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# Application Document 1

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Materials

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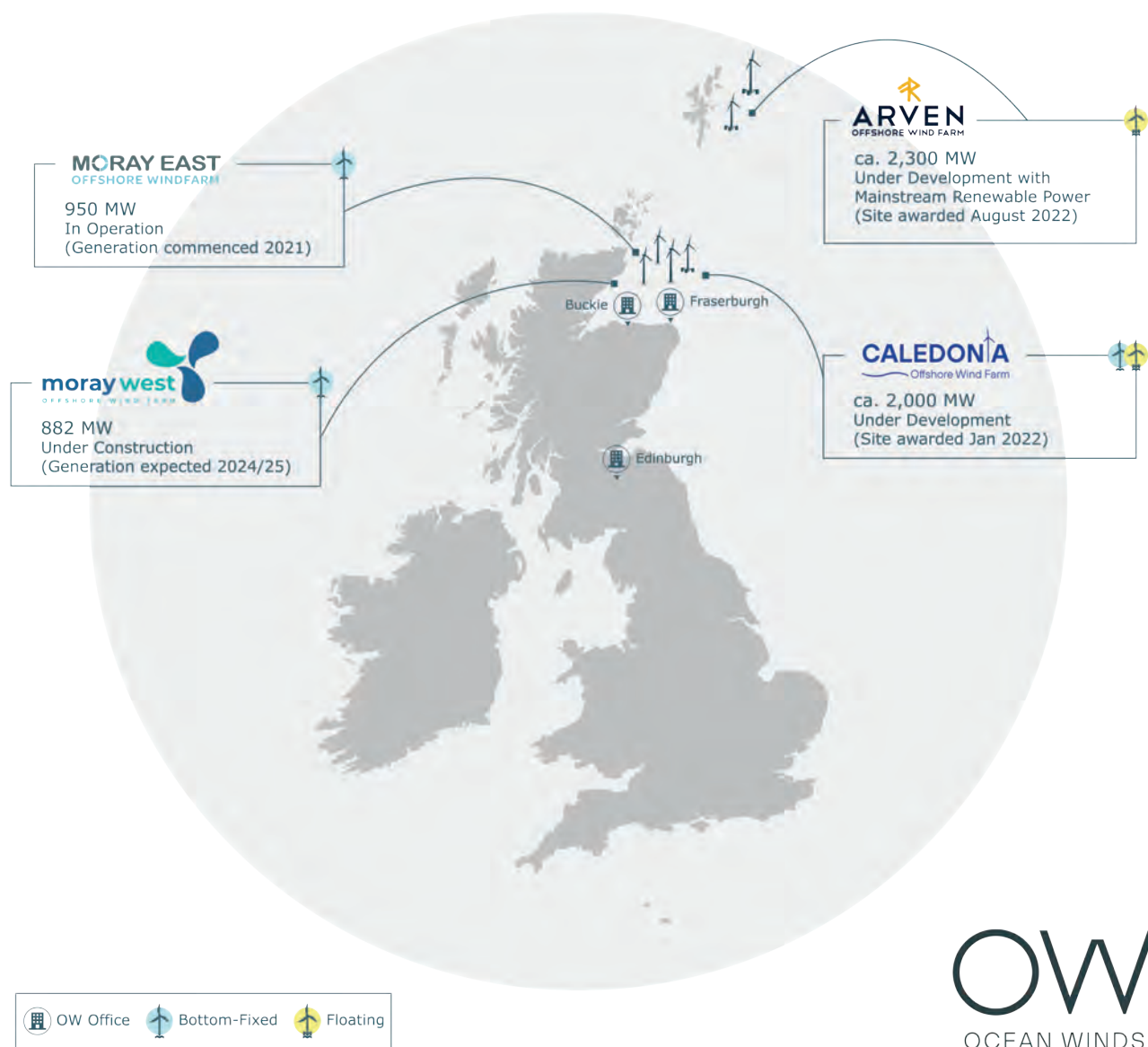
# **1 In-Person and Virtual Consultation Materials**

## Who Are OW?

Ocean Winds is an international company dedicated to offshore wind and was created as a 50/50 joint venture by EDP Renewables and Engie. Based on our belief that offshore wind energy is an essential part of the global energy transition, we develop, finance, build and operate offshore wind farm projects all around the world.

We have one of the largest portfolios of projects in the UK, at around 6.1 GW, including Moray East (operational), Moray West (under construction) and Caledonia (in development) in the Moray Firth, and Arven (in development) off the coast of Shetland.

### OW in the UK 4 projects with + 6 GW (gross)



### Over 12 years experience in the Moray Firth...



**Proven site**  
Next to Ocean Winds' existing Moray Firth wind farms. Scotland knows we can deliver clean energy safely and successfully here.



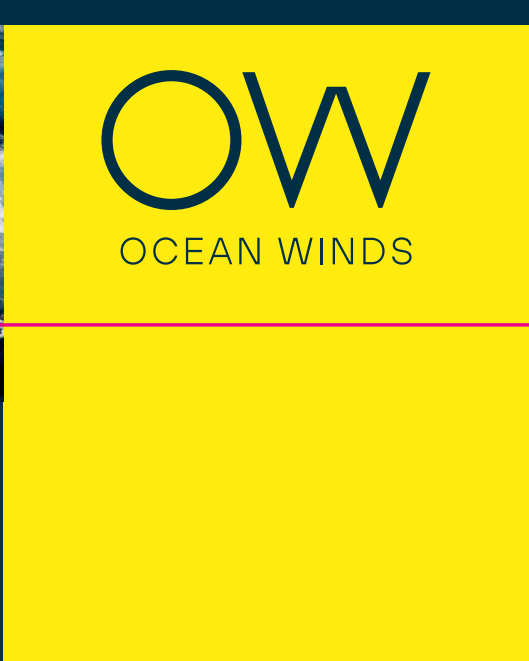
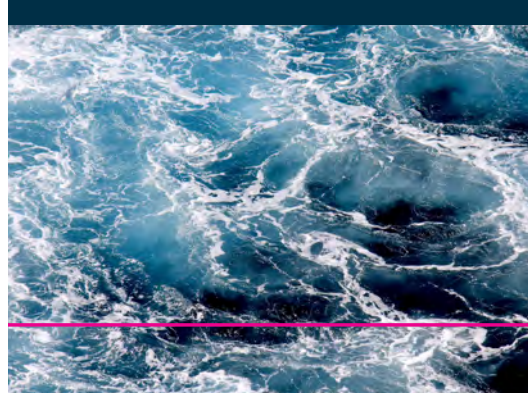
**Proven technology**  
Our experience developing Moray East and Moray West will accelerate cost reduction for Caledonia. Now, we're focused on optimising our technology and sharing lessons.



**Proven developer**  
In at the start of the industry in Scotland. We take projects from concept through construction to operation, we deliver what we say we will



**Proven relationships**  
Existing relations with key stakeholders are strong. We have a deep understanding of the area and this enables data rich development.





## Need for the Project?

### Need for Generation

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- Policies to achieve carbon emission reductions by electrifying heating and transport increase demand for electricity, meanwhile the UK's conventional thermal power stations have reached the end of their working life.
- Recent international events have demonstrated how instability and exposure to global markets drives up consumer prices. The UK urgently needs to increase its ability to generate the power it needs from its own resources to provide energy independence and affordability.
- Offshore wind is proven as the lowest cost way to add large amounts generation capacity to the grid and the UK Government has a target of installing 50GW by 2030.
- As a consequence of its size and location, the Caledonia Offshore Wind Farm is one of the lowest cost, and quickest offshore wind projects to deliver.



### Need for Transmission

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# What is the Project?

## Windfarm

- 429km<sup>2</sup> Scotwind site adjacent to Moray East
- 2GW Capacity – delivered in 2 phases according to grid availability (connections anticipated in 2030 & 2033)
- Up to 140 turbines
- 40km from coast – close enough to use AC transmission technology, eliminating costs associated with additional infrastructure required for DC.
- Fixed foundation across most of the site, options for floating foundations in deeper water
- Up to 4 Offshore Substation Platforms

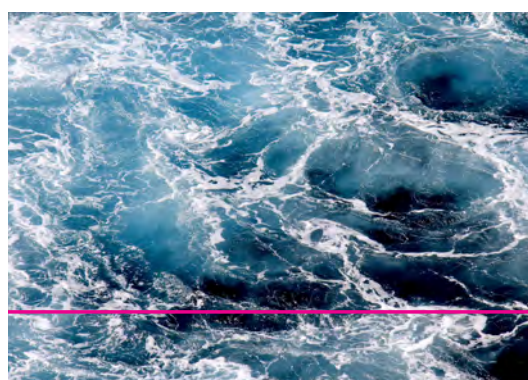
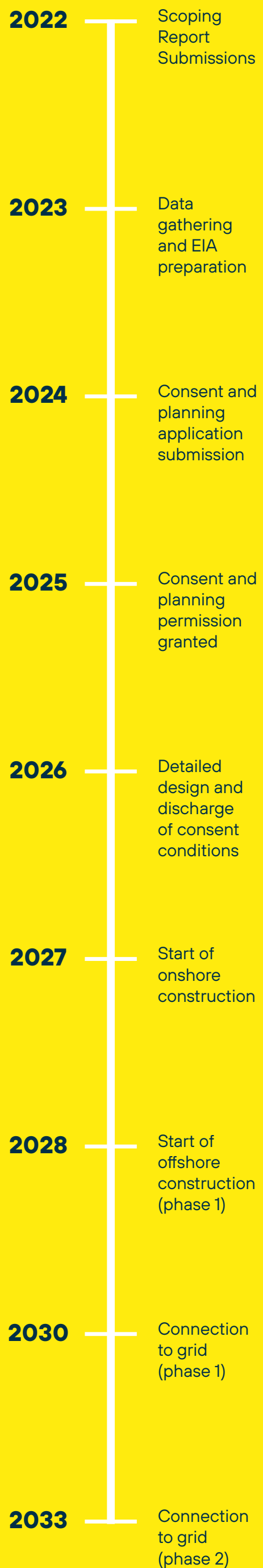
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- One subsea offshore cable corridor with space for up to 4 export cables
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- Two underground 400kV cable circuits connecting the substations to the Grid Connection Point

## Delivery

- One environmental report assessing on and offshore
- Project development in 2 phases to reflect grid availability
- Each phase (Caledonia North and Caledonia South) will be consented independently offshore. The onshore planning application allows for infrastructure to be aligned with offshore phasing.
- Although timescale of phase delivery is dependent on National Grid ESO, efficiencies will be sought between delivery of the two phases to minimise cost, environmental and social impact.

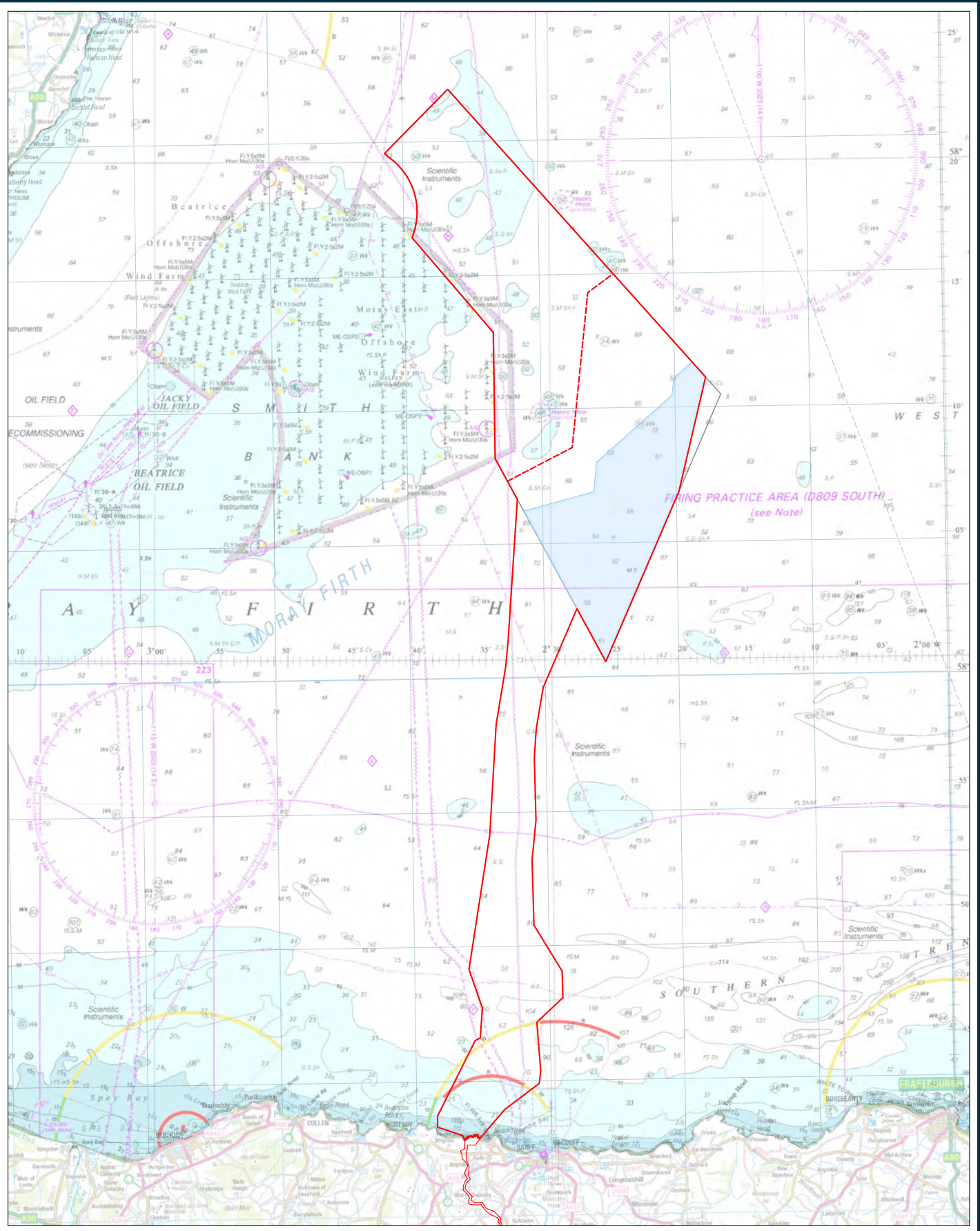
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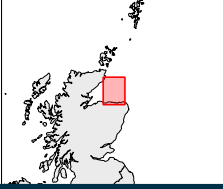
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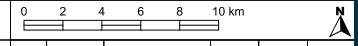


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- Area Suitable For Floating WTG
- NE4 Option Agreement Area

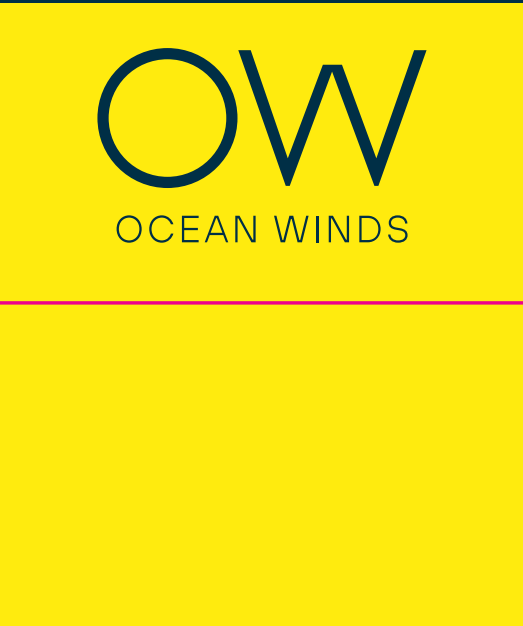
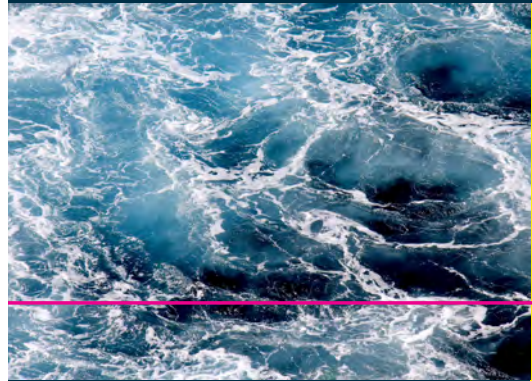


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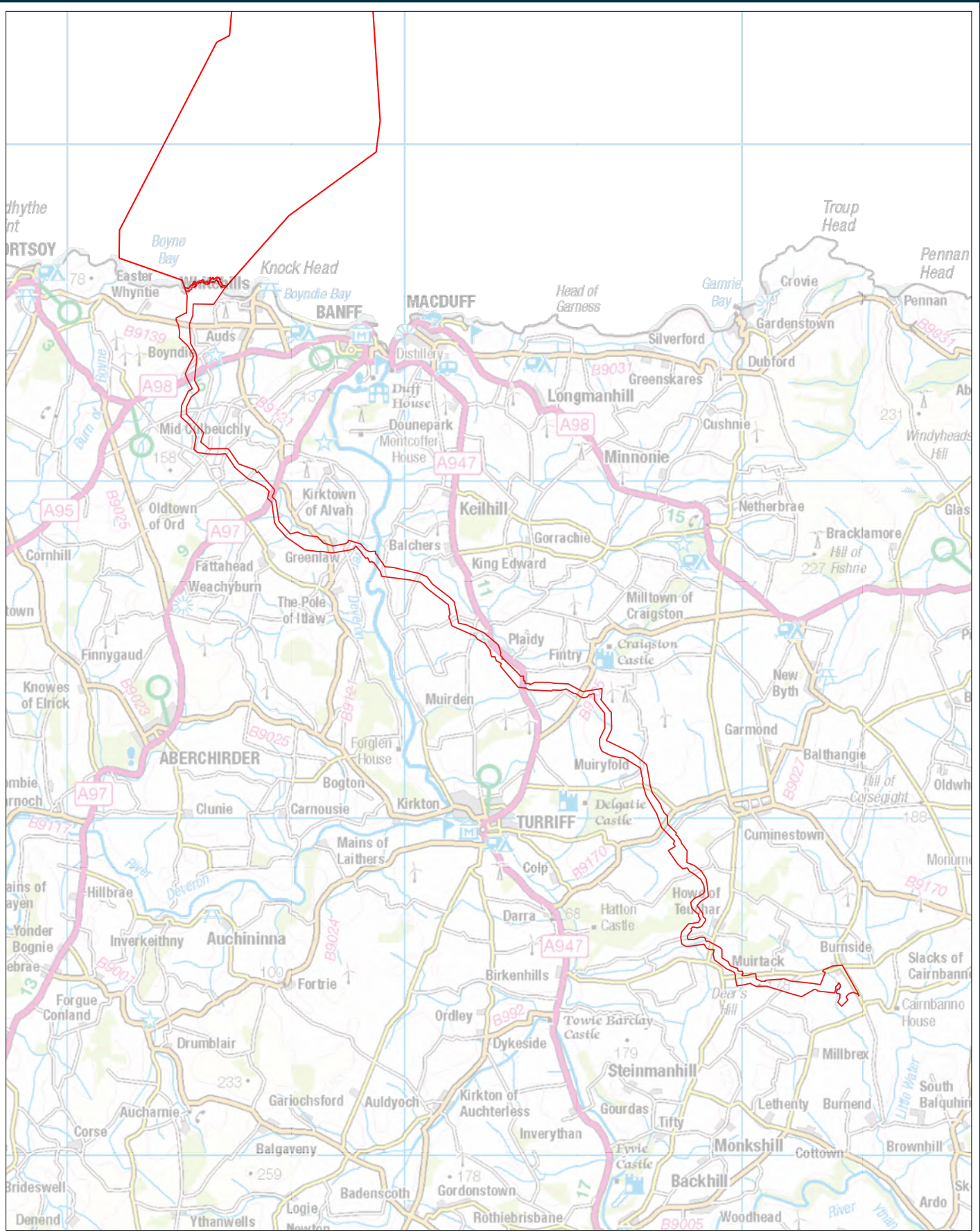
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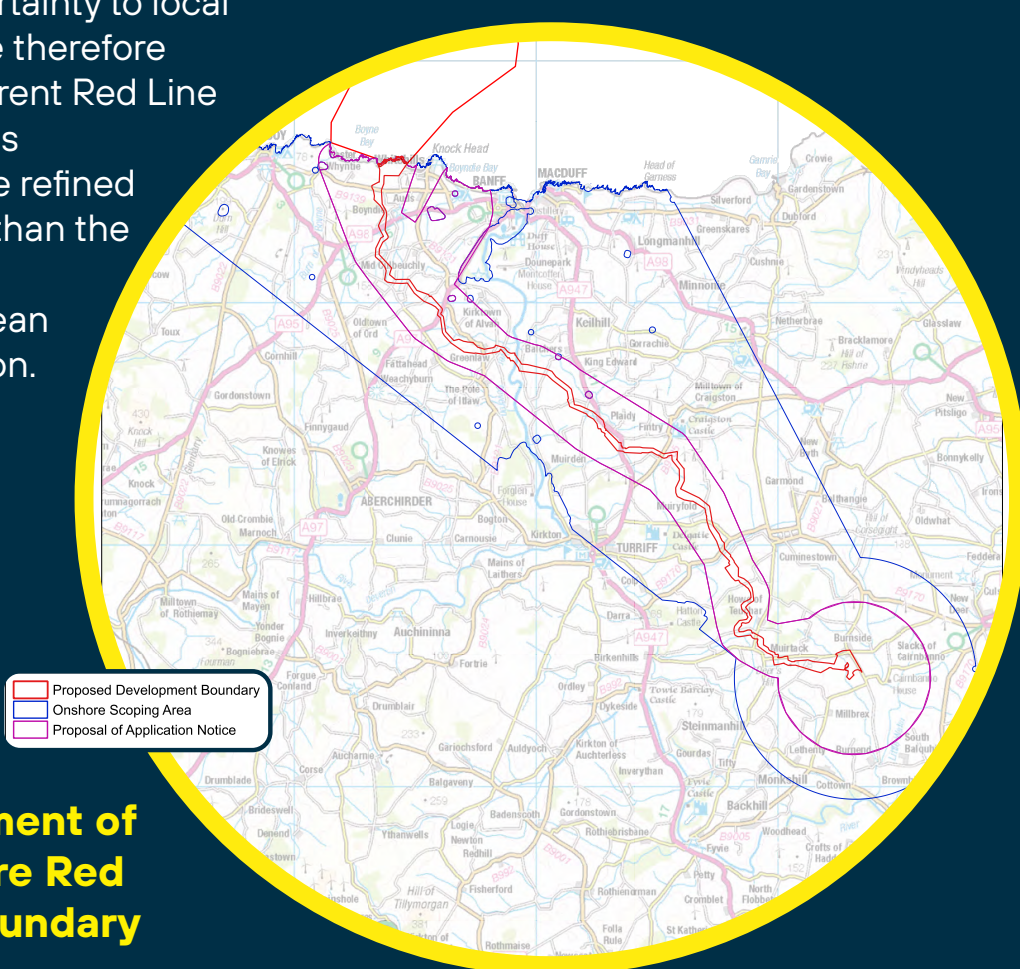


## Onshore Design

### Cable Route

Work commenced by identifying a ca 10km wide search area between suitable cable landfall points, which narrowed to a substation search area at the grid connection point at New Deer recommended by National Grid ESO. Through a process of environmental and engineering studies and consultation with landowners and stakeholders, this was refined in an iterative manner to a corridor which is between 100-500m wide. Public consultation revealed local concerns caused by multiple projects with broadly defined planning proposals.

To minimise uncertainty to local residents we have therefore published the current Red Line Boundary, which is considerably more refined at a similar stage than the previous projects developed by Ocean Winds in the region.



### Refinement of Onshore Red Line Boundary

### Substation

Two co-located substations reflect the two phases of the project necessitated by the National Electricity Transmission System's ability to accommodate additional capacity over time. These have been located in proximity to the existing substation at New Deer.

Landscape screening will be developed to mitigate visual impacts using the creation of landscape features to assist screening, alongside woodland and hedgerow planting.



### Indicative substation layout and landscaping



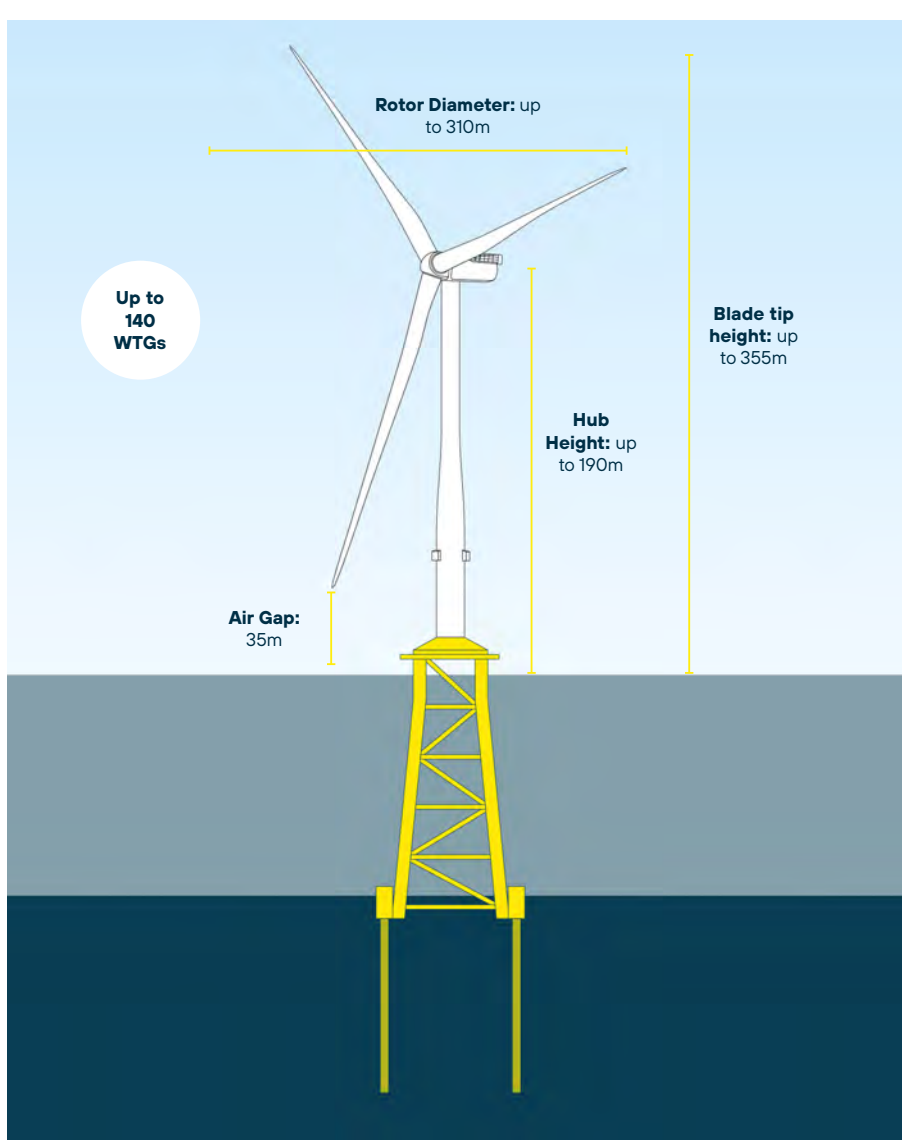
## Offshore Design

Caledonia is seeking consent for a design envelope that allows for flexibility in the final project design. Between the submission of the Offshore Scoping Report and the submission of the Consent Application, the offshore design envelope was refined.

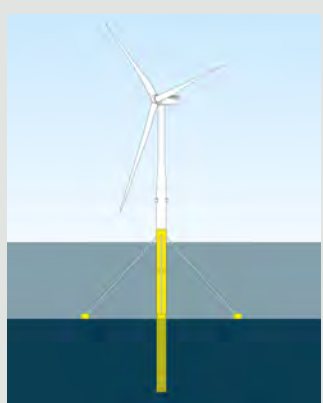
This refinement was a result of offshore site investigations, preliminary design development, stakeholder and supply chain engagement.

The design envelope includes both fixed and floating foundation types. It is anticipated that fixed foundations will be used on most of the site, with floating foundations remaining in the design envelope for the deepest water locations.

### Wind Turbine Parameters



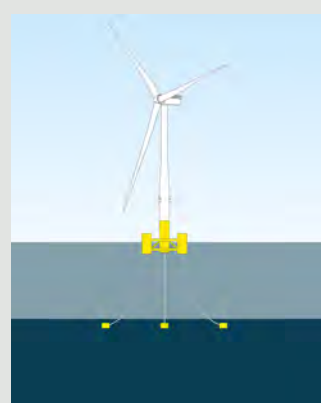
### Wind Turbine Foundation Types



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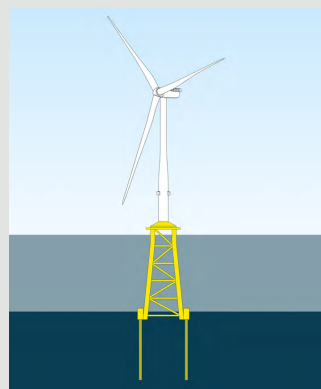
Tension Leg Platform



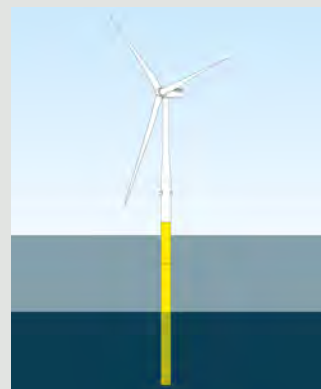
Semi-submersible



Jacket with Suction Caissons



Jacket with Pin Piles



Monopile





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### Potential Impact



### Mitigation

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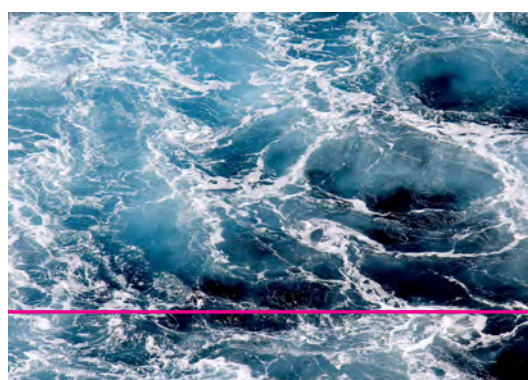
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## Socio-Economic & Supply Chain Impact

Caledonia's supply chain covers all aspects from planning to decommissioning, aiming for sustainability and competitiveness. We aim to achieve a minimum of 30% supply chain content in Scotland and 60% in the UK.

We will nurture the local Scottish and UK supply chain through a £46 million fund, committed to enhance capacity, capability, and workforce development. Initiatives already supported include:

- Supporting the successful Inverness and Cromarty Firth Green Freeport bid.
- We will nurture the local Scottish and UK supply chain through investment, targetting enhancement in capacity, capability, and workforce development. Initiatives already supported include:
  - Establishing a STEM Leadership Award for schools and colleges to encourage excellence in STEM education.
  - Engagement with global OEMs to attempt to bring manufacturing facilities for wind farm components to Scotland.



**Register as a supplier to be part of delivering the Caledonia offshore wind farm:**



**Read our Supply Chain Development Statement (SCDS) to understand anticipated project expenditure and local content commitments:**







**CALEDONIA**  
Offshore Wind Farm

# Project Development

Update - Spring 2024

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**A Proposed 2GW  
Offshore Wind Farm  
in the Moray Firth**



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## Introduction

Ocean Winds won development rights for Caledonia Offshore Windfarm as part of the 2021 Scotwind process. Ocean Winds' history can be traced back to the start of commercial offshore wind development in Scotland, when, in 2010 we started development of the 950MW Moray East Offshore Windfarm, which became operational in 2020 and is now providing low cost, low carbon electricity. We are currently constructing its sister project Moray West, which is scheduled for operation next year. With projects in operation, construction and development (including a further 2GW in Shetland); operations and maintenance facilities at Buckie and Fraserburgh and a UK HQ in Edinburgh, Ocean Winds has a strong, long-term commitment to Scotland and the industry's development here.

All infrastructure projects require extensive planning and development before construction commences. Our history with Moray East and West gives us the advantages of extensive knowledge of the Moray Firth environment and established local relationships. This provided a foundation for the extensive survey works we have taken over the past two years; both onshore and offshore; for discussion with local industries, from fisheries and farming, through tourism and recreation, as well as the heavy industries, ports and harbours who will benefit from project delivery.

In Autumn 2022 we published "Introducing Caledonia Offshore Windfarm", a brochure which outlined our early proposals for the site and started a series of consultation events in communities around the Moray Firth, inviting the public to meet our development team and comment on our proposals in 2022 and 2023.

This booklet outlines our work over the past three years: outlining our assessment of the project's impact on the environment, identifying issues raised through public consultation, summarising our response to them, and how they will shape our consent application.

The next major milestone for the project will be the publication of our Environmental Impact Assessment Report – an extensive document, guided by our stakeholders, to support our onshore and offshore planning applications. This is anticipated in autumn of 2024, and will include a Non-Technical Summary for the general public.

## Summary of Project Details

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Caledonia Offshore Wind proposes to deliver 2 GW of offshore generation capacity using the following infrastructure:

- **Up to 140 turbines**
- **Up to 4 offshore substation platforms**
- **40 km from the coast – enabling AC transmission technology use, avoiding cost and long wait times necessitated by DC**
- **Fixed foundations across most of the site, options for floating in deeper water**

**These factors – transmission distance & water depth enable Caledonia to be delivered more quickly and at lower cost than most Scotwind projects**

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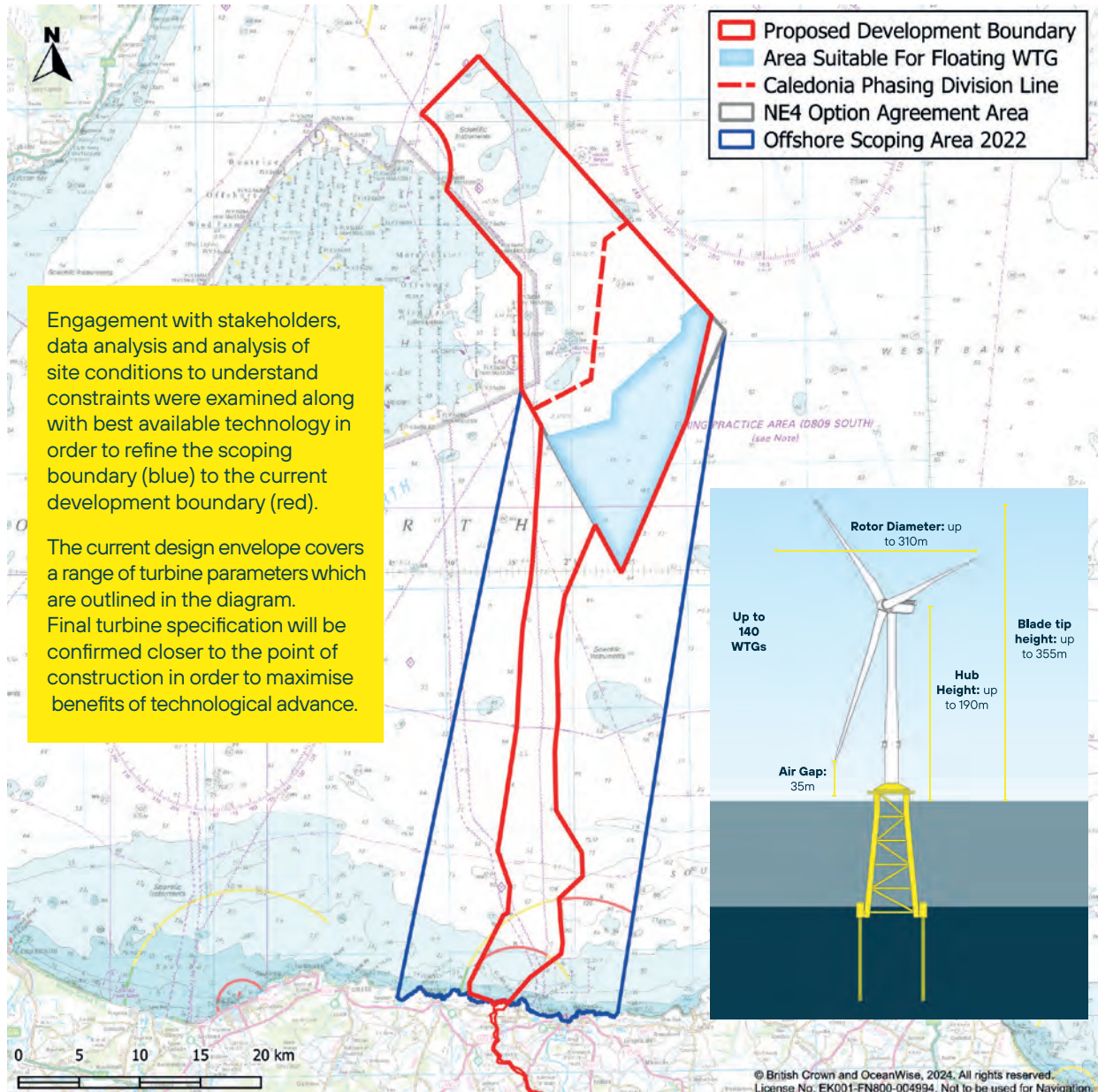
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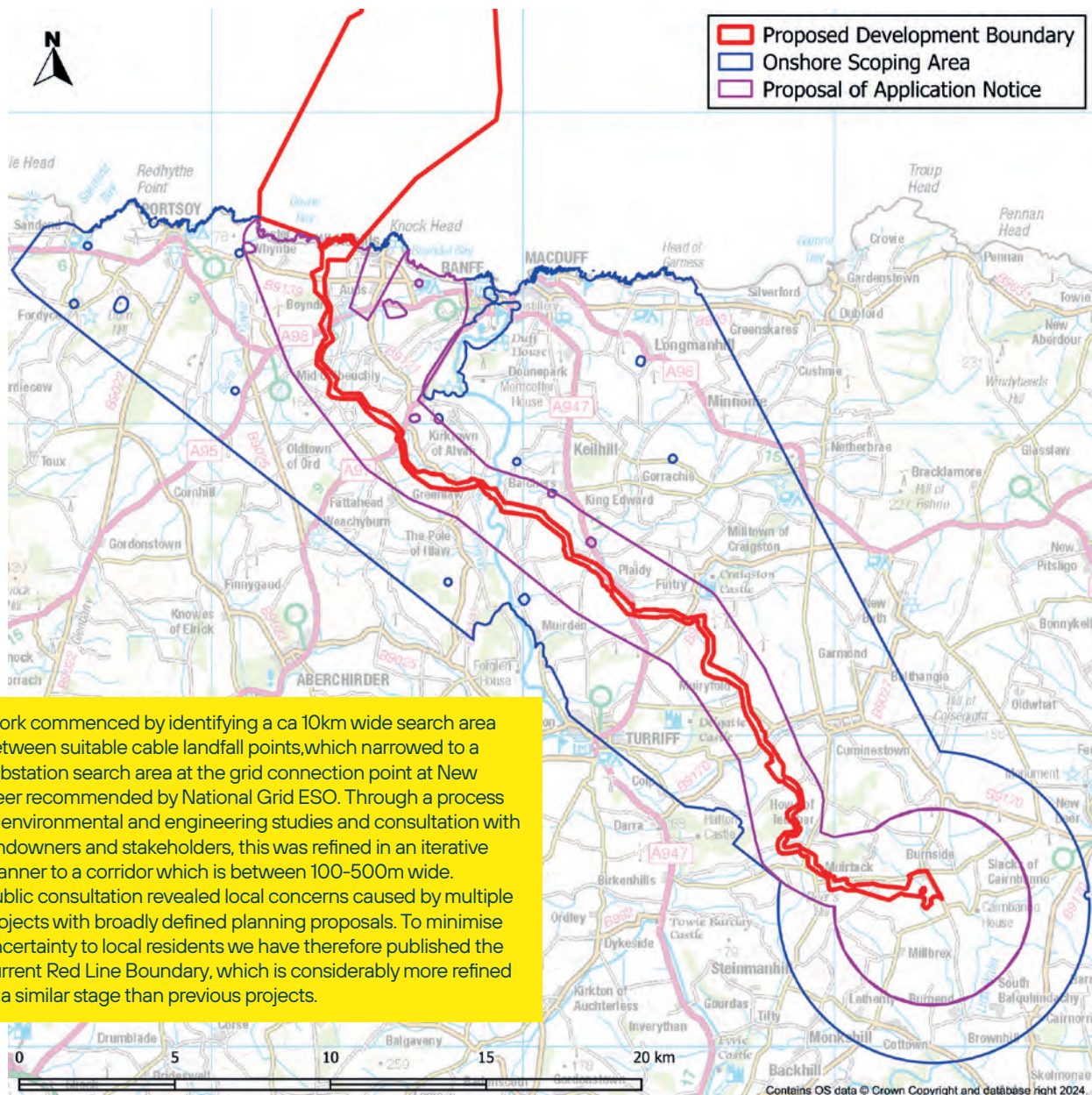




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## 2 Advertisements in Local Press

Digital copies of advertisements placed in the relevant newspapers listed below are provided. To note, one digital copy of the notice provided by Highland News and Media to cover Banffshire Advertiser, Banffshire Journal, Banffshire Herald and Huntly Express.

Table 2-1 Second Round Combined Advertisements

<b>Newspaper</b>	<b>Date Published</b>	<b>Media Group Publisher</b>
Banffshire Advertiser	09 April 2024	Highland News and Media
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Banffshire Herald	09 April 2024	Highland News and Media
Huntly Express	09 April 2024	Highland News and Media
John O’Groats Journal	12 April 2024	Highland News and Media
Press and Journal	15 April 2024	DC Thompson
Press and Journal	16 April 2024	DC Thompson
Press and Journal	22 April 2024	DC Thompson
Banffshire Herald	07 May 2024	Highland News and Media
Banffshire Advertiser	07 May 2024	Highland News and Media
Banffshire Journal	07 May 2024	Highland News and Media
Huntly Express	07 May 2024	Highland News and Media



# Brigade's boys rewarded



The Queens Badge winners with their badges and certificates.

Pictures: Buckie BB



The Junior Section with their prizes, joined by Ruth Rollo.

IT was time to celebrate a year of achievement and success for Buckie Boys' Brigade when they held their annual awards ceremony.

Friday, March 22 saw the South and West Church in Buckie play host to the evening event, when lads from the Anchor Boys, Junior Section and Company Section all received their prizes.

It was a proud moment for the three President's Badge winners - Luke

**By Alan Beresford**  
alan.beresford@hnmmedia.co.uk

Coull, Kenneth Newlands and Ruarri Davidson - who, should they successfully continue their studies, will next year become the first boys from the Company to be awarded the King's Badge.

A total of 13 Queen's Badge winners also received their awards.

There was also a new trophy added to the awards

evening, the Jody Thain Memorial Trophy. Jody, who sadly passed away earlier this year, was a member of the Company in his youthful days. His parents, Allan and Pauline, have presented a trophy for the Company Section boy that meets the criteria of commitment to the Company, is well-mannered and goes the extra mile to support others. Picking up the Inaugural trophy were Jack Pickerrill and Sandy Hutchison.



(From left) Kenny Newlands, Luke Coull and Ruarri Davidson are congratulated on being awarded the President's Badge by Rev George Rollo and Company Captain Alan McIntosh.



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# Seal centre in revamp boost

By Alan Hendry  
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A CAITHNESS seal rehabilitation centre has been able to carry out a range of improvements after receiving £15,000 in wind farm funding.

Caithness Seal Rehab and Release, based at Brough, was set up in November 2022 with a mission to help protect, rescue, treat and release both common/harbour seals and grey seals along the county's coastline.

This year the group has received pups from as far away as Lewis, Skye and Fraserburgh. Seal pups require assistance for a number of reasons, such as dog attacks, disturbance from humans getting too close, damage from boats, fishing equipment or waste, or natural causes such as a storm.

Buildings near Brough harbour have been repurposed and established as a seal hospital.

The money was awarded by the Stroupster Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund.

Work has included new equipment, flooring and panelling the walls with wet board for a new food preparation room designed around



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improving hygiene standards and for ease of cleaning and disinfecting.

The intensive care unit (ICU) has had a new floor laid and the walls panelled with wet board for better cleaning. There is also now a new building with additional pens.

The funding was also used to buy a new water pump so that the pools can be filled directly rather than having volunteers driving down to the harbour to fill water bowsers.

Founder member Clare Board-

man said: "We are very happy to have received this much-needed funding from Stroupster Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund, administered by Foundation Scotland. They have given us a fantastic amount of £15,000.

"This will enable us to complete all the improvements we need to make our hospital safer and an easier place to work in, with new pens for the seals, a small laboratory, a new food preparation room and ICU improvements. We are



Eilidh Coll, of Foundation Scotland, at Caithness Seal Rehab and Release, based at Brough.

also able to buy equipment needed to store fish and prepare feeds.

"We hope to involve more local volunteers, do educational talks in schools and hold more event nights.

"This has been a fantastic result and very much appreciated by all volunteers and seal pups alike."

Clare added: "We have 15 volunteers all from the local and surrounding communities. Three of our volunteers are doing PhDs and work at the Environmental Research Institute in Thurso.

"We also take on volunteers from abroad who stay with us during the winter, who want to gain valuable experience.

"Our three volunteers doing PhDs are also working on a project that will enable us to GPS-tag our

pups. This will enable us to track where the pups go, amongst other things."

Eilidh Coll, community fund adviser for Foundation Scotland, said: "The panel appreciated the high level of volunteering and learning made possible by this new initiative. Volunteers have the opportunity to become highly skilled and qualified marine medics.

"A seal pup may stay in the centre for around four months being hand-fed and slowly introduced to catching its own fish in the pool. The level of work is very demanding but also very rewarding.

"The panel sincerely hopes that this award will make the volunteering experience easier and free up time to spend on the most important tasks."



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# 'Meteor' arrives with a bang

BY BAILEY MORETON

**H**ighland residents saw a fireball dart across the sky on Saturday.

Video from Shetland Webcams at Dunrossness, near the southernmost end of the islands, shows a bright object flash across the morning sky.

The footage was taken by the camera around 8.24am.

Andy Steven runs Shetland Webcams, which livestreams from a number of dark sky locations across the islands.

He said: "We stream storms, the Northern Lights, shooting stars, satellites and, from time to time, stuff that has yet to be properly identified.

"In broad daylight, against a clear blue sky, we captured a fireball as it entered and burned up in the atmosphere above the southern end of Shetland." In Orkney and Caithness

there were reports of a bright object "like a sky rocket". Some people reported hearing a loud bang. Lesley Main said she heard the "fireball" in Uyeasound, on Unst, the northernmost island of Shetland.

She wrote: "Almost felt the house vibrate and went out to check nothing had blown off the roof or wall had come down. A loud boom then what sounded like thunder."

Several people on Orkney also reported sightings.

Kenneth Sinclair wrote: "Saw it to the north of Kirkwall Airport but didn't hear anything. It looked almost like a sky rocket going east to west."

Ann Brent wrote: "Did anyone else just see the huge fireball streak across the sky at 8.25am over the top of Orkney? Way too quick to get a photo!"

Cheryl Rafferty wrote: "My daughter saw it just outside Kirkwall, Orkney, this morning about 8.25am as we were driving. She thought it was a shooting star and I was busy telling her it's unlikely she'd see a shooting star in broad daylight."

Thurso's Audrey Mulgrew heard a "big bang".

Wick resident Sasha MacNicol wrote: "Yes! Saw it over Lybster, looked huge and very low."

The Royal Observatory in Greenwich has a schedule of meteor showers that could point to the object being a meteor.

The Lyrid meteor shower started yesterday and peaks around the 22nd to 23rd, around the full moon.

The Lyrid shower is associated with comet C/1861 G1 Thatcher which was first recorded in 687BC.



CLOSE ENCOUNTER: The UFO, most likely a meteor, caught by Shetland Webcams.

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# New office for estate agents

BY KELLY WILSON

**A**berdeen-headquartered estate and lettings agency Northwood is to open a new office in Banchory.

Owner Laura Mearns has described the move as a "major and exciting development" in the company growth strategy.

The new Deeside office, to open this summer, will be based at 57 High Street. It comes after a 18-month search to find the right premises.

Laura, who started the business in 2009 with husband Steven, said: "Deeside has always been on the agenda for two reasons.

"I live in Aboyne and it's my home area and there is no high street operation offering estate agency like we do using the national portal. We like to differentiate ourselves.

"I believe in Deeside. There are a lot of people that want their property seen nationally rather than just locally. For that reason there is a huge strength to being on the high street.

"It's also part of our growth strategy. My belief is that you have to have a shop front in the areas whereby you are actively selling."

Northwood currently has offices in Aberdeen's Rosemount Place and Inverurie's West High Street.

Staff numbers have recently grown from 12 to 15 with the potential of more jobs being created in the future.

Laura said: "I've had a few enquiries from a couple of people locally in the Banchory area and I am meeting them as I expect we will recruit further once the doors are open.

"We are looking specifically at opening other offices in the north-east where we feel we can benefit servicing them with a high street.

"One of those would be Stonehaven potentially a looking at further afield up north."

The past 15 years have seen Northwood acquire a rapidly expanding portfolio of properties on its books and an annual turnover of £950,000.

The aim this year is to exceed £1 million turnover with Laura confirming the figure is on target so far as the business approaches its 15th anniversary.

In 2020, the business into an estate agency with the launch of Bespoke by Northwood.

Last year it picked up the national title of Estate Agency of the Year.



GROWTH: Matt Pullinger and Laura Mearns of Aberdeen-headquartered Northwood.

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# Quarter never do any exercise

BY SARAH WARD

A quarter of people in Scotland never do any exercise with the cost-of-living crisis contributing to a divide, new statistics showed.

A survey for the Observatory for Sport in Scotland found that only 46% of the adult population in regularly take part in sport or exercise.

Polling revealed a growing economic divide in sport and physical activity levels since the pandemic across 1,029 adults surveyed in January.

The survey, conducted by S u r v a t i o n a n d commissioned by True North for the Observatory for Sport in Scotland (OSS), found participation is becoming increasingly polarised, with falling rates of activity among those in lower income groups.

The survey found only

36% of adults with incomes under £20,000 per annum take part in regular sport or physical activity, compared to 59% of adults with incomes over £40,000 per annum.

While there is widespread recognition of the health benefits of sport and exercise (79% of respondents), the survey found only 46% of the adult population in Scotland regularly take part in sport or exercise-related physical activity.

A further 29% take part only occasionally, but a quarter (25%) of adults do not do any sport or exercise at all.

Charlie Raeburn, founding board member of the Observatory of Sport in Scotland said: "While we are pleased to see activity levels bounce back to pre-pandemic levels, we are very concerned about the

relatively low levels of participation in sport and physical activity in Scotland as a whole.

"Our biggest concern is that the divide between those who are active and those who are inactive is growing wider along economic lines.

"That widening gap should ring alarm bells, given health inequalities in Scotland and what the significant health benefits of keeping active.

"We need fresh thinking about how to encourage participation right across the age spectrum and across the income spectrum.

"Government at all levels and across all parties needs to take concrete action to tackle the barriers to participation as part of a constructive conversation about Scotland's deep-seated health inequalities."



ECONOMIC DIVIDE: The cost-of-living crisis has contributed to health inequalities.

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(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, Regulation 60(2)(a) or 65(2)(a) or PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING CONSENT AND CONSERVATION AREA CONSENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2015, Regulation 8

The applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted may be viewed using the online Planning Register at <https://upa.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

Comments may be made quoting the reference number and stating clearly the grounds for making comment. Comments can be submitted using the Planning Register when viewing the application. Alternatively, comments can be addressed to Aberdeenshire Council, Planning and Economy Service, Viewmount, Arduie Road, Stonehaven, AB39 2DQ (or emailed to [planningonline@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:planningonline@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)). Please note that any comment, where considered valid, will be published on the Planning Register.

Please note that even if you have made comments to the applicant prior to this application being submitted, or to the Council regarding a similar application that has been made on this site before, you will still need to make your comments to the Council on the current application.

Comments must be received by 27 May 2024

Address: Banff Castle, Castle Street, Banff, AB45 1DL  
Proposal: Internal Alterations APP/2024/0707  
Address: 14 Elmbank, Castle Street, Banff, AB45 1DL  
Proposal: Internal Alterations and Installation of 3 Velux Windows APP/2024/0714

Address: Aspire Restaurant, Seafield Terrace, Portsoy  
Proposal: Alterations and Extension to Restaurant (Class 3) APP/2024/0677

Address: Land at Waggelhill, Cuminstown, Turriff  
Proposal: Erection of a Single 225 kW Wind Turbine (Hub Height 30.52m, 45.07m to Blade Tip) and Associated Infrastructure APP/2024/0508

Address: Aspire Restaurant, Seafield Terrace, Portsoy  
Proposal: Alterations and Extension to Restaurant APP/2024/0683

Address: Land at Wancot Stables, Lower Wanford, Banff, AB45 3LL  
Proposal: Demolition of Stable and Erection of Dwellinghouse APP/2024/0687

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### MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

Inverboyndie, Aberdeenshire

Notice is hereby given that Catchment Moray Ltd has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of maintenance and repair works to outfall at:

Cost	£
Location	
Inverboyndie, Aberdeenshire	57° 40.358' N 02° 33.581' W 57° 40.359' N 02° 33.585' W 57° 40.464' N 02° 33.543' W 57° 40.465' N 02° 33.542' W 57° 40.464' N 02° 33.538' W 57° 40.463' N 02° 33.538' W

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at <https://bit.ly/4cRxlBr>.

Representations relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made by email to: [MD.MarineLicensing@gov.scot](mailto:MD.MarineLicensing@gov.scot) within 28 days of the date of this notice, quoting reference: 00010633 and Catchment Moray Ltd.

#### Fair Processing Notice

The Scottish Government's Marine Directorate Licensing Operations Team (MD-LOT) determine applications for marine licences under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. During the consultation process any person having an interest in the outcome of the application may make representation to MD-LOT. The representation may contain personal information, for example a name or address. This representation will only be used for the purpose of determining an application and will be stored securely in the Scottish Government's official corporate record. Representations will be shared with the applicant and/or agent acting on behalf of the applicant, any people or organisations that we consult in relation to the application and, where necessary, be published online, however personal information will be removed before sharing or publishing.

A full privacy notice can be found at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/marine-licensing-and-consenting-privacy-notice/>. If you are unable to access this, or you have any queries or concerns about how your personal information will be handled, contact MD-LOT at: [md.marinelicensing@gov.scot](mailto:md.marinelicensing@gov.scot).

### MORAY COUNCIL

(C54H CROOKSMILL TO MULDEARIE ROAD (AT ROSARIE LEVEL CROSSING) - STOPPING UP) ORDER 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Moray Council propose to make the above Order under Section 68(1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, in accordance with approval granted by the Council's Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee on 5th September 2023. This Order is about to be submitted to the Scottish Government for confirmation or, if unopposed, will be confirmed by Moray Council as an unopposed Order.

The effect of the Order will be to "stop up" the C54H Crooksmill to Muldearie Road, Keith at Rosarie Level Crossing from a point 263 metres or thereby in a north westerly direction from its junction with the A96 Mulben to Keith Road for a distance of 8 metres or thereby in a northerly direction all as specified in the Schedule and shown on the plans annexed to the Order.

The title of the Order is Moray Council (C54H Crooksmill to Muldearie Road (at Rosarie Level Crossing) - Stopping Up) Order 2023.

The "Stopping Up" Order is being promoted at the request of Network Rail. The Office of Rail and Road has instructed Network Rail to either improve the crossing or remove it in the interests of safety. Due to the existing layout of the crossing and connecting road network any improvements are not deemed to be reasonably practicable as an alternative route already exists.

Full details are available for inspection free of charge at Elgin Library, Cooper Park, Elgin, IV30 1HS during opening hours or may be accessed via the Council's Transportation Consultations web page [https://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_136718.html](https://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_136718.html) or the Tell Me Scotland website - [www.tellmesotland.gov.uk](http://www.tellmesotland.gov.uk) until 12/06/24. If you have any queries please email [traffic@moray.gov.uk](mailto:traffic@moray.gov.uk) or telephone 07817962499, leave your details and an Officer from the Transportation Team will return your call.

Representations in relation to the Order may be made in writing to Moray Council, Traffic Section, Council Offices, High Street, Elgin, Moray, IV30 1BX or by email at the email address shown above no later than 12/06/24. Representations must state the grounds on which they are made.

### CALEDONIA OFFSHORE WIND FARM LIMITED MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 THE MARINE LICENSING (PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

Notice is hereby given that Caledonia Offshore Wind Farm Limited (company number 13844888, 5th Floor Atria One, 144 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8EX) plans to hold a pre-application consultation (PAC) event regarding the proposed marine licensable activities within Scottish Territorial Waters, in the Moray Firth.

The proposed Caledonia Offshore Wind Farm is located approximately 22 kilometres (km) off the coast of Wick (Highlands), and 38km off the coast of Banff (Aberdeenshire). The proposed development is supported by an export cable landfill located at Stake Ness, 1km west of the village of Whitehills and approximately 5km west of Banff. The licensable activity consists of:

- Up to 140 wind turbines, bottom-fixed and floating turbine foundations.
- Up to four offshore substations, connected to the turbines via inter-array cables.
- Up to four export cables to the landfill location of Stake Ness.

The Caledonia Offshore Wind Farm will be built in two phases, with separate Offshore Transmission Marine Licences sought for each phase. These applications are referred to as Caledonia North and Caledonia South. The coordinates below detail the location of the proposed Caledonia Offshore Wind Farm (both phases) and associated transmission infrastructure:

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The following pre-application consultations will be held at the times and locations below. The consultations will provide further opportunity for the public and stakeholders to consider and comment on the prospective application(s).

Event	Date and Time	Location
Caledonia Offshore Wind Farm - Offshore Public Consultation	Wednesday 19th June 2024 2pm - 6pm	Banff Springs Hotel
Caledonia Offshore Wind Farm - Online Virtual Engage Consultation	Ongoing until July 2024	<a href="https://caledonia.virtual-engage.com">https://caledonia.virtual-engage.com</a>

Persons wishing to provide comments on the proposed Caledonia Offshore Wind Farm development can do so by writing to the prospective applicant by emailing [caledonia.info@oceanwinds.com](mailto:caledonia.info@oceanwinds.com) or by post to 5th Floor, Atria One, 144 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8EX. Comments can also be submitted via the feedback function on Virtual Engage: <https://caledonia.virtual-engage.com>

Comments should be dated and clearly state the name (in block capitals) and full return email or postal address of those making the comment.

Further information can be obtained concerning the Caledonia Offshore Wind Farm from: <https://www.caledoniaoffshorewind.com>. Please note that comments made to the project team are not representations to the Scottish Ministers or Aberdeenshire Council. There will be an opportunity to make representations to the Scottish Ministers and Aberdeenshire Council when the Caledonia project submits its application(s) and accompanying Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report(s).

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: ENQ/2023/0739 | National Development for Electrical Transmission Infrastructure - Caledonia Offshore Windfarm  
**Date:** 17 May 2024 13:45:22  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2024 11:16 AM  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** ENQ/2023/0739 | National Development for Electrical Transmission Infrastructure - Caledonia Offshore Windfarm

Attn: Conveners/Secretaries - Aberdeenshire Community Councils covering Onshore Transmission Infrastructure.

**ENQ/2023/0739 | National Development for Electrical Transmission Infrastructure Comprising Transition Joint Bays, Underground Cable Circuits Within a Cable Corridor, Substation and Ancillary Works | Landing At Location Between Portsoy And Banff Travelling South To Substation Location In The Vicinity Of New Deer**

Dear Sir/Madam

As you may recall, in June of last year, Caledonia Offshore Windfarm held a series of pre application consultation events for the onshore transmission infrastructure (underground cable and substation) associated with the project.

Since then, we have undertaken considerable work to refine our proposals. We would like to share this work with you, including our response to the issues raised at the first series of events.

A particular local concern raised was that a number of different projects with broadly-defined planning proposals were causing uncertainty in the local area. To minimise the uncertainty caused by the Caledonia project, we have refined the 2km search corridor previously published to a new and much narrower Red Line Boundary, meaning that we will aim to enter the planning process seeking consent for infrastructure broadly as it will be installed (as far as this is currently known) rather than within a wide corridor.

This Red Line Boundary will be published as part of the series of consultation events. I will write again with the literature available at the events (including the Red Line Boundary). In the meantime, I enclose the details of the times and locations. Alternatively, the consultation material will be available online at: <https://www.caledoniaoffshorewind.com/>

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- Midmar Street AB56 1BJ
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Separately, we would be delighted to have the opportunity to attend one of your meetings to answer any questions you may have on our proposals. Please let me know if this would be of interest.

Best Regards,



[Redacted]

Caledonia Offshore Windfarm - Onshore Consents Manager

[Redacted]

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Comments can be also made in writing to: **Caledonia Offshore Wind Farm, 5th Floor, 144 Morrison St, Edinburgh EH3 8EX.**

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: National Development for Electrical Transmission Infrastructure - Caledonia Offshore Windfarm  
**Date:** 17 May 2024 13:45:30  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 2, 2024 10:58 AM  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].com>  
**Subject:** National Development for Electrical Transmission Infrastructure - Caledonia Offshore Windfarm

Attn: Convener/ Secretaries Moray Firth Coastal Community Councils

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Dear Sir/Madam

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## **4 Letter to Political Stakeholders**





To: All Highland Councillors

Dear Sir/Madam

**Invitation: Offshore Wind Briefing & Lunch - Palace Hotel, Inverness - Fri 9 Feb, 11am**

Ocean Winds has been developing offshore wind generation in the Moray Firth since 2010, and we are now one of Scotland's biggest offshore wind companies, responsible for the Moray East Offshore windfarm (operational) Moray West Offshore Windfarm (under construction) and Caledonia Offshore Windfarm (under development).

I would like to invite you to a briefing session about our current and future projects, including the Caledonia Offshore Windfarm – a 2GW Scotwind project expected to be delivered in 2030.

The session will be held:

**Location:** Palace Hotel Inverness

**Date:** Fri 9 February

**Time:** 11am – 1pm

The format will include a short presentation followed by a question and answer session, this will be followed by the opportunity for discussion over lunch with ocean winds staff.

I would be grateful if you could RSVP to [caledonia@weareaspect.com](mailto:caledonia@weareaspect.com) by 5 Feb to allow catering arrangements to be made.

If you would like to discuss further, please contact me on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Communications Manager



7 June 2023

To: All Aberdeenshire Councillors

Dear Sir/Madam

**Invitation: Offshore Wind Briefing, Ops. & Maint. Base, Fraserburgh, Wed 28 June 12pm**

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The session will be held:

**Location:** Moray East Operations and Maintenance Base, Fraserburgh Harbour

**Date:** Wed. 28 June

**Time:** 12pm – 2pm

Lunch and a tour of the Operations and Maintenance base will be included.

I would be grateful if you could RSVP to [caledonia@weareaspect.com](mailto:caledonia@weareaspect.com) by 16 June to allow planning for numbers and catering arrangements to be made. Owing to the size of the O&M base, accomododation is limited; if demand exceeds places available we shall organise a second event.

If you would like to discuss further, please contact me on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Communications Manager.



## **5 Follow-Up Email to General Public**

**From:** [Caledonia - Info](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Caledonia Offshore Windfarm Onshore Consultation Events  
**Date:** 19 September 2024 16:26:45

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**From:** Caledonia - Info  
**Sent:** 16 April 2024 17:14  
**Subject:** Caledonia Offshore Windfarm Onshore Consultation Events

Good afternoon,

Last year you attended a consultation event for Caledonia Offshore Windfarm onshore infrastructure, you indicated at the time you would like to be kept up to date on the project. Caledonia Offshore Wind Farm is holding two onshore public consultation events across Aberdeenshire to gather feedback on the project's onshore proposals.

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- Banff (Banff Springs Hotel – 23rd April) (offshore and onshore proposals)
- New Deer (Public Hall – 25th April) (offshore and onshore proposals)

A virtual consultation will also be available to those unable to attend the events, which can be accessed via the following link: <https://caledonia.virtual-engage.com/>.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the events.

If you would like to be removed from this distribution list, please let the project know.



## **6 Email to Coastal Community Councils**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 02 April 2024 10:58

**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** National Development for Electrical Transmission Infrastructure - Caledonia Offshore Windfarm

Attn: Convener/ Secretaries Moray Firth Coastal Community Councils

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