

Appendix 4.5 Gatecheck 1 Responses

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28 November 2018

Dear Ms McInnes

[Yell Wind Farm - Gatecheck 1 Report](#)

Thank you for your consultation email of 21 November seeking our comments on the above Gatecheck 1 Report.

We have reviewed the submitted report and can now confirm the following:

- We are satisfied the report shows that the forthcoming application will contain information requested by us during the scoping exercise;
- We are satisfied with the nature of studies in relation to our historic environment interests at the national level (scheduled monuments and their settings, category A-listed buildings and their settings, Inventory gardens and designed landscapes and Inventory battlefields) undertaken to date;
- We are content that the developer has engaged with us in an appropriate manner and the report accurately reflects our position.

I hope this response will be of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this letter.

Yours sincerely

Historic Environment Scotland

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Alison Wilson

10 December 2018

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Dear Ms McInnes

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017
Yell Wind Farm Proposal - Gatecheck report stage 1

Thank you for your consultation email, which SEPA received on 21 November 2018, regarding the Gatecheck 1 report issued for the above wind farm proposal, dated October 2018.

We note and welcome the proposal has gone through several design reiterations, taking into consideration issues such as avoidance of peat and adequate buffers between the built infrastructure and watercourses. We welcome that as further environmental baseline information is gathered this will be further used to inform the layout.

We welcome the summary of Scoping Comments and Response to Consultees in the various tables which is very helpful. But in regard to the proposed borrow pits, we note from Table 9 that the requested Site Management Plan will be included within the EIAR however "The EIAR will contain the locations of the proposed borrow pit search areas. Detailed ground investigations and assessment of these borrow pit search areas will be undertaken post-consent and information requested by SEPA submitted prior to construction."

We advise the information detailed in Section 6 of Appendix 1 of our letter of 12 January 2018 (our reference PCS/156282) must be **provided in the EIAR** in regard to the **borrow pits** post consent.


We previously requested that it should be ensured that any new/temporary access roads are designed in such a way to maintain the existing ground levels and not result in an elevation of the land as far as is reasonably achievable. This will ensure that no flood plain storage is lost as a result of the roads development. The response in Table 9 indicates that "Areas of floating tracks will result in raised track. This will be assessed for each catchment in terms of any impact on flooding". We welcome this approach and we will be happy to assess any future flood risk assessments.

Subject to the above, we are generally satisfied that the environmental issues, as detailed in our scoping response, are covered by the proposed actions by Energy Isles Ltd detailed in the Gatecheck Report.

We trust this information is of assistance to you. However, if you have any queries relating to this letter, please contact me by telephone on 01224 266656 or e-mail at planning.aberdeen@sepa.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Ecopy to consultant: Alan Farningham. 

Rebecca Todd

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Dear Theresa

Thank you for consulting us over this. We are content that the issues we raised in our scoping response will be addressed in the EIA report. I would just clarify that SNH's remit covers peatland habitats - peat as a physical material is SEPA's area of responsibility. Our comments on peatland are therefore more relevant to the ecology chapter than to geology and peat.

Regards

Jonathan Swale | Operations Officer

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Dear Key Consultees

I refer to the Gatecheck 1 report issued for the above wind farm proposal which provides an update on the status of the proposed development. It summarises the design iteration process which the Applicant has undertaken to date and how they intend to respond to the points raised within the Scoping Opinion.

If you wish to discuss this gatecheck consultation or have any problems accessing any of the documents from our website, please contact me using the details below. You may wish to contact the consultant directly [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or on [REDACTED].

I look forward to receiving your gatecheck response in due course.

Kind regards

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