

Subject	Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited (NnGOWL) Seabed Preparation Marine Licence Variation Request - MS-00009978		
To	Marine Directorate Operations and Licensing Team (MD-LOT)		
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1 Introduction

Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited (NnGOWL) Seabed Preparation Marine Licence is due to expire on 31st January 2023. The Licence covers boulder clearance work required for offshore wind turbine locations and cable pre-lay grapnel runs required for inter-array cable routes, along with other supporting seabed preparation works.

This note has been prepared for issue to the Marine Directorate Licensing Operations Team (MD-LOT) to support a request to extend the Marine Licence until 31st July 2024, to cover until the completion of construction works and any remedial works, at Neart na Gaoithe offshore wind farm.

Based on the existing duration of this licence, since December 2019, the activity is not considered to have potential to cause harm to the environment, human health or to interfere with other uses of the sea, and this is considered by NnGOWL to be a non-material variation. There are no changes in the methodology or footprints outlined in the initial licence application supporting documentation.

2 Requirement for Variation

The final activities in the construction period for Neart na Gaoithe offshore wind farm, are the completion of inter-array cables and turbine installation works. A pre-lay grapnel run will be carried out on each cable route and therefore may be required up until the completion of the last cable installation.

All foundations are installed now at NnGOWL, however jacking operations may still be required throughout turbine installation.

Table 1 Variation Required to MS - 00009978

DESCRIPTION	VARIATION
Expiry date of Marine Licence	From 31 st January 2024 to 31 st July 2024

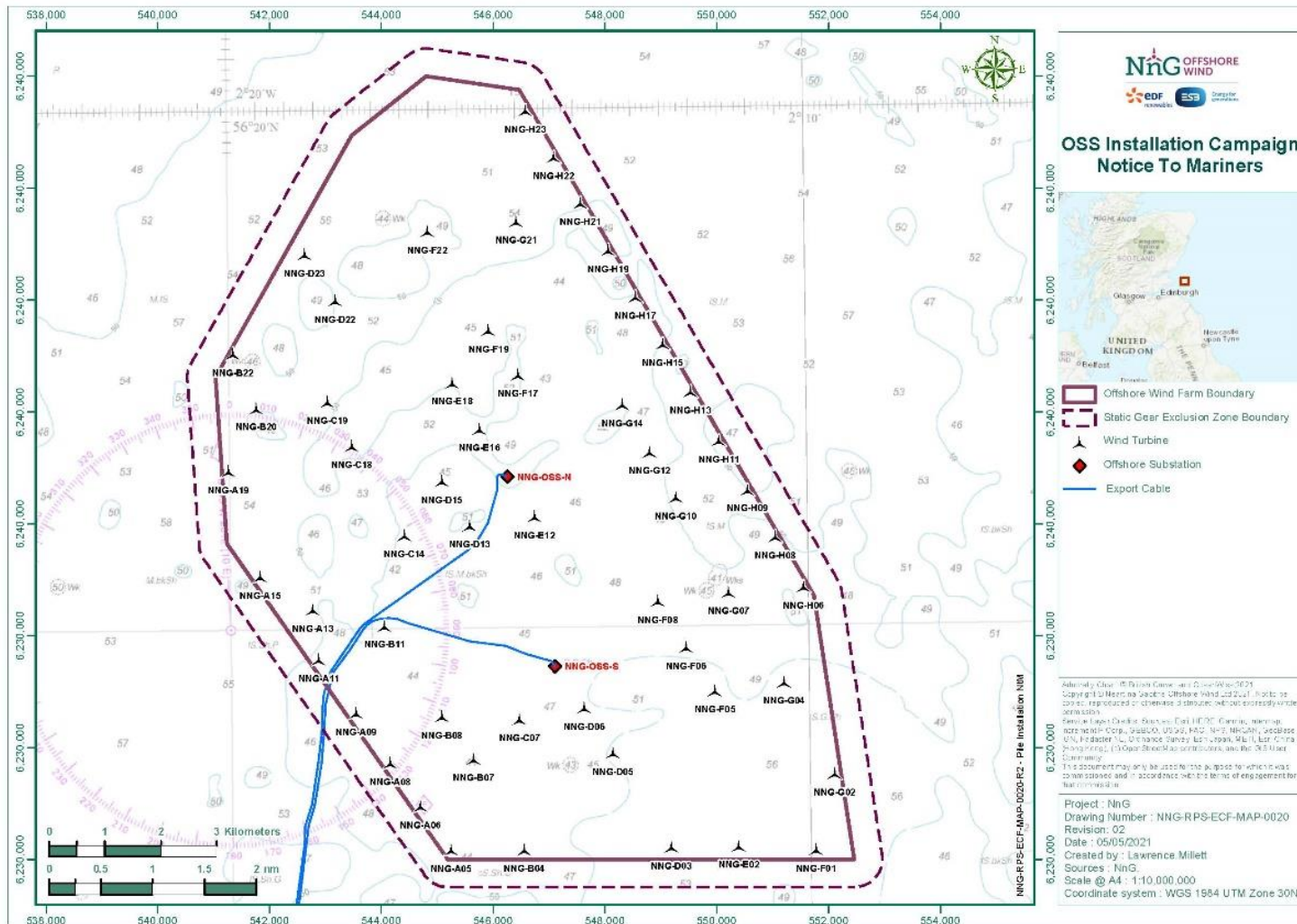


Figure 1 – Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm