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Your ref: SCR- 0057
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Dear Maureen McIntyre

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017
SCR- 0057 - Vonin Scotland Limited (per PJME Consultants Ltd) - Land Reclamation -
Altanavaig Quarry, Kyelakin, Isle of Skye
Request for Screening Opinion

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 11 July 2023 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 comprising 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. In this case our advice also includes matters relating to marine archaeology outwith the scope of the terrestrial planning system.

The relevant local authority's 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 are content that an EIA is not required for this proposed development for matters within our historic environment remit as identified above.

Our advice

We note that the area covered by this proposal was quarried away for sand and gravel in the mid-20th century. It is likely that any marine historic environment assets within the proposed area for the development would have been removed during those extraction works. We are therefore content that significant effects on the marine historic environment are unlikely.

We are content that there are no terrestrial assets within our remit which would be likely to experience any significant effects to their setting.



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We are therefore content that further detailed environmental assessment is not required for our historic environment remit.

We hope this is helpful. Please contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Deirdre Cameron who can be contacted by phone on 0131 668 8896 or by email on Deirdre.Cameron@hes.scot .

Yours sincerely

Historic Environment Scotland

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Dear Maureen,

Thank you for your consultation.

Considering the proposed land reclamation by itself, and taking into account the proposed mitigation measures (which appear to be standard 'good practice'), our advice is that this proposal is **unlikely to have significant effects on the environment**.

As stated in the applicant's 'Environmental Appraisal' the area of foreshore proposed for work is small (0.06ha) and has already been modified by previous/adjacent works on the foreshore. Impacts on coastal currents are unlikely to be significant. Indirect impacts on the marine environment via pollution or INNS can be mitigated via 'good practice' measures.

For the avoidance of doubt, the above comments relate only to EIA scoping and are not intended as comments on the Marine Licence or Planning applications. They also apply only to the proposals as submitted and not necessarily subsequent amendments.

Regards

Alex

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SEPA response 9775

Dear Maureen

Thank you for your email below regarding the need for EIA for the proposed land reclamation at Kyelakin. Based on the information provided, it appears that this application falls below the thresholds for which SEPA provide site specific advice. SEPA can confirm that in relation to our environmental interests in this project, the development will not likely have significant effects and as a result EIA is not required from our perspective.

Please refer to our [SEPA standing advice for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Marine Scotland on marine consultations](#).

If there is a significant site-specific issue, not addressed by our guidance or other information provided on our website, with which you would want our advice, then please reconsult us highlighting the issue in question and we will try our best to assist.

Kind regards

Laura

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Hi Maureen,

Thanks for getting in touch. As Mark mentioned Highland Council are currently processing the associated application for the terrestrial development, including the land reclamation aspects that would cross-over for us jurisdictionally.

We received the application without a prior request for an EIA screening opinion. We notified the applicant that an EIA screening opinion is required under both the terrestrial and marine EIA regs, and had sought an extension to our EIA screening response. This has subsequently been delayed as aspects of the landward side of the development have been amended. We have not yet formally notified the applicant of the Council's EIA screening opinion but intend to proceed with this in the coming week, as such I am not currently in a position to advise the MD-LOT regarding Highland Council's EIA screening opinion.

I assume the development is being considered under Marine Works EIA regs as development matching schedule 2, part 1 (e) 'the reclamation of land from sea'. One point I can be clear on, as per Mark's email below, is that we do not consider these land reclamation aspects of the project as likely to give rise to significant environmental effects. This is on the basis that the footprint of the works are unlikely to result in impacts on features of high ecological sensitivity or value, the reclamation itself is essentially infilling a stretch of already heavily modified coast and the overall area is relatively modest in its spatial extent. I would note the this land reclamation activity will support several landward aspects of the wider project which may give rise to several other slightly more complex impacts with potential for significance. These include the generation of waste, odour and noise, discharges of treatment effluent to the marine environment and access and transport to the facility by both land and sea. Information supporting the application details mitigation both operational and embedded in the design to address these matters. I'm not clear to what extent MD-LOT would consider impacts deriving from terrestrial sources but I would assume there is some requirement to do so in considering the project as a whole.

If you require any further input please feel free to get in touch,
Jethro

