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Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm

Application for Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm Limited for Consent to Construct and Operate a Generating Station, Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm

Electricity Act 1989

The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990

The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017

Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007

Dear Kirsten,

The Applicant, Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm Limited (BOWFL) are proposing the development of the Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm, herein referred to as the Project.

This application is being submitted by BOWFL for:

- Consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 (Section 36 Consent) for the construction and operation of an offshore generating station (the Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm); and

This letter is also accompanied by applications for the following Marine Licences under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009:

- Marine Licence for the Generating Station consisting of: Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs), WTG foundations, inter array cables and associated scour and cable protection.
- Marine Licence for the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure consisting of: up to three Offshore Substation Platforms (OSPs), OSP foundations, up to three interconnector cables, up to three export cables and associated scour and cable protection.

Overview of the Project

The Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm Array Area is approximately 187 km², 38 km from the Aberdeenshire coast and is located within the Scottish Offshore Region. The proposed Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm comprises:

- Up to 67 WTGs, spaced no less than 1,086 m;
- A maximum rotor blade diameter of 326 m, maximum blade tip height of 359.12 m (above LAT) and a minimum blade clearance of 33.12 m (above LAT);

- Up to 151 km of up to 132 kV inter-array cables;
- Scour protection around substructures and cable protection (if required);
- Deployment of buoys (including construction marker buoys and metocean buoys if required);
and
- All foundations, substructures, fixtures, fittings, fixings and protections.

Power will be exported to the National Electricity Transmission Network via an agreed Grid Connection Point in Aberdeenshire. Some elements of the offshore transmission infrastructure may be located within the Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm Array Area but will be covered by a separate, accompanying, Marine Licence application.

Documentation Enclosed and Application Fees

BOWFL has been in regular correspondence with Marine Directorate Licensing Operations Team regarding the Section 36 Consent and Marine Licence application for the proposed Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm. The application documents submitted consist of the following:

- Application Form
- Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report
- Site Drawings
- Planning Statement
- EIA Report (including Non-Technical Summary – the EIA Report covers the Proposed Development (Offshore))
- Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment
- Derogation Case without prejudice
- Gap Analysis
- Supporting Documentation and appendices (outline management plans, MPA assessment)
- Application fees for the Section 36 Consent and for the Marine Licence for the proposed Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm will be paid electronically on receipt of invoice from Scottish Government.



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Related Applications

A separate Marine Licence application has been submitted under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for the deposit of substances and objects and the construction, alteration or improvement of works within the Scottish Marine Area and Scottish Offshore Region in relation to the Bowdun Offshore Transmission Infrastructure.

The Bowdun Onshore Transmission Infrastructure associated with the Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm Project is subject to a separate application for planning under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. The Onshore application was submitted in November 2025 to Aberdeenshire Council (Planning reference: APP/2025/1952).

The Applicant is a generation licence holder under Section 6 of the Electricity Act 1989.

Public Notices

We confirm that public notices regarding the applications will be placed on Thistle Wind Partners website, in the Press and Journal for two successive weeks and in the Edinburgh Gazette, Daily Record and Fishing News for one week.

A copy of applications, with a plan showing the area to which they relate, together with a copy of the EIA Report presenting Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm Limited’s proposal and an analysis of the environmental implications will be made available for public inspection at the below locations.

Location	Address	Opening Hours
Stonehaven Library	Evan Street, Stonehaven, AB39 2ET	Monday: Closed, Tuesday: 09:00 – 18:00, Wednesday 09:00 – 17:00, Thursday: Closed, Friday: 09:00 – 17:00, Saturday: 10:00 – 14:00, Sunday: Closed

Once the applications have been accepted by Marine Directorate Licensing Operations Team, the EIA Report and Non-Technical Summary will be published online at: <https://www.thistlewindpartners.scot/>.

We look forward to hearing from you in relation to the formal acceptance of the applications. Please do not hesitate to contact Rhona MacDonald (via[Redacted]) if we can be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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