

Appendix One

Consultation Responses

Scottish Environment Protection Agency

Hutchison D (David) (MSC)

From: Planning.North <Planning.North@sepa.org.uk>
Sent: 21 December 2021 10:25
To: Hutchison D (David) (MSC)
Subject: RE: SCR-0032 – HIAL Ltd (per Jacobs UK Ltd) – Riverbank Protection Works – Barra Airport, Barra - Consultation on Request for Screening Opinion – Response Required by 25 January 2022 - SEPA Response 3772

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Hi David,

Many thanks for the consultation below. In terms of EIA screening, for matters within our remit we do not require an EIA. Further advice is given below.

As this falls below Mean High Water Springs (MHWS), we do not regulate engineering works within the water environment. We have no concerns regarding the proposed works and therefore, we do not need to be consulted at the application stage either. Instead we would refer you to our standing advice in [SEPA standing advice for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Marine Scotland on marine consultations](#). For information, when we were consulted by Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar on their screening opinion, they had a more recent version of the Jacobs Report dated 2 November 2021.

I hope this is of help but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards

Cerian

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Our case ID: 300055735
Your ref: SCR-0032

25 January 2022

Dear Marine Scotland

[The Marine Works \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017](#)
[SCR-0032 - HIAL Ltd \(per Jacobs UK Ltd\) - Riverbank Protection Works - Barra Airport, Barra -](#)
[Consultation on Request for Screening Opinion](#)
[Request for Screening Opinion](#)

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 21 December 2021 seeking our comments on an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening opinion for the above proposed development. This letter contains our comments for our historic environment interests. That is world heritage sites, scheduled monuments and their setting, category A-listed buildings and their setting, gardens and designed landscapes and battlefields on their respective Inventories and Historic Marine Protected Areas.

Your archaeological and conservation advisors will also be able to offer advice for their interests. This may include unscheduled archaeology, category B- and C-listed buildings and conservation areas.

Our Screening opinion

We understand the proposals relate to the installation of a rock armour geotextile solution to reinforce a riverbank adjacent to one of the runways at the Barra Airport on Barra in the Outer Hebrides. We have no comments to make on the requirement or otherwise for an EIA for this proposed development.

There are no heritage assets within our remit either within, or in the immediate vicinity of, the proposed development. We are therefore content that the proposed works are unlikely to have significant impacts on assets within our statutory remit.

We hope this is helpful. Please contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Samuel Fox and they can be contacted by phone on 0131 668 6890 or by email on samuel.fox@hes.scot.

Yours faithfully

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Good Afternoon David,

My apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

We have undertaken a screening of our own on this application, it was concluded that the proposals did not constitute EIA development. Our decision and the screening assessment of the proposals can be accessed [here](#). I have listed the reasons below for your convenience:

1. The objective and impacts of the proposed development on the environment post-construction are similar to the existing bunding in terms of the effect on designations and on the marine environment.
2. The size of the development in its own right and cumulatively with other land uses in the area, is not of a scale that would generate levels of activity from construction that would be considered likely to result in a significant impact on the environment.
3. There are no pollutants arising from removal of the previous bund or the construction of these works that cannot be mitigated against and successfully managed as outlined withing the information provided by the applicant.
4. The geographical area affected by the proposal is sufficiently small and its' height sufficiently limited for the development to be absorbed by the surrounding landscape.
5. The risk of accidents likely to result in any significant effect on the environment is considered to be low.
6. There is no known presence of protected species within, or in close proximity to, the application site and while there is potential habitat for otter, it is noted that surveys have been and will be carried out post construction and their mitigation implemented. While the bund may create a physical obstruction to some species, it does not encircle the beach or prevent access entirely.
7. The likely reduction in the maintenance and reconstruction requirements in the long term.

Kind Regards,

Lee

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Dear David,

THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 (AS AMENDED) ("the EIA Regulations")

CONSULTATION UNDER PART 2, REGULATION 10(5) OF THE EIA REGULATIONS

SCR-0032 – HIAL Ltd (per Jacobs UK Ltd) – Riverbank Protection Works – Barra Airport, Barra

Thank you for consulting us on this screening request.

NatureScot Advice – EIA screening

It is NatureScot's policy that EIA screening decisions must be made solely by the competent authority. Our role at this stage is to advise you on the environmental receptors within our remit which may be affected by the proposal and which should be assessed, whether through EIA or other means.

Screening advice

1. Protected sites:

1.1 Eoligarry SSSI

The proposal lies within the Eoligarry SSSI designated for its sand dunes, machair and geomorphology features on national importance. The works being considered through this screening are all below MHWS and as such will not overlap with machair or sand dune features of the site. While there may be some effects on the geomorphology feature **we advise that significant effects are not likely on this feature or on the SSSI overall.** This is because of the limited scale and influence the proposal will have in geomorphological processes within the site.

1.2 West coast of the Outer Hebrides SPA & Sound of Barra SAC

The proposal lies within 750m and 250m of these sites respectively. Considering the scale and nature of the proposal it is unlikely to have any significant connectivity with the designated features of these sites. **We advise that significant effects are not likely on the West Coast of the Outer Hebrides SPA or the Sound of Barra SAC.**

If you need any further information please let me know,

Deagh dhùrachd,

Patrick

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