

Appendix 6.2 Consultation with SNH

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Subject: FW: Consultation Query re. Application for the proposed Energy Isles Wind Farm, South of Gloop on the Island of Yell.

From: Jonathan Swale [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 January 2020 11:55
To: Gareth Lang
Cc: Graham Neville
Subject: RE: Consultation Query re. Application for the proposed Energy Isles Wind Farm, South of Gloop on the Island of Yell.

Hi Gareth

The necessary information appears to be there in various parts of the EIA report (although I haven't gone through the raw data in Appendix 6.2 in detail) but it isn't clear that it has been properly applied in the collision risk analysis. We have reviewed the shadow HRA and agree with its conclusions other than with regard to Bluemull and Colgrave Sounds pSPA where we don't believe that impacts on site integrity can be ruled out until the collision risk for red-throated diver is clarified.

Regards

Jonathan

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From: Gareth Lang [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 January 2020 16:04
To: Graham Neville <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Consultation Query re. Application for the proposed Energy Isles Wind Farm, South of Gloop on the Island of Yell.

Hello,

I am writing to clarify a point made by Scottish Natural Heritage in the consultation response dated 15 July 2019 in respect of the Application for the proposed Energy Isles Wind Farm, South of Gloop on the Island of Yell.

In Para 3.5, it is stated:

In our view, the proposal is likely to have a significant effect on the red-throated diver population of Bluemull and Colgrave Sounds pSPA. Consequently, Scottish Ministers are required to carry out an appropriate assessment in view of the site's conservation objectives for its qualifying interest. Our advice is that it is not possible to conclude on the basis of the assessment provided in the EIAR that there will not be an adverse effect on site integrity as the collision risk analysis appears to be flawed.

It is not clear whether the comment relates solely to issues with the collision risk analysis, or whether there is also a lack of supporting information to allow an appropriate assessment to be carried out. Note that the full assessment

of effects on the integrity of the pSPA were provided in a separate Shadow Habitats Regulations Appraisal report. Can you confirm that this HRA report has been received and reviewed by SNH?

I would be grateful if you could clarify the above point as soon as possible, as it will ensure that amendments to the EIAR are appropriately focussed.

Best wishes

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