

# OUTHEAD SAND RECHARGE

## Marine Scotland Consultation



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## 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report has been prepared by Ironside Farrar on behalf of St Andrews Links Trust (SALT) and accompanies the Marine Scotland Application for sand recharge works at Outhead, St Andrews.

1.2 This report details the following:

- The groups, individuals and stakeholders that have been consulted.
- The steps undertaken as part of the Pre-Application consultation process.
- How consultation has been undertaken.
- Feedback from consultees.
- Records of a consultation event undertaken together with feedback.

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## 2 CONSULTATION EVENT

2.1 This section summarises the consultation event undertaken by SALT during the pre-application stage of the application process.

### Event Advertisement

2.2 A statutory public notice advertising the online consultation was placed in the Angus and Dundee Edition of the Courier on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023. A copy of the advertisement can be found in Appendix 1.

2.3 Local Elected Members Councillors plus MSP and MP were all notified of the consultation process by email. These were Cllrs Verner, Clark, Lawson and Liston alongside Willie Rennie MSP and Wendy Chamberlain MP.

### Consultation Event

2.4 A Public Consultation Event was held at the Jubilee Green Keeping Centre, West Sands Road, St Andrews, KY169XL. Consultation boards were available for public viewing at the consultation event and a full copy of the boards is included in Appendix 2. Photographs of the event are also included in Appendix 3. The event venue was publicly accessible to all and the closest building to the proposed works.

2.5 The first event was visited by 4 individuals and 2 comments were received on the day – see appendices.



Consultation Event – Photograph 1





Consultation Event – Photograph 2

### Consultation Event Feedback

2.6 The following sections outline the feedback received during the consultation event along with a design team response:

2.7 There was little public attendance at the consultation event with only four people attending, however all persons viewing the information boards expressed support for the project. Verbal comments on the day and two written comments that were received for the project were positive. No alterations or proposed changes to the design were suggested. Written comments are included in Appendix 4.

2.8 Given that no proposed changes or variations were proposed, the design as reflected at the consultation event was not altered after the event and the proposals are brought forward as presented on the day.

### 3 CONSULTATION FEEDBACK AND DEVELOPER RESPONSE

3.1 This section summarises the consultation undertaken and responses received with/from consultees outwith the consultation event. Consultation responses are included in Appendix 4.

3.2 Consultees contacted and a brief summary of their response are detailed below:

#### **Statutory Consultees**

- Northern Lighthouse Board (No Objection - response attached)
- Maritime and Coastguard Agency (Letter outlining their role and obligations, no project specific comments - response attached)
- SEPA (Noted they will respond directly to FC if consulted - response attached)
- NatureScot (Noted RIAA is very robust, agree with screening in and out justifications and that there will be no adverse impacts for any of the notified interests of the SACs and SPA. Requested review of combination affects – response attached)

#### **Other Consultees**

- Fife Council (Confirm that no EIA is required for areas within their remit - response attached)
- Cllrs Verner, Clark, Lawson, Liston (no response)
- Willie Rennie MSP and Wendy Chamberlain MP (no response)
- Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council (no response)
- Fife Coast and Countryside Trust (no response)
- RYA Scotland (No comment - response attached)
- RSPB (Will respond to planning application and MS License application - response attached)

3.3 In general there were few material comments on the scheme proposal. NatureScot were consulted throughout the design process and were also issued the following detailed reports:

- Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (RIAA);
- Ecological Impact Assessment (EIA).

They requested that a review of combination effects, including historic recharge works, were included in final reporting. This was completed as requested.

Fife Council confirmed that no EIA was required for works within their remit.

## 4 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

- 4.1 A Public Consultation for the proposed recharge works was advertised in the local press and took place at the Jubilee Green Keeping Centre, which is close to the proposed works. The consultation was undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Marine Scotland
- 4.2 There was little public attendance at the consultation event however all persons attending expressed support for the project.
- 4.3 Other stakeholders and statutory consultees were also consulted through the process and responses are included in this report.
- 4.4 NatureScot, who are seen as a key consultee for the works, were kept informed throughout the design process and were issued with full copies of EclA and RIAA reporting in advance of Planning and MS Licence applications. Their feedback on reporting was positive and their Pre Application comments incorporated into final reporting.
- 4.4 SALT are grateful to those who took time to review the proposals and provide comments.

## Appendix 1 – Statutory Notice: Local Press Advert



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Student pilots from Tayside Aviation, who say they face an uncertain future after the firm's administration as universities say they are trying to help. Picture by Kenny Smith. **Page 8**

## Teen 'injures boy of seven in attack'

### Youngster left with cut head after being hit against railing

LINDSEY HAMILTON

A seven-year-old boy was left with a bloody head after a teenager attacked him in an Angus park, his mother has claimed.

Larry Robb, pictured, was playing in Ferryden with his eight-year-old brother Fletcher on Monday night when he was allegedly assaulted by



the older boy. Larry's mum Colleen Rae told The Courier the attacker hit her son's head off a metal railing and she had to take him to Ninewells Hospital for treatment.

She said: "He was bleeding profusely from a cut to his head. I initially thought he had fallen over."

"However, people began to tell me that he had been attacked by a

teenage boy from Montrose Academy who had smacked his head off the metal railings in the park."

She said Larry and Fletcher have been left "traumatised" by the incident, which has been reported to Police Scotland and Angus Council. Officers confirmed they are following a positive line of inquiry.

Full story on page 5

### Council branded 'toothless' over scandal

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### Cycling stars close to target for cash in friend's memory

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**St Andrews Links Trust  
Eden Estuary Outhead –  
Sand Recharge Project  
Pre-application Consultation Event**

A Marine Licence Application for Construction Projects will be submitted to Marine Scotland (MS-LOT) under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010. The application will be for a project comprising natural beach recharge and stabilisation of the dune system at the Eden Estuary Sands (NGR NO 493196), St Andrews. The project includes placing sand against the existing eroding dune system and to cover in-situ sloping gabion baskets for a length of approximately 175m along the dunes/parallel to the beach and extending seawards by some 25m – 30m.

The works will involve approximately 15,000m<sup>3</sup> of sand, which will be extracted from a donor site at the sand spit at Outhead in the same area used for extraction for previous recharge works in 2001 and 2008 (NGR NO 501202). The extraction will be via a shallow "cut" of between 0.25m-0.5m depth selecting the most readily available/accessible sand. Sand will be taken from an area where it is known that natural sand deposition will rapidly fill in the shallow depression created by the cut works and recreate the existing contours and profile.

In order to share information on the proposals and gather community views, a pre-application consultation event will be held on Thursday 8th June 2023 at the Jubilee Greenkeeping Centre, West Sands Road, St Andrews, KY16 9XL between 1200 and 1830. Project information will be available to view and comment upon with the design team in attendance. Alternatively, project information can be requested by emailing [outhead@ironsidefarrar.com](mailto:outhead@ironsidefarrar.com)

Comments can be made by email ([outhead@ironsidefarrar.com](mailto:outhead@ironsidefarrar.com)), by phone (0131 550 6500, Mon – Fri, 9.00am - 5.30pm) or by post (FAO Outhead Team, Ironside Farrar Ltd, 111 McDonald Road, Edinburgh, EH7 4NW). All comments should be received no later than Thursday 15th June 2023.

Comments made via email, post and in person are made to the prospective applicant and are not official representations to Marine Scotland MS-LOT. The comments made will be recorded in a report to be submitted alongside the construction project application. Once the application is submitted there will be a further formal opportunity for representations to be made to Marine Scotland MS-LOT during the determination period.

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ORDER 2023**

On 24/4/23 the Council made the above Order under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and/or loading on both sides of the C449 Main Road Fearnan from its junction with the A827 to its junction with the property known as Katie Howes Cottage a distance of 334.34 metres or thereby. Alternative route: C449 – A827. This applies on 2/5/23 for an estimated period of 4 days to permit BT Openreach works on the above section of road. Should these works overrun the maximum duration in terms of this Order is 18 months. Pedestrian and emergency vehicle access to premises will be maintained.

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(TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS)  
ORDER 2023**

On 24/4/23 the Council made the above Order under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and/or loading on Ashgrove Road, Ratray from its junction with Haugh Road to its junction with Ashgrove Terrace a distance of 210 metres or thereby. Alternative route: Old Mill Road – Kirkton Road – A926 High Street – Haugh Road. This applies on 2/5/23 for an estimated period of 1 week to permit resurfacing works. Should these works overrun the maximum duration in terms of this Order is 18 months. Pedestrian and emergency vehicle access to premises will be maintained.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
TO RESTORE COMPANY  
TO REGISTER**

Court ref. no. KKD-L4-21

A Petition has been presented at Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court by Archibald Rose, Agnes Ann Moore Rose, and Mr Simon Rose, Petitioners seeking an order in terms of section 1021 of the Companies Act 2006 to find that the property at 19 Bishop's Court, Kennoway, Fife, formerly owned by Bronzseáin Limited, a Company incorporated in Scotland with Company Number SC150812, which has its Registered Office at 48B Whitehouse Road, Cramond, Edinburgh, and was dissolved on 24th March 2000, be vested in favour of Carrick Chemists Ltd, a Company incorporated in Scotland with Company Number SC158077 and with their Registered Office at 9/9 Cargillfield View, Edinburgh, EH4 6SY.

If any interested person wishes to show cause why the Petition should not be granted, they should immediately contact the Sheriff Clerk, Sheriff Court House, Whitecauseway, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1XQ from whom the service copy Petition may be obtained. If they fail to do so, decree may pass vesting the said property to the Petitioners on the expiry of notice of eight days.

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Solicitor for the Petitioners

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**GOODS VEHICLE  
OPERATOR'S  
LICENCE**

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is applying to change an existing licence as follows to add an operating centre to keep 14 goods vehicles and 1 trailer at Grahams Dairy, Glenfield Industrial Estate, Perth Road, Cowdenbeath KY4 9HT.

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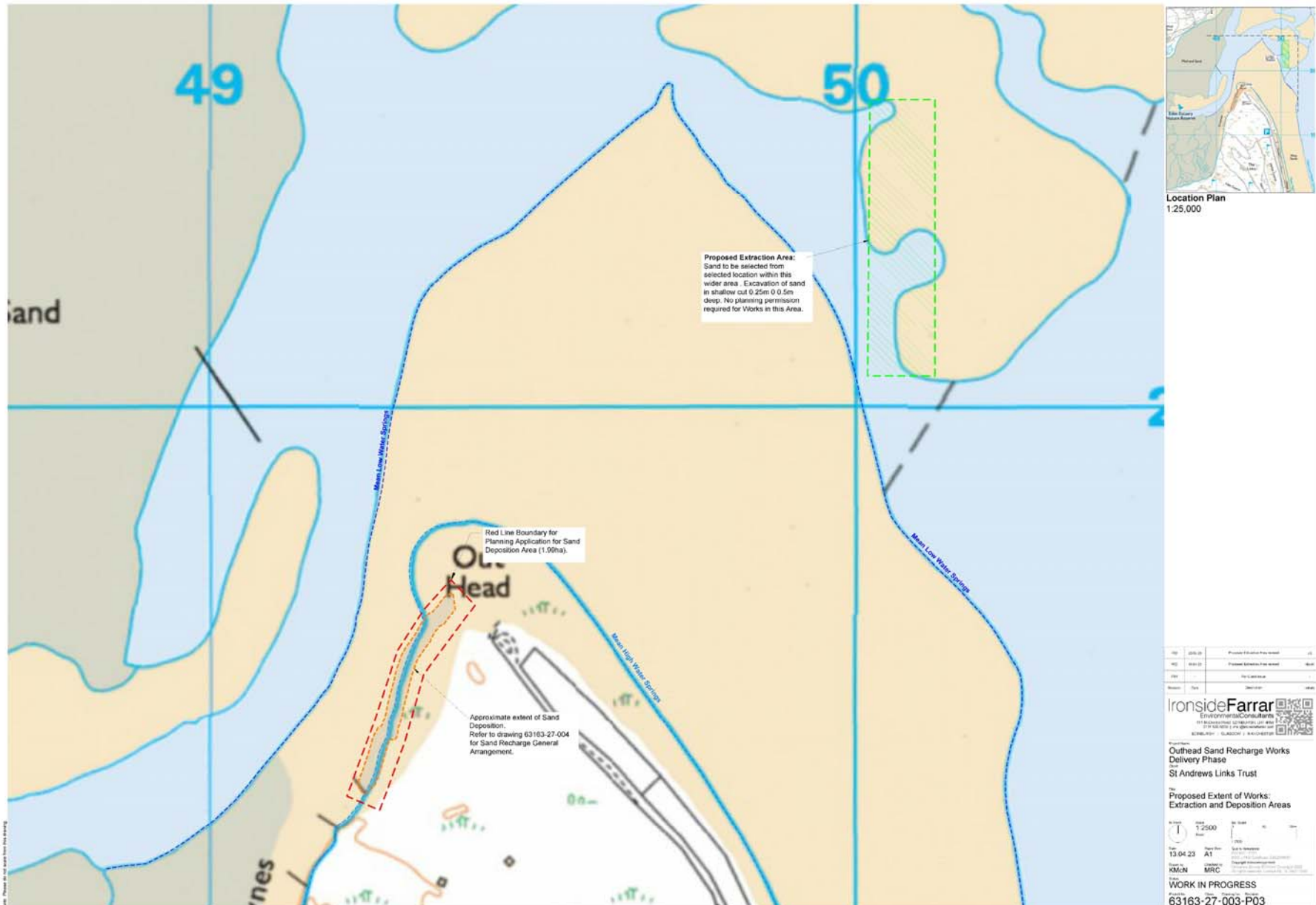


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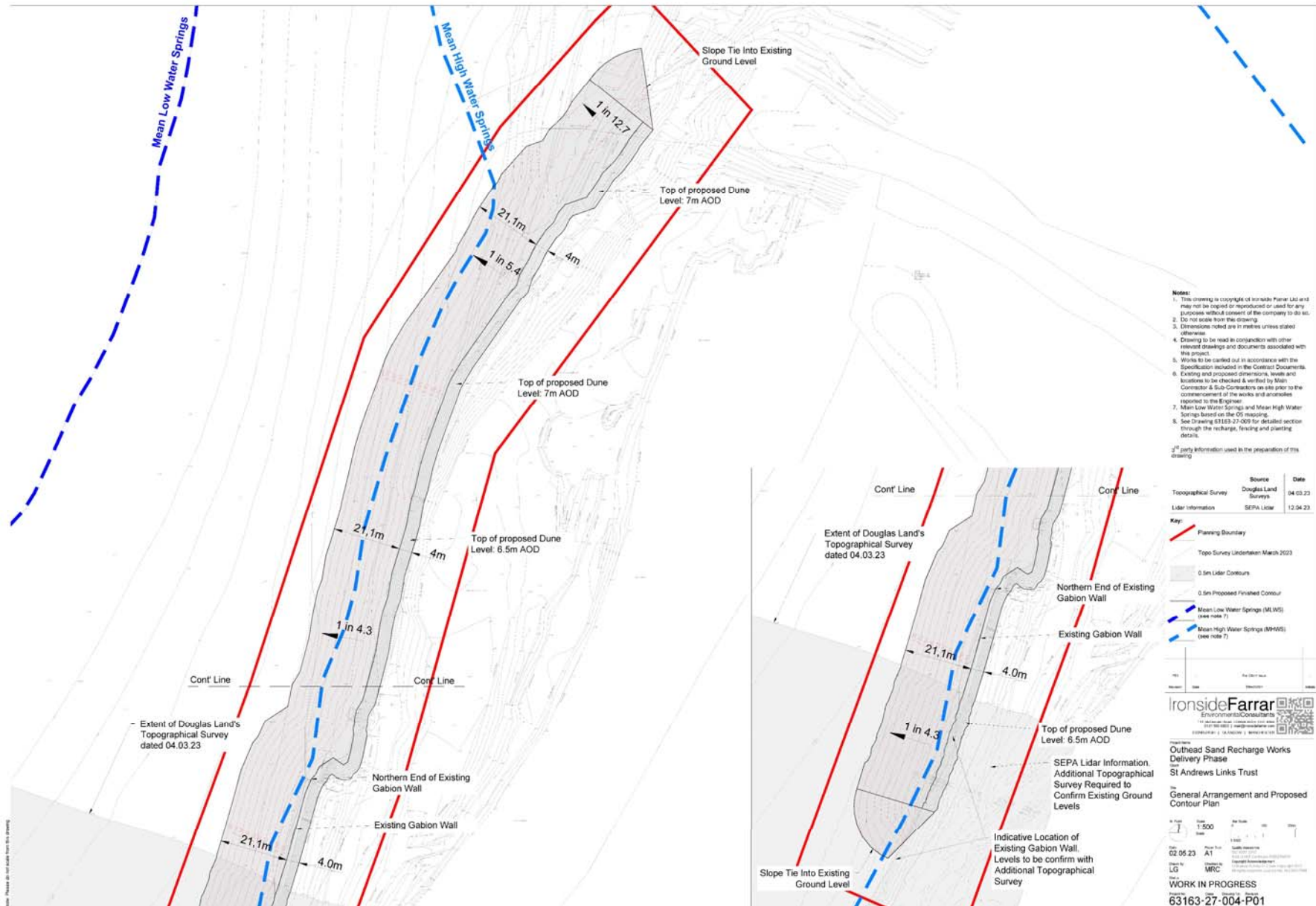
## Appendix 2 – Consultation Boards

PROPOSED EXTENT OF WORKS:  
EXTRACTION AND DEPOSITION AREAS

# ST ANDREWS LINKS TRUST OUTHEAD NATURAL BEACH RECHARGE

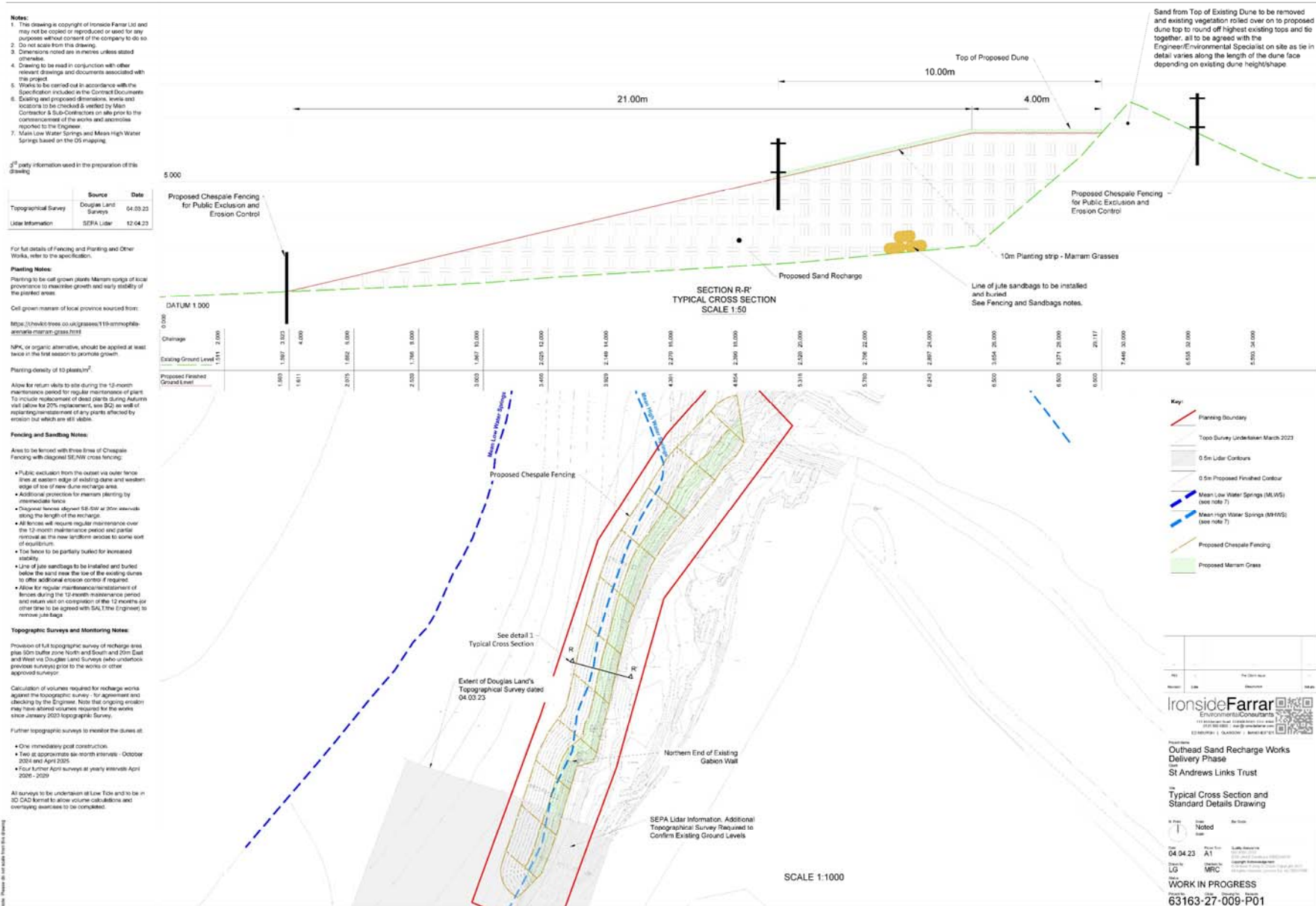






# TYPICAL CROSS SECTION & STANDARD DETAIL DRAWING

# ST ANDREWS LINKS TRUST OUTHEAD NATURAL BEACH RECHARGE





# GENERAL ARRANGEMENT & PROPOSED CONTOUR PLAN

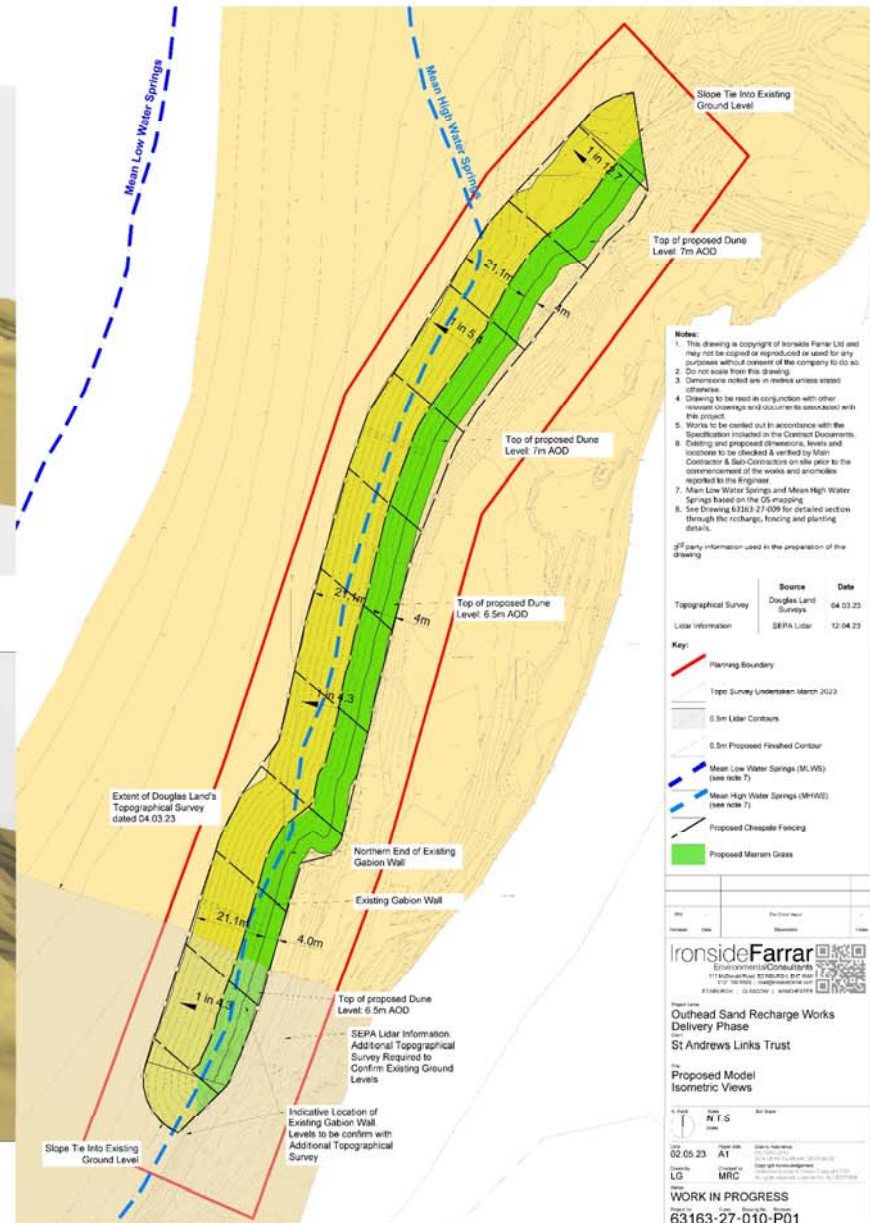
# ST ANDREWS LINKS TRUST OUTHEAD NATURAL BEACH RECHARGE



IMAGE 1  
PROPOSED MODEL - GENERAL ARRANGEMENT ISOMETRIC VIEW  
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IMAGE 2  
PROPOSED MODEL - FENCING ISOMETRIC VIEW  
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  - Main Low Water Springs and Main High Water Springs based on the OS mapping.
  - See Drawing 63163-27-009 for detailed section through the recharge, fencing and planting details.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party information used in the preparation of this drawing

Source	Date
Topographical Survey	Douglas Land Surveys 04.03.23
Lidar Information	SEPA Lidar 12.04.23

- Key:**
- Planning Boundary
  - Topo Survey Undertaken March 2023
  - 0.5m Lidar Contours
  - 0.5m Proposed Finished Contour
  - Mean Low Water Springs (MLWS) (see note 7)
  - Mean High Water Springs (MHW) (see note 7)
  - Proposed Chesapeake Fencing
  - Proposed Marram Grass



Project Name  
Outhead Sand Recharge Works  
Delivery Phase  
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Proposed Model  
Isometric Views

Scale  
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Date  
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LG MRC  
WORK IN PROGRESS  
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THEN AND NOW –  
1979 AND 2023 PHOTOGRAPHS

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OUTHEAD NATURAL BEACH RECHARGE



Zone of shoreline erosion, Outhead, March 2023. The area of erosion starts in the foreground in the lee of the northern end of the gabion baskets and thereafter extends northwards for ca. 120 m. Photo courtesy of Ranald Strachan.

Reproduction of photograph of the coastal defences along the south side of the Eden estuary, 1979. Photograph from Ritchie (1979).





## PREVIOUS RECHARGE WORKS

# ST ANDREWS LINKS TRUST OUTHEAD NATURAL BEACH RECHARGE

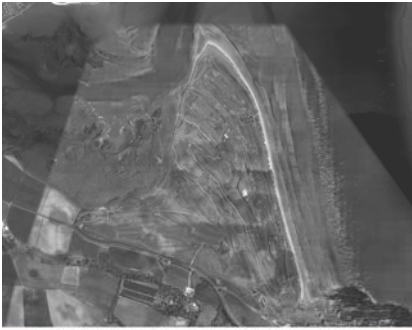


Topography of Outhead area shortly after the September 2008 sediment recharge. Note positioning of fencing. Photo courtesy of M Chocolek.


Sediment recharge adjacent to 8th tee of Jubilee golf course, 2008. Photo courtesy of Gordon Moir.



Outhead beach topography, January 2002, as it existed shortly after the 2001 sediment recharge. Photo acknowledged to Dr J Jarvis.




**GEOMORPHOLOGY REPORT:  
OUTHEAD**




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Professor Alastair Dawson  
BSc (Hons), MSc, PhD  
1974 - 1999

Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)  
Outhead, Eden Estuary, St Andrews




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Environmental Impact Assessment - Screening Checklist Report  
Outhead, Eden Estuary, St Andrews

Request for Screening Opinion under Regulation 8 (1) of The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 and request for screening under Regulation 10 (1) of The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017



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Eroding south west face of the main dune ridge, Out Head, April 2023

**ST ANDREWS LINKS TRUST  
THIRD SAND RECHARGE PROJECT 2024**

**REPORT TO INFORM  
APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT**  
Version 4, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023

**ECOS COUNTRYSIDE SERVICES LLP**

**OUTHEAD, WEST SANDS  
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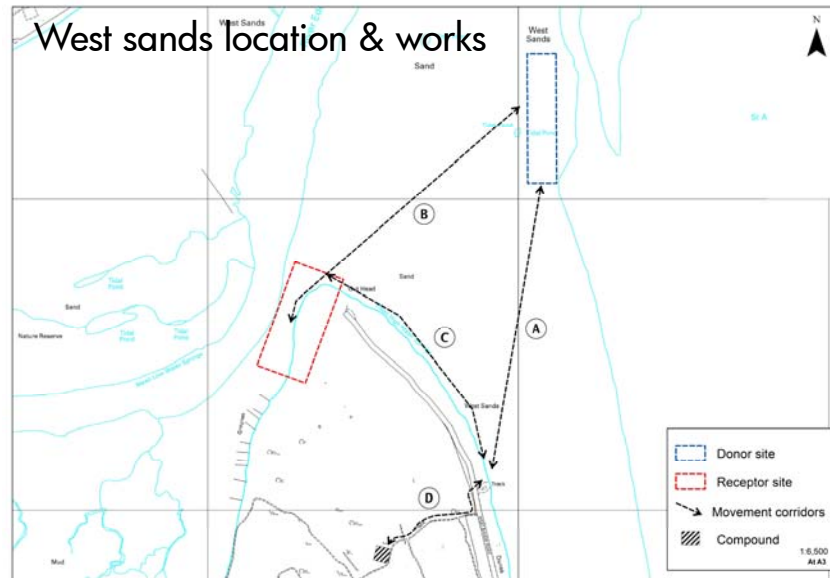


Second sand recharge, Out Head, June 2019

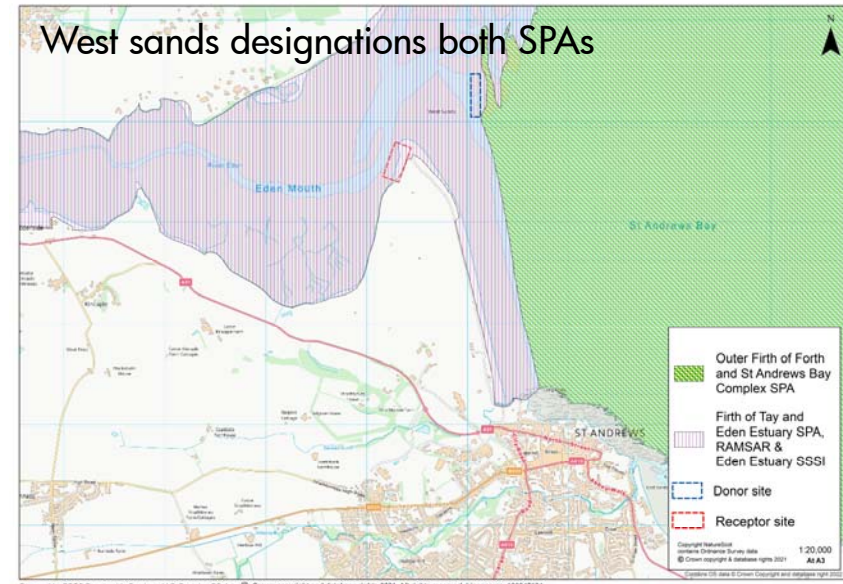
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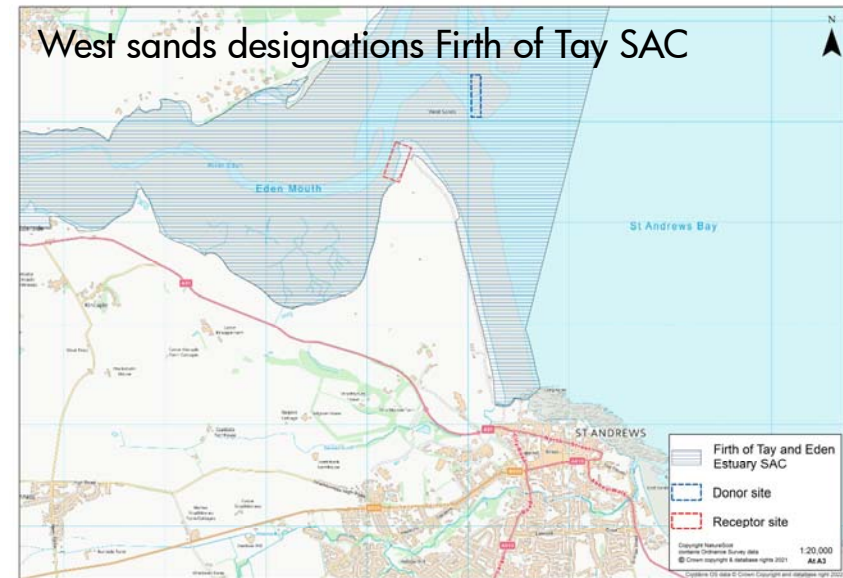
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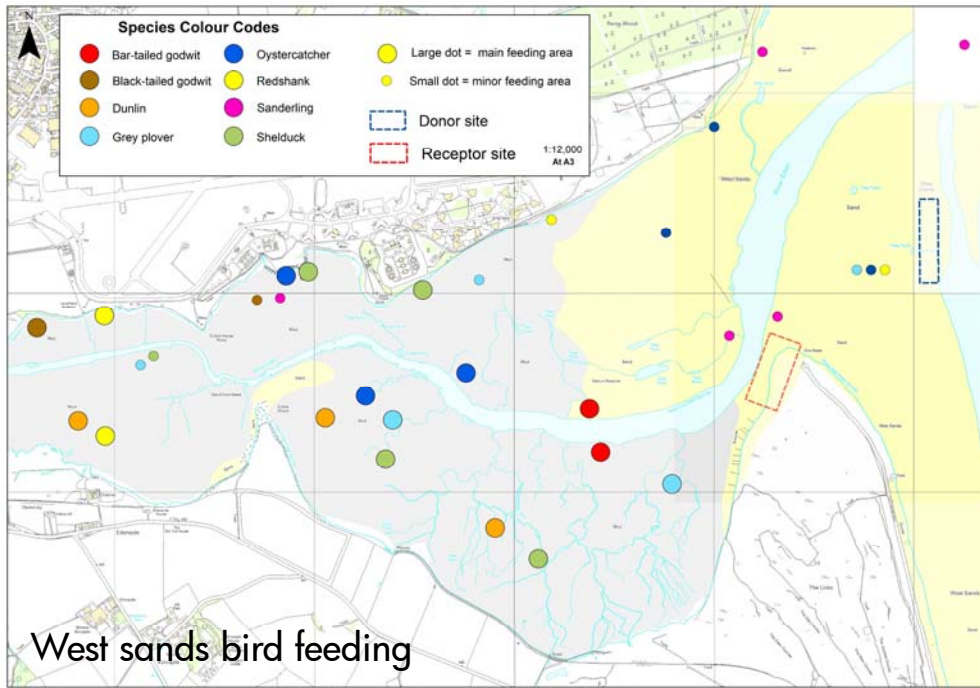


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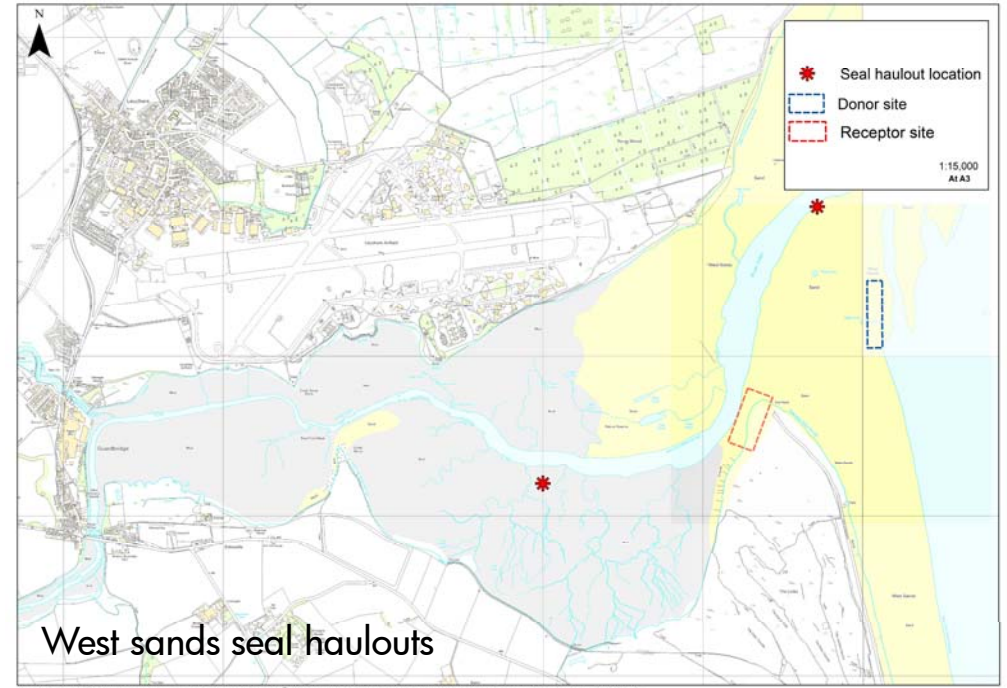


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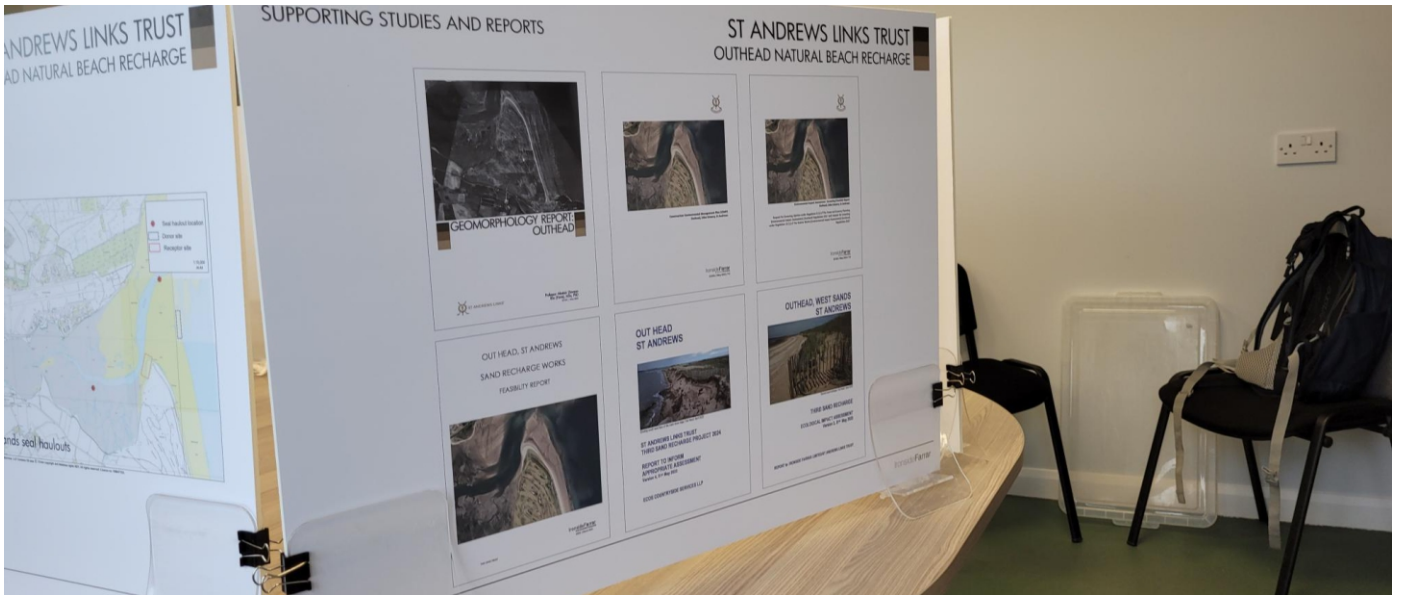
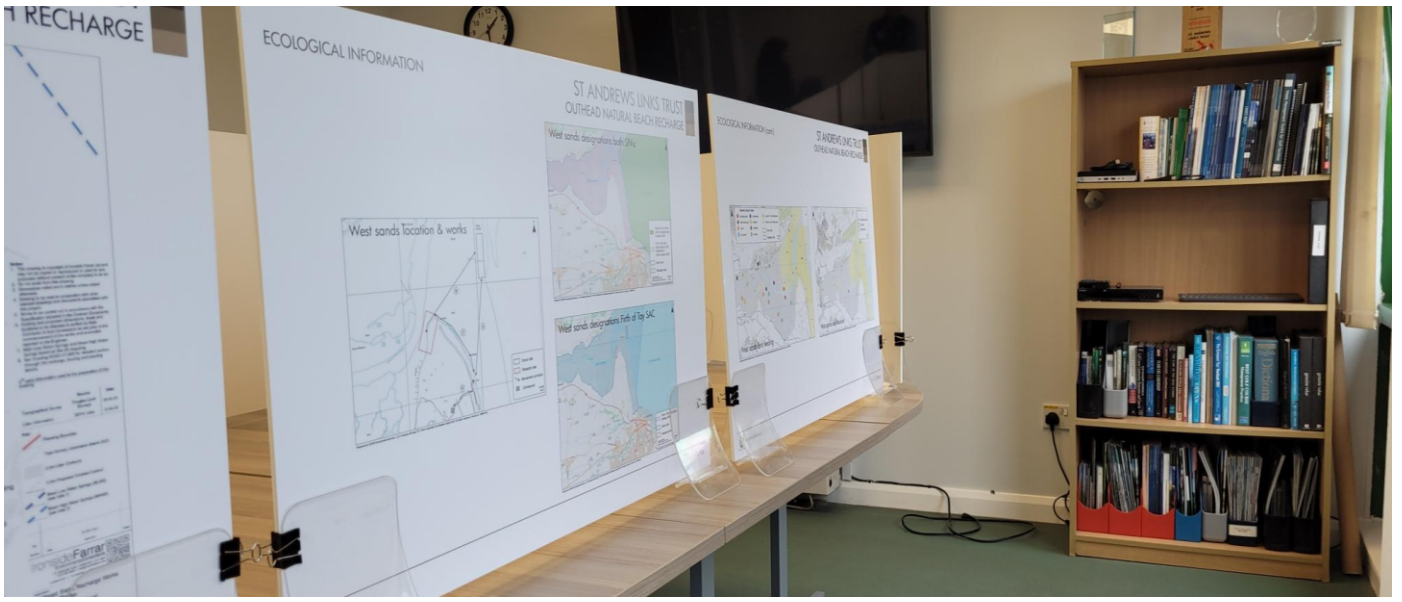


## Appendix 3 - Event Photographs



# MARINE SCOTLAND CONSULTATION EVENT 8TH JUNE 2023

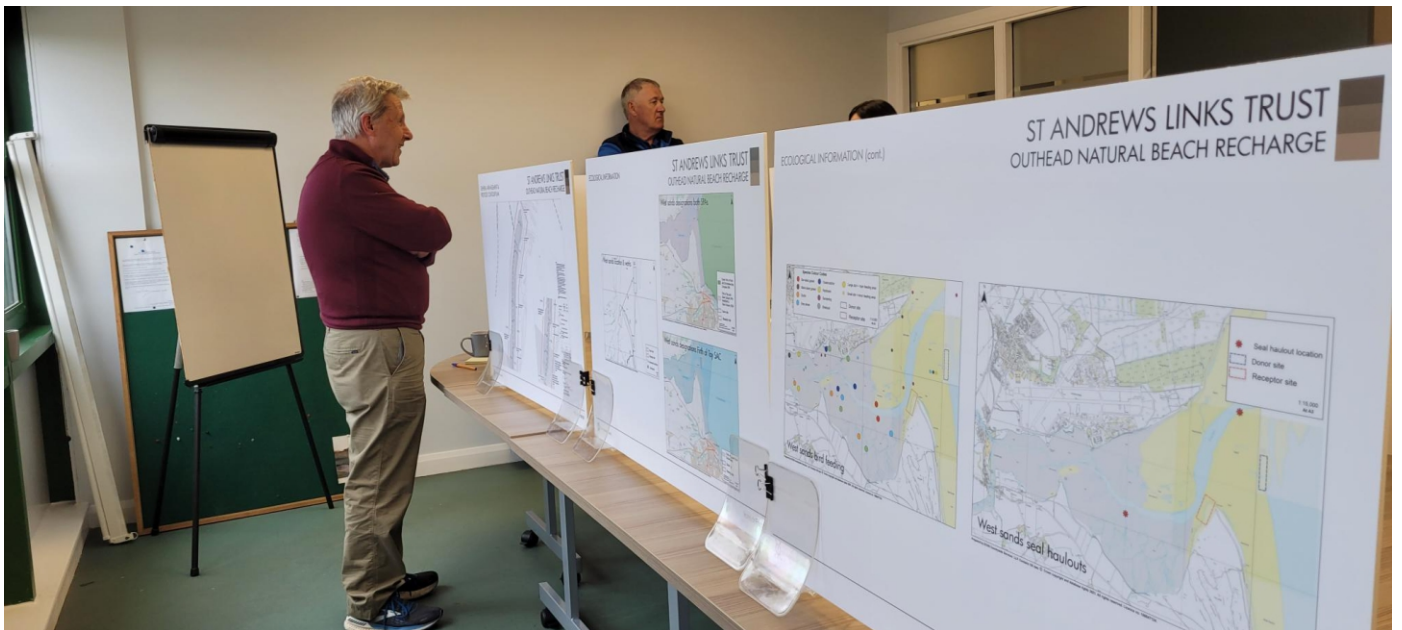
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# MARINE SCOTLAND CONSULTATION EVENT 8TH JUNE 2023

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## Appendix 4 - Event Register, Feedback Forms and Consultee Responses

**consultation Event  
Attendance Record**

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**Email Address\***

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# Outhead Natural Sand Recharge

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## Community Engagement

Name (Optional) [Redacted] \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Optional) [Redacted] \_\_\_\_\_

### Comments

A very well thought and organised venture that I wish all the success and partnership working with once it's implementation has started

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# Outhead Natural Sand Recharge

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Community Engagement

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Comments

Very unformative with positive forward  
thinking plans.

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## **SCREENING OPINION – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 (EIA Regs)**

**23/01186/SCR – EIA screening opinion request for natural beach recharge and stabilisation works to dunes on land to the north-west of West Sands Road, West Sands Road, St Andrews, Fife**

### **Proposal**

The developer has submitted a request for a screening opinion for the above noted proposal. The supporting documentation includes all the information required by the regulations, including a location plan, a description of the development, a description of the location of the development and the physical characteristics of the site, a description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the development and any likely significant environmental impacts. The submission also refers to proposals to mitigate against any significant environmental effects and includes a construction environmental management plan.

### **Location and Site Description**

The application relates to two sites at the Outhead in the Eden Estuary. The first site (donor site) is located in the sandbank area to the north-east of this natural peninsular, and the second (recipient) site is located along the north-western corner of the Outhead. The donor site consists of an area of level sandbank, whilst the recipient site consists of a coastal beach foreshore environment with a raised vegetated (marram grass) bank backdrop, which has become eroded through time. Access to the sites can be achieved via the West Sands Road then the designated beach/dune pathways. The site would extend for a length of 175 metres along the dunes/parallel to the beach and would extend seawards by some 25 to 30 metres. The works would involve approximately 120000 to 15000 cubic metres of sand which would be extracted from the donor site and then used for the natural beach recharge. The adjacent land uses are leisure and recreational (Golf Course) and the estuary itself. Both sites are located within the Firth of Tay - Eden Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC), which have European protection for their wintering birds (individual species and total assemblage greater than 20,000 birds), for a number of breeding bird species (especially the Little Tern), its population of Harbour Seals and for a range of ecological habitat types (estuaries, inter-tidal mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low water, and sub-tidal sandbanks). The site is also located within a Local Landscape Area and the Eden Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Local Nature Reserve (LNR).

### **Type of Development**

The proposed development does not fall within Schedule 1. The proposal is a Schedule 2 development of the EIA Regulations. In this case:

#### **10. Infrastructure Projects**

***(m) Coastal works to combat erosion and maritime works capable of altering the coast through the construction, for example, of dykes, moles, jetties, and other sea defence works, excluding the maintenance and reconstruction of such works.***

The applicable threshold and criteria associated with Section 10 (m) type developments are:-

***All development***

### **Assessment of Impacts**

To assist with this assessment Planning Circular 1/2017, PAN 1/2013 (Revised June 2017), and the Scottish Government EIA web-pages provide recommended checklists and guidance, whilst Schedule 3 to The Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 sets out indicative thresholds and criteria regarding the type and scale of development. They all provide advice

and guidance from which the requirements for an EIA can be assessed and conversely the sort of development for which an EIA is unlikely to be necessary. Schedule 3 to the EIA Regulations (“Selection Criteria for Screening Schedule 2 Development”) sets a context within which the significance of the potential effect on the environment can be assessed. These are:- characteristics of the development, environmental/ecological sensitivity of the location, and the characteristics of the potential impact.

The key considerations in this respect are outlined below (these are not exhaustive):

- Residential amenity (noise/odour/dust etc).
- Landscape/Visual impact.
- Climate Change.
- Drainage/Flooding.
- Potential impacts on marine/ornithological and other recorded flora and fauna interests etc (in terms of roosting/breeding/feeding/migration patterns etc).
- Impact on wider ecology/natural heritage/designated sites and their related conservation objectives.
- Contamination/pollution/ground conditions.
- Transportation and access.
- Impact of temporary facilities/works.
- Impact on services and safety/infrastructure.
- Accident/Incident/Emergency protection/arrangements.
- Pollution prevention.
- Decommissioning/demolition/construction operations.
- Necessity/effectiveness of proposal.
- Consideration of alternative solutions.
- Future monitoring and remedial works.

The Planning Authority is obliged to assess the proposal against indicative criteria in Schedule 3 to the Regulations to determine whether or not the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment. Planning Circular 1/2017 provides guidance on the EIA (Scotland) Regulations 2017 and states that Schedule 2 development will require an EIA if it is likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as its size, nature or location. This circular also states that the extent to which mitigation or other measures are taken into account in reaching a screening opinion will depend on the facts of each case. In some cases, the measures may form part of the proposal, be modest in scope or so plainly and easily achievable that it will be possible to reach a conclusion that there is no likelihood of significant environmental effects. The planning authority must have regard to the information provided by the developer and should interpret this in light of the precautionary principle and taking into account the degree of uncertainty in relation to the environmental impact, bearing in mind that there may be cases where the uncertainties are such that Environmental Impact Assessment is required.

In this case, whilst the full final technical specifications have yet to be submitted there is sufficient detail provided at this stage to allow an EIA Screening Opinion to be carried out.

## **Conclusion**

Regulation 3 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 2017 prohibits the granting of Planning Permission for such developments likely to have significant effects on the environment because of factors such as its nature, size or location, unless the EIA procedures have been followed. Further to this, Regulation 3 also requires a Planning Authority to state in their decision that they have done so.

Taking into account the characteristics of the development (e.g. scale, location, works/methods of remediation proposed, materials and operations proposed, likely wider geographical implications etc), the environmental sensitivity of its location and surrounds, the potential impact on species and other environmental/natural heritage issues, other materially relevant environmental related criteria, the completion of the Scottish Government EIA Screening Checklist, and the Selection Criteria for Screening Schedule 2 Development, the Council as Planning Authority has adopted the opinion that the proposal will not require an EIA. It is considered that the proposed CEMP and mitigation measures would result in no significant environmental impacts on the site in EIA terms. The impact on the site will also be fully assessed through any future application for full planning permission and any proposed mitigation measures could be controlled through any potential permission.

*Please be aware that this opinion takes account of all the materially relevant information submitted as part of the applicant's EIA Screening Opinion request dated April 2023. The Planning Authority therefore reserves the right to review this opinion should a formal application be lodged in the future for this proposal and circumstances have changed in the interim period (i.e., material changes have been made to the remediation works proposed etc).*

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1<sup>st</sup> June 2023

**Case Reference Number:** 23/01186/SCR

**Development Description....** EIA screening opinion request for natural beach recharge and stabilisation works to dunes

### GUIDANCE ON SCREENING

The items on this checklist are only indicative. Planning authorities and developers should consider particular circumstances of each application to ensure all characteristics of the development and its location are taken into account. Significance should be considered in terms of - extent, transboundary nature, magnitude and complexity, probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of any

### SCREENING CHECKLIST

1 - CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DEVELOPMENT	(a) Yes/No (b) Briefly describe	(c) Effect likely to be significant?
<b>(a) Size of development</b>		
Will the development be out of scale with the existing environment?	No	No
Will it lead to further consequential development or works (e.g. new roads, extraction of aggregate, provision of new water supply, generation or transmission of power, increased housing and sewage disposal)?	No	No
<b>(b) Cumulation with other development</b>		
Are there potential cumulative impacts with other existing development or development not yet begun but for which planning permission exists?	No	No
Should the application for this development be regarded as an integral part of a more substantial project? If so, can related developments which are subject to separate applications proceed independently?	No	No
<b>(c) Use of natural resources</b>		
Will construction or operation of the development use natural resources such as the following:		
- land (especially undeveloped or agricultural land)?	No	No
- water?	No	No
- minerals?	No	No
- aggregates?	No	No
- forests and timber?	No	No
- energy including electricity and fuels?	No	No
- any other resources which are non-renewable or in short supply?	No	No
<b>(d) Production of Waste</b>		
Will the development produce wastes during construction or operation or decommissioning?		
- spoil, overburden or mine wastes?	No	No
- municipal waste (household and/or commercial)?	No	No
- hazardous or toxic wastes (including radioactive)?	No	No
- other industrial process wastes?	No	No
- surplus product?	No	No
- sewage sludge or other sludge's from effluent treatment?	No	No
- construction or demolition wastes?	No	No
- redundant machinery or equipment?	No	No
- contaminated soils or material?	No	No
- agricultural wastes?	No	No
- any other solid wastes?	No	No
- liquid or solid wastes in suspension?	No	No
<b>(e) Pollution and nuisances</b>		
Will the development release pollutants or any hazardous toxic or noxious substances to air?		
Emissions from:-		Only during the construction process and no significant pollution anticipated. May also be pollution from traffic including construction vehicles visiting the site. This would, however, be fully assessed in terms of air quality impact during any future planning application and this would not be considered significant in EIA terms.
- combustion of fossil fuels from stationary or mobile sources?	No	
- production processes?	No	
- materials handling including storage or transport?	No	
- construction activities including plant & equipment?	No	
- dust or odours from handling of materials including construction materials, sewage & waste?	No	
- incineration of waste?	No	
- burning of waste in open air (e.g. slash material, construction debris)?	No	
- any other sources?	No	





2 - LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT		(a) Yes/No (b) Briefly describe (c) Effect likely to be significant?
<b>(a) Existing land use</b>		
Are there existing land uses on or around the location which could be affected by the development, e.g. homes, gardens, other private property, industry, commerce, recreation, public open space, community facilities, agriculture, forestry, tourism, water catchments, functional floodplains, mining or quarrying?	Yes, golf course is nearby and beach are.	Not significant with proposed mitigation in place. The construction phase would involve noise , dust and vibration and would require vehicles and plant and machinery. Works are also similar to previously approved recharge works. A Construction Environmental Management Plan has also been submitted demonstrating how this would be mitigated against.
Are there any areas on or around the location which are occupied by sensitive land uses e.g. hospitals, schools, places of worship, community facilities, which could be affected?	Golf Course is nearby.	Not significant with proposed mitigation in place. The construction phase would involve noise , dust and vibration and would require vehicles and plant and machinery. Works are also similar to previously approved recharge works. A Construction Environmental Management Plan has also been submitted demonstrating how this would be mitigated against.
Is the development located in a previously undeveloped area where there will be a loss of greenfield land?	No	No
<b>(b) Relative abundance, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources in the area</b>		
Are there any areas on or around the location which contain important, high quality or scarce resources which could be affected by the development?		
- groundwater resources	No	No
- surface waters	No	No
- forestry	No	No
- agriculture	No	No
- fisheries	No	No
- tourism	No	No
- minerals	No	No
<b>(c) Absorption capacity of the natural environment.</b>		
Are there any areas on or around the location which are protected under international or national or local legislation for their ecological, landscape, cultural or other value, which could be affected by the development?	Yes, the site is located within the Tay/Eden Natura Complex (SAC/SPA) and the Eden Estuary SSSI. The site is also within a RAMSAR site and Local Nature Reserve.	Not significant with proposed mitigation in place. The construction phase would involve noise , dust and vibration and would require vehicles and plant and machinery. Works are also similar to previously approved recharge works. A Construction Environment Management Plan has also been submitted demonstrating how impacts on species and site would be mitigated against. The mitigation measures were accepted as having no significant impact on these areas under the previously approved application (08/01416/EEIA).

<p>Are there any other areas on or around the location which are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- wetlands, watercourses or other waterbodies</li> <li>- the coastal zone</li> <li>- mountains, forests or woodlands</li> <li>- nature reserves and parks</li> </ul>	<p>Yes Yes No No</p>	<p>Not significant with proposed mitigation in place. The construction phase would involve noise , dust and vibration and would require vehicles and plant and machinery.Works are also similar to previously approved recharge works. A Construction Environmental Management Plan has also been submitted demonstrating how impacts on species and site would be mitigated against. The mitigation measures were accepted as having no significant impact on these areas under the previously approved application (08/01416/EEIA).</p>
<p>Are there any areas on or around the location in which species and habitats or Local Biodiversity Action Plan importance are present?</p>	<p>Yes, the site is located within the Tay/Eden Natura Complex (SAC/SPA) and the Eden Estuary SSSI. The site is also within a RAMSAR site and Local Nature Reserve.</p>	<p>Not significant with proposed mitigation in place. The construction phase would involve noise , dust and vibration and would require vehicles and plant and machinery.Works are also similar to previously approved recharge works. A Construction Environment Management Plan has also been submitted demonstrating how impacts on species and site would be mitigated against. The mitigation measures were accepted as having no significant impact on these areas under the previously approved application (08/01416/EEIA).</p>
<p>Are there any areas on or around the location which are used by protected, important or sensitive species of fauna or flora e.g. for breeding, nesting, foraging, resting, overwintering, migration, which could be affected?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>See above</p>
<p>Are there any inland, coastal, marine or underground waters on or around the location which could be affected?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>See above</p>
<p>Are there any groundwater source protection zones or areas that contribute to the recharge of groundwater resources?</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Are there any areas or features of high landscape or scenic value on or around the location which could be affected?</p>	<p>Yes the Jubilee Links and Outhead Area are designated as Local Landscape Area in the Adopted FIFEplan (2017) and are also designated as being within the Greenbelt.</p>	<p>Not significant in EIA terms as the proposal would be for a small scale re-nourishment of the sand dune and the proposed re-profiling of the dune face would have no significant landscape impact in EIA terms. This matter would also be fully assessed under any future application for full planning permission.</p>

Are there any routes of facilities on or around the location which are used by the public for access to recreation or other facilities, which could be affected?	Yes, beach area and golf course.	Not significant with proposed mitigation in place. The construction phase would involve noise , dust and vibration and would require vehicles and plant and machinery. Works are also similar to previously approved recharge works. A Construction Environmental Management Plan has also been submitted demonstrating how impacts on species and site would be mitigated against. The mitigation measures were accepted as having no significant impact on these areas under the previously approved application (08/01416/EEIA).
Are there any transport routes on or around the location which are susceptible to congestion or which cause environmental problems, which could be affected?	None identified	No
Is the development in a location where it is likely to be highly visible to many people?	Yes	Not significant in EIA terms as the proposal would be for a small scale re-nourishment of the sand dune and the proposed re-profiling of the dune face would have no significant landscape impact in EIA terms. This matter would also be fully assessed under any future application for full planning permission.
Are there any areas or features of historic or cultural importance on or around the location which could be affected?	Yes	No
Are there any areas on or around the location which are already subject to pollution or environmental damage e.g. where existing legal environmental standards are exceeded, which could be affected?	Yes	No as works will re-nourish sand dunes and the nature based solution targets the erosion features.
Is the location of the development susceptible to earthquakes, subsidence, landslides, erosion, flooding or extreme or adverse climatic conditions e.g. temperature inversions, fogs, severe winds, which could cause the development to present environmental problems?	Yes	No as works will re-nourish sand dunes and the nature based solution targets the erosion features.

Based on SG's EIA Screening Checklist/Checklist for Wind Developments, Planning Circular 3/2011, and T&CP (EIA) (Scotland) Regs 2011

### CHECKLIST OF CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The checklist below is for use in conjunction with the Screening Checklist. It is based on the Characteristics of the Potential Impact of the 'Selection Criteria for The Screening Checklist provided a list of questions to help in identifying where there are potential interactions between a development and its proposed The following questions can be asked for each 'Yes' answer in the Screening Checklist, and the conclusion and reasons noted against the relevant answer.



CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACT	(a) Yes/No (b) Br	(c) Effect likely to be significant?
<b>(a) Extent of the impact</b>		
Will the effect extend over a large area?	Yes	No, could be seen from public roads, golf course and footpaths, however, would not have significant impact in EIA terms. Not significant in EIA terms as the proposal would be for a small scale re-nourishment of the sand dune and the proposed re-profiling of the dune face would have no significant landscape impact in EIA terms. This matter would also be fully assessed under any future application for full planning permission.
Will many people be affected?	No	
<b>(b) Transboundary nature of the impact</b>		
Will there be any potential for transboundary impact? (nb. Development which has a significant effect on the environment in another Member State is likely to be very rare. It is for the Scottish Ministers to consider whether there is likely to be such an effect in each case).	No	No
<b>(c) Magnitude and complexity of the impact</b>		
Will there be a large change in environmental conditions?	No	Not significant in EIA terms as the proposal would be for a small scale re-nourishment of the sand dune and the proposed re-profiling of the dune face would have no significant landscape impact in EIA terms. This matter would also be fully assessed under any future application for full planning permission.
Will the effect be unusual in the area or particularly complex?	No	No
Will many receptors other than people (fauna and flora, businesses, facilities) be affected?	Yes	No, as mitigation will be put in place.
Will valuable or scarce features or resources be affected?		No
Is there a risk that environmental standards will be breached?	No	No
Is there a risk that protected sites, areas, features will be affected?	Yes	No, as mitigation measures will ensure there is no significant environmental impact in EIA terms.
<b>(d) Probability of the impact</b>		
Is there a high probability of the effect occurring?	No	No, as mitigation measures will ensure there is no significant environmental impact in EIA terms.
Is there a low probability of a potential highly significant effect?	Yes	No
<b>(e) Duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact</b>		
Will the effect continue for a long time?	Yes	No
Will the effect be permanent rather than temporary?	Yes	No
Will the impact be continuous rather than intermittent?	Yes	No
If intermittent, will it be frequent rather than rare?	N/A	N/A
Will the impact be irreversible?	Yes	Yes
Will it be difficult to avoid or reduce or repair or compensate for the effect?	No	No

Based on SG's EIA Screening Checklist/Checklist for Wind Developments, Planning Circular 3/2011, and T&CP (EIA) (Scotland) Regs 2011

## **Conclusion**

The proposed development falls within Schedule 2, 10 (m) of the Regulations and the development requires a screening opinion as it involves coastal works to combat erosion and maritime works capable of altering the coast. The applicant has applied for a screening opinion (23/01186/SCR) and Fife Council as planning Authority has undertaken a screening as per Schedule 2 of the Regulations. Taking into account the characteristics of the development, the environmental sensitivity of its location, the characteristics of its potential impact, the proposed mitigation and the relevant criteria as shown above, Fife Council as Planning Authority has adopted the opinion that the proposal does not require an EIA.

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Scott Simpson  
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Date: 31st May 2023

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Lead Officer  
Date: 1st June 2023

**CHECKLIST NOTE** - Above EIA effects not considered significant in EIA terms unless otherwise indicated.



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Your Ref:

Our Ref: 23/01186/SCR

Date 31st May 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

**Application No:** 23/01186/SCR  
**Proposal:** EIA Screening Opinion for natural beach recharge and stabilisation works to dunes.

**Address:** Land To The North West Of West Sands Road West Sands  
Road St Andrews Fife

I refer to your screening opinion request received on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 requesting an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion for the above development. This letter along with the attached EIA Screening Opinion and EIA Screening Checklist constitutes the Council's formal Screening Opinion on whether an Environmental Impact Assessment is required for your development. The main assessment criteria outlined within PAN 1/2013 Environmental Impact Assessment and Circular 01/2017 The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 have been used in the assessment of this proposal.

You will note that the Council has concluded that an Environmental Impact Assessment would not be required for the development proposed within the submitted plans and supporting information.

Notwithstanding the above, I would advise any subsequent application for planning permission should comply with the applicable Development Plan policies and associated guidance as well as other applicable material considerations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

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## **MARINE LICENSING (PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013**

### **St Andrews Links Trust – Eden Estuary Outhead – Sand Recharge Project**

Thank you for your e-mail correspondence dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 regarding the pre-application consultation submitted by Ironside Farrar Ltd on behalf of **St Andrews Links Trust** for the sand recharge project at the Eden Estuary, St Andrews.

Northern Lighthouse Board have no objection to the proposed works and will respond to the Marine Licence application in due course.

Yours sincerely  
[Redacted]

Peter Douglas  
Navigation Manager

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## Keith McNeill

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**From:** navigation safety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 04 May 2023 10:15  
**To:** Outhead  
**Subject:** RE: Eden Estuary Outhead - Sand Recharge Project - Pre-application Consultation Event - 8th June 2023

Dear Project Team,

Thank you for the email, The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) is a statutory consultee and/or primary advisor to the Marine Licensing regulators throughout the UK. We have a variety responsibility including the safety of navigation, search and rescue, environmental quality and counter pollution, ship standards and seafarer safety and health. This is undertaken through a range of regulations and guidance, including as a coastal State under the International Maritime Organization's International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), and under the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, as amended.

The MCA is consulted on all Marine Licence applications under Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, and we consider the impact of any works or deployments in the marine environment on the safety of navigation and emergency response. We would always expect the application form to include consideration of the impact on safety, other marine users, and the potential risk mitigation measures, relative to the scale of the works.

The MCA provides a series of conditions and advisories to ensure the safety of navigation can be maintained during the construction and decommissioning of the works, and during the site operational phase. This is done at the formal consultation stage.

If you require any further information from the MCA with regards to our role in the licensing and consenting process, please let me know.

Kind Regards

**Sam Chudley**

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**Cc:** Outhead <outhead@ironsidefarrar.com>

**Subject:** Eden Estuary Outhead - Sand Recharge Project - Pre-application Consultation Event - 8th June 2023

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Good afternoon,

**St Andrews Links Trust, Eden Estuary Outhead – Sand Recharge Project, Pre-application Consultation Event**

A Marine Licence Application for Construction Projects will be submitted to Marine Scotland (MS-LOT) under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010. The application will be for a project comprising natural beach recharge and stabilisation of the dune system at the Eden Estuary Sands (NGR NO 493196), St Andrews. The project includes placing sand against the existing eroding dune system and to cover in-situ sloping gabion baskets for a length of approximately 175m along the dunes/parallel to the beach and extending seawards by some 25m – 30m.

The works will involve approximately 15,000m<sup>3</sup> of sand, which will be extracted from a donor site at the sand spit at Outhead in the same area used for extraction for previous recharge works in 2001 and 2008 (NGR NO 501202). The extraction will be via a shallow “cut” of between 0.25m-0.5m depth selecting the most readily available/accessible sand. Sand will be taken from an area where it is known that natural sand deposition will rapidly fill in the shallow depression created by the cut works and recreate the existing contours and profile.

A drawing illustrating proposed sand extraction and deposition areas alongside a brief project summary is attached. The scheme is currently undergoing detailed design, and construction drawings will be submitted alongside the MS-LOT application.

In order to share information on the proposals and gather community views, a pre-application consultation event will be held on **Thursday 8th June 2023 at the Jubilee Greenkeeping Centre, West Sands Road, St Andrews, KY16 9XL between 1200 and 1830**. Project information will be available to view and comment upon with the design team in attendance. Alternatively, project information can be requested by emailing [outhead@ironsidefarrar.com](mailto:outhead@ironsidefarrar.com). A newspaper notice has been placed in the Fife Courier (edition 26.04.23) notifying the community of the event.

Comments can be made by email ([outhead@ironsidefarrar.com](mailto:outhead@ironsidefarrar.com)), by phone (0131 550 6500, Mon – Fri, 9.00am - 5.30pm) or by post (FAO Outhead Team, Ironside Farrar Ltd, 111 McDonald Road, Edinburgh, EH7 4NW). All comments should be received no later than **Thursday 15th June 2023**.

*Comments made via email, post and in person are made to the prospective applicant and are not official representations to Marine Scotland MS-LOT. The comments made will be recorded in a report to be submitted alongside the construction project application. Once the application is submitted there will be a further formal opportunity for representations to be made to Marine Scotland MS-LOT during the determination period.*

Regards,

**Eden Estuary Outhead**  
Project Team

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**Subject:**

Good morning David,

Firstly apologies for the delay in replying to your email.

The draft RIAA is as expected very robust in its assessment of the potential impacts, I agree with the screening in and out justifications and that there will be no adverse impacts for any of the notified interests of the SACs and SPA.

Only one point really for your consideration, the conclusion is based on the project in isolation... you've stated no in combination affects, I don't think there are many if any activities like this occurring presently, just historically with SALTs extraction (mentioned in S1.1) for other dune and bunker replenishments and that should be discussed I think although minor MS will likely pick this up in their assessment for the licence, so there needs to be some consideration for 'in combination' impacts on historic grounds for the donor site. I think we can conclude that as the sediment replenishes almost immediately that there is no adverse impacts.

Hope that this is useful. Happy to chat.

All the best,

Gavin

### **Gavin Johnson | Operations Officer - South**

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**From** [Redacted]  
**Sent:**  
**To:** Gavin Johnson <Gavin.Johnson@nature.scot>  
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Gavin

Hope all is well with you.

Attached is Version 3 of the Out Head Recharge RIAA.

Everyone involved in its production would be extremely grateful for any comment you would like to make. All amendments and criticisms are welcome 😊



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**Sent:** 09 June 2023 12:34  
**To:** Outhead  
**Subject:** RE: Eden Estuary Outhead - Sand Recharge Project - Pre-application Consultation Event - 8th June 2023

Thanks Neil,

Unfortunately I couldn't make it along to the consultation event, but thank you for sending the presentation boards though. I'll have a look through them in conjunction with the planning application and Marine Scotland licence application.

Best wishes and thanks again  
Scott

**Scott Shanks** | He, Him  
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**Subject:** RE: Eden Estuary Outhead - Sand Recharge Project - Pre-application Consultation Event - 8th June 2023

Scott,

Apologies for the delay. I'm not sure whether you managed to make it along to the event today or not? Please see attached presentation boards for today's event.

The full set of drawings and reports will be issued in support of a planning application to Fife Council next week. A Marine Scotland application will follow towards the end of June.

Regards,

Neil

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**Subject:** RE: Eden Estuary Outhead - Sand Recharge Project - Pre-application Consultation Event - 8th June 2023

Many thanks, that would be great.

Best wishes, Scott

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**From:** Outhead <[outhead@ironsidefarrar.com](mailto:outhead@ironsidefarrar.com)>  
**Sent:** 10 May 2023 11:30  
**To:** Scott Shanks <[Scott.Shanks@rspb.org.uk](mailto:Scott.Shanks@rspb.org.uk)>; Outhead <[outhead@ironsidefarrar.com](mailto:outhead@ironsidefarrar.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Eden Estuary Outhead - Sand Recharge Project - Pre-application Consultation Event - 8th June 2023

Good morning Scott,

We are currently working on detailed design drawings and supporting ecological information that will be submitted in support of a planning application for the project and will be made available at the consultation event. These are not quite ready, however will be completed during the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> May. We will send you a package of information for the project once all documents are finalised. This will be ahead of the consultation event.

Many thanks.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 10:35 AM  
**To:** Outhead <[outhead@ironsidefarrar.com](mailto:outhead@ironsidefarrar.com)>  
**Subject:** FW: Eden Estuary Outhead - Sand Recharge Project - Pre-application Consultation Event - 8th June 2023

Good Morning

I'm am hoping to attend the Eden Estuary Sand recharge consultation event on Thursday 8th June 2023 at the Jubilee Greenkeeping Centre, West Sands Road, but may have a meeting conflict on that day.  
Would it be possible to get sent a copy of the project information for the Eden Estuary Sand Recharge proposal?

Kind regards, Scott

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**Sent:** 25 April 2023 16:55

**Cc:** Outhead <[outhead@ironsidefarrar.com](mailto:outhead@ironsidefarrar.com)>

**Subject:** Eden Estuary Outhead - Sand Recharge Project - Pre-application Consultation Event - 8th June 2023

Good afternoon,

**St Andrews Links Trust, Eden Estuary Outhead – Sand Recharge Project, Pre-application Consultation Event**

A Marine Licence Application for Construction Projects will be submitted to Marine Scotland (MS-LOT) under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010. The application will be for a project comprising natural beach recharge and stabilisation of the dune system at the Eden Estuary Sands (NGR NO 493196), St Andrews. The project includes placing sand against the existing eroding dune system and to cover in-situ sloping gabion baskets for a length of approximately 175m along the dunes/parallel to the beach and extending seawards by some 25m – 30m.

The works will involve approximately 15,000m<sup>3</sup> of sand, which will be extracted from a donor site at the sand spit at Outhead in the same area used for extraction for previous recharge works in 2001 and 2008 (NGR NO 501202). The extraction will be via a shallow “cut” of between 0.25m-0.5m depth selecting the most readily available/accessible sand. Sand will be taken from an area where it is known that natural sand deposition will rapidly fill in the shallow depression created by the cut works and recreate the existing contours and profile.

A drawing illustrating proposed sand extraction and deposition areas alongside a brief project summary is attached. The scheme is currently undergoing detailed design, and construction drawings will be submitted alongside the MS-LOT application.

In order to share information on the proposals and gather community views, a pre-application consultation event will be held on **Thursday 8th June 2023 at the Jubilee Greenkeeping Centre, West Sands Road, St Andrews, KY16 9XL between 1200 and 1830**. Project information will be available to view and comment upon with the design team in attendance. Alternatively, project information can be requested by emailing [outhead@ironsidefarrar.com](mailto:outhead@ironsidefarrar.com). A newspaper notice has been placed in the Fife Courier (edition 26.04.23) notifying the community of the event.

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Regards,

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**From:** Pauline McGrow <Pauline.McGrow@ryascotland.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 15 May 2023 09:04  
**To:** Outhead  
**Subject:** RE: Eden Estuary Outhead - Sand Recharge Project - Pre-application Consultation Event - 8th June 2023

Hi,

Many thanks for your email. I write to inform you that RYA Scotland have no comment that they wish to make on this application.

Kind Regards

Pauline

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**To:** Pauline McGrow <Pauline.McGrow@ryascotland.org.uk>  
**Subject:** Eden Estuary Outhead - Sand Recharge Project - Pre-application Consultation Event - 8th June 2023

Good morning,

Apologies if this is directed to the wrong email address. I'd be grateful if you could forward to the relevant person within your organisation.

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Regards,

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**From:** Planning South <Planning.South@sepa.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 27 June 2023 12:31  
**To:** Outhead  
**Subject:** RE: SEPA Ref: 8977 - Sand Recharge Eden Estuary Outhead

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Good afternoon,

Jonathan is on leave at the moment, but as he has advised, we will provide comments directly to Fife Council (and Marine Scotland) if we are consulted.

Many thanks

**Jess Taylor**  
Senior Planning Officer  
Planning Service

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Please see download link and instructions below for the project information. You are correct that the works require planning consent and an application has been submitted to Fife Council. This is currently being registered and I am sure you will be consulted.

We plan to submit an application to Marine Scotland shortly. Any comments you may have on the scheme in the meantime would be most welcome.

Regards,

**Eden Estuary Outhead**  
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**To:** Outhead <[outhead@ironsidefarrar.com](mailto:outhead@ironsidefarrar.com)>  
**Subject:** SEPA Ref: 8977 - Sand Recharge Eden Estuary Outhead

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To whom it may concern

**Marine (Scotland) Act 2010**  
**Sand Recharge**  
**Eden Estuary Outhead**

On 02 June 2023 we requested all necessary project information so that we could provide pre-application comments. No information has been forthcoming. We therefore offer no comment as this point. We will

provide a formal response when we are consulted by Marine Scotland. It is possible that these works will also require planning permission.

We note that the proposed works are very similar to works that were carried out in 2001 and 2008. All works will need to be in accordance with any regulatory requirements that are applicable. These can be found on the [regulations section](#) of our website. If you are unable to find the advice you need for a specific regulatory matter, please contact a member of the local compliance team at: [FAD@sepa.org.uk](mailto:FAD@sepa.org.uk).

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

Kind regards,  
Jonathan Werritty  
Senior Planning Officer / Planning Officer

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