
KY16 8LH

St Andrews Town Hall
Queen's Gdns
St Andrews
KY16 9TA

Madras College
Kilrymont Rd
St Andrews
KY16 8DE

St Andrews Museum
Kinburn Park
Doubledykes Rd
St Andrews
KY16 9DP

St Andrews Library
Church Square
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KY16 9NN

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South St
St Andrews
KY16 9UH

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Abbey Walk
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KY16 9LB

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45 Largo Rd
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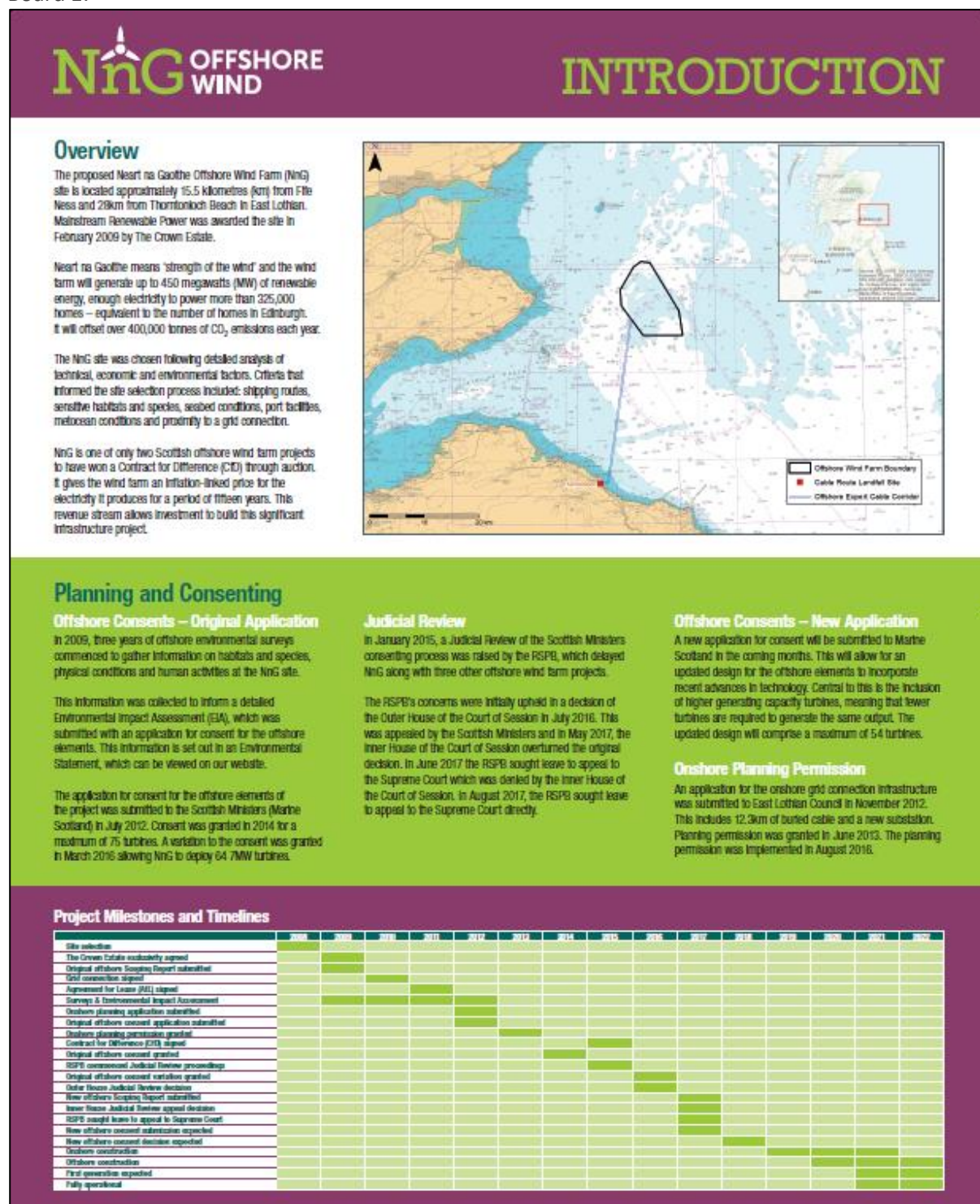
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Appendix 6: Exhibition boards used at events

Board 1:



Board 2:

NnG OFFSHORE WIND

KEY FACTS

Key facts of Neart na Gaoithe

Original Offshore Consent

No. of turbines:
Maximum 75

Capacity:
450 megawatts (MW)

Turbine height:
Maximum 197 metres (m) above
lowest astronomical tide (LAT) to tip

Space between turbines:
Minimum 450m

Site area:
Maximum 105 kilometres (km)²

Water depth:
Between 45m and 55m

New Offshore Application

No. of turbines:
Maximum 54

Capacity:
450 MW

Turbine height:
Maximum 208m above
LAT to tip

Space between turbines:
Minimum 800m

Site area:
Maximum 105km²

Water depth:
Between 45m and 55m


NB: only one of these consents will be eventually be built out.

The Offshore Wind Farm and Onshore Grid Connection

Key components of an offshore wind farm

- Turbine**
Three-bladed turbines will be attached to the seabed using the foundation described below.
- Turbine foundation**
The turbines will be constructed using steel jacket foundations, with cables from each turbine connected via subsea 'inter-array' cables.
- Offshore substation(s)**
Subsea inter-array cables will be connected to one or two offshore substation(s).
- Offshore transmission cables**
Two subsea transmission cables will run from the offshore substation(s) to the landfall at Thomblinloch Beach in East Lothian.
- Onshore transmission cables**
Two buried cables will cross farmland for approximately 12.3km from the landfall location to the grid connection point at Crystal Rig wind farm in the Lammermuir Hills.
- Onshore substation**
A new onshore substation will be built to connect the wind farm to the grid.

Board 3:



ENVIRONMENTAL

Offshore Environmental Studies

Between 2009 and 2012 an extensive campaign of environmental surveys was undertaken to inform a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). These included surveys of seabed habitat, geotechnical analysis of the seabed, surveys to identify the presence of seabirds and marine mammals, studies of shipping routes and commercial fishing activity, plus analysis of the seabed to identify any archaeological features such as shipwrecks.

The findings of the EIA were presented in an Environmental Statement, which was submitted to the Scottish Government with the original application for consent to build and operate the wind farm.


A Scoping Report to inform the EIA for the new offshore consent application was submitted to Marine Scotland in May 2017. This reviewed the findings of the original EIA and proposed the content of the new EIA.

Documents related to the EIAs and our latest Scoping Report are available to download from the project website: www.nngoffshorewind.com.


Birds, Marine Mammals and Fish

Monthly boat-based bird and marine mammals studies were carried out for three years. A total of 38 species of seabird were recorded within the Neart na Gaoithe study area, with the three most common species being gannet, guillemot and puffin. Additional studies were undertaken, including fitting electronic tags to seabirds and seals to record their movements relative to the wind farm boundary.

Ten marine mammal species were recorded in the Neart na Gaoithe study area, with harbour porpoise and grey seal being the most common species. Harbour seals were also regularly recorded in lower numbers throughout the study area.



Grey seal



Kittiwake tagging

Noise modelling was undertaken to assess the potential impacts of construction on marine mammals and noise-sensitive fish species.

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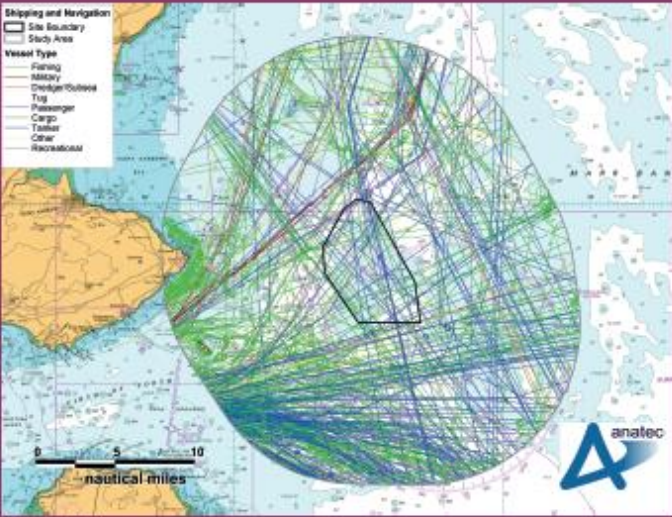
Shipping and Navigation

Site Boundary

Study Area

Vessel Type

- Fishing
- Military
- Merchant/Boat
- Tug
- Passenger
- Cargo
- Tanker
- Other
- Recreational




Firth of Forth shipping map

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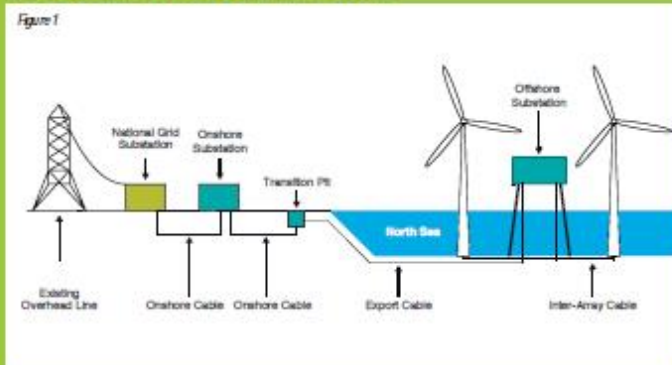


Figure 2: Visual representation of the new substation



Figure 3: Onshore works application boundary

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SOCIO-ECONOMIC

Benefits

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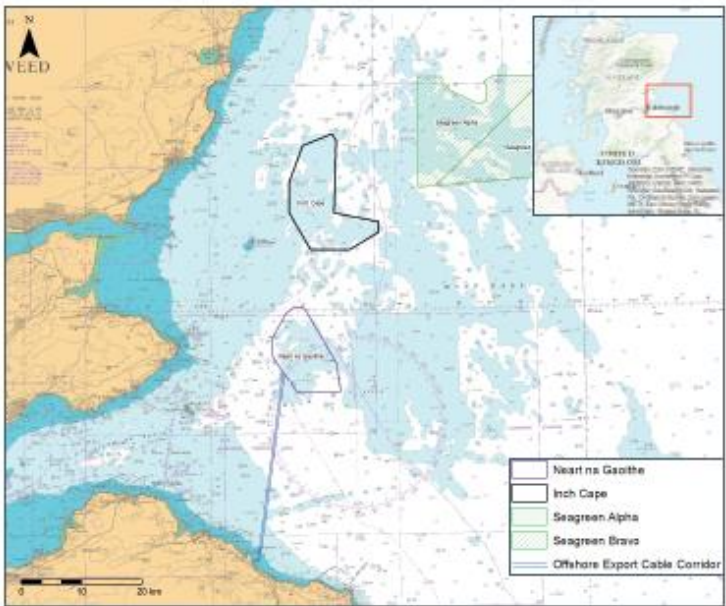
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The project will have a major role in carbon emissions abatement and play a key part in meeting the emission reduction targets of both the Scottish and UK governments. It will displace some 400,000 tonnes of CO₂ every year and provide enough power for all the houses in a city the size of Edinburgh.


If the UK fails to decarbonise its power sector it will not meet the statutory climate reduction goals in the Climate Change Act, and will not meet its other global commitments to greenhouse gas emissions reduction. Neart na Gaoithe is an integral part of that decarbonisation strategy. There are no other comparable projects at Neart na Gaoithe's state of readiness.





Cable laying vessel





Supply Chain

Local procurement is at the heart of our development strategy and we are actively working with the Scottish Government, local authorities, local suppliers, potential manufacturers and other parties to maximise the economic benefit to Scotland, and in particular the east of Scotland. This will help position the region to benefit from longer term UK and international opportunities.

File and the wider areas of east-central Scotland in particular will see benefits the Neart na Gaoithe offshore wind farm will bring in terms of jobs and local supply chain activities.

Many of the local supply chain companies' employees will bring skills developed in the construction of the Forth Crossing and the aircraft carrier projects, as well as other offshore wind farms, to help deliver Neart na Gaoithe. These highly skilled engineering jobs will be sustained by Neart na Gaoithe, and added to with opportunities across the region's supply chain.

To register your interest in becoming a member of the supply chain, complete the short registration form at: www.nngsupplychainbase.com.

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CONSTRUCTION

Construction

Installation of turbine foundation

Construction will start with the installation of up to six jacket piles at each of the turbine locations.

Jacket foundation pile: large steel tube up to 3.5 metres (m) diameter, up to approximately 50m long.

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Steel jacket foundation: lattice support structure.

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Cable laying vessel



Installation of nacelle

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Blades: up to 50m long Glass Reinforced Epoxy (GRE) – 3 blades per turbine – 21,804m² swept area.

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Export Cables: buried up to 3m deep – 43km to be installed.



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Array Cable: up to a depth of 2m – up to 140 kilometres (km) to be installed.




Offshore substation

Offshore substation



The offshore substation consists of a jacket foundation and a 'topside'. The jacket foundation, a larger version of the turbine foundation, will be installed in a similar way. The 'topside' is likely to be in excess of 2,000 tonnes and require a specialist heavy lift vessel. All of the array cables will be routed to the offshore substation and connected into the electrical equipment on the 'topside'.

Offshore Substation: up to 60m high (LAT) – in excess of 2,000 tonnes.

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PHOTOMONTAGES

Viewpoint: Arbroath Signal Tower



OS Grid ref: 364047, 740440

View direction: 145 degrees

Horizontal field of view: 53.5 degrees (Planar Projection)

Distance to nearest turbine: 32.1 km

Principal viewing distance: 522mm

Viewpoint: Carnoustie

OS Grid ref: 356223, 734144


View direction: 130 degrees

Horizontal field of view: 53.5 degrees (Planar Projection)


Distance to nearest turbine: 32.4 km

Principal viewing distance: 812.5mm

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PHOTOMONTAGES



Viewpoint: St Andrews, East Scores

OS Grid ref:

351572, 716671

View direction:

95 degrees

Horizontal field of view:


53.5 degrees (Planar Projection)

Distance to nearest turbine:

28.5 km

Principal viewing distance:

522mm



Viewpoint: Crail

OS Grid ref:

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View direction:

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Horizontal field of view:

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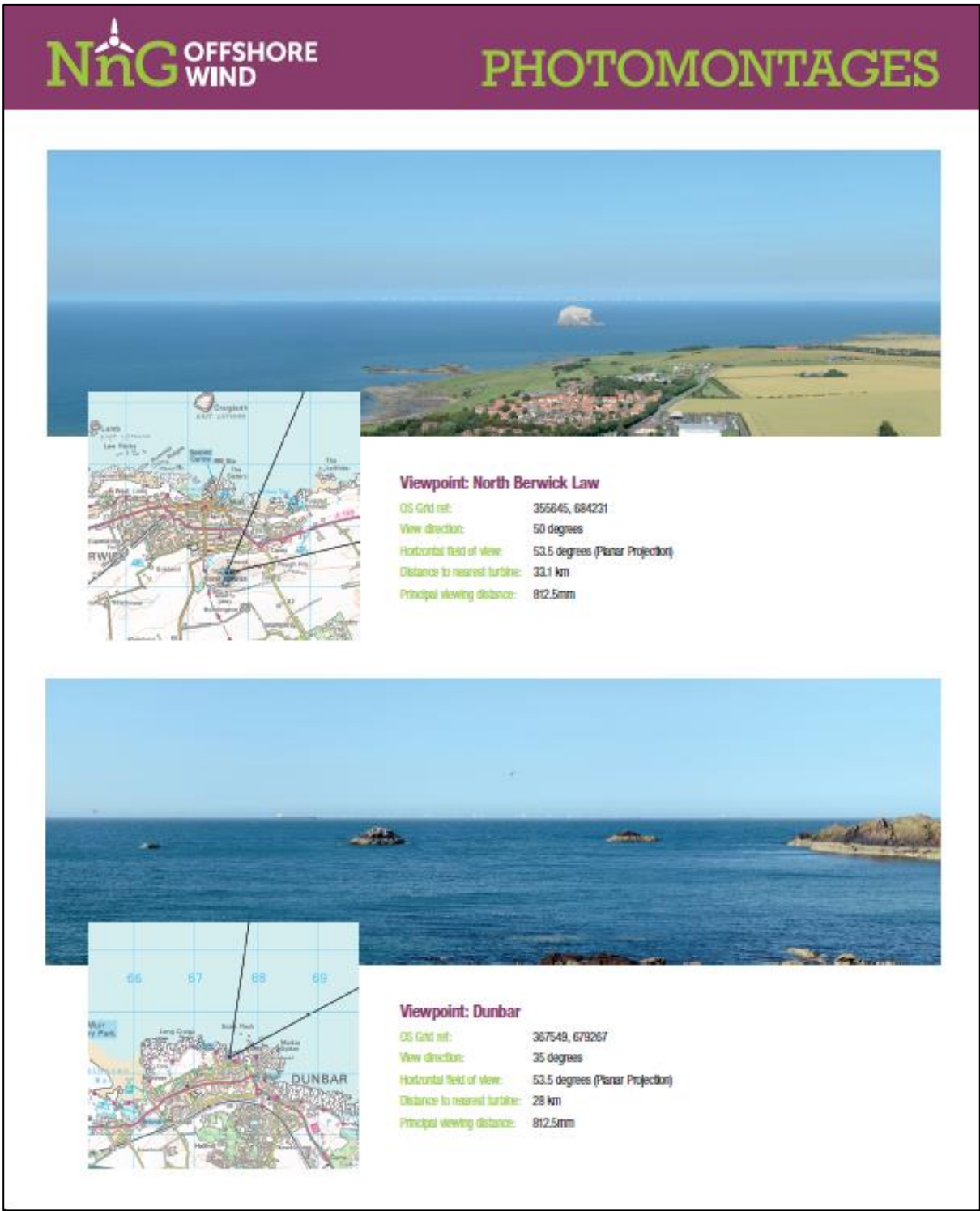
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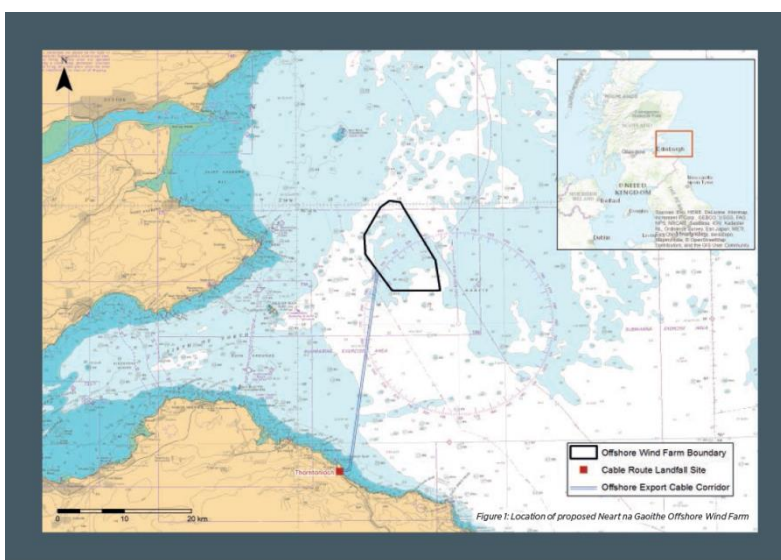
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Appendix 7: Project brochure



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Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm

The proposed Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm (NnG) site is located approximately 15.5 kilometres (km) from Fife Ness and 28km from Thorntonloch Beach in East Lothian. Mainstream Renewable Power was awarded the site in February 2009 by The Crown Estate. Neart na Gaoithe means 'strength of the wind' and the wind farm will generate up to 450 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy, enough electricity to power more than 325,000 homes – equivalent to the number of homes in Edinburgh. It will offset over 400,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions each year.

Key facts of Neart na Gaoithe

Original Offshore Consent	New Offshore Application
No. of turbines: Maximum 75	No. of turbines: Maximum 54
Capacity: 450 megawatts (MW)	Capacity: 450 MW
Turbine height: Maximum 197 metres (m) above lowest astronomical tide (LAT) to tip	Turbine height: Maximum 208m above LAT to tip
Space between turbines: Minimum 450m	Space between turbines: Minimum 800m
Site area: Maximum 105 kilometres (km) ²	Site area: Maximum 105km ²
Water depth: Between 45m and 55m	Water depth: Between 45m and 55m

NB. only one of these consents will be eventually be built out.

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The NnG site was chosen following detailed analysis of technical, economic and environmental factors. Criteria that informed the site selection process included: shipping routes, sensitive habitats and species, seabed conditions, port facilities, metocean conditions and proximity to a grid connection.

NnG is one of only two Scottish offshore wind farm projects to have won a Contract for Difference (CfD) through auction. It gives the wind farm an inflation-linked price for the electricity it produces for a period of fifteen years. This revenue stream allows investment to build this significant infrastructure project.

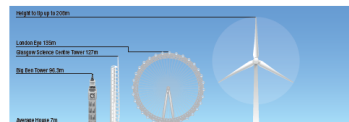


Figure 2: Wind turbine dimensions compared to known landmarks

Key Components of an Offshore Wind Farm

1. Turbine

Three-bladed turbines will be attached to the seabed using the foundation described below.

2. Turbine foundation

The turbines will be constructed using steel jacket foundations, with cables from each turbine connected via subsea 'inter-array' cables.

3. Offshore substation(s)

Subsea inter-array cables will be connected to one or two offshore substation(s).

4. Offshore transmission cables

Two subsea transmission cables will run from the offshore substation(s) to the landfall at Thorntonloch Beach in East Lothian.

5. Onshore transmission cables

Two buried cables will cross farmland for approximately 12.3km from the landfall location to the grid connection point at Crystal Rig wind farm in the Lammermuir Hills.

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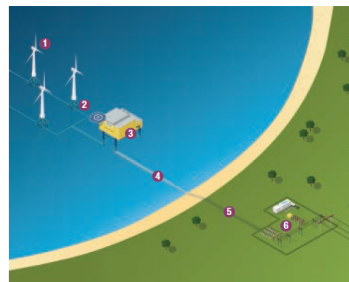


Figure 3: Key components of an offshore wind farm

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Figure 4: Offshore substation

Key components of HVAC transmission system

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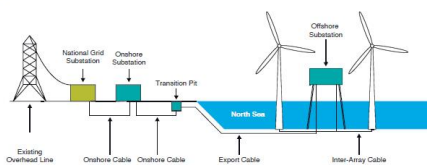


Figure 5: HVAC transmission system

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Onshore Grid Connection

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Figure 6: Application boundary for the onshore works.

Figure 7: Visual representation of the new substation.

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Planning and Consenting

Offshore Consents - Original Application

In 2009, three years of offshore environmental surveys commenced to gather information on habitats and species, physical conditions and human activities at the NnG site.

This information was collected to inform a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), which was submitted with an application for consent for the offshore elements. This information is set out in an Environmental Statement, which can be viewed on our website.

The application for consent for the offshore elements of the project was submitted to the Scottish Ministers (Marine Scotland) in July 2012. Consent was granted in 2014 for a maximum of 75 turbines. A variation to the consent was granted in March 2016 allowing NnG to deploy 64 7MW turbines.

Judicial Review

In January 2015, a Judicial Review of the Scottish Ministers consenting process was raised by the RSPB, which delayed NnG along with three other offshore wind farm projects.

The RSPB's concerns were initially upheld in a decision of the Outer House of the Court of Session in July 2016. This was appealed by the Scottish Ministers and in May 2017, the Inner House of the Court of Session overturned the original decision. In June 2017 the RSPB sought leave to appeal to the Supreme Court which was denied by the Inner House of the Court of Session. In August 2017, the RSPB sought leave to appeal to the Supreme Court directly.

Offshore Consents - New Application

A new application for consent will be submitted to Marine Scotland in the coming months. This will allow for an updated design for the offshore elements to incorporate recent advances in technology. Central to this is the inclusion of higher generating capacity turbines, meaning that fewer turbines are required to generate the same output. The updated design will comprise a maximum of 54 turbines.

Onshore Planning Permission

An application for the onshore grid connection infrastructure was submitted to East Lothian Council in November 2012. This includes 12.3km of buried cable and a new substation. Planning permission was granted in June 2013. The planning permission was implemented in August 2016.



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Offshore Physical Environment and Resource

To understand the attributes of the offshore physical environment, Mainstream commissioned both desk and field based studies to assess the wind resource, sea and weather conditions and the seabed type and substrate.

Studies investigating the seabed ground conditions of the site were undertaken; geophysical assessments were carried out in August 2009 and more in-depth geotechnical studies were undertaken in 2010, 2012, 2013 and 2014. A further bathymetry survey was undertaken in 2015.

'Metocan' (meteorological and oceanographic) data was collected using a number of metocan buoys deployed on and near the site. This informed the physical processes modelling. The information gathered had specific reference to potential changes to seabed forms and coastal processes.

The geology and sediments will not be changed by the proposed development, so the assessment concentrated on potential impacts on the coastline, sandbanks and water quality. The modelling within the physical processes study showed that the offshore infrastructure and construction works would not cause any effects that reached the coastline. Changes to the metocan conditions (water levels, currents and waves) due to the presence of structures on the seabed may have the potential to alter the sediment regime although modelling has suggested that such changes would not be significant.

In April 2014, Mainstream deployed a floating LIDAR (FLIDAR) at the offshore wind farm site. The technology is designed to capture valuable hub height wind resource data and remained on site for ten months in support of the Neart project development. The FLIDAR consisted of state-of-the-art measurement equipment including a buoy adapted LIDAR mounted on a standard marine buoy and was powered by its own renewable energy system comprising solar photovoltaic and wind power technology.



Figure 8: FLIDAR installed at the Neart na Gaoithe site from April 2014 to February 2015.

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Offshore Environment Studies

Between 2009 and 2012 an extensive campaign of environmental surveys was undertaken to inform a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). These included surveys of seabed habitat, geotechnical analysis of the seabed, surveys to identify the presence of seabirds and marine mammals, studies of shipping routes and commercial fishing activity, plus analysis of the seabed to identify any archaeological features such as shipwrecks.

The findings of the EIA were presented in an Environmental Statement, which was submitted to the Scottish Government with the original application for consent to build and operate the wind farm.

A Scoping Report to Inform the EIA for the new offshore consent application was submitted to Marine Scotland in May 2017. This reviewed the findings of the original EIA and proposed the content of the new EIA.

Documents related to the EIAs and our latest Scoping Report are available to download from the project website: www.nngoffshorewind.com.



Seabed habitat -
'Dead Mens Fingers'

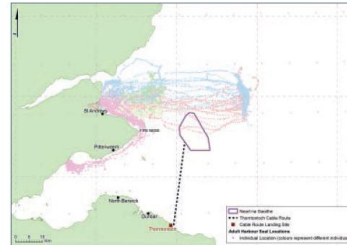


Figure 9: Harbour Seal Tracking Data

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Birds, Marine Mammals and Fish

Monthly boat-based bird and marine mammals studies were carried out for three years. A total of 38 species of seabird were recorded within the Neart na Gaoithe study area, with the three most common species being gannet, guillemot and puffin. Additional studies were undertaken, including fitting electronic tags to seabirds and seals to record their movements relative to the wind farm boundary.

Ten marine mammal species were recorded in the Neart na Gaoithe study area, with harbour porpoise and grey seal being the most common species. Harbour seals were also regularly recorded in lower numbers throughout the study area.

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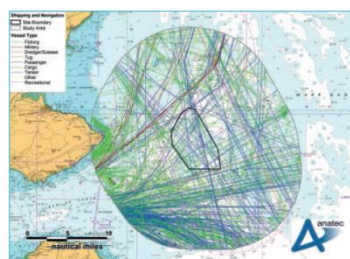


Figure 10: Map of shipping routes



Fishing Vessel

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Seascape, Visual, Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

A series of photomontages have been created to give an indication of how the wind farm will look from a number of viewpoints along the east coast (Figure 11 below). Consultation was undertaken with the local councils and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) to develop a comprehensive list with appropriate viewpoint locations.

The archaeology considered within the Neart na Gaoithe offshore site is broadly divided into two main areas: maritime archaeology such as shipwrecks, and submerged prehistoric archaeology, which considers the potential inhabitation of humans on land which is now submerged. Survey data collected over the Neart na Gaoithe site provided a detailed picture of the seabed topography, allowing archaeologists to better understand the landscape below the sea.

The archaeological assessment has identified a number of features. These include six wrecks of which the most noteworthy are the remains of the SS Einar Jarl and two First World War K class submarines (Figure 12), which sank in 1918. Archaeological features have been assessed in greater detail during the analysis of geophysical, geotechnical and video survey data. No turbines will be located in the vicinity of protected wrecks.

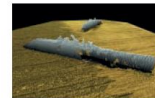


Figure 12: First World War K-Class Submarine wreck.

Aviation and Radar

Additionally as part of the EIA, civil and military radar and aviation interests were assessed, primarily via a desk based study and through ongoing consultation with the Ministry of Defence, National Air Traffic Control Services and the Civil Aviation Authority.

Figure 11: Photomontage from Crail



Onshore Environment

An application for planning permission to construct the onshore works between Thorntonloch Beach and Crystal Rig was submitted to East Lothian Council in November 2012. As with the offshore application it was accompanied by an Environmental Statement setting out the findings of an EIA, which was carried out under The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2011. Planning permission was granted in June 2013.

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Figure 13: Advance construction work, August 2016.

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Construction

The Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm will be built out in a number of stages. Construction of onshore works will commence in 2019 at the earliest while offshore works will commence in 2020 at the earliest.

1. Installation of turbine foundation

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Onshore Substation with transformers.

Project Timeline

The milestones within the scheduled timeline for the Neart na Gaoithe project are presented below:

2008	- Site selection
2009	- The Crown Estate exclusivity agreed
2009	- Original offshore Scoping Report submitted
2010	- Grid connection signed
2011	- Agreement for Lease (AFL) signed
2009-2012	- Surveys & Environmental Impact Assessment
2012	- Onshore planning application submitted
2012	- Original offshore consent application submitted
2013	- Onshore planning permission granted
2014	- Original offshore consent granted
2015	- Contract for Difference (CFD) signed
2015	- RSPB commenced Judicial Review proceedings
2016	- Original offshore consent variation granted
2016	- Outer House Judicial Review decision
2017	- New offshore Scoping Report submitted
2017	- Inner House Judicial Review appeal decision
2017	- RSPB sought leave to appeal to Supreme Court
2017	- New offshore consent submission expected
2018	- New offshore consent decision expected
2019-2021	- Onshore construction
2020-2021	- Offshore construction
2021-2022	- First generation expected
2021-2022	- Fully operational

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Consultation

Consultation has been a key element in the development of this project. Mainstream has sought the views and inputs from all stakeholders and other bodies as well as individuals to ensure they are fully aware of the project and kept up-to-date with all aspects of its development.

Over the years, Mainstream has held a number of community consultation meetings across the region and participated in a number of public events on the east coast of Scotland (Fife, Angus and East Lothian) to publicise the project and keep the public informed on the project development.

Meetings have also been held to inform interested groups such as natural heritage bodies, commercial fishermen, community councils, surfers, shipping representatives and recreational sea users of the project.



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13,900 person years of employment will be supported by this project over its lifetime, with 8,000 person-years of employment in the construction phase, and a further 5,900 during the operations and maintenance phase.

It is estimated that over the lifetime of this project NnG will support the equivalent of 0.6% of the total value of Scottish Onshore GDP in 2016.



Turbine nacelle workers



Turbine installation



The project will have a major role in carbon emissions abatement and play a key part in meeting the emission reduction targets of both the Scottish and UK governments. It will displace some 400,000 tonnes of CO₂ every year and provide enough power for all the houses in a city the size of Edinburgh.

If the UK fails to decarbonise its power sector it will not meet the statutory climate reduction goals in the Climate Change Act, and will not meet its other global commitments to greenhouse gas emissions reduction. Nearť na Gaoithe is an integral part of that decarbonisation strategy. There are no other comparable projects at Nearť na Gaoithe's state of readiness.

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Supply Chain

Local procurement is at the heart of our development strategy and we are actively working with the Scottish Government, local authorities, local suppliers, potential manufacturers and other parties to maximise the economic benefit to Scotland, and in particular the east of Scotland.

This will help position the region to benefit from longer term UK and international opportunities.

Fife and the wider areas of east-central Scotland in particular will see benefits the Nearť na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm will bring in terms of jobs and local supply chain activities.

Many of the local supply chain companies' employees will bring skills developed in the construction of the Forth Crossing and the aircraft carrier projects, as well as other offshore wind farms, to help deliver Nearť na Gaoithe. These highly skilled engineering jobs will be sustained by Nearť na Gaoithe, and added to with opportunities across the region's supply chain.

To register your interest in becoming a member of the supply chain, complete the short registration form at www.nngsupplierdatabase.com.



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Other Offshore Wind Farms in the Region

In addition to Nearť na Gaoithe, three other offshore wind farms are proposed off the Angus coast.

The Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm is being developed by Red Rock Power. The Seagreen Alpha and Seagreen Bravo Offshore Wind Farms are being developed by a joint venture between Scottish and Southern Energy and Flour.

All four projects received consents together in 2014. A Judicial Review (summarised on page 6) raised by the RSPB in relation to the Scottish Ministers' consenting process has delayed all four projects. It is anticipated that new applications will be submitted by all four projects. This will allow all projects to be built with fewer larger capacity turbines. Compared with the original applications, the new applications will reduce the maximum number of turbines by 50%.

Of the four projects, only Nearť na Gaoithe currently holds a Contract for Difference.

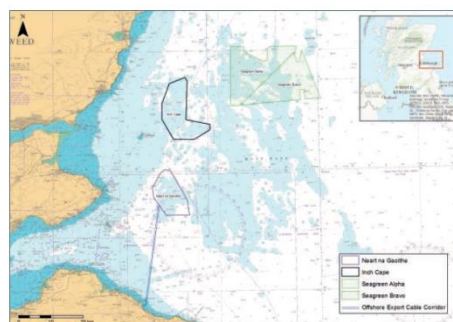


Figure 14: Map of Nearť na Gaoithe wind farm and other wind farm locations in the area

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NnG Offshore Wind shared NnG Scotland's video.

NnG Offshore Wind will allow smaller companies such as Montrose Marine to invest and expand.

Piara Hudson discusses the benefits of NnG for Montrose Marine and the local community.

20 billion pounds

NnG Offshore Wind shared a tweet from @nngoffshorewind.

Local companies are winning more offshore wind deals than ever. UK content is now at 80% vs 60% in 2017. #nngoffshorewind

Thanks to advances in technology we have been able to reduce the number of turbines from 125 in the original site design to 54! We have been able to reduce the footprint of the whole project.

https://t.co/yd9paw

Thanks to advances in offshore wind technology, NnG was able to reduce the number of proposed turbines from 125 to 54.

Andrew Smith (@andrewsmithuk) Aug 21

Offshore huge lasting benefits from off shore wind @NnG Scotland - wind farm ahead @nngoffshorewind #nngoffshorewind

Comment: Offshore wind isn't just about combating climate change. It's about creating jobs and helping to build a sustainable future for Scotland. NnG Offshore Wind is a key part of this.

NnG Offshore Wind shared a tweet from @nngoffshorewind.

NnG Offshore Wind will deliver green energy to support the Scottish Government's renewable energy targets.

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Appendix 8: Project questionnaire



Facilitating Change (UK) Ltd

Your views on the proposed Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm

Facilitating Change is undertaking analysis of community consultation in relation to the proposed Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm, on behalf of the developer ('Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited' or NnGOWL). It is important to take into account the views of local people in advance of the application. This short questionnaire is one of the ways in which you will be able to express your opinion.

Please take five minutes to answer the following questions and return it to a member of our team. This is an anonymous survey and the results will be summarised in the form of a report to be submitted as part of the application and will be used to inform the wind farm proposal, together with the findings from communications with other stakeholders.

Q1. What is your attitude in general towards climate change?

Please ✓one box only

I think it's something we need to take action about now	I don't believe that climate change is an issue of concern	I think it is the government's responsibility to deal with climate change	I don't have an opinion on this
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q2. What is your attitude in general towards renewable energy sources?

Please ✓one box only

I think it's important that we take their development seriously	I don't think they're a viable source of energy	I don't have an opinion on this
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3. How would you describe your knowledge of the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm proposal?

Please ✓one box only

1. I am very well informed	2. Know a lot	3. Know a little	4. Know very little	5. Know nothing at all
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q4. If the proposed Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm goes ahead, what effect, if any, do you think the wind farm will have on:

Please ✓one box only for each category below	1. Positive / good effect	2. Neutral / no effect	3. Negative / bad effect	4. Not sure
The visual effect on the seascape and landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The natural environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CO ₂ reduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Birds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs & the local economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tourism in the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marine mammals (dolphins, seals etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Property values	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q5. Do you have any specific comments about the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm proposal?

Please write below

Q6. Overall, how would you describe your reaction to the proposed Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm?

Please ✓one box only

1. Support	2. Neither support nor object	3. Object
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please turn over

Q7. So that we are able to ensure that we include the views of people from across the community, please can you tell us about yourself...

Q7a Which of the following areas do you currently live in / live nearest too? Please ✓ one only		Q7b and how old are you? Please ✓ one box only	
East Lothian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Under 16yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scottish Borders	<input type="checkbox"/>	16-24yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angus	<input type="checkbox"/>	25-39yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fife	<input type="checkbox"/>	40-59yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other please write below:	<input type="checkbox"/>	60 plus	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q7c Are you male <input type="checkbox"/> or female <input type="checkbox"/>			
Q7d What is your occupation?			

Q8. And finally, to what extent do you feel we have given you an increased understanding of the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm proposal and an opportunity to participate in an informed discussion (on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is an excellent opportunity and 5 is a very poor opportunity)?

1. Excellent opportunity	2. Quite a good opportunity	3. Neither a good nor a poor opportunity	4. A poor opportunity	5. A very poor opportunity
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please write in any further comments you would like to make about the engagement process as a whole.

Q9. In the future how would you like us to keep you updated on the progress of the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm proposal?

Newsletter	Website	Exhibition	Email
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q10. If you want us to contact you in the future, please leave your contact details below:

Name:	
Address:	
	Postcode
Email:	

(Only provide your email address if you wish to be contacted by email)

All the information that you have provided will be processed in accordance with your rights under the Data Protection Act. We would like to provide you with updates about the development of the project and may wish to include your details as part of the planning submission.

If you do not wish to receive these updates, please tick this box: ☐

If you wish us to include your comments and details in the planning submission, please tick here: ☐

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please hand it in to a member of our team

Please note, comments made in this questionnaire are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. When Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited makes an application for a marine licence, an opportunity will be given for representations to be made to the Scottish Ministers on the application.

Appendix 9: Responses to question 5

General

Positive/ supportive

"I would far rather see this go ahead than any UCG or fracking. I like this proposal and support it."

"It's a shame it's taken so long. Can't happen quick enough - but then, I'm an engineer."

"It has taken a long time to get to this point. Hope it can now go ahead."

"Very much favour wind/solar power. Great concern about climate change."

"I feel that the wind is there to be utilised and not to do so would be senseless."

"I think as much effort as possible should be given to positive local effect as to jobs and support. This could be after completion in way of grants to support local opportunities."

"Positive, need to embrace modern technology and in many ways creates visual interest."

"I think the project should go ahead, in spite of the repeated objections of RSPB. This is of significant importance to the area."

"The lifeboat coxswain in Dunbar says that 'furniture' in the sea provides great hiding places for shoals!"

"Obviously we need to reduce carbon emissions. I guess that wind turbines are a good route and are intrusive on the landscape but probably no worse than a power station."

"Definitely need more schemes like this rather than new nuclear plants!"

"Better offshore than in the Lammermuirs."

"We need renewables (different kinds). There will be some effects that are negative."

"Good for Carnoustie."

"From Carnoustie the wind farm will be on the horizon and thus not have too much impact on our views."

"Get on with it!"

"Excellent scheme."

"Would like a shorter time scale."

"I do not think it will be nice visually but I would rather have a windfarm than nuclear/ coal energy. It's visibility will let us know of our dependence on electricity."

"Well worth doing."

"A fantastic thing, want to see progressing. I want to see more wind farms."

"Should have go ahead, ASAP."

"Well designed and an asset to Scotland."

"Pleased that the project is going ahead."

"I am very pleased to know power is utilised from natural resources."

"Very well presented."

"W.R.T [With regards to] my response to Q4 re. birds & sea mammals, I have responded regarding local populations. In the long term, reducing CO2 will have a global benefit for all life."

"In time this method of producing power could reduce (& hopefully) the need to produce power from nuclear stations and therefore to reduce the cost of electrical power."

"I'm pleased to hear that plans are being adjusted to reduce the effect on wildlife."

Negative/ concerns

"This wind farm is in the wrong place - close to v important sea bird nesting & feeding areas."

"Great concern that this area has been acknowledged & built around the gannet & puffin etc colonies. Why has an area similar to this in Northumberland been protected and this area has not?"

"It's too near the Isle of May and the Bass Rock - it's vital to protect the seabirds in this area. Why not wait to use floating turbines further from this area?"

"Photos look as if it's very intrusive and should be placed further out to sea."

"100% against this proposal. I moved here because it is an area of Natural Beauty, holiday destination, animal habitat. This is not offshore enough. Try tidal power generation - see Strangford Lough - N.I."

"I am fundamentally opposed to this project. The impact on the environment will be catastrophic. Have we learned nothing from the damage we have done on land & now seek to perpetrate in the sea?"

"Too close too shipping lanes."

"Visually most disturbing and far too many turbines proposed. I don't believe the sea is place for any."

"100% opposed to the installation."

"Husband and myself very concerned on the effects on gannets and Kittiwakes - all birds migratory and wildlife and marine environment."

"Yet another blot on the landscape for Dunbar. Torness, cement chimney, Viridor, smell from Sewage works in West Barns. If moving out to sea, then leave the land alone. Use current in the sea!"

"Feel very angry about this project. One of the few major assets that Scotland has is its countryside and coastline which attract tourists to our country from all over the world. Our hills and moorland areas have been trashed with wind turbines and now it is going to happen to our coastline."

"Photomontage shows the wind farm will be an eye sore. - it should be further off shore."

"I can't see any strategic [?] in relation to the rest of the UK and will oppose this at any opportunity. I live in Crail and it will kill off the village, we survive on tourism."

"It will have a negative effect on tourism - the main industry of this region."

"Adverse effect on Tourism (major economic status) Adverse effect on sea bird life."

"Much bigger than I initially thought. Real concerns about bird & marine life. I think wind farms are one of the ways forward but I think it should be further out. -could be thought out better."

"I am concerned about the effect on marine and bird life."

"Why not further east so not visible from shore, very historic/ tourist area in East Fife. Isle of May birds."

"Due to issues Q4. Wave & tidal power should be researched & implemented. If subsidies were taken off/ grants these companies would have to look at better options hydro, tidal, wave, nuclear, solar. Migrating geese from northern Europe could be a major concern as they tend to fly lower when windy and may hit this & the other proposed wind farms."

"Ruining the east of Scotland. Tourism is very important. An area used by lots of birds/ mammals/ migrants birds (geese). [Visible] from all along the east coast. Not just tourists Do I actually want to live here after they are built. You can no longer go hill walking in Scotland without seeing windmills. They are ruining Scotland. What about pursuing tidal power and water power. Will any of this actually make any difference!"

"A blot on the landscape, visually objectionable, bad effects on wildlife, not green any way!"

"It is very sad to see the seascape (as viewed from the coast) despoiled in such a major way. Another chunk of Scotland's wild beauty is lost."

"I find it worrying that the RSPB remains to be convinced. This seems to me to be a terrible desecration of the natural environment - we should seek to reduce energy consumption."

"Very bad news for the people of Crail who have been presented with a 'fait accompli'."

"How can you consider locating this so near to Bass Rock + May Island - world sensitive breeding habitats."

"I am very concerned about the impact of this and the other planned wind farms on the seabirds and dolphins/ seals, even fish as they are already suffering as a result of climate changes. However, I am not against wind farms per se, I just question the long term wisdom of so many wind farms in such an environmentally sensitive area."

"This wind farm will take away some of my fishing grounds. If we were compensated for this I would be for this, but I know this won't happen."

"Although I do believe in developing renewables, I feel very strongly that the negative impacts of this proposal outweigh the benefits. In particular, the impact on birds and marine life."

"I work lobster creels in the proposed site. This area is vital to my business and would be a substantial loss to my earnings if it went ahead."

"Visually obtrusive from Fife, and beyond. A mortal danger to birds, and possibly navigation systems of sea mammals."

"New bridge should have been built with turbines incorporated. Get them away from our coast."

Suggestions/ requests

"1) Community benefit should be at same rate as onshore wind farms & broadly allocated through democratically elected bodies - councils & community councils 2) Awaiting more evidence on impact on Puffins."

"Dunbar Harbour should be considered as a supply base for transferring materials and personnel to the wind farm. With road and rail connections already excellent, this would be cost efficient."

"The wind farm should be sited further out to sea where the seriously adverse effects on the visual and natural environment would be reduced if not eliminated. The pylons and blades should be painted battleship grey and greatly reduced in height. The adverse effect on Crail and the sterling effort put into its restoration by the National Trust for Scotland is particularly unfortunate."

"The effect on fishing could be positive if the foundations act as an artificial reef where young fish can grow. There are ways of increasing the likelihood of this - a project IGGI* in which NERC is a major partner know more IGGI =Integrated Grey Green Infrastructure."

"Wind farms should be as close as possible to the people they serve - in this case Edinburgh + other east coast centres of populations."

"Build south of Torness area."

Ambivalent

"Feel torn, as I totally think we need to use more renewable energy, but it spoils views! Can't it be further out to sea."

"These offshore wind farms can have a significant and adverse impact on the natural environment. We trust that the legal processes & requirements will give adequate protection. I would be more supportive if I was absolutely sure about the environmental impact."

"It is very visible from Crail and St Andrews and Anster etc. It is a good idea, but should be less visible."

"In regard to natural environment and fishing, only time will tell."

Comment

"CO2 reduction - the cost of installation, concrete/metal used/diesel burnt to produce etc. (power stations already here)."

"Visual effects on local population will decrease after construction is complete."

"I think the effect on the landscape, environment and birdlife, while not positive, has be minimised by changes to original plans."

"The name given to the project is unknown to me and I would not know how to pronounce it."

"Need to know the outcome of the RSPB judicial action."

"I am confused about the affect on wildlife - your board notes that you have reduced your impact after doing a survey which suggests you have proved we should be concerned. Also, I acknowledge temporary construction jobs will be created - but at the loss of tourism jobs due to the look of the area. Also, many of jobs created are temporary during construction."

"Necessary Evil."

"I'm afraid I do not have enough information to comment. I don't like the visual impact. I understand local fishermen's concerns. Have concerns over wildlife."

"Minimal effect in relation to USA, China, Europe etc."

"I went to a university extension lecture on these farms and I got alarmed. I retired as a PR Exec for the EGB."

"I am surprised that the nearest turbine will be so much nearer to Crail than any of the other places in the photo-montages."

“Hopefully a lot of consideration and research will go into possible effect on birds breeding & migrating to Isle May & Bass Rock.”

“I didn’t realise that not only is an offshore wind farm being constructed in Neart na Gaoithe, but in the Inch Cape (out from the Firth of Tay) and SeaGreen Alpha areas of the North Sea. But I’m at a slight disadvantage in that I have not in depth studied about marine engineering, although I have studied and passed first year Physics (BSc) at Dundee University.

“It will probably go ahead, whatever.”

“Very visible from North Berwick.”

Questions

“Bass, May & other local islands and coast have huge seabird colonies. Many other seabirds winter here. What are the risks?”

“Whole life costs and performance projections would have been interesting. Insufficient information about efficiency, maintenance and end of life decommissioning operations.”

“Nothing seems to be said about the number of days per year upon which the generators will be able to operate or in what season they [fail]. I have always felt that this aspect is the weak point of wind power.”

Comparisons with other forms of energy generation

It is worth noting that several participants expressed support for the development of renewables whilst objecting to other aspects of this Project: particularly visual impact and the effect on the natural environment.

Positive/ supportive

“Obviously we need to reduce carbon emissions. I guess that wind turbines are a good route and are intrusive on the landscape but probably no worse than a power station”

“Positive, need to embrace modern technology and in many ways creates visual interest.”

“[With regards to] my response to Q4 re. birds & sea mammals, I have responded regarding local populations. In the long term, reducing CO2 will have a global benefit for all life.”

“Definitely need more schemes like this rather than new nuclear plants!”

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Suggestions/ requests

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 "Yet another blot on the landscape for Dunbar. Torness, cement chimney, Viridor, smell from Sewage works in West Barns. If moving out to sea, then leave the land alone. Use current in the sea!"

Economic benefit & tourism

Positive/ Supportive

"I think as much effort as possible should be given to positive local effect as to jobs and support. This could be after completion in way of grants to support local opportunities."
 "In time this method of producing power could reduce (& hopefully) the need to produce power from nuclear stations and therefore to reduce the cost of electrical power."

Negative/ concerns

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 "I can't see any strategic benefit in relation to the rest of the UK and will oppose this at any opportunity. I live in Crail and it will kill off the village, we survive on tourism."
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 "Dunbar Harbour should be considered as a supply base for transferring materials and personnel to the wind farm. With road and rail connections already excellent, this would be cost efficient."

“I would like to see ongoing environmental monitoring of the effects on wildlife/ sea bed ecosystems, better to inform future similar developments. Consider options for community shares/ buy in to project.”

Birds

Positive/ supportive

"[With regards to] my response to Q4 re. birds & sea mammals, I have responded regarding local populations. In the long term, reducing CO2 will have a global benefit for all life."

Negative/ concerns

"Although supportive of wind generated energy, I am still concerned that this application is an example of the right idea in the wrong place. The Forth has international responsibility for breeding, wintering & migrating birds, notably 15 species of seabird, c 10 species of sea duck, divers and grebes, pink footed geese & passerines crossing the north sea."

"This wind farm is in the wrong place - close to v important sea bird nesting & feeding areas."

"Great concern that this area has been acknowledged & built around the gannet & puffin etc colonies.

Why has an area similar to this in Northumberland been protected and this area has not?"

"It's too near the Isle of May and the Bass Rock - it's vital to protect the seabirds in this area. Why not wait to use floating turbines further from this area?"

"Bass, May & other local islands and coast have huge seabird colonies. Many other seabirds winter here. What are the risks?"

"Husband and myself very concerned on the effects on gannets and Kittiwakes - all birds migratory and wildlife and marine environment."

"I find it worrying that the RSPB remains to be convinced. This seems to me to be a terrible desecration of the natural environment - we should seek to reduce energy consumption."

"I am very concerned about the impact of this and the other planned wind farms on the seabirds and dolphins/ seals, even fish as they are already suffering as a result of climate changes. However, I am not against wind farms per se, I just question the long term wisdom of so many wind farms in such an environmentally sensitive area."

"Although I do believe in developing renewables, I feel very strongly that the negative impacts of this proposal outweigh the benefits. In particular, the impact on birds and marine life."

"Adverse effect on Tourism (major economic status) Adverse effect on sea bird life."

"Much bigger than I initially thought. Real concerns about bird & marine life. I think wind farms are one of the ways forward but I think it should be further out. -could be thought out better."

"I am concerned about the effect on marine and bird life."

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"How can you consider locating this so near to Bass Rock + May Island - world sensitive breeding habitats."

"Visually obtrusive from Fife, and beyond. A mortal danger to birds, and possibly navigation systems of sea mammals."

Comment

"Hopefully a lot of consideration and research will go into possible effect on birds breeding & migrating to Isle May & Bass Rock."

"I think the effect on the landscape, environment and birdlife, while not positive, has been minimised by changes to original plans."

"Why not further east so not visible from shore, very historic/ tourist area in East Fife. Isle of May birds."

"Need to know the outcome of the RSPB judicial action."

6.6 Visual impact

50.3% of respondents feel that the proposed wind farm will have a negative effect on visual amenity with many arguing that it will be visibly intrusive and suggesting that it should be in a different location and/ or

further out to sea. A number of respondents indicated a degree of ambivalence surrounding the visual impact of the proposal; indicating that they support the principle of a project of this nature but do not wish to see their views to sea changed by the development.

Positive/ supportive

"Positive, need to embrace modern technology and in many ways creates visual interest."

"From Carnoustie the wind farm will be on the horizon and thus not have too much impact on our views."

Negative/ concerns

"I'm afraid I do not have enough information to comment. I don't like the visual impact. I understand local fishermen's concerns. Have concerns over wildlife."

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"Photomontage shows the wind farm will be an eye sore. - it should be further off shore."

"Ruining the east of Scotland. Tourism is very important. An area used by lots of birds/ mammals/ migrants birds (geese). [Visible] from all along the east coast. Not just tourists. Do I actually want to live here after they are built. You can no longer go hill walking in Scotland without seeing windmills. They are ruining Scotland. What about pursuing tidal power and water power. Will any of this actually make any difference!"

"A blot on the landscape, visually objectionable, bad effects on wildlife, not green any way!"

"It is very sad to see the seascape (as viewed from the coast) despoiled in such a major way. Another chunk of Scotland's wild beauty is lost."

"Visually obtrusive from Fife, and beyond. A mortal danger to birds, and possibly navigation systems of sea mammals."

Ambivalent

"I do not think it will be nice visually but I would rather have a windfarm than nuclear/ coal energy. It's visibility will let us know of our dependence on electricity."

"Obviously we need to reduce carbon emissions. I guess that wind turbines are a good route and are intrusive on the landscape but probably no worse than a power station."

"I feel torn, as I totally think we need to use more renewable energy, but it spoils views! Can't it be further out to sea."

"It is very visible from Crail and St Andrews and Anster etc. It is a good idea, but should be less visible."

Suggestions/ request

"The wind farm should be sited further out to sea where the seriously adverse effects on the visual and natural environment would be reduced if not eliminated. The pylons and blades should be painted battleship grey and greatly reduced in height. The adverse effect on Crail and the sterling effort put into its restoration by the National Trust for Scotland is particularly unfortunate."

"Why not further east so not visible from shore, very historic/ tourist area in East Fife. Isle of May birds."

"Much bigger than I initially thought. Real concerns about bird & marine life. I think wind farms are one of the ways forward but I think it should be further out. -could be thought out better."

Comment

"Visual effects on local population will decrease after construction is complete."

"I think the effect on the landscape, environment and birdlife, while not positive, has been minimised by changes to original plans."

"Very visible from North Berwick."

The natural environment

Concerns are raised about the effect of the proposal on the natural environment and marine life with 44.1% and 38.6% of respondents indicating that they feel the proposal will have a negative effect on the natural environment and marine mammals, respectively. While the comments provided very much reflect this mood, the concerns expressed are non-specific and general in nature suggesting a lack of detailed knowledge regarding the ways in which the proposal may affect these factors.

Positive/ Supportive

"The lifeboat coxswain in Dunbar says that 'furniture' in the sea provides great hiding places for shoals!"

"I'm pleased to hear that plans are being adjusted to reduce the effect on wildlife."

"[With regards to] my response to Q4 re. birds & sea mammals, I have responded regarding local populations. In the long term, reducing CO₂ will have a global benefit for all life."

Negative/ concerns

"I am fundamentally opposed to this project. The impact on the environment will be catastrophic. Have we learned nothing from the damage we have done on land & now seek to perpetrate in the sea?"

"Much bigger than I initially thought. Real concerns about bird & marine life. I think wind farms are one of the ways forward but I think it should be further out. -could be thought out better."

"I am concerned about the effect on marine and bird life."

"I think the effect on the landscape, environment and birdlife, while not positive, has been minimised by changes to original plans."

"Husband and myself very concerned on the effects on gannets and Kittiwakes - all birds migratory and wildlife and marine environment."

"A blot on the landscape, visually objectionable, bad effects on wildlife, not green any way!"

"It is very sad to see the seascape (as viewed from the coast) despoiled in such a major way. Another chunk of Scotland's wild beauty is lost."

"I find it worrying that the RSPB remains to be convinced. This seems to me to be a terrible desecration of the natural environment - we should seek to reduce energy consumption."

"I am very concerned about the impact of this and the other planned wind farms on the seabirds and dolphins/ seals, even fish as they are already suffering as a result of climate changes. However, I am not against wind farms per se, I just question the long term wisdom of so many wind farms in such an environmentally sensitive area."

"Although I do believe in developing renewables, I feel very strongly that the negative impacts of this proposal outweigh the benefits. In particular, the impact on birds and marine life."

"100 % against this proposal. I moved here because it is an area of Natural Beauty, holiday destination, animal habitat. This is not offshore enough. Try tidal power generation - see Strangford Lough - N.I."

"I'm afraid I do not have enough information to comment. I don't like the visual impact. I understand local fishermen's concerns. Have concerns over wildlife."

"Ruining the east of Scotland. Tourism is very important. An area used by lots of birds/ mammals/ migrants birds (geese). [Visible] from all along the east coast. Not just tourists Do I actually want to live here after they are built. You can no longer go hill walking in Scotland without seeing windmills. They are ruining

Scotland. What about pursuing tidal power and water power. Will any of this actually make any difference!"

"Visually obtrusive from Fife, and beyond. A mortal danger to birds, and possibly navigation systems of sea mammals."

Ambivalent

"These offshore wind farms can have a significant and adverse impact on the natural environment. We trust that the legal processes & requirements will give adequate protection. I would be more supportive if I was absolutely sure about the environmental impact."

"I am confused about the affect on wildlife - your board notes that you have reduced your impact after doing a survey which suggests you have proved we should be concerned. Also, I acknowledge temporary construction jobs will be created - but at the loss of tourism jobs due to the look of the area. Also, many of jobs created are temporary during construction."

"In regard to natural environment and fishing, only time will tell."

Suggestions/ requests

"I would like to see ongoing environmental monitoring of the effects on wildlife/ sea bed ecosystems, better to inform future similar developments. Consider options for community shares/ buy in to project."

"The wind farm should be sited further out to sea where the seriously adverse effects on the visual and natural environment would be reduced if not eliminated. The pylons and blades should be painted battleship grey and greatly reduced in height. The adverse effect on Crail and the sterling effort put into its restoration by the National Trust for Scotland is particularly unfortunate."

Appendix 10: Responses to question 8

General – positive

“Happy to support this project as it goes ahead. I have various roles in the community.”

“Good consultation. Lots of info.”

“I appreciated the chance to learn more about the project and was impressed by the scale of the consultation and all the information given.”

“Very good. Having the opportunity to raise concerns, discuss potential mitigation, better understand the commercial and technical issues is welcome. If the proposal does go ahead, we must take opportunities to learn from it and refine our approach in the future, especially with effect on our local environment.”

“As a member of Dunbar Community Woodland Group I'm obviously interested in future funding via offshore good practice charitable donations.”

“Good informative presentation.”

“Good exhibition. Attentive well informed staff.”

“Despite my strong opposition to the above proposals, I appreciate the opportunity to see the exhibition and talk to staff.”

“Very good and good luck with the consent.”

“Very good. Informative, able to answer detailed questions.”

“I received the leaflet through the door. I was excited to come along, I've been looking forward to it since I received the leaflet. Fantastic exhibition.(signed)”

“Very helpful discussion.”

“Very informative and representatives very knowledgeable.”

“Plenty of opportunity to comment.”

“The engagement process is excellent. The developers have gone out of their way to engage with stakeholder.”

“Timely and welcome: most informative thank you.”

General – negative

“Interesting general chats, however, not enough detail around the research that has been done regarding the effects on wildlife - leaves me think that not enough has been researched.”

“Your boards had too much language that was inaccessible/difficult to understand for most lay people. EG. 13,900 person years of employment sounds great but is meaningless without giving project life which you don't. No of people employed per year is more meaningful.”

“Skimpy - for a major development. Should have more links with relevant Community Councils!”

“To provide detail on the opposition from environmental groups such as RSPB. Feels like this consultation is quite late in the process.”

“Saw no publicity about these sessions - emailed to me by a friend. I expect dramatic news like this to be front page news. Tick boxes not sufficient!!!”

“Good to read the information boards, but they are very one sided - when is the chance for an informed discussion with both sides of the discussion? Where are the boards with the opposite opinion? “13,900 years of employment” - very misleading figure - many jobs will be temporary. How many people will this actually employ?”

“The SNP Government will allow the development to progress no matter what.”

“No data on wildlife casualties, or other possible bad impacts. I see you mean to bribe us with sweeties.”

“Paper exercise, already passed like all the other awful things in Dunbar - so no choice at all!!”

“I am all in favour of these green/sustainable energy projects - but only if there is widely recognised agreement that there will be no adverse impact. I am unable to judge for myself even after this presentation.”

“We have not been given any information since moving to Crail 3 years ago. We were not informed about this drop in session (and nor were our neighbours). We found out via a St. Andrews resident.”

"We live in Crail and had no postal notification, found out about it by chance from a St. Andrews resident. That's not ideal."

"Most information should be on the BBC TV regional news and I have seen nothing until receiving a tiny leaflet hidden amongst junk mail."

"An opportunity to see & hear about it with no expectation that my views will make any difference to the outcome of the "consultation"."

"I could not hear a female voice in the room and having voiced this misgiving I was squashed by a triumphant male on the grounds that I am a woman. NOT clever!"

"This was a 'planning application' exhibition with a questionnaire which attempts to lead respondents to support the application and respond without sufficient information/ answer options e.g. 'what effect will it have on' - jobs in the local economy? - Realistically it will be neg/ neutral on tourism, neg on fishing, pos for BIFAB in Methil. Most contracts for construction will be outwith the UK + have a negative effect on UK economy."

"The public show is too late, its 'fait a complis', an the effects on all aspects of life are negative."

"Golf visitors will decline."

"Lack of transparency."

"Just proved what I thought. Shareholders are important, marine life is not."

"It has come too late in the day and I am not convinced by an engagement process that follows such a troubled history, and deals with a project with so many negatives weighing against it. Little is ever said about the environmental impact of the installation process itself, or the materials used in construction, and their production."

"I was quite well informed before the meeting and spoke to Rosie who confirmed what I already knew. If this wind farm goes ahead I will lose out of valuable fishing ground."

"Timely and welcome: most informative thank you."

"Did not involve public enough. Consultation was not widely enough distributed. Absolutely disgraceful that you think you can destroy my beautiful country. So called climate change is a load of bullshit. My understanding has increased via other sources. This is just a commercial enterprise - should not get grants. You are destroying everything in your wake."

Question/ comment

"Would like to know why power to go to Dunbar. Would like to easily find out results of some of the environmental group consultations."

"Why consult the public at this stage when so much research (eg Puffins?) remains to be done?"

"Did you move down coast after Trump 'stopped' development @ Balmedie?"

"I would like to know how our concerns are then addressed post consultation event."

"This is the first detailed info I have had so no pre formed ideas or questions at this stage."

"I was intending to attend your consultation exhibition in Crail Community Hall but due to arriving back late from Cupar, Fife, I couldn't organise myself in time to be there before 8pm, that day. Having studied Economics, but not at Univ. level, I am aware of a struggle between specialisation of labour and diversification of output."

"As this is such a big project that will have a considerable impact on the East of Scotland - for good and bad, I think it is vitally important that you engage with the public as much as possible throughout the whole process."

"The process is a wise move. We now have a lot of experience with both offshore and onshore wind farms. What I would like to see/ know is what research, at existing locations, was gone into - effect on bird live; effect on fishing; effect on sea mammals; effect on tourism."

"Tourism affect - what are Visit Scotland/ Scottish Enterprise saying?"

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“Could have been better promoted ahead of the consultation - possibly through social media? Sustaining NB + Sustaining Dunbar groups will be very interested in how this progresses.”

“Excellent presentation material. Would have been helpful to have a North Berwick viewpoint from eye/road level.”

“Maybe actual advertising, beyond the place of exhibit.”

“Sections should be drawn from coast to coast showing the height of the turbines relative to the curvature of the earth.”

“All project team were busy when I was here. A talk would be good followed by an opportunity to ask questions. Also not every house in Crail received your flier.”

“More technical information on turbines & inclusion of Isle of May on photomontage from Crail would help quantify the visual impact.”

“Photomontages are good for the visual impact. Some figures are not clearly explained e.g. 8,000 person years.”

“I think it should have gone out to communities at Angus Coast and Dundee.”

“A model might make it easier to understand.”

“Been to other wind farm application displays - is there any point if government overthrows public opinion. Gap for comments on Q5 not big enough on [form].”

“I was disappointed that so few people came to see your excellent info boards. Would welcome a good sized group at a time to gather for discussion/ argument. That way objectors could hear reasoned support for NnG from others.”

Pre-event publicity

Positive

“The engagement process is excellent. The developers have gone out of their way to engage with stakeholder.”

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"Thank you for very detailed consultation. Suggest you send leaflets to all libraries in N.E. Fife, both Fife Community Trust run & also Community run ones too." – *Question 5 response*

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Exhibition materials/ content

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Comment

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Staff/ project team

Positive

"Good exhibition. Attentive well informed staff."

"The [NnG] representatives were very helpful and answered the few questions posed to them."

"Good people."

"Very informative and representatives very knowledgeable."

"Very good. Informative, able to answer detailed questions."

"Spoke to Fraser who was very knowledgeable & informative but sorry he did not allay my fears - very concerned about the effect on Gannets & Kittiwakes & birds & environment."

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Timing of events

Positive

"Timely and welcome: most informative thank you."

Negative

"The public show is too late, its 'fait a complis', and the effects on all aspects of life are negative."

"It has come too late in the day and I am not convinced by an engagement process that follows such a troubled history, and deals with a project with so many negatives weighing against it. Little is ever said about the environmental impact of the installation process itself, or the materials used in construction, and their production."

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Suggested improvements/ questions

"Why consult the public at this stage when so much research (eg Puffins?) remains to be done?"

The proposal & consenting processes

Positive

"Happy to support this project as it goes ahead. I have various roles in the community."

"This kind of product could eventually reduce the cost of electrical power to everyone."

Negative

"You have given people the chance to comment. I doubt whether the objectors will be heard or respected. If it happens we will suffer the consequence of the damage to our seas for generations."

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Appendix 11: Letters & e-mails received

Email received 1 September 2017

I was unable to attend the consultation process in North Berwick this week. I am interested in reviewing resources for the consultation. I can see many videos etc from partner organisations which look like a superb contribution to the Scottish economy. I would like to provide a balanced input to the consultation process. So one resource I would like to understand is the visual impact from various locations around the Lothian and Fife coasts. Do you have any simulated images of the farm say from the top of North Berwick Law. Do you have any links to the planning application for the on shore electrical substation etc

Letter received 18 September 2017

I know nothing about your Concern or your modus operandi, yet you expect me to comment in detail about [your] proposals.

- 1) I note that any power from this pipe dream will not benefit Crail
- 2) What Government subsidy will be involved?
- 3) What energy will be consumed in the construction of mechanical/ electrical and structure parts
- 4) Where are the constituent parts to be made?
- 5) Who benefits from any energy sold?
- 6) Why is this the first I have heard of this?
- 7) What is the position re: Planning Permission?
- 8) I remain to be convinced of the long term benefits of such a proposal, both to the Public Purse and the environment.

Letter received 18 September 2017

Just received leaflet for consultation regards offshore wind farm.

I am all for it.

If you wish to consider onshore wind or solar, I have a farm which is 600ft+ & is quite windy & isolated.

I am amenable to discussion.

(NB Has power line running through it!)

Email received 18 September 2017

Got a flyer through our door about the forthcoming meetings, hopefully will be able to make one, but if not a couple of questions please.

How is the local community being involved in the wind farm in general?

Is there a component of the development that is available for the local community to invest in as a co-operative as has occurred in other schemes?

What will the financial benefits to the local community be apart from jobs and the associated trade increase?

Will there be donations to local causes, such as organisations paying for the most disadvantaged to have their houses made more energy efficient/warmer as has happened with other wind farm developments.

Where has the finance raised for the wind farm come from?

Email received 20 September 2017

I would want to see evidence that the proposed wind farm would not disturb or affect the thousands of migrating birds to both the bass rock and the Isle of May.

The puffins are low flyers in nature and low objects in the water such as wind farms, could be disastrous for their migrating activity. Equally I would like to see evidence to support the fact that the higher flying birds would not be distressed or perturbed by the wind farm.

I am not opposed to natural energy sources, but not at the expense of wildlife. Migrating birds have thousands of years of migration paths genetically programmed into their DNA - I, as a responsible citizen of the planet, would not want to be responsible for the decline of this beautiful natural phenomena.

Many thanks Ewan.

(a very interested and enthusiastic nature loving family (especially the puffins on the Isle of May))

Email received 21 September 2017

I want to add my support to the proposed wind farm off the Fife coast. This is an ideal location for this wind generation.

Email received 21 September 2017

In relation to the offshore wind farm planned for Fife, I remember reading that the RSPB are concerned about a potential negative impact on sea birds nesting on the Isle of May, and am wondering whether a full impact assessment has been carried out on the potential impact of the wind farm on both sea birds and marine life in general (whales, etc)? I am also wondering why this particular spot, so close to the Isle of May, was chosen over another spot?

I am all for clean energy, and am not too concerned about appearances but would not be in favour of implementing a clean energy plan that would have significant negative impact on marine life.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Email received 26 September 2017

I object to the proposed offshore wind farm to the North East of North Berwick and virtually to the east of May Island.

It will be an eyesore and not something I'd like to see from my window. I also don't think it's needed - there must be other sites where it will not be impacting on so many tourist towns.

I live in North Berwick, hence my comments.

Email received 1 October 2017

I object strongly to the siting of the NnG Windfarm on environmental grounds.

Seabird species in Britain include many of INTERNATIONAL importance (as well as, obviously, European and National UK significance). In particular, the Northern Gannet has over 55% of its world population in Britain, of which more than half (150,000) nest on the Bass Rock. These birds commute daily from March to late September between this breeding colony, off North Berwick, and the North Sea fishing areas, right through the propose windfarm. Large birds are highly vulnerable to strike by windfarm vanes. There are no data on gannet killings by windfarms, only because the corpses float away and cannot be counted. If the NnG Windfarm goes ahead there is a real and present danger of massive bird kill, with consequent annual reduction of the currently thriving Bass Rock gannet colony, the world's largest of the species.

In addition, the Isle of May host healthy populations of several important seabird species, of unknown risk to windfarm bird strike, including:

Razorbill: RED LISTED internationally, and “Near Threatened” as a UK species

Atlantic Puffin: CRITICALLY ENDANGERED a UK and European species, see:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/science-environment-33075225/puffins-at-risk-of-extinction-across-europe>

Building the NnG Offshore windfarm would be irresponsible and damaging to the Scottish and UK ecosystem, and the plan should be re-thought.

Letter received 1 October 2017

One point I would like to make is an environmental one and concerns migratory birds – of which you may or may be already aware! It should however have a bearing on and taken into the equation!?

This proposed Wind Farm could affect thousands of these birds of a very wide variety of species from Warbles, thrushes & waders through to Seabirds, Raptors & owls – from small to large.

Fife Ness, the Isle of May and indeed Bass Rock and other Forth Estuary Islands are all very important locations for the above: and if they have to run the gauntlet of many wind turbine blades, this could well affect their flight pattern or even disrupt this altogether so that they move away from the area entirely.

Then there is the unknown fatality quantity aspect as birds may collide with or are sucked into the turbine blades.

Myself and others do not know what the exact outcome will be or even birds ability to adapt to such a major change (some species certainly adapt more & better than others), but nevertheless the potential risks are there given that this undertaking is on such a large scale too.

These then are my main concerns and anything done to mitigate this would be welcome.

I should add that I am an Ornithologist of long standing through both work (30+ years) and as a hobby since school, but now retired, the latter only applies.

Email received 11 October 2017

I am a homeowner at Dunbar. I am in favour of your proposals and wish you every success.

Email received 16 October 2017

I am disgusted that you are planning to create windfarms off the east coast of Fife.

The windfarms will cause a negative impact on migrant and resident populations of seabirds. Many, such as puffins, guillimots, fulmars and kittiwakes are already declining in numbers.

Even if you do not care about killing thousands of birds, your claim about creating 2000 jobs will be negated by those lost in tourism. Who wants to visit a coastline with a horizon of wind turbines? No doubt a lot less tourists than now.

This is typically a project which considers and prioritises human needs over all other life, under the guise of 'being environmentally friendly'. Is killing birds environmentally friendly?

It is disgraceful.

Please reconsider this decision for the future of the beautiful birds that we are privileged to share our homelands with.

Email received 20 October 2017

I am writing to support this application for this offshore wind farm to go ahead.

I was happy to see the full page advertisement for support of this wind farm by the RSPB in my local

Courier. This advertisement nullified the only concern I may have had with this wind farm.

I have supported wind turbines being erected in the past (where I previously lived) as I firmly believe that my generation will be hated by my grandson's generation if we don't undo the generations of damage we have done to the environment. Unlike generations before us, our generation does know better, and so it is just down to our generation's wanton selfishness and small mindedness that any opposition to green initiatives are being spouted.

The arguments I have listened to against wind turbines being erected in the past have been ludicrous and downright infantile. It certainly didn't take any great effort on my part to shoot down their contentions / arguments.

Looking at where the site of your wind farm will be. I can't imagine that people in Carnoustie will even see it, (even on one of our few clear days). If they do see it. So what !! They will be looking at something providing the national grid with free energy from a renewal source which is not damaging the environment. This will also be energy where we are not beholden to countries which can threaten to "turn off the energy tap to us" if we don't act in those countries' interests. Many of those countries right now are hostile (or potentially hostile) to us.

Our energy storage capacity has been drastically reduced since the 1970's, so not only do we need new, efficient, green sources of energy but we also need to be able to store energy for periods when our supply may become interrupted / disrupted.

I wish you well with your wind farm and please feel free to regard me as one of your supporters, should you need my support.

Email received 23 October 2017

I enjoy reading about progress on the project and I was wondering what machines are planned for the site?

Email received 25 October 2017

We bought a flat in North Berwick on the East Bay three years ago. We paid a premium because of the beautiful views of the Bass Rock, Isle of May and Craighleith. We never expected that we could be looking at a wind farm! We believe Scotland is all about it's natural beauty with iconic features such as the Bass Rock and its bird life on these islands. It is very fortunate that this kind of operation is taking a priority and that the beauty of Scotland is being completely spoiled! In this regard, we are totally opposed to the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Windfarm.

Two questions:

- 1) from our property in North Berwick, how far is it to the proposed wind farm in miles and will we be able to see it?
- 2) is there any push from the Scottish Government to encourage investment in tidal power which would seem to have less impact on the environment and possibly more predictable energy?

Thank you for considering our concerns and look forward to your response on our questions.

Email received 26 October 2017

Apologies for the late submission of the following comments. I hope they can still be included in the argument against the proposed offshore wind farm in the vicinity of the Bass Rock and the Isle of May.

The obvious problem of locating a wind farm here is the close proximity to established seabird populations in the immediate area.

Impact studies have raised concerns regarding the impact of large turbine blades on seabirds and the disturbance to fish and seals.

I refer you to Professor Keith Hamer's study in the Journal of Applied Ecology, Vol.52, Issue 6, Dec 2015

which suggests gannets are a particular concern.

Tracking studies suggest that gannets typically travel at heights below 10m but may ascend to 20m during foraging as they search for prey and attain height prior to their renowned plunge dive.

As you may be aware, the Bass Rock is a world renowned breeding location for gannets and indeed, the newly proposed Marine Centre in North Berwick are basing their expansion plans on precisely this factor. Foraging gannets are at a significant risk of colliding with large turbine blades and there are suggestions that 300 breeding adults could be killed per month during the chick rearing period each year as the result of turbine collisions.

I do hope that Neart an Gaoithe will take due cognisance of the seabirds in their quest to find a suitable location.

Email received 8 November 2017

Well done on yesterday's court hearing, great news for Scotland, when does fabrication of jackets start on wind farm project?

Email received 10 November 2017

I attended a recent presentation in Dunbar on the proposed Neart na Gaoithe windfarm.

The onshore connecting cables will pass close by our village and their construction will cause us nuisance and disruption. What compensation proposals will there be for this?

I know that the Scottish government recommend a community benefit payment of £5,000 per MW per year for onshore windfarms. What level of community benefit will Mainstream be paying for the NnG windfarm?

Am I right in thinking that the affected communities need to be consulted about the mechanisms and procedures for determining how the community benefit is to be allocated?

Could you let me know what the present position is on determining the mechanisms and procedures.

We have heard nothing.

I will send a copy of this to Iain Gray, our elected MSP and to Paul Wheelhouse who is the regional list MSP most closely involved with these issues.

Appendix 12: Public Consultation Response Summary and Applicants Response

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Date	Venue	Group	Response Ref	Comments provided on questionnaire returns or other submissions	NnGOWL Response
Questionnaire responses received at public exhibitions					
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	673	Very challenging engineering off-shore.	The process for design and installation of the Project is provided in Chapter 4: Project Description of the EIA Report. The technology and approach are in line with the proven approach to offshore wind farm development in UK waters.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	674	Blank	No response required.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	675	I would like to see ongoing environmental monitoring of the effects on wildlife/ sea bed ecosystems, better to inform future similar developments. Consider options for community shares/ buy in to project.	Environmental monitoring is expected to be a requirement of the consents that would be issued by Scottish Ministers where its is considered necessary and relevant; the approach to any such monitoring, and the results of that monitoring, would require approval by Scottish Ministers. There are no plans to provide an option for community investment in the Project. However, NNGOWL are committed to developing a community benefits fund.
				Interesting general chats, however, not enough detail around the research that has been done regarding the effects on wildlife - leaves me think that not enough has been researched.	At the time of the exhibitions the results of the EIA were under development although a summary of the studies being undertaken were presented; full results of the impact assessment on biodiversity, as required by the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers, are set out in the EIA Report.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	676	Blank	No response required.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	677	I would far rather see this go ahead than any UCG or fracking. I like this proposal and support it.	Support for the Project noted.
				Could have been better promoted ahead of the consultation - possibly through social media? Sustaining NB + Sustaining Dunbar groups will be very interested in how this progresses.	Comments on the public consultation noted; details of the publicity surrounding the public events is detailed in the PAC report.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	678	It's a shame it's taken so long. Can't happen quick enough - but then, I'm an engineer.	Comments are noted.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	679	Blank	No response required.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	680	The process is a wise move. We now have a lot of experience with both offshore and onshore wind farms. What I would like to see/ know is what research, at existing locations, was gone into - effect on bird live; effect on fishing; effect on sea mammals; effect on tourism	At the time of the exhibitions the results of the EIA were under development although a summary of the studies being undertaken were presented; full results of the impact assessment on biodiversity, as required by the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers, are set out in the EIA Report.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	681	Blank	No response required.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	682	Blank	No response required.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	683	Happy to support this project as it goes ahead. I have various roles in the community.	Support for the Project noted.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	684	It has taken a long time to get to this point. Hope it can now go ahead.	Support for the Project noted.
				Good consultation. Lots of info.	Positive comments on the public events noted.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	685	Very much favour wind/solar power. Great concern about climate change	Support for the Project noted.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	686	Blank	No response required.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	687	Blank	No response required.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	688	I feel that the wind is there to be utilised and not to do so would be senseless.	Comments on use of the wind to generate energy noted.
				I appreciated the chance to learn more about the project and was impressed by the scale of the consultation and all the information given.	Positive comments on the public events noted.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	689	Blank	No response required.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	690	Although supportive of wind generated energy, I am still concerned that this application is an example of the right idea in the wrong place. The Forth has international responsibility for breeding, wintering & migrating birds, notably 15 species of seabird, c 10 species of sea duck, divers and grebes, pink footed geese & passenges crossing the north sea.	General support for wind energy noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on offshore ornithology is presented in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				Very good. Having the opportunity to raise concerns, discuss potential mitigation, better understand the commercial and technical issues is welcome. If the proposal does go ahead, we must take opportunities to learn from it and refine our approach in the future, especially with effect on our local environment.	Positive comments on the public events noted. Environmental monitoring is expected to be a requirement of the consents that would be issued by Scottish Ministers where its is considered necessary and relevant; the approach to any such monitoring, and the results of that monitoring, would require approval by Scottish Ministers. Any such monitoring would be available to inform future offshore wind development.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	691	This wind farm is in the wrong place - close to v important sea bird nesting & feeding areas.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on offshore ornithology is presented in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	692	Great concern that this area has been acknowledged & built around the gannet & puffin etc colonies. Why has an area similar to this in Northumberland been protected and this area has not?	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on offshore ornithology is presented in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The area surrounding the key bird colonies is subject to protection at the highest level (pSPA); the impacts on the relevant European designated sites is set out in the HRA report.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	693	Blank	No response required.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	694	It's too near the Isle of May and the Bass Rock - it's vital to protect the seabirds in this area. Why not wait to use floating turbines further from this area?	The location of the project is consistent with the marine planning process for Scottish Territorial Waters (see Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation of the EIA Report). The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on offshore ornithology is presented in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	695	Photos look as if it's very intrusive and should be placed further out to sea.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The location of the project is consistent with the marine planning process for Scottish Territorial Waters (see Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation of the EIA Report).
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	696	Blank	No response required.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	697	Blank	No response required.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	698	Blank	No response required.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	699	Blank	No response required.

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25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	700	Blank	No response required.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	701	I think as much effort as possible should be given to positive local effect as to jobs and support. This could be after completion in way of grants to support local opportunities.	The detailed assessment of the socioeconomic impacts of the Project is presented in Chapter 15: socioeconomic of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. NNGOWL are committed to developing a community benefits fund to provide benefits to local communities, the details of which will be developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	702	Blank	No response required.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	703	Blank	No response required.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	704	feel torn, as I totally think we need to use more renewable energy, but it spoils views! Can't it be further out to sea.	General support for renewable energy noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The location of the project is consistent with the marine planning process for Scottish Territorial Waters (see Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation of the EIA Report).
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	705	Blank	No response required.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	706	CO2 reduction - the cost of installation, concrete/metal used/diesel burnt to produce etc. (power stations already here)	The carbon cost and payback, along with the net positive contribution in terms of CO2 offset is presented in Chapter 3: Need, site selection and alternatives of the EIA Report.
				Tourism affect - what are Visit Scotland/Scottish Enterprise saying?	The potential impacts on tourism were scoped out of the EIA in the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
25-Sep-17	North Berwick Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	707	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	708	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	709	Your boards had too much language that was inaccessible/difficult to understand for most lay people. EG. 13,900 person years of employment sounds great but is meaningless without giving project life which you don't. No of people employed per year is more meaningful.	The comments on the clarity of information provided is noted and will be used to improve future events. The detailed assessment of the socioeconomic impacts of the Project is presented in Chapter 15: socioeconomic of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	710	Positive, need to embrace modern technology and in many ways creates visual interest.	Positive comments noted.
				Excellent presentation material. Would have been helpful to have a North Berwick viewpoint from eye/road level.	Positive comments on the public events noted. The location of the viewpoints were agreed with the local planning authority and are intended to provide a 'worst case' from a point of elevated ground. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	711	As a member of Dunbar Community Woodland Group I'm obviously interested in future funding via offshore good practice charitable donations.	NNGOWL are committed to developing a community benefits fund to provide benefits to local communities, the details of which will be developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	712	1) Community benefit should be at same rate as onshore wind farms & broadly allocated through democratically elected bodies - councils & community councils 2) Awaiting more evidence on impact on Puffins.	NNGOWL are committed to developing a community benefits fund to provide benefits to local communities, the details of which will be developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on offshore ornithology is presented in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				Skimpy - for a major development. Should have more links with relevant Community Councils!	The comments on the public events noted; NnGOWL attempted to ensure sufficient information was provided to inform visitors to the exhibitions whilst remaining accessible to all; a number of staff were in attendance to assist visitors and answer questions or provide further information where requested to do so. Full details on the Project and potential impacts arising are set out in full in the EIA Report and accompanying application documents. Consultation with the community councils has been undertaken and is ongoing.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	713	I think the project should go ahead, in spite of the repeated objections of RSPB. This is of significant importance to the area.	Positive comments are noted.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	714	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	715	The lifeboat coxswain in Dunbar says that 'furniture' in the sea provides great hiding places for shoals!	The comment is noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on commercial fisheries is presented in Chapter 10: commercial fisheries of the EIA Report, on fish ecology in Chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and on shipping and navigation in Chapter 11: shipping and navigation, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	716	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	717	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	718	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	719	Dunbar Harbour should be considered as a supply base for transferring materials and personnel to the wind farm. With road and rail connections already excellent, this would be cost efficient.	The current position on construction and operational ports that will be used to service the construction and operation of the Project is set out in Chapter 4: project description of the EIA Report. The port of Dunbar has been considered as an option but is not currently considered suitable for the requirements of the Project.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	720	Visual effects on local population will decrease after construction is complete.	Comment is noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	721	I think the effect on the landscape, environment and birdlife, while not positive, has been minimised by changes to original plans.	Comment is noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report, on ornithology in Chapter 8: ornithology, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	722	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	723	Obviously we need to reduce carbon emissions. I guess that wind turbines are a good route and are intrusive on the landscape but probably no worse than a power station	Comment on the need to reduce CO2 emissions is noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				Good informative presentation	Positive comments on the public events noted.

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26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	724	Definitely need more schemes like this rather than new nuclear plants!	Positive comment on the use of offshore wind and renewable energy is noted.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	725	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	726	The name given to the project is unknown to me and I would not know how to pronounce it.	The name 'Neart na Gaoithe' is Gaelic for 'strength of the wind'. It is a Project that has been propose din this location since 2012.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	727	Better offshore than in the Lammermuirs	Comment on project location is noted.
				Good exhibition. Attentive well informed staff	Positive comments on the public events noted.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	728	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	729	We need renewables (different kinds). There will be some effects that are negative	Comment on the need for renewable energy noted. The potential adverse and beneficial effects are set out in the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	730	To provide detail on the opposition from environmental groups such as RSPB. Feels like this consultation is quite late in the process.	The legal challenge on the existing NNG consent decisions by RSPB, which has now been rejected by the courts, related primarily to the potential impacts on birds; the detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on offshore ornithology is presented in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	731	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	732	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	733	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	734	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	735	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	736	Need to know the outcome of the RSPB judicial action	The legal challenge on the existing NNG consent decisions by RSPB has now been rejected by the courts. The challenge to the existing consents related primarily to the potential impacts on birds; the detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on offshore ornithology is presented in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	737	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	738	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	739	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	740	Maybe actual advertising, beyond the place of exhibit.	Comments on the public consultation noted; details of the publicity surrounding the public events is detailed in the PAC report.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	741	100 % against this proposal. I moved here because it is an area of Natural Beauty, holiday destination, animal habitat. This is not offshore enough. Try tidal power generation - see Strangford Lough - N.I.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report, on ornithology in Chapter 8: ornithology, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				Saw no publicity about these sessions - emailed to me by a friend. I expect dramatic news like this to be front page news. Tick boxes not sufficient!!!	Comments on the public consultation noted; details of the publicity surrounding the public events is detailed in the PAC report.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	742	I am fundamentally opposed to this project. The impact on the environment will be catastrophic. Have we learned nothing from the damage we have done on land & now seek to perpetrate in the sea?	Opposition and comments noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project are presented in the EIA Report in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				You have given people the chance to comment. I doubt whether the objectors will be heard or respected. If it happens we will suffer the consequence of the damage to our seas for generations.	The results of the public consultation are reported in the PAC and submitted with the application for marine licences in line with the requirements of the relevant regulations; there will be further opportunity to comment on the Project directly to Marine Scotland following the application being made and accepted; those comments will be taken into account by MS in determining the consents.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	743	I am confused about the affect on wildlife - your board notes that you have reduced your impact after doing a survey which suggests you have proved we should be concerned. Also, I acknowledge temporary construction jobs will be created - but at the loss of tourism jobs due to the look of the area. Also, many of jobs created are temporary during construction.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the socioeconomic impacts of the Project (including job creation during the construction and operational phases) is presented in Chapter 15: socioeconomics of the EIA Report, on ornithology in Chapter 8: ornithology, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The potential impacts on tourism were scoped out of the EIA in the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				Good to read the information boards, but they are very one sided - when is the chance for an informed discussion with both sides of the discussion? Where are the boards with the opposite opinion? "13,900 years of employment" - very misleading figure - many jobs will be temporary. How many people will this actually employ?	Comment noted - the information boards were intended to inform visitors about the details of the Project and the associated environmental studies but also socioeconomic benefits. Further detail on job creation is set out in Chapter 15: socioeconomics of the EIA Report.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	744	Too close too shipping lanes	The comment is noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on shipping and navigation is presented in Chapter 11: shipping and navigation of the EIA Report, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers
				The SNP Government will allow the development to progress no matter what.	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	745	Bass, May & other local islands and coast have huge seabird colonies. Many other seabirds winder here. What are the risks?	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the potential impacts on ornithology are presented in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report, and on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				No data on wildlife casualties, or other possible bad impacts. I see you mean to bribe us with sweeties.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the potential impacts on ornithology are presented in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	746	Blank	No response required.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	747	Visually most disturbing and far too many turbines proposed. I don't believe the sea is place for any.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The location of the project is consistent with the marine planning process for Scottish Territorial Waters (see Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation of the EIA Report).
				Despite my strong opposition to the above proposals, I appreciate the opportunity to see the exhibition and talk to staff.	Comments on the public consultation noted.

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26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	748	The wind farm should be sited further out to sea where the seriously adverse effects on the visual and natural environment would be reduced if not eliminated. The pylons and blades should be painted battleship grey and greatly reduced in height. The adverse effect on Crail and the sterling effort put into its restoration by the National Trust for Scotland is particularly unfortunate.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report, on ornithology in Chapter 8: ornithology, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				Sections should be drawn from coast to coast showing the height of the turbines relative to the curvature of the earth	The approach to the presentation of the photomontages followed relevant guidance and is described in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	749	100% opposed to the installation	Opposition noted.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	750	Husband and myself very concerned on the effects on gannets and Kittiwakes - all birds migratory and wildlife and marine environment	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the potential impacts on ornithology are presented in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				Spoke to Fraser who was very knowledgeable & informative but sorry he did not allay my fears - very concerned about the effect on Gannets & Kittiwakes & birds & environment	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the potential impacts on ornithology are presented in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
26-Sep-17	Dunbar Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	751	Yet another blot on the landscape for Dunbar. Torness, cement chimney, Viridor, smell from Sewage works in West Barns. If moving out to sea, then leave the land alone. Use current in the sea!	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The location of the project is consistent with the marine planning process for Scottish Territorial Waters (see Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation of the EIA Report).
				Paper exercise, already passed like all the other awful things in Dunbar - so no choice at all!!	The application has yet to be made and will be determined by the Scottish Ministers in line with the relevant regulatory process.
27-Sep-17	Carnoustie Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	752	Feel very angry about this project. One of the few major assets that Scotland has is its countryside and coastline which attract tourists to our country from all over the world. Our hills and moorland areas have been trashed with wind turbines and now it is going to happen to our coastline.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The location of the project is consistent with the marine planning process for Scottish Territorial Waters (see Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation of the EIA Report).
27-Sep-17	Carnoustie Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	753	Blank	No response required.
27-Sep-17	Carnoustie Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	754	I good for Carnoustie	Comment noted.
27-Sep-17	Carnoustie Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	755	Blank	No response required.
27-Sep-17	Carnoustie Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	756	Very good and good luck with the consent	Positive comment is noted.
27-Sep-17	Carnoustie Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	757	Blank	No response required.
27-Sep-17	Carnoustie Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	758	Blank	No response required.
27-Sep-17	Carnoustie Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	759	From Carnoustie the wind farm will be on the horizon and thus not have too much impact on our views.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				The nog representatives were very helpful and answered the few questions posed to them.	Positive comments on the public consultation noted.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	760	Blank	No response required.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	761	Blank	No response required.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	762	Good people	Comment noted
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	763	Necessary Evil.	Comment noted
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	764	Blank	No response required.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	765	Blank	No response required.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	766	Blank	No response required.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	767	These offshore wind farms can have a significant and adverse impact on the natural environment. We trust that the legal processes & requirements will give adequate protection. I would be more supportive if I was absolutely sure about the environmental impact.	The environmental impacts of the Project are described in the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The impacts will be considered by Scottish Ministers in determining the consent applications.
				I am all in favour of these green/sustainable energy projects - but only if there is widely recognised agreement that there will be no adverse impact. I am unable to judge for myself even after this presentation.	Comments in favour of green energy projects is noted. The environmental impact so the Project are described in the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The impacts will be considered by Scottish Ministers in determining the consent applications, following consultation with the public and relevant statutory and non-statutory consultees.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	768	Photomontage shows the wind farm will be and eye sore. - it should be further off shore.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The location of the project is consistent with the marine planning process for Scottish Territorial Waters (see Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation of the EIA Report).
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	769	We have not been given any information since moving to Crail 3 years ago. We were not informed about this drop in session (and nor were our neighbours). We found out via a St. Andrews resident.	Comments on the public consultation noted; details of the publicity surrounding the public events is detailed in the PAC report.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	770	I can't see any strategic ? in relation to the rest of the UK and will oppose this at any opportunity. I live in Crail and it will kill off the village, we survive on tourism.	The detailed assessment of the socioeconomic impacts of the Project (including job creation during the construction and operational phases) is presented in Chapter 15: socioeconomics of the EIA Report, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. Impacts on tourism have been scoped out of the EIA Report in the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				We live in Crail and had no postal notification, found out about it by chance from a St. Andrews resident. That's not ideal.	The potential impacts on tourism were scoped out of the EIA in the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	771	I'm afraid I do not have enough information to comment. I don't like the visual impact. I understand local fishermen's concerns. Have concerns over wildlife.	The EIA Report sets out the details of the Project and the potential impacts on the environment. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report, on ornithology in Chapter 8: ornithology, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals, on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and on commercial fisheries in Chapter 10: commercial fisheries and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				Would like to know why power to go to Dunbar. Would like to easily find out results of some of the environmental group consultations.	The power generated will be transmitted via the export cables to an onshore substation where it will be fed into the National Grid network; this location was chosen to align with available grid capacity to connect a project of this size. The environmental impacts of the Project are set out in the EIA Report which will be subject to consultation with a range of stakeholders, the views expressed during that consultation being taken into account by the Scottish Ministers in determining the consent applications.

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28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	772	It will have a negative effect on tourism - the main industry of this region.	
				Most information should be on the BBC TV regional news and I have seen nothing until receiving a tiny leaflet hidden amongst junk mail.	Comments on the public consultation noted; details of the publicity surrounding the public events is detailed in the PAC report.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	773	Adverse effect on Tourism (major economic status) Adverse effect on sea bird life.	Impacts on tourism have been scoped out of the EIA Report in the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The detailed assessment of the potential impacts on ornithology are presented in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				Did you move down coast after Trump 'stopped' development @ Balmedie?	The NNG Project is unrelated to the Aberdeen OWF which was subject to objection by Mr Trump but which is currently under construction.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	774	Much bigger than I initially thought. Real concerns about bird & marine life. I think wind farms are one of the ways forward but I think it should be further out. -could be thought out better.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report, on ornithology in Chapter 8: ornithology, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The location of the project is consistent with the marine planning process for Scottish Territorial Waters (see Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation of the EIA Report).
				I would like to know how our concerns are then addressed post consultation event.	The views have been reports in the PAC and considered in finalising the application. Comments made during pre-application consultation have been considered by NnGOWL and have been detailed in the PAC Report submitted as part of the application and comments made during this consultation will be considered by the Scottish Ministers in the determination process.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	775	H minimal effect in relation to USA, China, Europe etc.	The policy drivers for the Project in relation to climate change are set out in Chapter 2: policy and legislation of the EIA Report.
				An opportunity to see & hear about it with no expectation that my views will make any difference to the outcome of the "consultation"	Comment noted; Comments made during pre-application consultation have been considered by NnGOWL and have been detailed in the PAC Report submitted as part of the application and comments made during this consultation will be considered by the Scottish Ministers in the determination process.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	776	I went to a university extension lecture on these farms and I got alarmed. I retired as a PR Exec for the EGB	Comment noted
				I could not hear a female voice in the room and having voiced this misgiving I was squashed by a triumphant male on the grounds that I am a woman. NOT clever!	Comment noted.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	777	This is the first detailed info I have had so no pre formed ideas on questions at this stage	Comment noted.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	778	Blank	No response required.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	779	Blank	No response required.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	780	I am surprised that the nearest turbine will be so much nearer to Crail than any of the other places in the photo montages.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				All project team were busy when I was here. A talk would be good followed by an opportunity to ask questions. Also not every house in Crail received your flier.	Comment noted; details of the publicity surrounding the public events is detailed in the PAC report.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	781	The effect on fishing could be positive if the foundations act as an artificial reef where young fish can grow. There are ways of increasing the likelihood of this - a project IGGI* in which NERC is a major partner know more IGGI =Integrated Grey Green Infrastructure	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on fish are presented in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology of the EIA Report and on commercial fisheries in Chapter 10: commercial fisheries, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	782	Blank	No response required.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	783	Get on with it!	Comment noted.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	784	Blank	No response required.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	785	More technical information on turbines & inclusion of Isle of May on photomontage from Crail would help quantify the visual impact	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. This includes details of the worst case turbine scenario considered and an assessment of the potential impacts at Crail.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	786	Excellent scheme.	Positive comment noted.
28-Sep-17	Crail Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	787	Would like a shorter time scale	Comment noted. The Project development programme is set out in Chapter 4: project description of the EIA Report.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	788	I do not think it will be nice visually but I would rather have a windfarm than nuclear/ coal energy. It's visibility will let us know of our dependence on electricity.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	789	It is very visible from Crail and St Andrews and Anstruther etc. It is a good idea, but should be less visible.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				Photomontages are good for the visual impact. Some figures are not clearly explained e.g. 8,000 person years.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. Socioeconomic impacts, including job creation, is set out in Chapter 15: socioeconomics of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	790	Well worth doing.	Positive comment noted.
				Very good. Informative, able to answer detailed questions.	Comments on the public consultation noted.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	791	Blank	No response required.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	792	I am concerned about the effect on marine and bird life	The EIA Report sets out the details of the Project and the potential impacts on the environment. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on ornithology are set out in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals, and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	793	A fantastic thing, want to see progressing. I want to see more wind farms (signed).	Positive comment noted.
				I received the leaflet through the door. I was excited to come along, I've been looking forward to it since I received the leaflet. Fantastic exhibition (signed)	Comments on the public consultation noted.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	794	No	Comment noted.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	795	Hopefully a lot of consideration and research will go into possible effect on birds breeding & migrating to Isle May & Bass Rock	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on ornithology are set out in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				Very helpful discussion	Comment noted.

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04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	796	Should have go ahead, ASAP.	Positive comment noted.
				Very informative and representatives very knowledgeable	Comments on the public consultation noted.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	797	Blank	No response required.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	798	I didn't realise that not only is an offshore wind farm being constructed in Neart na Gaoithe, but in the Inch Cape (out from the Firth of Tay) and sea Green Alpha areas of the North Sea. But I'm at a slight disadvantage in that I have not in depth studied about marine engineering, although I have studied and passed first year Physics (BSc) at Dundee University.	The cumulative impacts of the Project along with the other Forth and Tay projects, is set out in the EIA report.
				I was intending to attend your consultation exhibition in Crail Community Hall but due to arriving back late from Cupar, Fife, I couldn't organise myself in time to be there before 8pm, that day. Having studied Economics, but not at Univ. level, I am aware of a struggle between specialisation of labour and diversification of output.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the socioeconomic impacts of the Project (including job creation during the construction and operational phases) is presented in Chapter 15: socioeconomics of the EIA Report, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	799	Well designed and an asset to Scotland	Comments noted.
				Plenty of opportunity to comment	Comments noted.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	800	Blank	No response required.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	801	Pleased that the project is going ahead	Positive comment noted.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	802	I am very pleased to know power is utilised from natural resources	Comment noted.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	803	Blank	No response required.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	804	Blank	No response required.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	805	Very well presented	Comments on the public consultation noted.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	806	W.R.T (With regards to) my response to Q4 re. birds & sea mammals, I have responded regarding local populations. In the long term, reducing CO2 will have a global benefit for all life.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on ornithology are set out in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				The engagement process is excellent. The developers have gone out of their way to engage with stakeholder.	Comments on the public consultation noted.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	807	In regard to natural environment and fishing, only time will tell	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on ornithology are set out in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals, on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology and on commercial fisheries in chapter 10: commercial fisheries, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	808	Blank	No response required.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	809	Blank	No response required.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	810	Wind farms should be as close as possible to the people they serve - in this case Edinburgh + other east coast centres of populations.	The location of the project is consistent with the marine planning process for Scottish Territorial Waters (see Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation of the EIA Report). The electricity generated will be fed into the National Grid network for use at centres of demand.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	811	In time this method of producing power could reduce (& hopefully) the need to produce power from nuclear stations and therefore to reduce the cost of electrical power.	Comment noted.
				This kind of product could eventually reduce the cost of electrical power to everyone.	Comment noted.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	812	Blank	No response required.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	813	Whole life costs and performance projections would have been interesting. Insufficient information about efficiency, maintenance and end of life decommissioning operations.	Information on CO2 payback and carbon offset are provided in Chapter 3: Need, site selection and alternatives of the EIA Report. Details on operations, maintenance and decommissioning are set out in Chapter 4: project description of the EIA report.
				This was a 'planning application' exhibition with a questionnaire which attempts to lead respondents to support the application and respond without sufficient information/ answer options e.g. 'what effect will it have on' - jobs in the local economy? - Realistically it will be neg/ neutral on tourism, neg on fishing, pos for BIFAB in Methil. Most contracts for construction will be outwith the UK + have a negative effect on UK economy.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the socioeconomic impacts of the Project (including job creation during the construction and operational phases) is presented in Chapter 15: socioeconomics of the EIA Report, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	814	I'm please to hear that plans are being adjusted to reduce the effect on wildlife.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on ornithology are set out in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals, and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				I think it should have gone out to communities at Angus Coast and Dundee.	Public exhibitions were held at a number of locations as detailed in the PAC report.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	815	Nothing seems to be said about the number of days per year upon which the generators will be able to operate or in what season they [fail]. I have always felt that this aspect is the weak point of wind power.	Information on carbon offset (including capacity factor) are provided in Chapter 3: Need, site selection and alternatives of the EIA Report.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	816	It will probably go ahead, whatever.	Comment noted.
				A model might make it easier to understand.	Comment noted.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	817	Blank	No response required.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	818	Why not further east so not visible from shore, very historic/ tourist area in East Fife. Isle of May birds.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The location of the project is consistent with the marine planning process for Scottish Territorial Waters (see Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation of the EIA Report).

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04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	819	Due to issues Q4. Wave & tidal power should be researched & implemented. If subsidies were taken of/ grants these companies would have to look at better options hydro, tidal, wave, nuclear, solar. Migrating geese from northern Europe could be a major concern as they tend to fly lower when windy and may hit this & the other proposed wind farms.	The policy and legislative drivers for the development of the Project in this location are set out in Chapter 2: policy and legislation. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on ornithology are set out in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	820	Ruining the east of Scotland. Tourism is very important. An area used by lots of birds/ mammals/ migrants birds (geese). [Visible] from all along the east coast. Not just tourists Do I actually want to live here after they are built. You can no longer go hill walking in Scotland without seeing windmills. They are ruining Scotland. What about pursuing tidal power and water power. Will any of this actually make any difference!	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report, on ornithology in Chapter 8: ornithology, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The location of the project is consistent with the marine planning process for Scottish Territorial Waters (see Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation of the EIA Report). The potential impacts on tourism were scoped out of the EIA in the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				Been to other wind farm application displays - is there any point if government overthrows public opinion. Gap for comments on Q5 not big enough on [form].	Comment noted. Comments made during pre-application consultation have been considered by NnGOWL and have been detailed in the PAC Report submitted as part of the application and comments made during this consultation will be considered by the Scottish Ministers in the determination process.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	821	A blot on the landscape, visually objectionable, bad effects on wildlife, not green any way!	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report, on ornithology in Chapter 8: ornithology, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				The public show is too late, its 'fait a complis', an the effects on all aspects of life are negative.	The EIA Report sets out the details of the Project and the potential impacts on the environment. Comments made during pre-application consultation have been considered by NnGOWL and have been detailed in the PAC Report submitted as part of the application and comments made during this consultation will be considered by the Scottish Ministers in the determination process.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	822	Build south of Torness area.	The location of the project is consistent with the marine planning process for Scottish Territorial Waters (see Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation of the EIA Report).
				Golf visitors will decline	Comment noted. The potential impacts on tourism were scoped out of the EIA in the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	823	It is very sad to see the seascape (as viewed from the coast) despoiled in such a major way. Another chunk of Scotland's wild beauty is lost.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	824	I find it worrying that the RSPB remains to be convinced. This seems to me to be a terrible desecration of the natural environment - we should seek to reduce energy consumption.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on ornithology are set out in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				Why consult the public at this stage when so much research (eg Puffins?) remains to be done?	The results of the public consultation are reported in the PAC and submitted with the application for marine licences in line with the requirements of the relevant regulations; there will be further opportunity to comment on the Project directly to Marine Scotland following the application being made and accepted; those comments will be taken into account by MS in determining the consents.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	825	Blank	The potential impacts on tourism were scoped out of the EIA in the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	826	Blank	No response required.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	827	Very bad news for the people of Crail who have been presented with a 'fait accompli'	Comment noted. Comments made during pre-application consultation have been considered by NnGOWL and have been detailed in the PAC Report submitted as part of the application and comments made during this consultation will be considered by the Scottish Ministers in the determination process.
				Lack of transparency	Comment noted. The EIA Report sets out the details of the Project and the potential impacts on the environment. Comments made during pre-application consultation have been considered by NnGOWL and have been detailed in the PAC Report submitted as part of the application and comments made during this consultation will be considered by the Scottish Ministers in the determination process.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	828	How can you consider locating this so near to Bass Rock + May Island - world sensitive breeding habitats.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on ornithology are set out in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report, on and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The location of the project is consistent with the marine planning process for Scottish Territorial Waters (see Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation of the EIA Report).
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	829	Just proved what I thought. Shareholders are important, marine life is not.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on ornithology are set out in Chapter 8: ornithology, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	830	Blank	No response required.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	831	I am very concerned about the impact of this and the other planned wind farms on the seabirds and dolphins/ seals, even fish as they are already suffering as a result of climate changes. However, I am not against wind farms per se, I just question the long term wisdom of so many wind farms in such an environmentally sensitive area.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on ornithology are set out in Chapter 8: ornithology, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. This includes the cumulative assessment of the impacts of the Project alongside the other Forth and Tay offshore wind farms.
				As this is such a big project that will have a considerable impact on the East of Scotland - for good and bad, I think is is vitally important that you engage with the public as much as possible throughout the whole process.	Comment noted. Comments made during pre-application consultation have been considered by NnGOWL and have been detailed in the PAC Report submitted as part of the application and comments made during this consultation will be considered by the Scottish Ministers in the determination process. NNGOWL will continue to engage with local communities throughout the development process.
04-Oct-17	St Andrews Exhibition	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	832	Blank	No response required.
Questionnaires returned by post					
04-Oct-17	Postal Return	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	833	This wind farm will take away some of my fishing grounds. If we were compensated for this I would be for this, but I know this won't happen.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on commercial fisheries are set out in Chapter 10: commercial fisheries, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
04-Oct-17	Postal Return	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	834	Although I do believe in developing renewables, I feel very strongly that the negative impacts of this proposal outweigh the benefits. In particular, the impact on birds and marine life.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on ornithology are set out in Chapter 8: ornithology, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				It has come too late in the day and I am not convinced by an engagement process that follows such a troubled history, and deals with a project with so many negatives weighing against it. Little is ever said about the environmental impact of the installation process itself, or the materials used in construction, and their production.	Comment noted. The environmental impact of the construction and installation process are set out in the EIA Report. The CO2 payback is described in Chapter 3: need, site selection and alternatives of the EIA report.
04-Oct-17	Postal Return	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	835	I work lobster creels in the proposed site. This area is vital to my business and would be a substantial loss to my earnings if it went ahead.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on commercial fisheries are set out in Chapter 10: commercial fisheries, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				I was quite well informed before the meeting and spoke to Rosie who confirmed what I already knew. If this wind farm goes ahead I will lose out of valuable fishing ground.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on commercial fisheries are set out in Chapter 10: commercial fisheries, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
04-Oct-17	Postal Return	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	836	Blank	No response required.
04-Oct-17	Postal Return	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	837	Very visible from North Berwick	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
04-Oct-17	Postal Return	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	838	Blank	No response required.
04-Oct-17	Postal Return	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	839	Visually obtrusive from Fife, and beyond. A mortal danger to birds, and possibly navigation systems of sea mammals.	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report, on ornithology in Chapter 8: ornithology, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
				Timely and welcome: most informative thank you.	Comment noted.

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04-Oct-17	Postal Return	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	840	New bridge should have been built with turbines incorporated. Get them away from our coast.	Comment noted. The location of the project is consistent with the marine planning process for Scottish Territorial Waters (see Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation of the EIA Report).
				Did not involve public enough. Consultation was not widely enough distributed. Absolutely disgraceful that you think you can destroy my beautiful country. So called climate change is a load of bullshit. My understanding has increased via other sources. This is just a commercial enterprise - should not get grants. You are destroying everything in your wake.	Comment noted. The policy need for the Project is set out in Chapter 2: policy and legislation of the EIA Report. The environmental impacts of the Project are set out in the EIA report.
04-Oct-17	Postal Return	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	841	Blank	No response required.
24-Oct-17	Email Questionnaire Return	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	842	Re Q1 - I do have an opinion. It is something we have to take seriously but much more information and particularly consultation is required. The reason I am opposing this application at this time is I feel a much wider public consultation should have taken place. I do feel this is being swept under the door and rushed. The only people to [benefit] currently are the 'big businesses' back the scheme. I cannot see the benefits to the local community.	Following the application, a full public consultation will be held and individuals will be able to submit a formal response to the Scottish Ministers (via Marine Scotland). NNGGOWL are committed to developing a community benefits scheme.
Other responses to the public consultation process					
18-Sep-17	Letter	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	843	I know nothing about your Concern or your modas operandi, yet you expect me to comment in detail about [your] proposals. 1) I note that any power from this pipe dream will not benefit Crail 2) What Government subsidy will be involved? 3) What energy will be consumed in the construction of mechanical/ electrical and structure parts? 4) Where are the constituent parts to be made? 5) Who benefits from any energy sold? 6) Why is this the first I have heard of this? 7) What is the position re: Planning Permission? 8) I remain to be convinced of the long term benefits of such a proposal, both to the Public Purse and the environment.	What government subsidy will be involved? Neart na Gaoithe won a Contract for Difference (CfD) auction in 2015 and will generate renewable electricity at £114.38/MW hour (in 2012 prices). The payments, administered by the Low Carbon Contracts Company, will start when 80% of the full capacity of the wind farm is commissioned (448MW full capacity) and will run for 15 years. The CfD means that the project will be topped up when electricity prices are lower than £114.38/MW hour and the difference handed back if electricity prices are higher than £114.38/MW hour. What energy will be consumed in the construction of mechanical, electrical and structural parts? Whilst the exact figures are unknown, typical carbon payback period is approximately 2 years. Over the lifetime of the project it will displace 400,000 tonnes of Carbon Dioxide equivalent. Where are the constituent parts to be made? The project, and the enterprise agencies in Scotland and the UK, are working hard to delivery as much as possible from the UK. However, this is not yet achievable for all the major components. A summary of potential locations is listed below: Foundations – Scotland or UK Array Cables – Scotland or UK Turbine Blades – UK Turbine Towers – Scotland Turbine Nacelles – Scandinavia Offshore substation – Scotland Export Cables – Europe Onshore Cables – UK or Europe Onshore substations – Scotland or UK Who benefits from any energy sold? The consumer will ultimately benefit from clean renewable electricity. The owner of the generation station (the wind farm), the Transmission Operator (Scottish Power Transmission and the OFTO - offshore transmission operator), Electricity supplier (utility or independent supplier) and National Grid can realise a rate of return for electricity sold to the UK consumer from all forms of generation, not just offshore wind. What is the position re planning permission? Consent was granted for the offshore wind farm in October 2014 however that has been on hold since January 2015, when the RSPB raised a Judicial Review in relation to the Scottish Ministers' consenting process. That has delayed the project, along with three other offshore wind farms. The initial Judicial Review ruling was in favour of the RSPB, however that was overturned following an appeal by the Scottish Ministers. The RSPB has now sought leave to appeal from the
16-Oct-17	Email	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	844	I am disgusted that you are planning to create windfarms off the east coast of Fife. The windfarms will cause a negative impact on migrant and resident populations of seabirds. Many, such as puffins, guillemots, fulmars and kittiwakes are already declining in numbers. Even if you do not care about killing thousands of birds, your claim about creating 2000 jobs will be negated by those lost in tourism. Who wants to visit a coastline with a horizon of wind turbines? No doubt a lot less tourists than now. This is typically a project which considers and prioritises human needs over all other life, under the guise of 'being environmentally friendly'. Is killing birds environmentally friendly? It is disgraceful. Please reconsider this decision for the future of the beautiful birds that we are privileged to share our homelands with.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report, on ornithology in Chapter 8: ornithology, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The potential impacts on tourism were scoped out of the EIA in the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers. The detailed assessment of the socioeconomic impacts of the Project (including job creation during the construction and operational phases) is presented in Chapter 15: socioeconomics of the EIA Report, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
21-Sep-17	Email	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	845	I want to add my support to the proposed wind farm off the Fife coast. This is an ideal location for this wind generation	Positive support and comment noted.
01-Oct-17	Email	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	846	I object strongly to the siting of the NnG Windfarm on environmental grounds. Seabird species in Britain include many of INTERNATIONAL importance (as well as, obviously, European and National UK significance). In particular, the Northern Gannet has over 55% of its world population in Britain, of which more than half (150,000) nest on the Bass Rock. These birds commute daily from March to late September between this breeding colony, off North Berwick, and the North Sea fishing areas, right through the propose windfarm. Large birds are highly vulnerable to strike by windfarm vanes. There are no data on gannet killings by windfarms, only because the corpses float away and cannot be counted. If the NnG Windfarm goes ahead there is a real and present danger of massive bird kill, with consequent annual reduction of the currently thriving Bass Rock gannet colony, the world's largest of the species. In addition, the Isle of May host healthy populations of several important seabird species, of unknown risk to windfarm bird strike, including: Razorbill: RED LISTED internationally, and "Near Threatened" as a UK species Atlantic Puffin: CRITICALLY ENDANGERED a UK and European species, see: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/science-environment-33075225/puffins-at-risk-of-extinction-across-europe Building the NnG Offshore windfarm would be irresponsible and damaging to the Scottish and UK ecosystem, and the plan should be re-thought.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on ornithology are set out in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.

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01-Sep-17	Email	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	847	I was unable to attend the consultation process in North Berwick this week. I am interested in reviewing resources for the consultation. I can see many videos etc from partner organisations which look like a superb contribution to the Scottish economy. I would like to provide a balanced input to the consultation process. So one resource I would like to understand is the visual impact from various locations around the Lothian and Fife coasts. Do you have any simulated images of the farm say from the top of North Berwick Law. Do you have any links to the planning application for the on shore electrical substation etc	The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
20-Sep-17	Email	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	848	I would want to see evidence that the proposed wind farm would not disturb or affect the thousands of migrating birds to both the bass rock and the Isle of may. The puffins are low flyers in nature and low objects in the water such as wind farms, could be disastrous for their migrating activity. Equally I would like to see evidence to support the fact that the higher flying birds would not be distressed or perturbed by the wind farm. I am not opposed to natural energy sources, but not at the expense of wildlife. Migrating birds have thousands of years of migration paths genetically programmed into their DNA - I, as a responsible citizen of the planet, would not want to be responsible for the decline of this beautiful natural phenomena.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on ornithology are set out in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
26-Oct-17	Email	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	849	Apologies for the late submission of the following comments. I hope they can still be included in the argument against the proposed offshore wind farm in the vicinity of the Bass Rock and the Isle of May. The obvious problem of locating a wind farm here is the close proximity to established seabird populations in the immediate area. Impact studies have raised concerns regarding the impact of large turbine blades on seabirds and the disturbance to fish and seals. I refer you to Professor Keith Hamer's study in the Journal of Applied Ecology, Vol.52, Issue 6, Dec 2015 which suggests gannets are a particular concern. Tracking studies suggest that gannets typically travel at heights below 10m but may ascend to 20m during foraging as they search for prey and attain height prior to their renowned plunge dive. As you may be aware, the Bass Rock is a world renowned breeding location for gannets and indeed, the newly proposed Marine Centre in North Berwick are basing their expansion plans on precisely this factor. Foraging gannets are at a significant risk of colliding with large turbine blades and there are suggestions that 300 breeding adults could be killed per month during the chick rearing period each year as the result of turbine collisions. I do hope that Neart an Gaoithe will take due cognisance of the seabirds in their quest to find a suitable location.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report, on ornithology in Chapter 8: ornithology, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.
18-Sep-17	Letter	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	850	Just received leaflet for consultation regards offshore wind farm. I am all for it. If you wish to consider onshore wind or solar, I have a farm which is 600ft+ & is quite windy & isolated. I am amenable to discussion. (NB Has power line running through it!)	Comment noted.
01-Oct-17	Letter	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	851	One point I would like to make is an environmental one and concerns migratory birds – of which you may or may be already aware! It should however have a bearing on and taken into the equation!? This proposed Wind Farm could affect thousands of these birds of a very wide variety of species from Warbles, thrushes & waders through to Seabirds, Raptors & owls – from small to large. Fife Ness, the Isle of May and indeed Bass Rock and other Forth Estuary Islands are all very important locations for the above: and if they have to run the gauntlet of many wind turbine blades, this could well affect their flight pattern or even disrupt this altogether so that they move away from the area entirely. Then there is the unknown fatality quantity aspect as birds may collide with or are sucked into the turbine blades. Myself and others do not know what the exact outcome will be or even birds ability to adapt to such a major change (some species certainly adapt more & better than others), but nevertheless the potential risks are there given that this undertaking is on such a large scale too. These then are my main concerns and anything done to mitigate this would be welcome. I should add that I am an Ornithologist of long standing through both work (30+ years) and as a hobby since school, but now retired, the latter only applies.	Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on ornithology are set out in Chapter 8: ornithology of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.

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21-Sep-17	Email	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	852	<p>In relation to the offshore wind farm planned for Fife, I remember reading that the RSPB are concerned about a potential negative impact on sea birds nesting on the Isle of May, and am wondering whether a full impact assessment has been carried out on the potential impact of the wind farm on both sea birds and marine life in general (whales, etc)? I am also wondering why this particular spot, so close to the Isle of May, was chosen over another spot?</p> <p>I am all for clean energy, and am not too concerned about appearances but would not be in favour of implementing a clean energy plan that would have significant negative impact on marine life.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you.</p>	<p>Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report, on ornithology in Chapter 8: ornithology, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.</p> <p>The location of the project is consistent with the marine planning process for Scottish Territorial Waters (see Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation of the EIA Report).</p>
11-Oct-17	Email	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	853	I am a homeowner at xxxxxxxxxxxx Dunbar, EHxx xxx. I am in favour of your proposals and wish you every success.	Positive support and comment noted.
26-Sep-17	Email	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	854	<p>I object to the proposed offshore wind farm to the North East of North Berwick and virtually to the east of May Island.</p> <p>It will be an eyesore and not something I'd like to see from my window. I also don't think it's needed - there must be other sites where it will not be impacting on so many tourist towns.</p>	<p>The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.</p> <p>The potential impacts on tourism were scoped out of the EIA in the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.</p>
25-Oct-17	Email	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	856	<p>We bought a flat on Marine Parade in North Berwick on the East Bay three years ago. We paid a premium because of the beautiful views of the Bass Rock, Isle of May and Craigleith. We never expected that we could be looking at a wind farm! We believe Scotland is all about it's natural beauty with iconic features such as the Bass Rock and its bird life on these islands. It is very fortunate that this kind of operation is taking a priority and that the beauty of Scotland is being completely spoiled! In this regard, we are totally opposed to the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Windfarm.</p> <p>Two questions:</p> <p>1) from our property in North Berwick, how far is it to the proposed wind farm in miles and will we be able to see it?</p> <p>2) is there any push from the Scottish Government to encourage investment in tidal power which would seem to have less impact on the environment and possibly more predictable energy?</p>	<p>Comment noted. The detailed assessment of the impacts of the Project on landscape and seascape is presented in Chapter 14: Landscape and Seascape Visual Impact Assessment of the EIA Report, on ornithology in Chapter 8: ornithology, on marine mammals in Chapter 9: marine mammals and on fish in chapter 7: fish and shellfish ecology, and in line with the requirements of the scoping opinion provided by the Scottish Ministers.</p> <p>The location of the project is consistent with the marine planning process for Scottish Territorial Waters (see Chapter 2: Policy and Legislation of the EIA Report).</p> <p>The wind farm site is 20 miles from North Berwick and on a clear day it will be visible. This application for consent for the project includes photomontages from a number of locations, including the top of North Berwick law and some surrounding areas. These photomontages indicate the extent of visibility from these different locations and they will be available to download from both the project website and the Scottish Government (Marine Scotland) website.</p> <p>Tidal power is indeed supported by the Scottish Government. At this current time there are no projects in the pipeline which can generate the same levels of electricity as offshore wind farms.</p>
10-Nov-17	Email	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	857	<p>I attended a recent presentation in Dunbar on the proposed Neart na Gaoithe windfarm.</p> <p>The onshore connecting cables will pass close by our village and their construction will cause us nuisance and disruption. What compensation proposals will there be for this?</p> <p>I know that the Scottish government recommend a community benefit payment of £5,000 per MW per year for onshore windfarms. What level of community benefit will Mainstream be paying for the NnG windfarm?</p> <p>Am I right in thinking that the affected communities need to be consulted about the mechanisms and procedures for determining how the community benefit is to be allocated?</p> <p>Could you let me know what the present position is on determining the mechanisms and procedures. We have heard nothing.</p> <p>I will send a copy of this to Iain Gray, our elected MSP and to Paul Wheelhouse who is the regional list MSP most closely involved with these issues.</p>	<p>It is the intention of the Neart na Gaoithe project to have a Community Benefit fund available for Fife, East Lothian and other regions on the east coast. The form and amount of the fund will depend on a number of factors, including how our discussions with various Scottish and UK government departments conclude and how the significant delay due to the now completed legal action has impacted the project. The impact from these issues are currently unknown and precludes the project from adding more detail to the Community Benefit fund at this stage.</p> <p>A number of years ago, prior to the legal proceedings, we had initial discussions with selected local community stakeholders across the east coast about a Community Benefit fund. Once we are able to add more detail, the timing of which will be determined by the events above, we will engage again with all our local stakeholders and communities to understand how best to move forward.</p> <p>Once we know the main components It is our intention to go out to consultation to understand how the fund should best be used, but obvious themes would be diversification and education opportunities.</p> <p>Separate to any Community Benefit, the local economy in East Lothian will benefit from the work we are going to undertake, both directly to any successful contractors and also indirectly through induced benefit. Please take an opportunity to read the Fraser of Allander Institute report that provides how the project will benefit Scotland. (https://www.sbs.strath.ac.uk/economics/fraser/201708/NNG-Impact-Report.pdf)</p>
08-Nov-17	Email	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	858	Well done on yesterday's court hearing, great news for Scotland, when does fabrication of jackets start on wind farm project?	Comment noted. The development programme is set out in Chapter 4: project description of the EIA report.

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20-Oct-17	Email	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	859	<p>I am writing to support this application for this offshore wind farm to go ahead.</p> <p>I was happy to see the full page advertisement for support of this wind farm by the RSPB in my local Courier. This advertisement nullified the only concern I may have had with this wind farm.</p> <p>I have supported wind turbines being erected in the past (where I previously lived) as I firmly believe that my generation will be hated by my grandson's generation if we don't undo the generations of damage we have done to the environment. Unlike generations before us, our generation does know better, and so it is just down to our generation's wanton selfishness and small mindedness that any opposition to green initiatives are being spouted.</p> <p>The arguments I have listened to against wind turbines being erected in the past have been ludicrous and downright infantile. It certainly didn't take any great effort on my part to shoot down their contentions / arguments.</p> <p>Looking at where the site of your wind farm will be. I can't imagine that people in Carnoustie will even see it, (even on one of our few clear days). If they do see it. So what !! They will be looking at something providing the national grid with free energy from a renewal source which is not damaging the environment. This will also be energy where we are not beholden to countries which can threaten to "turn off the energy tap to us" if we don't act in those countries' interests. Many of those countries right now are hostile (or potentially hostile) to us.</p> <p>Our energy storage capacity has been drastically reduced since the 1970's, so not only do we need new, efficient, green sources of energy but we also need to be able to store energy for periods when our supply may become interrupted / disrupted.</p> <p>I wish you well with your wind farm and please feel free to regard me as one of your supporters, should you need my support.</p>	Positive comments are noted.
23-Oct-17	Email	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	860	I enjoy reading about progress on the project and I was wondering what machines are planned for the site?	Comment noted. The options for turbines to be installed at the site are set out in Chapter 4: project description of the EIA report.
18-Sep-17	Email	Autumn Public Exhibitions 2017	861	<p>Got a flyer through our door about the forthcoming meetings, hopefully will be able to make one, but if not a couple of questions please.</p> <p>How is the local community being involved in the wind farm in general?</p> <p>Is there a component of the development that is available for the local community to invest in as a co-operative as has occurred in other schemes?</p> <p>What will the financial benefits to the local community be apart from jobs and the associated trade increase?</p> <p>Will there be donations to local causes, such as organisations paying for the most disadvantaged to have their houses made more energy efficient/warmer as has happened with other wind farm developments.</p> <p>Where has the finance raised for the wind farm come from?</p>	<p>The following response was provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. As a minimum, our socio economic benefit will be our involvement in the local community. This will bring much needed work and also develop skills. We are hopeful the project can become part of the local community, but what form this takes is up for debate. We would welcome suggestions.2. Looking at the current plans, there is no real opportunity for the community to invest as is sometimes offered in onshore wind. Offshore wind is a significant investment and the liabilities and expenditure don't really align to community investment at this point.3. The main financial benefits are direct jobs, induced jobs, investment and skills development.4. Donations to local causes may come out of a community benefit fund should it be set up. Should such a fund be created, there will be consultation and opportunities to propose projects.5. So far the investment required has come from Mainstream Renewable Power. The final investor is not know at this point, but it is likely to be a mix of private investment and bank finance that is used to fund the construction (approx. £2billion).

Appendix 13: Sample Letter of Notification to Stakeholder



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Our Ref: UK02-0504-0700-MRP-SNH NOTIFICATION OF ML AP-LET-A1

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3rd August 2017

Dear Erica,

Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited
Notification of intention to submit application(s) for Marine Licence(s)
Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, Regulation 6

Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited (NnGOWL) intends to apply to Marine Scotland for one or more marine licences to permit licensable marine activities relating to the proposed Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm located approximately 15.5 km east of Fife Ness. A plan showing the location of Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm is enclosed.

The Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm will comprise:

- an offshore array of wind turbines connected by subsea inter-array cables to one or two offshore substation platforms (OSPs); and
- subsea export cables running from the OSPs to the landfall at Thorntonloch, East Lothian.

The pre-application consultation events will be held at the following venues from 2pm to 8pm on the following dates:

Monday 25 th September 2017	North Berwick Community Centre, 8 Law Rd, North Berwick, EH39 4PN
Tuesday 26 th September 2017	Bleachingfield Centre, Countess Crescent, Dunbar, EH42 1DX
Wednesday 27 th September 2017	Carnoustie Golf Hotel, Links Parade, Carnoustie, DU17 7JL
Thursday 28 th September 2017	Crail Community Hall, St Andrews Road, Crail, KY10 3UH
Wednesday 4 th October 2017	St Andrews Town Hall, Queens Gardens, St Andrews, KY16 9TA

Please consider this letter your notification under Regulation 6 of the Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 of NnGOWL's intention to submit one or more applications for a marine licence to Marine Scotland.

Further information concerning the proposed offshore wind farm can be obtained from

www.neartnagaoithe.com.

Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited is registered in Scotland.
Registered Office: 1 West Regent Street, Glasgow, G2 1RW
Registered Company Number: 356223



Should you wish to provide comments on the proposed offshore wind farm, you can do so by writing to Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited **no later than Wednesday 25th October 2017** at:

E-mail: info@neartnagaoithe.com
Or by post to: Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Ltd
3rd Floor
2 West Regent Street
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Comments should be dated and should clearly state your name (in block capitals) and a full return e-mail or postal address.

Comments made to NnGOWL are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. If NnGOWL makes an application for a marine licence, an opportunity will be given for representations to be made to the Scottish Ministers on the application.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me using the details below.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ewan Walker".

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