

## Appendix 3.2 Consultation with SNH

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By email to [REDACTED]

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Dear Rebecca

### **Energy Isles Wind Farm, Yell – revised layout**

Thank you for your emails of 14<sup>th</sup> October with wireline drawings of the proposed changes to the wind farm layout by removing turbines T1, T2, T3 and T7.

We have assessed the effect of these changes against our original appraisal of the impacts on the Special Qualities of the Shetland National Scenic Area (NSA). Our conclusion is that, although the removal of the four turbines does reduce to a degree the perceived scale of the proposal in the horizontal spread of turbines visible in the views from the NSA, significant effects on the special qualities will be substantively unchanged. In particular there will be no change to the vertical scale of the development, such that turbines will still be prominent on the horizon and remain a significant and detracting focus. This would still be a very large scale development and well above the assessed capacity of the landscape.

We conclude that the proposed reduction in the layout does not substantially mitigate the significant adverse effects of the development, individually and cumulatively, on the special qualities of the NSA. Our position therefore remains unchanged.

Yours sincerely

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