Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm

Wind Farm Development Area

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Term	Definition
Applicant	Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Limited, the legal entity submitting Section 36 Consent and Marine Licence applications for the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Development Area.
Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm (or the Bellrock Project)	An offshore wind farm capable of exporting up to 1.8 GW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 120 km east of Stonehaven, and will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the proposed SSEN Transmission Hurlie substation, west of Stonehaven in Aberdeenshire. The Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Broadshore Hub (or Broadshore Hub Offshore Wind Farms)	The collective term for the Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm, the Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm and the Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm.
Cable protection	Protective measure to minimise the effects of scour and hazards along the inter-array cables, and protecting these cables at infrastructure crossing points.
Development Area	For consenting purposes, the area for which separate consents and/or Marine Licences will be sought by the Applicant, comprising: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Dynamic inter-array cable	The section of inter-array cable between the floating substructure and the seabed, which is designed to accommodate the dynamic movement of the floating substructure.
Floating offshore unit	The combined wind turbine generator and floating substructure.
Floating substructure	A floating structure which provides buoyancy and, in conjunction with the station keeping system, supports a superstructure (e.g. wind turbine generator or offshore substation), and maintaining its position within the structure's excursion limit.
Inter-array cable	Armoured cable containing electrical and fibre optic cores, which link the wind turbine generators to each other and to the subsea cable hubs and/or the offshore substations and include dynamic inter-array cable and static inter-array cable sections.
Landfall	The area from Mean Low Water Springs to a transition joint bay(s), where the offshore export cables come ashore and the transition joint bays are located.
Offshore export cable	Armoured cable containing electrical and fibre optic cores between the offshore substation(s) and the transition joint bay(s).
Offshore export cable corridor	The Marine Licence application boundary within which the offshore export cable route will be located.

Term	Definition
Offshore substation	An offshore platform which houses electrical equipment such as transformers, switchgear, and protection and control systems, enabling the wind farm's renewable electricity to be received via inter-array cables and exported via the offshore export cables.
Offshore Transmission Development Area	The boundary within which the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned (and includes the whole of the Wind Farm Development Area).
Offshore Transmission Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Offshore Transmission Development Area including fixed bottom and/or floating offshore substations, offshore reactive compensation station(s) and associated scour protection; interconnector cables and associated cable protection; and offshore export cables and associated cable protection (including activities associated with the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).
Onshore Transmission Development Area	The boundary within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.
Onshore Transmission Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Onshore Transmission Development Area including transition joint bay(s); onshore export cables; onshore substation; temporary construction compounds; temporary working areas; environmental mitigation areas; drainage/irrigation infrastructure; access works; and any other associated infrastructure (including activities associated with the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).
ScotWind	A Crown Estate Scotland leasing round for offshore wind projects in which the process enabled developers to apply for seabed rights to plan and build wind farms in Scottish waters.
Scour protection	Protective material positioned around anchors to avoid sediment being eroded as a result of the flow of water.
Static inter-array cable	The section of inter-array cable that is not designed to move.
Station keeping system	The system (including mooring lines and anchors) used to hold a floating offshore unit within its excursion limit and maintain the intended orientation of the floating offshore unit.
Subsea cable hub	A subsea device, with a gravel pad foundation, which allows the connection of multiple inter-array cables.
Wind Farm Development Area	The boundary within which the Wind Farm Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.
Wind Farm Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Wind Farm Development Area including wind turbine generators; floating substructures, station keeping systems and associated scour protection; inter-array cables and associated cable protection; subsea cable hubs; and ancillary infrastructure including buoys (including activities associated with the Wind Farm Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).
Wind turbine generator	A wind turbine generator converts wind energy into electrical energy. The main components include rotor assembly (composed of three blades and a hub); nacelle (containing the generator, shaft and gearbox, power electronic converter and transformer); and a tower (containing lifting equipment and switchgear).

Glossary of Abbreviations

Term	Definition
CES	Crown Estate Scotland
EIA	Environmental impact assessment
EMF	Electromagnetic field
FLO	Fisheries Liaison Officer
FLOWW	Fishing Liaison with Offshore Wind and Wet Renewables Group
FMMCP	Fisheries Mitigation, Monitoring, and Communication Plan
FSS	Floating substructure
IAC	Inter-array cable
km	Kilometres
MCAA	Marine and Coastal Access Act
MD-LOT	Marine Directorate - Licensing and Operations Team
MP	Member of Parliament
MSP	Member of the Scottish Parliament
NESCol	North East Scotland College
nm	Nautical mile
O&M	Operation and maintenance
OfTDA	Offshore Transmission Development Area
OnTDA	Onshore Transmission Development Area
PAC	Pre-application consultation
PAS	Planning Aid Scotland
Q&A	Questions and answers
s.36	Section 36
SFF	Scottish Fishermen's Federation
SP=EED	Successful Delivery = Effective Engagement and Delivery
SPFA	Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's Association
STEM	Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
SWFPA	Scottish White Fish Producers Association

Term	Definition
UK	United Kingdom
VR	Virtual reality
WFDA	Wind Farm Development Area
WTG	Wind turbine generator

1 Introduction

1.1 Background

1.1.1 Bellrock Project

1. Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Limited (the Applicant) is developing the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm (the Bellrock Project).

2. In January 2022, the Applicant was successfully awarded development rights for an area of seabed, to develop the Bellrock Wind Farm Development Area (WFDA), which forms part of the Bellrock Project.

3. The Bellrock Project is a proposed floating offshore wind farm which will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the proposed Scottish and Southern Energy Transmission Hurlie substation in Aberdeenshire[1]. The Bellrock Project will have a maximum export capacity of 1.8 gigawatts.

4. The Bellrock Project comprises the following three Development Areas for which separate consents and/or licences (see **Section 1.1.3**) will be sought by the Applicant:

   - The Bellrock WFDA within which the Wind Farm Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned;
   - The Bellrock Offshore Transmission Development Area (OfTDA) within which the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned; and
   - The Bellrock Onshore Transmission Development Area (OnTDA), within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.

1.1.2 Bellrock Wind Farm Development Area

5. The Bellrock WFDA is located 120 kilometres (km) east from Stonehaven (116 km southeast from Peterhead), in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and covers an area of 280 square kilometres.

6. The Bellrock Wind Farm Infrastructure is located within the Bellrock WFDA and comprises:

   - Up to 132 wind turbine generators (WTG), with floating substructures (FSS) (together forming a floating offshore unit);

[1] The National Electricity System Operator determined in April 2025 that the Bellrock Project would connect to the Hurlie substation in Aberdeenshire.

- Station keeping systems for each FSS including mooring lines, anchoring systems and ancillary elements;
- Scour protection for FSS anchoring points;
- Approximately 300 km of inter-array cables (IAC) comprising static and dynamic sections of IACs linking the individual floating offshore units to subsea cable hub(s) or to the offshore substation(s)[2];
- Associated cable protection as required;
- Up to 18 subsea cable hubs; and
- Ancillary infrastructure including buoys.

7. Further details on the Bellrock Wind Farm Infrastructure are presented in the **Chapter 4: Project Description** (**Volume II**) of the Bellrock WFDA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report.

1.1.3 Consenting Strategy

8. The Applicant is seeking the following consents from the Scottish Ministers, for the Wind Farm Infrastructure in the Bellrock WFDA:

- A Section 36 (s.36) Consent under the Electricity Act 1989; and
- A Marine Licence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act (MCAA) 2009.

9. This Pre-application Consultation (PAC) Report has been submitted alongside the Bellrock WFDA EIA Report which accompanies the s.36 Consent and a Marine Licence application submitted to Marine Directorate – Licensing Operations Team (MD-LOT) on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, for the construction and operation of the Bellrock Wind Farm Infrastructure located within the Bellrock WFDA.

10. A separate Marine Licence application (under the MCAA 2009 and Marine (Scotland) Act 2010) will be submitted for the Bellrock OfTDA (in consideration of the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure), in accordance with the relevant EIA regulations. Additionally, a separate application for the Bellrock OnTDA will be made (in consideration of the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure) for Planning Permission in Principle under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. The consent applications for the OfTDA and OnTDA will be accompanied by the Bellrock OfTDA and Bellrock OnTDA EIA Reports, respectively, and PAC Reports in accordance with relevant PAC regulations[3].

[2] Offshore substations will be consented as part of the OfTDA and will be assessed as part of the Bellrock OfTDA EIA Report. The OfTDA is also considered within the WFDA EIA's cumulative effects assessments.

[3] The application for the Bellrock OnTDA will adhere to The Town and Country Planning (Pre-Application Consultation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021. The application for the Bellrock OfTDA infrastructure and associated activities will adhere to The Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.

11. As part of the Bellrock WFDA EIA process, the Applicant has carried out consultation and engagement activities. A summary of these is provided in **Section 5** for completeness; for detail refer to the Bellrock WFDA EIA Report.

1.2 Purpose of this Pre-application Consultation Report

12. The Bellrock WFDA is over 12 nautical miles (nm) from the Scottish coast, within the Scottish portion of the United Kingdom (UK) Exclusive Economic Zone, and therefore outside the jurisdiction of The Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (see **Section 2.1**). However, to ensure early and meaningful stakeholder engagement, the Applicant has undertaken voluntary PAC with a wide range of stakeholders to ensure that they are aware of the Bellrock WFDA prior to the submission of the s.36 Consent and Marine Licence application. Further details on the approach to the PAC undertaken are provided in **Section 3** and **Section 6**.

13. The purpose of this PAC Report is to present all the PAC related activities undertaken for the Bellrock WFDA and to provide a transparent record of the PAC process, the feedback received, and the ways in which feedback has been considered (where appropriate), and reflected in the ongoing design and development of the Bellrock Wind Farm Infrastructure. This PAC Report also presents the wider stakeholder engagement carried out as part of the Bellrock Project.

2 Legislation and Guidance

2.1 Legislative Context

14. As set out in **Section 1.1.3**, the Applicant is seeking a s.36 Consent, under the Electricity Act 1989, and Marine Licence, under the MCAA 2009, for the Bellrock Wind Farm Infrastructure located within the Bellrock WFDA. As the Bellrock WFDA is located wholly within Scottish offshore waters (i.e. beyond 12 nm from the Scottish coast) there is no statutory requirement to undertake PAC for the Bellrock WFDA.

15. The Scottish and UK Governments have recently consulted on reforms to the electricity infrastructure consenting regime in Scotland (Department for Energy Security & Net Zero, 2025). The consultation was launched in October 2024, with the Government response published in March 2025. The reforms include a proposal to introduce mandatory PAC requirements for s.36 Consent applications, to ensure early and meaningful engagement with stakeholders, including local communities. Whilst these reforms are not yet enacted and therefore do not apply to current s.36 Consent applications, such as that for the Bellrock WFDA, the voluntary PAC process undertaken by the Applicant generally aligns with the principles of proposed s.36 Consent consultation provisions.

16. The Bellrock WFDA is also subject to the requirements of the EIA Directive (2011/92/EU as amended by 2014/52/EU), as transposed into the relevant UK law through the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 and the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (together the EIA Regulations). These EIA Regulations establish the requirement to undertake an EIA, including consultation with statutory and non-statutory consultees, and members of the public. Any legislation referred to in This PAC Report is as subsequently amended and as currently in force as at the date of This PAC Report.

17. Further detail on EIA consultation undertaken for the Bellrock WFDA is provided in **Section 5**.

2.2 Guidance and Best Practice

18. The Applicant recognises that early engagement with stakeholders, including local communities, is vital to the successful delivery of the Bellrock WFDA, and to ensuring that the design of the proposal is informed by stakeholder views. In delivering the PAC for the Bellrock WFDA, the Applicant has aligned their engagement strategy with recognised guidance and best practice. Specifically, the engagement strategy has been heavily influenced by Planning Aid Scotland (PAS)'s Successful Delivery = Effective Engagement and Delivery (SP=EED) framework (PAS, 2025), which provides a benchmark for effective, inclusive, and transparent engagement.

19. The SP=EED framework sets out eight overarching criteria for effective engagement. These criteria are summarised in **Table 2.1**, alongside an explanation of how each criterion has been addressed through the Bellrock WFDA PAC process.

Table 2.1: Application of the SP=EED Criteria to the Bellrock WFDA Pre-application Consultation (PAC) Process

SP=EED Criteria	Addressed via the PAC Process (Yes/No)	Summary of How Criteria Has Been Addressed	Cross-reference
Transparency and integrity	Yes	The Applicant committed to a clear, open, and traceable consultation process. Information on the Bellrock WFDA and opportunities for stakeholder feedback were promoted ahead of public engagement events and appropriate consultation materials were made publicly available at the consultation events and via the Bellrock Project website (www.bellrockwind.co.uk). Feedback received during the consultation events was captured systematically and has been reported transparently within this PAC Report.	▪ **Section 3**; ▪ **Section 6**; ▪ **Section 7**; ▪ **Section 9**; and ▪ **Annex A** to **Annex E**.
Coordination	Yes	The consultation strategy was designed to coordinate the PAC process with the statutory EIA process. Consultation channels were aligned to deliver clear messaging, with effective promotion of events and sufficient notice to enable stakeholder participation.	▪ **Section 2**; ▪ **Section 3**; and ▪ **Section 5**.
Information	Yes	Clear, accessible, and proportionate information was provided throughout the PAC process, including at the consultation events. Plain language and visual aids were used to maximise the accessibility of the consultation materials.	▪ **Section 3**; ▪ **Annex A to Annex E**.
Appropriateness	Yes	Engagement methods and communication materials were tailored to suit different audiences and contexts depending on the nature of each consultation event. Consultation events were held at a number of accessible local venues and online across a range of times of day to maximise participation opportunities. Information was presented clearly and in plain English, supported by visual materials and staff available to answer questions. Promotion of the consultation events used a range of channels, including digital, print, and local media including radio and newspaper to reach audiences effectively.	▪ **Section 3**; ▪ **Section 6**; ▪ **Section 9**; and ▪ **Annex A to Annex E**.
Responsiveness	Yes	Clear feedback mechanisms were developed and implemented to ensure stakeholders were able to easily provide feedback. Stakeholder feedback was reviewed and responded to with actions undertaken as needed to address specific feedback and requests.	▪ **Section 3**; ▪ **Section 6**; and ▪ **Section 9**.

SP=EED Criteria	Addressed via the PAC Process (Yes/No)	Summary of How Criteria Has Been Addressed	Cross-reference
Inclusiveness	Yes	Consultation activities were designed to be open and accessible, with events advertised through multiple channels, including local press (newspaper and radio advertisements), online platforms, and community noticeboards. A range of events took place covering both in-person and virtual consultation events, as well as Applicant attendance at sector specific and local events (i.e. Scottish Skippers Expo and Scottish Traditional Boat Festival). This range of events allowed for broad stakeholder participation.	▪ **Section 3**; ▪ **Section 6**; ▪ **Section 9**; and ▪ **Annex A to Annex E**.
Monitoring and evaluating	Yes	Engagement activities and feedback were logged and analysed using the Applicant's stakeholder management system, Borealis, to support consistent evaluation of engagement outcomes. Lessons learned and participation metrics were reviewed on an ongoing basis throughout the PAC process.	▪ **Section 3**; ▪ **Section 9**; and ▪ **Annex A to Annex E**.
Learning and sharing	Yes	Experience gained through the Bellrock WFDA PAC has been used to refine future engagement approaches. Lessons learned have also informed the Bellrock OfTDA and OnTDA PAC strategies.	▪ **Section 10**.

3 Consultation and Engagement Approach and Strategy

3.1 Principles of the Approach and Strategy

20. As detailed in **Section 2.2**, early and meaningful consultation and engagement with stakeholders and communities is a critical component of successful infrastructure development. As early consultation not only helps identify issues and opportunities at an early stage, but also builds trust, supports transparency, and reduces the potential for conflict and delays later in the development process.

21. As such, the consultation strategy for the Bellrock WFDA has been developed around a set of clear overarching objectives (**Section 3.2**), which have guided all consultation and engagement activities.

22. A central principle of the strategy is the establishment of a structured consultation and feedback process, creating an effective feedback loop (**Section 3.6**). This ensures that stakeholder comments are consistently captured and transparently considered and responded to. This feedback loop is critical to demonstrating accountability and enabling stakeholders to see how their input has been considered, and where appropriate, has informed the EIA and design of the Bellrock Wind Farm Infrastructure.

23. The consultation strategy has also been designed to be proportionate to the scale and spatial area of the potential impacts as a result of the Bellrock Wind Farm Infrastructure, while ensuring that opportunities for input are accessible, inclusive, and meaningful.

3.2 Objectives of Engagement

24. PAC engagement objectives adopted were to:

- Raise awareness of the Bellrock WFDA, its purpose, and its potential impacts at an early stage;
- Provide accessible and accurate information to stakeholders and communities;
- Identify and understand stakeholder views and local knowledge relevant to the Bellrock WFDA;
- Use feedback to help refine the design and EIA, where appropriate;
- Build constructive relationships with stakeholders that support open, transparent, and ongoing dialogue;
- Demonstrate transparency and accountability, and ultimately build stakeholder confidence, by showing how consultation feedback has been considered; and
- Complement the EIA process, by providing early and continuous consultation.

3.3 Stakeholder Groups

25. The PAC strategy focused on stakeholder groups most directly affected by or interested in the Bellrock WFDA, including:

- Local communities, representative groups, Councils, and elected representatives;
- Sector specific stakeholders, such as commercial fisheries stakeholders;
- Education providers focusing on skills and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM); and
- Local and regional supply chain organisations.

3.4 Methods of Engagement

26. The PAC strategy was designed to use engagement methods proportionate to the specific audiences, ensuring opportunities for accessible and constructive dialogue. A range of approaches were used for PAC related events and wider stakeholder events, including:

- In-person public consultation events;
- Virtual public consultation events;
- A Bellrock Project update letter;
- Sector-specific events;
- Targeted meetings and workshops;
- STEM and community initiatives;
- Digital channels; and
- Supply chain engagement.

27. These consultation methods were selected to provide both breadth (ensuring all relevant stakeholder groups had accessible entry points to engagement), and depth (allowing focused discussion where needed). Further detail on the events undertaken is provided in **Section 6**.

3.5 Promotion and Advertising of Consultation Events

28. A key principle of the voluntary PAC process for the Bellrock WFDA was ensuring that public consultation events (in-person and virtual) were well publicised and accessible. Promotion of the consultation events was designed to support transparency, inclusivity, and early engagement, consistent with recognised good practice (**Section 2.2**).

29. A range of channels were used to advertise the public consultation events. Promotional leaflets were prepared to provide an overview of the Bellrock WFDA, details of general consultation activities, and specific information about the in-person and virtual consultation events. These leaflets were distributed through selected communication channels, including direct email campaigns and notifications to political and community representatives, as outlined below:

- Local press and newspapers;
- Commercial fisheries promotion and outreach;
- The Bellrock Project's website;
- Promotional flyers;
- Radio advertisements;
- Targeted email campaigns; and
- Direct correspondence with political and council representatives.

30. The promotion and advertising material of the consultation events (for each) is provided in the Annexes. Full details of each consultation event are provided in the consultation event reports provided as **Annex A** to **Annex E**.

31. All material promoting the public consultation events clearly set out event dates and times, locations, and joining instructions (for virtual events), to maximise accessibility.

32. The above principles of promotion and advertising were used to promote the November 2025 virtual consultation event, with 69 stakeholders, including local Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSP), Councillors, and Community Councils, sent an invitation, via email, to the event, which included a promotional leaflet. The Applicant's Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO) also issued the invite and promotional virtual consultation leaflet to 124 fishers in late-October 2025. Please see **0** for the promotional virtual consultation leaflet.

33. Further detail on the promotion and delivery of each consultation event, including the materials used and the level of participation, is provided in the individual consultation event reports included in **Annex A** to **Annex E**.

3.6 Mechanisms for Capturing Stakeholder Feedback

34. A range of mechanisms were used to capture stakeholder feedback on the Bellrock WFDA during and following the consultation events, as well as through ongoing engagement activities. Feedback mechanisms were designed to ensure accessibility, transparency, and a consistent approach to recording and responding to feedback received.

35. Both in-person and virtual consultation events incorporated structured opportunities for stakeholders to provide feedback. At the in-person events, physical feedback forms were available to all attendees, allowing written comments to be recorded. For the virtual consultation events, digital feedback forms were accessible through the virtual consultation rooms, enabling stakeholders to submit comments online at their convenience. The virtual consultation event for the Bellrock WFDA, held between 17 and 30 November 2025, also included four live questions and answers (Q&A) sessions at different times of day which provided the opportunity for real-time dialogue between stakeholders and the Applicant.

36. In addition to feedback gathered through the consultation events, the Bellrock Project website provides an open channel for feedback via a dedicated project email address (www.bellrockwind@nadara.com)[4]. These mechanisms enable ongoing engagement throughout the pre-application process, ensuring that stakeholders can contribute outside of formal consultation windows.

37. All feedback from the consultation events, in addition to all other consultation/engagement, is collated, stored, and managed within the Applicant's stakeholder engagement platform (Borealis). This system allows for systematic logging, categorisation, and tracking of stakeholder input, ensuring that all feedback is reviewed, addressed, and where appropriate, informs project design and assessment.

38. A summary of the key themes raised by stakeholders at the consultation events, and the Applicant's corresponding responses and actions are provided in **Section 7**.

[4] Previously info@bellrockwind.co.uk

4 Key Roles and Responsibilities

39. Two key roles underpin the consultation strategy for the Bellrock WFDA, the FLO and the Stakeholder Engagement Manager.

40. The FLO serves as the main point of contact for the commercial fishing community, providing accurate information, maintaining dialogue with fisheries representative bodies, and ensuring feedback is captured and addressed in a structured and traceable manner. The FLO can also facilitate one-to-one communication with fishers when requested.

41. The Stakeholder Engagement Manager is responsible for the overall consultation and engagement strategy, and oversees engagement across all stakeholder groups, coordinating consultation activities, managing events and communications, and ensuring that feedback is recorded and considered in line with the engagement strategy.

5 Environmental Impact Assessment Consultation

5.1 Pre-application Consultation

42. Consultation undertaken in parallel with the EIA process has formed a key component of the Bellrock WFDA EIA Report. As detailed in **Section 2.1**, the EIA Regulations set out specific consultation requirements relevant to the voluntary scoping process, which has been undertaken for the Bellrock WFDA, as well as post-submission consultation requirements.

43. Prior to submission of the formal Scoping Request, the Applicant held a pre-scoping workshop with MD-LOT, Marine Directorate – Science Evidence Data Digital and NatureScot in October 2023. The workshop provided an early opportunity to present the proposed approach to scoping and impact assessment of the Bellrock WFDA and to obtain feedback on key receptors and impact assessment methodologies. Insights from this workshop helped shape the Bellrock WFDA Scoping Report.

44. The Applicant submitted a Scoping Request to MD-LOT (on behalf of the Scottish Ministers) in March 2024, supported by the Bellrock WFDA Scoping Report (see **Appendix 1.1: Bellrock WFDA Scoping Report** (**Volume IV**)). MD-LOT consulted with both statutory and non-statutory consultees to provide feedback on the proposed scope of the EIA. 101 stakeholders were contacted with 32 returning representations, either a response, a nil return, or no comment, to MD-LOT. Following this the Scottish Ministers issued their Scoping Opinion in August 2024 (**Appendix 1.2: Bellrock WFDA Scoping Opinion** (**Volume IV**)), which set out the topics and level of detail required for the EIA. Further detail on the Scoping Opinion, including pre- and post-scoping engagement with consultees is set out in the Bellrock WFDA EIA Report in the consultation sections of the relevant technical chapters (all of which are presented in the **Bellrock WFDA EIA Report** (**Volume II**)):

- Chapter 6: Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes;
- Chapter 7: Benthic Ecology;
- Chapter 8: Fish and Shellfish Ecology;
- Chapter 9: Marine Mammals;
- Chapter 10: Offshore Ornithology;
- Chapter 11: Commercial Fisheries;
- Chapter 12: Shipping and Navigation;
- Chapter 13: Aviation and Radar;
- Chapter 14: Marine Infrastructure and Other Users;
- Chapter 15: Marine Archaeology and Cultural Heritage;

- Chapter 16: Socioeconomics, Tourism and Recreation;
- Chapter 17: Greenhouse Gas Assessment;
- Chapter 18: Climate Change Risk; and
- Chapter 19: Major Accidents and Disasters.

45. As part of the shipping and navigation assessment, a Navigational Risk Assessment hazard workshop was held on 23 July 2025 with feedback received from the Northern Lighthouse Board, Royal Yachting Association Scotland (also on behalf of the Cruising Association), Scottish White Fish Producers Association (SWFPA), the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, and Montrose Port. Apologies were received from the UK Chamber of Shipping, Cruising Association, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's Association (SPFA). A range of Regular Operators were given the opportunity to attend the Hazard Workshop, but no operators attended. A secondary meeting was held with UK Chamber of Shipping on 2 October 2025 in order to capture their feedback. The workshop, and meeting with the UK Chamber of Shipping, helped to identify potential hazards and mitigation measures.

46. A Bellrock Project consultation letter (**Annex E**) which outlined key updates on the Bellrock Project since WFDA Scoping, was emailed out to 210 stakeholders in mid-October 2025. The stakeholders included, but were not limited to, statutory and non-statutory consultees, fisheries organisations, ports, community councils, marine users, other developers and environmental organisations. The consultation letter also notified the 210 stakeholders of the Bellrock Project virtual public consultation event (17 to 30 November 2025). Refer to **Section 6.1** and **Annex E** for further information on the Bellrock Project consultation letter.

47. In addition, the Applicant has engaged throughout the consenting process with MD-LOT and NatureScot through routine quarterly meetings. These meetings provide an ongoing forum to discuss general Bellrock Project updates and receive notification of any forthcoming regulatory guidance or updates. Similar quarterly meetings are also held with the Crown Estate Scotland (CES).

48. The voluntary PAC activities as detailed in **Table 6.1**, complement the EIA consultation process. They provide an additional opportunity for stakeholders to engage with the Applicant, ask questions, and provide input. This integration between the EIA process and PAC activities ensures that feedback is considered during both the preparation of the EIA and the design of the Bellrock Wind Farm Infrastructure.

49. A separate comprehensive Gap Analysis has been submitted, directly to MD-LOT, along with the Bellrock WFDA EIA Report, which details all consultation and engagement undertaken in relation to the Bellrock WFDA.

5.2 Post-application Consultation

50. Following submission of the Bellrock WFDA s.36 Consent and Marine Licence application, post-application consultation will take place under Part 5 of the EIA Regulations. This will involve the Applicant placing Public Notices of the application in local newspapers, and MD-LOT making the Bellrock WFDA EIA Report and associated documents available on the Scottish Government website for review.

51. MD-LOT will undertake the formal post-application consultation process where stakeholders can make representations directly to MD-LOT. The Bellrock Project website will also make the Bellrock WFDA EIA Report and associated documents available. This process ensures that a range of feedback continues post-application.

6 Pre-application Consultation Undertake

6.1 Events and Engagement Activities

52. This section, through **Table 6.1**, provides a chronological overview of the voluntary PAC events undertaken for the Bellrock WFDA. Full details of each consultation event are provided in the consultation event reports provided as **Annex A** to **Annex E**.

53. The purpose of this timeline is to provide a clear record of the voluntary PAC events undertaken for the Bellrock WFDA to ensure transparency, traceability, and accountability throughout the pre-application stage. **Section 7**, provides detail on the feedback received at the consultation events, how they have been considered by the Applicant, and actioned where needed.

54. Consultation undertaken as part of the EIA process, including pre-scoping workshops, ongoing regular meetings, and topic-specific workshops (Navigational Risk Assessment hazard workshop), is summarised in **Section 5**. These activities, whilst integral to the EIA process, are not considered to be part of the voluntary PAC process and are therefore excluded from the timeline presented in **Table 6.1**.

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Table 6.1: Summary of the Pre-application Consultation Related Events and Engagement Activities

Date	Engagement Type	Event/Activity Description	Stakeholder Group/Audience	Purpose/Objective Relative to the Bellrock WFDA	Cross Reference
Ongoing (Quarterly from quarter 1 2023)[1]	Virtual stakeholder meeting	**Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Meeting** Virtual quarterly meetings with commercial fisheries stakeholders (Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF), SWFPA, and SPFA).	Commercial fisheries stakeholders	To maintain regular, two-way communication with commercial fisheries stakeholders, providing updates on project progress, discussing potential interactions with fishing activity, and gathering feedback to inform project design, assessment and mitigation development.	▪ **Section 7.2**.
9 and 10 May 2023	Targeted consultation event	**Peterhead Fishers Consultation Event** In-person commercial fisheries consultation event held in Peterhead.	Commercial fisheries stakeholders	Early engagement to present initial project information and discuss potential interactions with commercial fishing activity.	▪ **Section 7.2**; and ▪ **Annex A**.
	Targeted consultation event	**Fraserburgh Fishers Consultation Event** In-person commercial fisheries consultation event held in Fraserburgh.	Commercial fisheries stakeholders	Early engagement to present initial project information and discuss potential interactions with commercial fishing activity.	▪ **Section 7.2**; and ▪ **Annex A**.
5 to 9 February 2024	Public consultation event	**Bellrock and Broadshore and Public Consultation Events** In-person public consultation events held at: ▪ Crimond Community Hub; ▪ Fraserburgh Golf Club; ▪ Longside Football Social Club; ▪ Peterhead Football Club; and ▪ MACBI Community Hub.	Local stakeholders, including local communities, community councils, elected representatives, organisations, local supply chain, and local businesses.	To provide information on the Bellrock WFDA, including any project updates, collect feedback from stakeholders, and provide opportunities for one-to-one discussions with the project team.	▪ **Section 7.1**; ▪ **Section 7.2**; and ▪ **Annex B**.

Date	Engagement Type	Event/Activity Description	Stakeholder Group/Audience	Purpose/Objective Relative to the Bellrock WFDA	Cross Reference
9 and 10 May 2024	Sector event	**Scottish Skippers Expo** Bellrock Project exhibition stand at the Scottish Skippers Expo held in Aberdeen.	Commercial fisheries and other marine users stakeholders.	To raise awareness of the Bellrock WFDA and facilitate engagement with commercial fisheries and other marine users.	▪ **Section 7.1**; ▪ **Section 7.2**; and ▪ **Annex C**.
21 to 23 June 2024	Community event	**Scottish Traditional Boat Festival** Bellrock Project exhibition stand at the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival held in Portsoy.	General public and local stakeholders, including local communities, local MSPs, youth group organisations, and marine users.	To raise awareness raising of the Bellrock WFDA and providing an opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback and learn about the Bellrock Project.	▪ **Section 7.1**; ▪ **Section 7.2**; and ▪ **Annex D**.
Mid-October 2025	Bellrock Project update communication	**Bellrock Project update consultation letter**	Project update letter emailed to 210 stakeholders outlining key updates to the Bellrock Project since Bellrock WFDA scoping. The letter also notified the stakeholders of the virtual consultation event that was held in November 2025.	To provide transparent project updates relevant to the Bellrock WFDA and promotion of the consultation opportunities.	▪ **Section 7.1**; and ▪ **Annex E**.
17 to 30 November 2025	Virtual consultation event	**Bellrock Virtual Consultation Event** Email invitations sent out in October 2025. Online consultation including four live Q&A sessions with the Applicant and digital feedback forms.	Local stakeholders, including local communities, community councils, elected representatives, organisations, and local businesses.	To provide updated project design information and preliminary environmental information on the Bellrock WFDA from the EIA, and capture stakeholder feedback.	▪ **Annex E**.

Notes:

[1] Whilst quarterly commercial fisheries meetings have taken place since quarter 1 2023, they have not occurred every quarter since the first meeting.

7 Feedback and Responses

7.1 Stakeholder Feedback and Responses

55. **Table 7.1** summaries feedback received from stakeholders, including the local community (where relevant), and the Applicant's response during the PAC events for the Bellrock WFDA (as detailed in **Section 6.1**). This provides a clear record of how stakeholder input from the PAC events has been considered in informing project design and the Bellrock WFDA EIA. Commercial fisheries feedback and response is included and summarised in **Section 7.2**.

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Table 7.1: Summary of Stakeholder Feedback and Bellrock Project Responses

Source/Event	Feedback ID	Date	Comment Topic	Comments Raised	Bellrock Project Response
Bellrock and Broadshore Public Consultation Event	B010	5 to 9 February 2024	Environmental impact	Comments were made on the potential effects on marine mammals and offshore ornithology. Questions were asked regarding the impact that vibrations from installation of Wind Farm Infrastructure would have on marine mammals and their migration routes, and also the impacts on seabirds.	The Applicant acknowledges the comments raised regarding potential impacts of the Wind Farm Infrastructure on both marine mammal and seabirds. These receptors have been a key focus of the EIA process. As set out in the Bellrock WFDA Scoping Report, potential impacts on both marine mammals and offshore ornithology were identified as requiring detailed assessment. The Scottish Ministers subsequently confirmed the scope of these assessments within their formal Scoping Opinion (**Appendix 1.2: Bellrock WFDA Scoping Opinion** (**Volume IV**)). For marine mammals, the EIA has assessed a range of potential impacts, including those associated with underwater noise from anchor piling operations during construction. The assessment has considered how such noise could affect individual species and their use of the wider area. Appropriate mitigation measures, consistent with industry best practice and regulatory requirements, have been identified to minimise any significant risk to marine mammal populations. For offshore ornithology, the EIA has assessed a range of potential impacts on seabirds during construction, operation and maintenance (O&M), and decommissioning, including disturbance, displacement, and collision risk. These assessments have been underpinned by robust baseline survey data, and modelling outputs, such as collision risk modelling. In addition, a Habitats Regulations Appraisal (**Bellrock Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment** (**Volume VI**)) has been undertaken in compliance with the Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. This has considered potential effects on European Sites and their qualifying features, including marine mammals and seabirds.

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Bellrock and Broadshore Public Consultation Event	B012	5 to 9 February 2024	Environmental impact	At the Longside event, alternative perspectives were raised as to whether the projects were necessary in addressing the climate crisis. Comments were made that questioned the need of net zero and the existence of a climate emergency.	The Applicant acknowledges the comments raised regarding the necessity of the Bellrock Project in the context of climate change. The purpose and need for offshore wind development is underpinned by national and international policy commitments that reflect the best available scientific evidence on climate change. The Scottish Government has set legally binding targets through the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019, requiring Scotland to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045, with interim targets of a 75% reduction by 2030 and a 90% reduction by 2040. These targets align with the UK-wide legal commitment to achieve net zero emissions by 2050, established under the UK Climate Change Act 2008. The best available scientific evidence, as set out by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and endorsed by the UK Committee on Climate Change, confirms that climate change is real, driven by human activities, and requires rapid and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Offshore wind farms such as the Bellrock Project, form a central component of Scotland's and the UK's pathway to delivering legally binding climate objectives. Offshore wind generation directly displaces fossil fuel-based electricity, contributing to decarbonisation of the power sector, which is essential for wider electrification. Alongside other renewable technologies offshore wind plays a critical role in achieving the transition to net zero (see **Chapter 2: Policy and Legislative Context** (**Volume II**) and **Chapter 18: Climate Change Risk** (**Volume II**)).
Bellrock and Broadshore Public Consultation Event	B013	5 to 9 February 2024	Visual impact	Many consultees made comments around the potential visual impact WTGs may have on the seascape yet most were satisfied when shown the Zone of Theoretical Visibility of the Bellrock Wind Farm Infrastructure did not reach land.	The Applicant acknowledges the comments raised regarding the potential visual impacts of the Bellrock Wind Farm Infrastructure. The Bellrock WFDA is located 120 km east of Stonehaven (and 116 km southeast of Peterhead) and therefore the WTGs will not be visible from land. The Bellrock WFDA Scoping Report concluded that significant effects on offshore seascape character receptors are unlikely to arise due to their low sensitivity. It was also concluded that significant effects on offshore visual receptors are unlikely to arise due to their generally low sensitivity and their transient nature.

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					The Scottish Ministers, through the Scoping Opinion (**Appendix 1.2: Bellrock WFDA Scoping Opinion** (**Volume IV**)), agreed that potential seascape, landscape, and visual impacts can be scoped out of further consideration within the Bellrock WFDA EIA. As such, it is determined that the Bellrock Wind Farm Infrastructure does not have the potential to give rise to significant seascape, landscape, and visual impacts.
Bellrock and Broadshore Public Consultation Event	B014	5 to 9 February 2024	Opportunities for local young people	High profile stakeholders, such as David Duguid, Member of Parliament (MP) for Banff and Buchan at the time of the consultation events, were keen to see the projects engage the younger generation in STEM initiatives and make them aware that STEM related jobs exist within the offshore wind sector.	The Applicant acknowledges the interest previously expressed by David Duguid MP (David Duguid is no longer an MP and the Banff and Buchan constituency no longer exists) regarding engagement with the younger generation in STEM initiatives and raising awareness of careers within the offshore wind sector. The Applicant is committed to supporting STEM education and outreach, including initiatives aimed at inspiring young people to consider careers in offshore wind and renewable energy, as demonstrated by the range of engagement activities, including specific STEM outreach**.**
Bellrock and Broadshore Public Consultation Event	B015	5 to 9 February 2024	Opportunities for local young people	Councillor Dianne Beagrie (Aberdeenshire Council, Peterhead North and Rattray Ward) shared similar feedback to David Duguid MP and provided contact details for Peterhead Academy, who were thought likely to be supportive of engaging with the Bellrock Project.	The Applicant acknowledges the feedback provided by Councillor Dianne Beagrie (Aberdeenshire Council, Peterhead North and Rattray Ward) regarding engagement with young people and STEM initiatives, and the recommendation to connect with Peterhead Academy. The Applicant is committed to supporting STEM education and outreach, including initiatives aimed at raising awareness of careers in offshore wind and renewable energy. As detailed in **Section 6**, the Applicant has undertaken a wide range of further engagement with youth groups and educational institutions, including specific STEM outreach. The Applicant will continue to work with local schools, youth groups, and other relevant stakeholders to provide opportunities for young people to learn about the renewable energy sector and develop skills relevant to offshore wind careers.

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Bellrock and Broadshore Public Consultation Event	B016	5 to 9 February 2024	Opportunities for local young people	Representatives from North East Scotland College (NESCol) and Peterhead Sea Cadets attended and viewed the Bellrock Project as a great opportunity for young people, and were keen to pursue future engagement for the young people they work with.	The Applicant welcomes the feedback from NESCol and the Peterhead Sea Cadets regarding the Bellrock Project and acknowledges their interest in engaging young people with opportunities in the offshore wind sector. The Applicant is committed to supporting STEM education and outreach, and will continue to collaborate with local schools, colleges, youth groups, and other relevant organisations to provide opportunities for young people to learn about renewable energy and develop skills relevant to offshore wind careers. As detailed in **Section 6**, the Applicant has undertaken a wide range of further engagement with youth groups and educational institutions, including both the NESCol and the Peterhead Sea Cadets.
Bellrock and Broadshore Public Consultation Event	B017	5 to 9 February 2024	Opportunities for local supply chain	Representatives from local supply chain organisations attended the Mintlaw event to learn more about supply chain opportunities and were advised to register on the projects' supply chain portals on the projects' websites. There was a general consensus amongst wider stakeholders that the projects would benefit local businesses and contractors and stimulate benefits and future opportunities for the local supply chain.	The Applicant welcomes the feedback from representatives of local supply chain organisations who attended the Mintlaw event and engaged with the Applicant regarding potential opportunities. Attendees were advised to register on the Bellrock Project's supply chain portal (www.bellrockwind.co.uk/supply-chain) and to access information on forthcoming procurement opportunities. The Applicant recognises the importance of supporting local businesses and contractors and is committed to maximising economic benefits for the local supply chain where possible. Engagement with local stakeholders will continue to ensure that supply chain opportunities, training initiatives, and future Bellrock Project updates are communicated effectively.

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Bellrock and Broadshore Public Consultation Event	B018	5 to 9 February 2024	Opportunities for local supply chain	Some specific stakeholder feedback was received suggesting the projects would not fulfil their supply chain commitments (Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm, 2023). For example, at the Longside event, questions were raised by an attendee on whether steel would be imported from China and by extension, what impact would this have on the projects' carbon footprint.	The Applicant acknowledges the feedback regarding supply chain commitments and the concern that the use of imported materials, such as steel, could reduce local economic benefit and increase the Bellrock Project's carbon footprint. The Applicant is committed to maximising opportunities for the Scottish and UK supply chain, in line with the requirements of CES's Supply Chain Development Statement process and has committed to spend £1.71 billion within Scotland in developing and operating the Bellrock Project (Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm, 2023). The Applicant is actively working with Scottish and UK suppliers to ensure that opportunities are communicated and to encourage local participation in the Bellrock Project. The Applicant has not yet commenced procurement activities for the Bellrock WFDA. It is however recognised that offshore wind developments require specialist materials and manufacturing capacity, some of which may not currently be available in Scotland or elsewhere in the UK. In such cases, it may be necessary to source components/materials internationally. Where this is the case, the Applicant will ensure that suppliers meet high standards of environmental, ethical, and quality performance. The Applicant also recognises the importance of lifecycle carbon impacts. This has been carefully considered within the Bellrock WFDA EIA and wider design process and has been assessed for both the Bellrock WFDA and the Bellrock Project as a whole (see **Chapter 17: Greenhouse Gas Assessment** (**Volume II**)).
Bellrock and Broadshore Public Consultation Event	B019	5 to 9 February 2024	Opportunities for local supply chain	A number of stakeholders highlighted that the projects' commitment to the wider Scottish supply chain held little significance for them personally, rather their focus lay on the supply chain operating locally, particularly within Peterhead and its surrounding areas.	The Applicant acknowledges the feedback that some stakeholders view the Bellrock Project's commitment to the wider Scottish supply change as less relevant to their immediate interests, and that their primary focus is on the opportunities for businesses operating locally, particularly in Peterhead and the surrounding areas. The Applicant recognises that while the local supply chain is a key priority, the wider Scottish supply chain also plays an important role in providing specialist skills, supporting upstream industries, and ensuring the Bellrock Project can be delivered efficiently (see **Chapter 16: Socioeconomics, Tourism and Recreation** (**Volume II**)).

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					The Applicant remains committed to supporting local businesses and maximising economic benefits for the immediate area where possible. Local supply chain businesses are advised to register on the Bellrock Project's supply chain portal (www.bellrockwind.co.uk/supply-chain). Engagement with both local and wider Scottish stakeholders will continue throughout the lifecycle of the Bellrock Project to ensure opportunities are communicated clearly and participation is supported across the supply chain.
Scottish Skippers Expo	C008	9 and 10 May 2024	Community engagement	Engagement with Men United, a local charity based in Peterhead, encouraged the Applicant to consider the impact that bringing workers into the local area during the construction and operational phase of the projects will have on their mental health and wellbeing (for example, feelings of isolation).	The Applicant acknowledges the feedback provided by Men United regarding potential mental health and wellbeing impacts on workers temporarily residing in the local area during the various phases of the Bellrock Project's lifecycle. The Applicant recognises the importance of workforce wellbeing and will ensure mental health considerations are incorporated into workforce management and site induction procedures. The Applicant also recognises the potential positive impacts on the local community and workforce, including employment opportunities, skills development, training, and engagement initiatives that can support personal and professional wellbeing. The Applicant will continue to liaise with local charities, community organisations, and relevant stakeholders to promote a supportive working environment and to help the Bellrock Project contribute positively to the social and economic wellbeing of the local area.
Scottish Skippers Expo	C009	9 and 10 May 2024	Community engagement	Productive discussions were held with East Grampian Coastal Partnership, a non-governmental organisation which promotes the sustainable development and management of the East Grampian Coast, on potential volunteering opportunities for the Applicant, such as organised beach cleans within the targeted area.	The Applicant welcomes the productive discussions held with the East Grampian Coastal Partnership non-government organisation. The Applicant recognises the value of potential volunteering opportunities, such as organised beach cleans, and supports initiatives that contribute to the protection and enhancement of the local coastal environment. The Applicant remains committed to working with local organisations and stakeholders to support community-led environmental initiatives.

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Scottish Traditional Boat Festival	D002	21 to 23 June 2024	Engagement with the local community	Some community members questioned the need for the Bellrock Project and the Broadshore Hub projects, commenting that Scotland sufficiently produces enough of its own energy, and that the energy generated by the projects would go via the National Electricity Transmission System to power England.	The Applicant acknowledges the comments regarding the need for the Bellrock Project, and the destination of the electricity generated. The climate emergency is a global issue, requiring coordinated action across regions and countries. Both the Scottish Government and the UK Government have committed to achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 in Scotland and 2050 in the UK. Offshore wind developments such as the Bellrock Project are recognised as a critical component in meeting these net zero targets. In 2022, renewable energy sources in Scotland generated the equivalent of 113% of the country's electricity consumption, highlighting the strong contribution of renewables to local supply. Due to the interconnected nature of the National Electricity Transmission System, electricity is shared across Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland to meet demand where it is needed. This system allows Scotland to export surplus electricity, and when needed, to import electricity. This helps support energy security in Scotland and across the UK and ensures that renewable generation contributes to overall decarbonisation. The Bellrock Project will contribute to Scotland's and the UK's net zero ambitions, whilst also providing wider benefits such as energy security, supply chain opportunities, and associated employment opportunities (see **Chapter 2: Policy and Legislative Context** (**Volume II**)).
Scottish Traditional Boat Festival	D003	21 to 23 June 2024	Engagement with the local community	There were many local community members who were supportive of the Bellrock Project and the Broadshore Hub projects, with comments such as "keep doing what you're doing – it's the way forward" and "we're all for them". Two community members from Huntley gave the example of the loud opposition to developments in their area which subsided once a community ownership scheme was	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes the positive feedback received from local community members regarding the Bellrock Project. The Applicant commits to maintaining effective communication channels with local communities to ensure that their perspectives are heard and considered during the development of the Bellrock Project. The Applicant is committed to the implementation of community benefit, the form of which is yet to be determined. The Applicant is currently liaising with the Scottish and UK Governments who are currently consulting on community benefit proposals resulting from offshore renewables to ensure any scheme is fit for purpose.

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				implemented and residents gained benefit from those projects. The Huntley Development Trust is now an ambitious community organisation which collaborates with others to create opportunities for the community. In addition, Boyndie Wind Farm (a Nadara onshore project) was nearby to the Portsoy event and there was positive sentiment around this wind farm and the company due to the community ownership model implemented at the Nadara's Boyndie Wind Farm and direct benefits they have seen for their communities. Local community members also highlighted there had been minimal disruption during the development of this project.	
Scottish Traditional Boat Festival	D004	21 to 23 June 2024	Engagement with the local community	Community members and residents want to see immediate benefits from developments which 'disrupt' the area. They are seeking sponsorship, funding and partnership initiatives, especially since the projects are still in the early stages. They want to experience tangible benefits right away. This was also highlighted by Karen Adam MSP who stated that she would like to see the projects put money back into Peterhead and to create local employment opportunities as a compensation for disruption.	Refer above with regards to developing the provision of a community ownership scheme. The Applicant is committed to supporting local workforce development and will continue to work with partners and provide information on opportunities and pathways into the offshore wind sector, helping facilitate skills transfer from oil and gas, where possible. Local supply chain businesses are advised to register on the Bellrock Project's supply chain portal (www.bellrockwind.co.uk/supply-chain). The Applicant is committed to maximising opportunities for the Scottish and UK supply chain, in line with the requirements of CES's Supply Chain Development Statement process and has committed to spend £1.71 billion within Scotland in developing and operating the Bellrock Project (Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm, 2023). The Applicant is actively working with Scottish and UK suppliers to ensure that opportunities are communicated and to encourage local participation in the Bellrock Project.

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Scottish Traditional Boat Festival	D005	21 to 23 June 2024	Engagement with the local community	Both Karen Adam MSP and Audrey Nicoll MSP were impressed with the Applicant's commitment to engaging young people and the actions we've taken so far for planned targeted engagement.	The Applicant welcomes the feedback from Karen Adam MSP and Audrey Nicoll MSP regarding the Bellrock Project. The Applicant is committed to proactive engagement with local communities throughout the lifecycle of the Bellrock Project, ensuring that stakeholders are informed, able to provide input, and kept up to date on progress. Feedback from all stakeholders is valued and will continue to inform the Bellrock Project's approach where relevant.
Scottish Traditional Boat Festival	D006	21 to 23 June 2024	Engagement with young people	Many young people attended the event were engaged in the Bellrock Project and the Broadshore Hub projects, especially those who were interested in a potential career in renewables. Discussion with both staff and volunteers from the Peterhead Sea Cadets expressed that they were interested in opportunities for further engagement with the projects.	The Applicant welcomes the feedback from the Peterhead Sea Cadets regarding the Bellrock Project and acknowledges their interest in the offshore wind sector and further engagement on the Bellrock Project. As detailed in **Section 9**, the Applicant has undertaken a wide range of further engagement with youth groups and educational institutions, including the Peterhead Sea Cadets. The Applicant is committed to supporting STEM education and outreach, and will continue to collaborate with local schools, colleges, youth groups, and other relevant organisations to provide opportunities for young people to learn about renewable energy and develop skills relevant to offshore wind careers.
Scottish Traditional Boat Festival	D007	21 to 23 June 2024	Engagement with young people	Both Karen Adam MSP and Audrey Nicoll MSP were impressed with our commitment to engaging young people and the actions we've taken so far for planned targeted engagement.	The Applicant welcomes the positive feedback from Karen Adam MSP and Audrey Nicoll MSP regarding the Applicant's commitment to engaging young people. The Applicant is committed to targeted engagement with schools and youth groups in the local community (refer to **Section 9**), providing opportunities to raise awareness of offshore wind, renewable energy, and career pathways in the sector. Feedback from stakeholders is valued and will continue to guide the Applicant's approach to youth engagement activities, as appropriate.
Scottish Traditional Boat Festival	D009	21 to 23 June 2024	STEM opportunities and employment transition	Attendees were interested in finding out how they can transition into renewables with the upcoming ScotWind projects - citing they had worked in the oil and gas industry for	The Applicant acknowledges the interest expressed by the local community regarding career opportunities in the renewable energy sector and the challenges associated with transitioning from oil and gas. The offshore wind sector is rapidly growing in Scotland, with Scotland recognised as a global leader. The ScotWind projects will provide a range

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				several years and were attempting to transition into the renewables sector with limited success.	of employment opportunities across construction, O&M, and supply chain roles. Whilst opportunities exist, successful transition often requires relevant skills, training, certifications, which can differ from those associated with oil and gas experience. The Applicant encourages those seeking to enter the sector to explore training programmes, apprenticeships, and skills development initiatives offered by organisations such as: ▪ Skills Development Scotland; ▪ Energy Skills Partnership; and ▪ Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult. The Applicant is committed to supporting local workforce development and will continue to work with partners and provide information on opportunities and pathways into the offshore wind sector, helping facilitate skills transfer from oil and gas, where possible. Local supply chain businesses are advised to register on the Bellrock Project's supply chain portal (www.bellrockwind.co.uk/supply-chain).
Scottish Traditional Boat Festival	D010	21 to 23 June 2024	STEM opportunities and employment transition	Connections were made with relevant stakeholders with interest and experience in STEM activities including Aberdeenshire Council (Digital Technologies division) and Energy Institute – Young Professional Network.	The Applicant has proactively made connections with stakeholders with interest and experience in STEM, including Aberdeenshire Council (Digital Technologies division) and the Energy Institute – Young Professional Network. These connections will support ongoing initiatives to engage students, young professionals, and the wider community, providing opportunities to develop skills and awareness relevant to the renewable energy sector.
Bellrock Project update consultation letter	C-00672	14/10/2025	Environmental impact	The Joint Radio Company commented that they previously cleared the Bellrock WFDA in May 2024. They noted proposed changes include onshore grid connection elements, which require Joint Radio Company consultation due to potential impact on protected links. They request further information on these onshore elements.	The Applicant acknowledges that the Joint Radio Company does not have any additional comments to make in relation to the Bellrock WFDA. As with the Bellrock WFDA, the Applicant will seek to engage with the Joint Radio Company from an early stage in the consenting process for both the Offshore and Onshore Transmission Infrastructure. Formal consultation through the scoping process will also allow for the opportunity to comment on the two development proposals at an early stage.

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Bellrock Project update consultation letter	C-00671	13/10/2025	Engagement with the local community	Fraserburgh Harbour acknowledged receipt of the consultation letter and stated that they are keen to be involved in the development of the Bellrock Project.	The Applicant welcomes Fraserburgh Harbours interest in the Bellrock Project and acknowledges their request to remain involved. Ongoing engagement with Fraserburgh Harbour will be maintained as the project progresses, including opportunities to discuss potential interactions with port operations and future project requirements at appropriate stages.
Bellrock Project update consultation letter	C-00670	13/10/2025	Engagement with the local community	The Cove and Altens Community Council acknowledged receipt of the consultation letter and requested that the Applicant's records be updated to reflect their new email address.	The Applicant welcomes the response from Cove and Altens Community Council and confirms that there contact details have been updated as requested.
Bellrock Project update consultation letter	C-00669	13/10/2025	Environmental impact	Natural England acknowledged receipt of the consultation letter and confirmed that they would not be attending the virtual consultation event. They also advised that if the Applicant had any specific questions that the Natural England Discretionary Advice Service be used.	The Applicant acknowledges Natural England's response.
Bellrock Project update consultation letter	C-00668	14/10/2025	Environmental impact	The Joint Nature Conservation Committee noted that their role in relation to offshore renewables in Scottish waters has been delegated to NatureScot.	The Applicant acknowledges the Joint Nature Conservation Committees response; it is noted that NatureScot has assumed the Joint Nature Conservation Committee's role in relation to offshore renewables in Scottish waters 0 nm to 200 nm.
Bellrock Project update consultation letter	C-00663	05/11/2025	Environmental impact	The Receiver of Wreck (Maritime and Coastguard Agency) noted the Scoping Report lacked detail on handling potential maritime wrecks. They requested further information on reporting protocols.	The Applicant acknowledges the feedback from the Receiver of Wreck. In relation to information on how potential maritime wrecks will be dealt with, including reporting protocols, full details are provided in the Written Scheme of Investigations (**Volume V**) and the Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries (**Volume V**). If an archaeological discovery is a wreck, within the meaning of the Merchant Shipping Act 1996, then a report will also be made to the Receiver of Wreck as detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (**Volume V**).

Source/Event	Feedback ID	Date	Comment Topic	Comments Raised	Bellrock Project Response
Bellrock Project update consultation letter	C-00650	18/11/2025	Environmental impact	The Dee District Salmon Fisheries Board supports constructive engagement but highlights uncertainty about the impact of marine energy structures on Atlantic salmon *Salmo salar*. They stress the urgent need for strategic research on diadromous fish and recommend developers collaborate to fund monitoring and mitigation measures.	The Applicant acknowledges the feedback received from the Dee District Salmon Fisheries Board. Potential impacts, across the construction, O&M, and decommissioning phases, on diadromous fish, including Atlantic salmon and sea trout *Salmo trutta* have been considered within **Chapter 8: Fish and Shellfish Ecology** (**Volume II**). The assessment considered a range of impact pathways, including interactions with electromagnetic fields (EMF). Embedded mitigation relevant to this assessment is presented in Section 8.6.3 of **Chapter 8: Fish and Shellfish Ecology** (**Volume II**), The assessment concluded that there would be no significant effects, in EIA terms, for diadromous or any other fish and shellfish receptors. No additional/secondary mitigation is proposed.
Bellrock Project update consultation letter	C-00661	23/10/2025	Developer engagement	Floatation Energy acknowledged receipt of the consultation letter and requested a Geographic Information System shapefile or map of the proposed Bellrock offshore export cable corridor.	The Applicant acknowledges Floatation Energy's request for spatial data relating to the proposed Bellrock offshore export cable corridor. The Applicant seeks to work conservatively with other offshore wind developers and recognises the importance of early information sharing to support coordination and minimise potential future interactions. The Applicant has provided the area of search for the OfTDA and will continue to engage with Floatation Energy, as required, as the Bellrock Project progresses.
Bellrock Project update consultation letter	C-00654	14/11/2025	Engagement with the local community	The Deer Community Council expressed dissatisfaction with the consultation process, stating that the lack of large, clear maps and detailed information shows disregard for affected residents and is not in line with proper consultation standards.	The Applicant confirmed that Deer Community Council had received the project update, as a follow up to being involved in scoping consultation for the Bellrock WFDA. The virtual consultation event included interactive materials and feedback options to allow for meaningful engagement between the Applicant and stakeholders.
Bellrock Project update consultation letter	C-00651	19/11/2025	Engagement with the local community	Fife Council acknowledged receipt of the consultation letter and confirmed that they have no comments.	The Applicant acknowledges Fife Council's feedback.

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Bellrock Virtual Consultation Event	C-00644/ C-00648	10/11/2025	Engagement with the local community	An MSP commented that onshore infrastructure, needed for offshore wind farms, particularly large pylons and substations, is considered inappropriate for the location, and further highlighted that MSPs are receiving emails opposing these elements, indicating strong public concern.	The Applicant acknowledged the feedback from the MSP and clarified that they cannot comment on specific transmission upgrade projects, but they support a fair planning and regulatory process that considers environmental and community impacts. They confirmed Bellrock will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the proposed Hurlie Substation and committed to a comprehensive, independent EIA for the OnTDA, with further community engagement planned.

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7.2 Commercial Fisheries Feedback and Responses

56. This section summarises all feedback relevant to commercial fisheries received during the voluntary PAC for the Bellrock WFDA, as detailed in **Section 6**. This includes input from dedicated commercial fisheries stakeholders, as well as feedback from other consultees that related specifically to commercial fisheries interests. **Table 7.2** presents the feedback received and the Applicant's response. This provides a clear record of how stakeholder input from the PAC events has been considered to inform project design and assessment.

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Table 7.2: Summary of Stakeholder Feedback and Bellrock Project Response Relevant to Commercial Fisheries

Source/Event	Feedback ID	Date	Comment Topic	Comments Raised	Bellrock Project Response
Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Meeting	N/A	Ongoing	Impact on local fishing community	Throughout the ongoing quarterly meetings the following points have been raised: ▪ Commercial fisheries stakeholders wish to be included in other relevant EIA discussions, such as shipping and navigation, and shellfish ecology - not just commercial fisheries; ▪ Commercial fisheries stakeholders do not support the idea of developer led fishery closures as they do not want to see developers having the powers to enforce fishery management measures; ▪ Commercial fisheries stakeholders advise that fishing activity (mainly Nephrops) takes place in and to the east of the Bellrock WFDA in association with the Devil's Hole functional unit; ▪ Commercial fisheries stakeholders state that fishers wanting to target the Devil's Hole fishing grounds would need to transit an additional six miles to reach these grounds with the Bellrock WFDA in place, and as such, the impact of additional steaming to alternative fishing grounds should be scoped into the assessment for the O&M phase;	The Applicant acknowledges the importance and value of the ongoing quarterly meetings, including the comments raised by the relevant commercial fisheries stakeholders. In regard to the stakeholders' desire to be included in consultation outside of the commercial fisheries topic, the Applicant is committed to consulting and engaging with the commercial fisheries sector to ensure that their views on potential impacts are fully understood and considered as part of the development and EIA process. This includes engagement on topics such as navigation and shellfish ecology. For example, commercial fisheries stakeholders were invited to participate in the hazard workshop, which is a key activity in the navigational risk assessment process. In regard to the comments raised relating to developer led fishery closures, the Applicant can confirm that such measures do not form part of the Bellrock WFDA's mitigation or project specific compensation strategy. The Applicant acknowledges that fishing (Nephrops) activity occurs in the far east of the Bellrock WFDA, and with the presence of Wind Farm Infrastructure, fishing vessels may be required to transit around the Bellrock WFDA in order to reach the Devil's Hole functional unit fishing grounds. As such, although the impact of additional steaming to alternative fishing grounds was scoped out of the Bellrock WFDA Scoping Report (**Appendix 1.1 Bellrock WFDA Scoping Report** (**Volume IV**)), SFF (and also Marine Directorate – Science Evidence Data Digital) requested that the Applicant scope in additional steaming to alternative fishing grounds in the Bellrock WFDA EIA. As such, this impact has been fully considered and assessed within **Chapter 11: Commercial Fisheries** (**Volume II**)). The Applicant appreciates that the commercial fisheries stakeholders recognise their commitment to effective and open engagement in order to help maximise inter-sector co-existence. The Applicant is committed to ongoing consultation and engagement with the commercial fishing industry. The Applicant acknowledges stakeholders' comments on the importance of the influence of external events on baseline landings data and the need to account for this. As such, where data sources allow, longer temporal

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				▪ Commercial fisheries stakeholders acknowledge the Applicant's appetite to work with the commercial fishing industry to promote co-existence between the sectors; ▪ Commercial fisheries stakeholders highlighted that commercial fisheries datasets should cover a longer temporal period (greater than five years) to show impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and Brexit; ▪ SPFA stated that the Bellrock WFDA should not impact the pelagic fleet; and ▪ Commercial fisheries stakeholders highlighted that at present there are data gaps, that need further research, to understand offshore wind impacts.	periods have been used to undertake landings trend analysis, using the most recent annual datasets available at the time of assessment (**Chapter 11: Commercial Fisheries** (**Volume II**)). The Applicant acknowledges and is appreciative of the SPFA's statement that the Bellrock WFDA is unlikely to impact the pelagic fleet. This position is supported by the Commercial Fisheries EIA assessment (**Chapter 11: Commercial Fisheries** (**Volume II**)), which concluded that no significant adverse effects on the pelagic fishery are predicted during any phase of the development. The Applicant acknowledges that there are ongoing data gaps informing potential impacts of offshore wind on the environment, including commercial fisheries. These knowledge gaps are recognised across the sector and are being addressed through regional and national research programmes (such as the Scottish Marine Energy Research initiative). The Applicant will continue to engage with stakeholders and relevant working groups to ensure that emerging evidence is considered and incorporated into the assessment and mitigation process where applicable.
Bellrock and Broadshore Fishers Consultation (Peterhead Consultation Event)	A001	9 May 2023	Impact on local fishing community	Consultees raised the location of the Bellrock Project as it overlaps with discrete high intensity mobile fishing grounds. As the intention is to install floating turbines, this overlap was a concern due to the potential exclusion of the mobile fleet.	The Applicant acknowledges the comments raised regarding potential exclusion of the mobile fishing fleet from within the Bellrock WFDA. Potential impacts on commercial fisheries have been considered throughout the EIA process. As set out in the Bellrock WFDA Scoping Report, potential impacts on commercial fisheries were identified as requiring detailed assessment. The Scottish Ministers subsequently confirmed the scope of these assessments within their formal Scoping Opinion **(Appendix 1.2: Bellrock WFDA Scoping Opinion** (**Volume IV**)). A comprehensive baseline characterisation and impact assessment has been carried out for the Bellrock WFDA (see **Chapter 11: Commercial Fisheries** (**Volume II**)). The baseline characterisation concluded that

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					demersal trawling activity occurred across the Bellrock WFDA, with relatively higher levels of activity associated with grounds to the east. Additionally, low levels of activity for demersal seine, for haddock, and sporadic pelagic trawl, for herring, were identified within the Bellrock WFDA. To minimise potential impacts and facilitate co-existence with the commercial fishing industry, the Applicant has committed to several embedded mitigation measures, including: ▪ Appointment of a FLO to maintain regular communication with fishers; ▪ Adoption of good practice guidance for fisheries liaison, including the principles of Fisheries Liaison with Offshore Wind and Wet Renewables (FLOWW) (FLOWW, 2025); ▪ Development and implementation of a Fisheries Mitigation, Monitoring, and Communication Plan (FMMCP); and ▪ Ongoing liaison with fisheries representative bodies. These measures are designed to reduce the risk of exclusion of the mobile fleet and ensure that the Bellrock WFDA's construction, O&M, and decommissioning activities are undertaken in a way that is fully coordinated with the local commercial fishing industry.
Bellrock and Broadshore Fishers Consultation (Peterhead Consultation Event)	A006	9 May 2023	Impact on local fishing community and fish and shellfish ecology	The introduction of EMF above background levels from the installation of export cables was raised by consultees. Fishers questioned the potential effects on target shellfish species and resultant effects on the body of evidence regarding EMFs. Fishers expressed they require more evidence and fed back they had reduced landings around the Hywind cable.	The Applicant acknowledges the comments raised regarding the potential for EMF to impact fish and shellfish ecology within the Bellrock WFDA. Potential impacts on fish and shellfish ecology have been considered throughout the EIA process. As set out in the Bellrock WFDA Scoping Report, potential impacts on fish and shellfish ecology were identified as requiring detailed assessment. The Scottish Ministers subsequently confirmed the scope of these assessments within their formal Scoping Opinion (**Appendix 1.2: Bellrock WFDA Scoping Opinion** (**Volume IV**)). The EIA has assessed a range of potential impacts, including those associated with EMF produced by both static and dynamic IACs (see **Chapter 8: Fish and Shellfish Ecology** (**Volume II**)). The assessment

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					was informed by existing scientific literature, including relevant information on EMF exposure in the marine environment, an EMF assessment for the Bellrock WFDA infrastructure (**Appendix 8.1: Electromagnetic Fields Assessment Report** (**Volume IV**)), and baseline data. The assessment concluded that EMF emissions are highly localised in nature, with rapid decay in field strength with distance from the cable. Embedded mitigation measures, including cable burial, external cable protection (where cable burial is not possible), cable armouring, and compact three-core alternating current cable design, further minimise exposure. Potential effects are determined to be limited to localised and short-term behavioural responses, with no evidence of barrier effects or population-level effects of fish and shellfish receptors. Therefore, the assessment concluded that EMFs from the Wind Farm Infrastructure within the Bellrock WFDA will not result in significant effects in EIA terms.
Bellrock and Broadshore Fishers Consultation (Fraserburgh Consultation Event)	A008	10 May 2023	Impact on local fishing community	Discussions at the Fraserburgh consultation event echoed questions raised during the Peterhead event. Mobile gear fishers provided feedback on the Bellrock WFDA due to its overlap with discrete high intensity fishing grounds.	Please see the Bellrock Project's response provided above for Feedback ID A001.
Bellrock and Broadshore Public Consultation Event	B009	5 to 9 February 2024	Impact on local fishing community	Some fishers expressed they would prefer to hear from the project team directly, rather than through fishing associations.	The Applicant acknowledges the comments raised regarding preferences for direct communication with the Applicant. The standard and established approach to fisheries liaison is through the FLO, supported by the development and implementation of the FMMCP. The FLO's role is to maintain regular communication with the commercial fishing industry, both through representative organisations, such as SFF, SWFPA, and local associations, and directly with individual fishers. FLOs also work closely with the Fishery Industry Representatives, who act as a further link between the Applicant and the commercial fishing industry. This broad range of liaison helps to ensure both collective and individual points of view are captured and addressed, where needed.

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					If fishers would like to be contacted directly by the FLO, rather than indirectly via fishing associations or Fishery Industry Representatives, they are encouraged to notify the FLO and provide their preferred contact details. These details will be treated confidentially, used only for project related liaison, and can be updated or removed at any time upon request. Promotion of the consultation events was also targeted at commercial fishers to ensure they were aware of the opportunities to engage and provide feedback on the Bellrock Project.
Scottish Skippers Expo	C002	9 and 10 May 2024	Impact on local fishing community and fish and shellfish ecology	Questions were raised regarding the potential impact of EMF on fish populations.	Please see the Bellrock Project's response provided above for Feedback ID A006.
Scottish Skippers Expo	C005	9 and 10 May 2024	Impact on local fishing community	Both SFF and SWFPA expressed appreciation for the Applicant's proactive approach to actively engaging with and involving the fishing community and industry.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes the positive feedback received from the SFF and the SWFPA regarding the Applicant's proactive engagement with the fishing community and wider industry stakeholders. The Applicant is committed to continuing this collaborative approach throughout the construction and O&M phases (and eventual decommissioning). Measures in place to facilitate ongoing engagement include: ▪ The appointment of a FLO to maintain regular communication with fishing stakeholders; ▪ Implementation of good practice guidance for fisheries liaison, including the principles of FLOWW (FLOWW, 2025); ▪ Development and adherence to a FMMCP; and ▪ Ongoing liaison with fisheries representative bodies. The Applicant remains committed to engaging constructively with the fishing industry to ensure that the Bellrock WFDA's activities are undertaken in a manner that respects and accommodates commercial fisheries interests, where possible.

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Scottish Skippers Expo	C006	9 and 10 May 2024	Impact on local fishing community	Some fishers emphasised the importance of disruption payments being made on agreed dates. It was noted that there was discrepancy between disruption payments, with some fishers receiving a different monetary value from different projects. The Applicant advised that disruption payments must be evidence based.	The Applicant acknowledges the concerns raised regarding experiences of survey work and cooperation measures applied by other developers. The Applicant is committed ensuring that proactive, transparent, and early engagement is maintained throughout the lifecycle of the Bellrock Project. A FLO has been appointed to act as the primary point of contact for the fishing industry. In addition, the Applicant has prepared a FMMCP (**Bellrock WFDA FMMCP** (**Volume V**)), which sets out the mitigation and monitoring measures, and the commitments to communication and cooperation. This FMMCP has been prepared in line with the FLOWW guidance in the absence of any other guidance available. This robust approach to engagement will ensure that the commercial fishing industry is kept informed of planned activities and that potential issues are addressed in a collaborative and timely manner.
Scottish Skippers Expo	C007	9 and 10 May 2024	Impact on local fishing community	Other nearshore fishers commented that the disruption system is unfair due to their experience of recent surveys undertaken by other developers in the area. Smaller boats rely fully on the close nearshore fishing grounds, but because they have small revenue, they are due lower disruption payments compared to the larger boats which do not rely on the close nearshore where the cables land.	The Applicant acknowledges the concerns raised regarding the perceived inequalities to nearshore fishers regarding the cooperation systems applied by other offshore wind developers. It is noted that the Bellrock WFDA is located offshore, approximately 120 km from Stonehaven, and does not overlap with nearshore fishing grounds, and therefore the WFDA itself will not result in any restriction or displacement of nearshore commercial fishing activity. As such, the Applicant is not proposing a cooperation scheme for nearshore fisheries for the Bellrock WFDA, and no impacts to their fishing grounds are anticipated. Potential impacts associated with the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure, particularly the offshore export cable from the WFDA to landfall will be assessed as part of the Bellrock OfTDA EIA Report, which will consider the nearshore environment and any interactions with local fishers. Additional consultation will be undertaken for the Bellrock OfTDA site selection, scoping and EIA phases in due course. Key embedded mitigation measures, include the appointment of a FLO, and the development and adherence to a FMMCP.

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					The Applicant remains committed to engaging constructively with the commercial fishing industry and will continue to coordinate with representative bodies and individual fishers to maximise coexistence.
Scottish Traditional Boat Festival	D008	21 to 23 June 2024	Impact on local fishing community	Karen Adam MSP was pleased to hear about the Applicant's work and engagement with the fishing community. Karen Adam MSP is convenor of the Cross Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Fisheries and Coastal Communities and welcomed further engagement and would like to know more about the Peterhead Developers Forum.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes the positive feedback received from Karen Adam MSP regarding the Applicant's proactive engagement with the commercial fishing industry. The Applicant remains committed to engaging constructively with the fishing industry to ensure that the Bellrock WFDA's activities are undertaken in a manner that respects and accommodates commercial fisheries interests, where possible.
Bellrock Project update consultation letter	C-00664	28/11/2025	Impact on local fishing community	SFF welcomed Bellrock's proactive engagement, including Horizon Watch for cable route planning, but highlighted several key areas for consideration. These included the potential loss of fishing grounds and the increase in snagging risks from the increased number of WTGs and FSSs, cable burial and protection methods, and the need for fisheries input into design decisions. They raised questions on phasing of the seven-year construction period, cumulative impacts across ScotWind projects, and called for a pre-consent FMMCP with adaptive management and secondary mitigation measures. Further concerns relate to early engagement on transmission routes, socioeconomic and gear-specific impact assessments, and the need for coordinated mitigation strategies	The Applicant welcomes the SFF acknowledgement of the practice engagement undertaken to date, including the use of Horizon Watch to inform cable route planning for the OfTDA and seeks to continue to engage constructively with commercial fisheries stakeholders throughout the consenting process. The matters raised by SFF have been considered within **Chapter 11: Commercial Fisheries** (**Volume II**). For all commercial fisheries receptors, except demersal otter trawls targeting Nephrops, effects were assessed as not significant and did not require additional mitigation. Effects relating to the loss of access to fishing grounds for demersal otter trawls, specifically targeting Nephrops, were assessed as moderate adverse; however, the Applicant will continue to engage with the commercial fisheries industry and fisheries representatives through post-consent, pre-construction and construction to identify measures to minimise disruption to Nephrops fishing. Potential measures may be identified through an ongoing review of the construction programme, vessel movements and working practices, and implementation of refinements identified through final design parameters and further engagement, where consistent with safety, engineering and project delivery considerations and consent and mitigation requirements.

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				and obstacle-free corridors to reduce operational risks.	The Applicant will implement and maintain fisheries communication and monitoring measures during the construction (including site preparation) and O&M phases of the Bellrock Wind Farm Infrastructure through the FMMCP, including routine information sharing, agreed points of contact, and monitoring ongoing fisheries activity. The Applicant is confident that, as the final Wind Farm Infrastructure parameters are developed and defined, and following further engagement with fishers on those parameters, measures could be implemented such that loss of access to the Nephrops fishing area would, in reality, be mitigated further and non-significant. However, as the detail of these measures cannot yet be confirmed, consistent with the requirement to consider a realistic worst case scenario, the residual effect is retained as moderate adverse (significant in EIA terms). A FMMCP (**Volume V**) has been developed pre-consent and has been submitted in support of this application. The FMMCP outlines appropriate mitigation, monitoring measures, and communication protocols.

8 Influence of Consultation on the Bellrock Wind Farm Infrastructure Design

57. Whilst the PAC process provides an opportunity for early feedback on the project design, no specific Wind Farm Infrastructure design changes have been necessary or feasible as a direct result of PAC Feedback. Design parameters have been informed by early constraints analysis, technical feasibility considerations, and environmental sensitivities, and are defined within a project design envelope that maintains the necessary flexibility for ongoing engineering and consenting processes.

58. However, feedback received through PAC activities (**Section 7**) has contributed to the following:

- Reinforcement of commitment to continued engagement, including ongoing liaison with the commercial fisheries sector, and continued involvement with local education, skills, and STEM initiatives;
- Integration of consultation themes into the EIA process, ensuring that topics raised through PAC (including commercial fisheries, offshore ornithology, marine mammals, and local socioeconomic opportunities) are carried forward within the relevant EIA Report chapters; and
- Development of key mitigation measures, including the preparation of the FMMCP, which will be informed by feedback received from commercial fisheries stakeholders through PAC and summarised in **Table 7.2**.

9 Wider Community and Stakeholder Engagement Activities

59. Alongside the PAC events and activities (see **Section 6**), the Applicant has delivered a programme of community and stakeholder engagement activities to maintain dialogue, promote awareness of the Bellrock WFDA, and support education and skills development in the local community and more widely across Scotland.

60. These activities, summarised in **Table 9.1**, have complemented the PAC process by strengthening relationships with local communities and supporting the principles of the SP=EED framework (PAS, 2025). These activities have provided opportunities to raise awareness of offshore wind, highlight potential career pathways, promote STEM opportunities, and encourage participation in the transition to renewable energy.

Table 9.1: Summary of Wider Community and Stakeholder Engagement Activities

Engagement Activity	Date	Description
Peterhead Sea Cadets engagement session	6 November 2024	As part of the Applicant's Youth Engagement Strategy, the Applicant delivered an engagement session with the Peterhead Sea Cadets, presenting details on the Bellrock Project with a Q&A session, followed by an interactive activity using virtual reality (VR) headsets showing offshore wind interactive materials and training videos.
NESCol careers session	6 November 2024	As part of the Applicant's Youth Engagement Strategy, the Applicant delivered a careers session to 70 students at the NESCol in Fraserburgh. This event focused on the breadth of different career options outside of traditional technical roles within the offshore wind industry such as health and safety, stakeholder and community engagement and land management.
NESCol skills sponsorship	2025 to 2026	The Applicant has sponsored 12 places on a school-leaver pre-apprenticeship programme (allowing for a full cohort to run). Sponsorship included provision of personal protective equipment, site visits, participant bursary and access to employability resources.
Stemovators	2024 to 2025	Stemovators have been offering support for teachers to stimulate interest in STEM in schools across Scotland for nearly 40 years. They focus on sparking curiosity and building skills in STEM, which they do by providing exciting and fun STEM learning activities for schools. Their sessions also help to develop young people's social and creative skills and encourage thinking and excitement about possible careers in STEM. The Applicant has sponsored Stemovators' 2024/25 pilot project "ScotWind for Schools". This project is centred around the provision of activity equipment to 10 schools and lesson planning for a module to educate P6 – S2 pupils about offshore wind.
Edinburgh Science Partnership and 2024 Careers Hive event	2023 to 2024	Edinburgh Science is a high profile and dynamic educational charity. Each year it delivers the Edinburgh Science Festival, the world's first public celebration of science and technology as a festival and still one of Europe's largest, as well as an education outreach programme which tours across Scotland. The Applicant attended the Edinburgh Science Careers Hive event in October 2024, attended by 2,061 pupils from 38 schools across four days. Careers Hive is an interactive introduction to the world of STEM based careers, designed to give students in S1 to S3 a new way to think about their futures. It highlights the opportunities available to those who study STEM subjects, as well as the cross-disciplinary skills and subjects that can support and enhance STEM careers. A member of the Applicant's stakeholder team was a guest speaker on the Careers Hive panel.

Engagement Activity	Date	Description
Powering Futures	2024 to 2026	The Applicant is a national partner of Powering Futures, where students can gain the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework Level 6 Powering Futures qualification. The Applicant sponsored this programme for the 2024/2025 academic year and will continue sponsorship in 2025/2026, continuing the Applicant's support across Powering Futures' expanding network of 125 schools in Scotland. The Applicant has been and will continue to be engaged in volunteering opportunities at various schools taking part in the programme. In addition to being a national partner, the Applicant is also sponsoring their 'Next Steps – Renewables Edition' initiative for 2025/2026. Next Steps is Powering Futures' artificial intelligence powered careers tool, designed to help young people explore future pathways. With the Applicant's support, Powering Futures propose creating a dedicated renewables workstream, embedding careers and opportunities in the offshore wind sector. The programme will be rolled out nationally for schools who wish to participate, but the Applicant would focus on schools across the northeast of Scotland and the Highlands, encouraging students towards renewable careers.
Scottish Association for Marine Science	2025 to 2026	The Applicant has committed to fund a part-time STEM Officer for a two-year period, focusing on marine technology and engineering. This role will engage young people in physical oceanography, robotics, technology, engineering, and careers in the blue economy. In addition, the Applicant has provided sponsorship for five places on a full-day robotics training course and funded a marine mammal data analysis student internship, aimed at graduate or early-career researchers. To support students facing financial barriers, the Applicant has committed to establishing up to five bursaries or support funds, ensuring eligible participants can access and compete relevant studies.
Skills Development Scotland	Ongoing	The Applicant has a programme of ongoing engagement with Skills Development Scotland to determine the longer-term industry-wide strategy to ensure alignment and maximum impact for the sector.
Energy Skills Partnership	2024	The Applicant has provided five VR headsets with offshore wind training programmes. These VR headsets are currently in use at Dundee and Angus College.
East Region Commercial Fisheries Working Group	Three meetings – held 4 December 2024, 7 May 2025, and 5 November 2025	The Bellrock Project, is part of the East Region Commercial Fisheries Working Group where a number of ScotWind developers meet with commercial fishers' representatives including SFF, SWFPA and SPFA. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss the projects and offer an effective exchange of information between the developers and fisher organisations.

10 Lessons Learned

61. Reflection on the consultation activities is an important mechanism to identify areas where improvements can be made, or where positive aspects should be recognised and repeated.

62. The effective promotion of and spread of in-person and virtual consultation events, including the February 2024 consultation events held across five local venues, and the November 2025 virtual consultation event, helped to maximise reach and accessibility, ensuring that different stakeholder cohorts could participate via the most suitable channels. Early and thorough promotion of events through a range of communication channels, including both digital and hard-copy materials such as flyers in high-footfall community venues, ensured wider awareness of consultation opportunities. Additionally, targeted outreach to stakeholders such as commercial fisheries proved effective in securing engagement.

63. The Applicant's in-person attendance at events such as the Scottish Skippers Expo, enabled targeted engagement with sector-specific stakeholders (commercial fisheries) and the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival in Portsoy, supported broader stakeholder engagement with local communities, complemented the Bellrock WFDA specific consultation events and strengthened the overall consultation strategy.

64. Feedback mechanisms were tailored to each engagement activity, with in-person events using physical forms, virtual events using digital forms and live Q&A sessions, and the Bellrock Project's website allowing (and continues to allow) stakeholders to submit feedback and queries at any time. This approach created an inclusive feedback loop, ensuring that stakeholder input could be captured continuously and incorporated into the project design and assessment, where appropriate.

65. The lessons learned from the Bellrock WFDA PAC process, particularly on maximising accessibility, targeting harder to reach stakeholder groups, using a range of promotional channels, and implementing inclusive feedback mechanisms, will be carried forward to inform future WFDA consultation and engagement strategies, and those for the Bellrock OfTDA and Bellrock OnTDA consent applications, supporting continued transparency and stakeholder confidence.

11 Conclusions

66. The voluntary PAC process undertaken for the Bellrock WFDA has provided a structured and meaningful opportunity for stakeholders, including local communities, commercial fisheries, and other interested groups, to engage with the Applicant ahead of the submission of the Bellrock WFDA s.36 Consent and Marine Licence application. A mix of in-person and digital engagement methods ensured accessibility and inclusivity, while the tailored approach allowed stakeholders to provide feedback in ways suited to their needs.

67. The consultation strategy was developed in alignment with the principles of the SP=EED framework (PAS, 2025), supporting transparency, responsiveness, and learning and sharing throughout the process. Feedback from stakeholders has been captured systematically, and important insights have been used to inform project design and approach, where appropriate.

68. Overall, the consultation process has been successful in achieving its objectives. It has allowed for early, continuous, and meaningful engagement, provided a mechanism for stakeholder feedback, helped to build stakeholder confidence, and provided valuable information to support both the consenting process and ongoing community and industry engagement. The lessons learned through this PAC process will also inform the engagement strategies for future applications related to the Bellrock OfTDA and Bellrock OnTDA.

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Annex A: Consultation Event Report – May 2023 Fishers Consultation Events

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Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm and Broadshore Hub Offshore Wind Farms

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Term	Definition
Applicant	Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Limited, the legal entity submitting Section 36 Consent and Marine Licence applications for the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Development Area.
Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm (*or the Bellrock Project*)	An offshore wind farm capable of exporting up to 1.8 GW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 120 km east of Stonehaven, and will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the proposed SSEN Transmission Hurlie substation, west of Stonehaven in Aberdeenshire. The Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Broadshore Hub (or Broadshore Hub Offshore Wind Farms)	The collective term for the Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm, the Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm and the Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm.
Broadshore Hub Wind Farm Development Areas	The collective term for the Wind Farm Development Areas of the Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm, the Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm and the Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm.
Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm	An offshore wind farm capable of supplying around 900 MW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. Additional capacity may also be developed for overplanting purposes. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 47 km north of Fraserburgh and will connect to the National Grid Electricity Transmission System at the Netherton Hub, west of Peterhead in Aberdeenshire. The Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Cable protection	Protective measure to minimise the effects of scour and hazards along the inter-array cables, and protecting these cables at infrastructure crossing points.
Development Area	For consenting purposes, the area for which separate consents and/or Marine Licences will be sought by the Applicant, comprising: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Innovation and Targeted Oil & Gas	A Crown Estate Scotland leasing round for offshore wind projects, under which the Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm and the Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm were awarded Exclusivity Agreements for their respective Wind Farm Development Areas, under which early-stage development works are progressing.
Landfall	The area from Mean Low Water Springs to a transition joint bay(s), where the offshore export cables come ashore and the transition joint bays are located.

Term	Definition
National Electricity Transmission System	The high-voltage electricity power transmission network serving Great Britain which receives electricity from generators (such as offshore wind farms) and transmits that electricity to anywhere on the National Electricity Transmission System to satisfy demand.
Offshore substation	An offshore platform which houses electrical equipment such as transformers, switchgear, and protection and control systems, enabling the wind farm's renewable electricity to be received via inter-array cables and exported via the offshore export cables.
Offshore Transmission Development Area	The boundary within which the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned (and includes the whole of the Wind Farm Development Area).
Offshore Transmission Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Offshore Transmission Development Area including fixed bottom and/or floating offshore substations, offshore reactive compensation station(s) and associated scour protection; interconnector cables and associated cable protection; and offshore export cables and associated cable protection (including activities associated with the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).
Onshore substation	Onshore substation which will be fenced and house electrical equipment (such as transformers, switchgear, and protection and control systems), thereby enabling renewable electricity from the wind farm to be received via the onshore export cables and exported to the National Electricity Transmission System.
Onshore Transmission Development Area	The boundary within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.
Onshore Transmission Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Onshore Transmission Development Area including transition joint bay(s); onshore export cables; onshore substation; temporary construction compounds; temporary working areas; environmental mitigation areas; drainage/irrigation infrastructure; access works; and any other associated infrastructure (including activities associated with the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).
Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm	An offshore wind farm capable of supplying up to 99.5 MW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 58 km north of Fraserburgh and will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the Netherton Hub, west of Peterhead in Aberdeenshire. The Scaraben Project comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
ScotWind	A Crown Estate Scotland leasing round for offshore wind projects in which the process enabled developers to apply for seabed rights to plan and build wind farms in Scottish waters.

Term	Definition
Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm	An offshore wind farm capable of supplying up to 99.5 MW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 61 km north of Fraserburgh and will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the Netherton Hub, west of Peterhead in Aberdeenshire. The Sinclair Project comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Wind Farm Development Area	The boundary within which the Wind Farm Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.
Wind Farm Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Wind Farm Development Area including wind turbine generators; floating substructures, station keeping systems and associated scour protection; inter-array cables and associated cable protection; subsea cable hubs; and ancillary infrastructure including buoys (including activities associated with the Wind Farm Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).

Glossary of Abbreviations

Term	Definition
CES	Crown Estate Scotland
EMF	Electromagnetic Field
INTOG	Innovation and Targeted Oil & Gas
km	Kilometres
NESO	National Energy System Operator *(formally ESO)*
OfTDA	Offshore Transmission Development Area
OnTDA	Onshore Transmission Development Area
SSEN	Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks
WFDA	Wind Farm Development Area

1 Introduction

1.1 Bellrock Project Overview

1. In January 2022, as part of the ScotWind leasing round managed by Crown Estate Scotland (CES), Bellrock Offshore Wind Limited was successfully awarded development rights of an area of seabed to develop the Bellrock Wind Farm Development Area (WFDA), which forms part of the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm (the Bellrock Project).

2. The Bellrock Project is a proposed floating offshore wind farm located 120 kilometres (km) east of Stonehaven. It will export up to 1.8 gigawatts to the National Electricity Transmission System at Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) Transmission's Hurlie substation, Aberdeenshire[1] and comprises the following three Development Areas for which separate consents and/or licences will be sought:

   - The Bellrock WFDA within which the Wind Farm Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned;
   - The Bellrock Offshore Transmission Development Area (OfTDA) within which the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned; and
   - The Bellrock Onshore Transmission Development Area (OnTDA), within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.

1.2 Broadshore Hub Offshore Wind Farms Overview

3. In January 2022, as part of the ScotWind leasing round managed by CES, Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm Limited was successfully awarded development rights of an area of seabed to develop the Broadshore WFDA, which forms part of the Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm (the Broadshore Project).

4. In May 2023, under the innovation arm of the Innovation and Targeted Oil & Gas (INTOG) leasing rounds also managed by CES, Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm Limited and Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm Limited were successfully awarded exclusivity of areas of seabed to develop the Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm Project (the Sinclair Project) and the Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm Project (the Scaraben Project).

[1] The National Energy System Operator determined in April 2025 that the Bellrock Project would connect to the Hurlie substation in Aberdeenshire.

5. Whilst the Broadshore Project, the Sinclair Project and the Scaraben Project are separate and distinct projects in their own right, given their geographic proximity and parallel consenting programme they are collectively referred to as the Broadshore Hub.

6. The Broadshore Hub (comprising the Broadshore, Sinclair and Scaraben Offshore Wind Farms) is a group of proposed floating offshore wind farms located 47 km, 58 km and 61 km north of Fraserburgh respectively. They will export up to 1.1 gigawatts of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System, and all three projects will connect into the new Longside substation at SSEN Transmission's Netherton Hub, Aberdeenshire. The Broadshore Hub is seeking to co-locate landfalls, onshore export cables and onshore substations to reduce potential impacts to the environment.

7. Each of the Broadshore, Sinclair and Scaraben Projects comprises the following three Development Areas for which separate consents and/or licences will be sought:

- The Broadshore WFDA, the Sinclair WFDA and the Scaraben WFDA, within which the Wind Farm Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned;
- The Broadshore OfTDA, the Sinclair OfTDA and the Scaraben OfTDA, within which the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned; and
- The Broadshore OnTDA, the Sinclair OnTDA and the Scaraben OnTDA, within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.

1.3 Consultation Events

8. The Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects held combined consultation events on 9 and 10 May 2023. The events presented an opportunity for commercial fishing stakeholders to take part in early consultations to discuss the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects.

9. Insights and feedback received through these consultation events were vital in aiding stakeholder understanding of the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects, as well as generating insights which can influence the design of the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects.

10. This Consultation Event Report presents factual information on the planning, implementation and feedback received from the May 2023 consultation events.

11. It is noted that these consultation events took place prior the National Energy System Operator (NESO) amending the Bellrock Project's grid connection design in April 2025 (NESO, 2025) (from a co-ordinated offshore connection to an onshore connection at SSEN Transmission's Hurlie substation). Feedback from these consultation events are however considered to remain valid for the Bellrock WFDA and the eastern portion of the Bellrock OfTDA.

12. Further consultation events will be held in relation the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects as they progress through their development phases.

2 Consultation Dates and Venues

13. The May 2023 consultation events were held across the following dates and venues:

- Tuesday 9 May 2023: Greenhill Fish Market, Alexandra Parade, Peterhead, AB42 1DQ:
  - 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm for fishers operating mobile gear; and
  - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for fishers operating static gear.
- Wednesday 10 May 2023: Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Stevenson Road, Fraserburgh, AB43 9DU:
  - 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm for fishers operating mobile gear; and
  - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for fishers operating static gear.

14. Stakeholders were welcome to attend any time if their allotted time was unsuitable. The location of the events is shown in **Plate 2.1** below.

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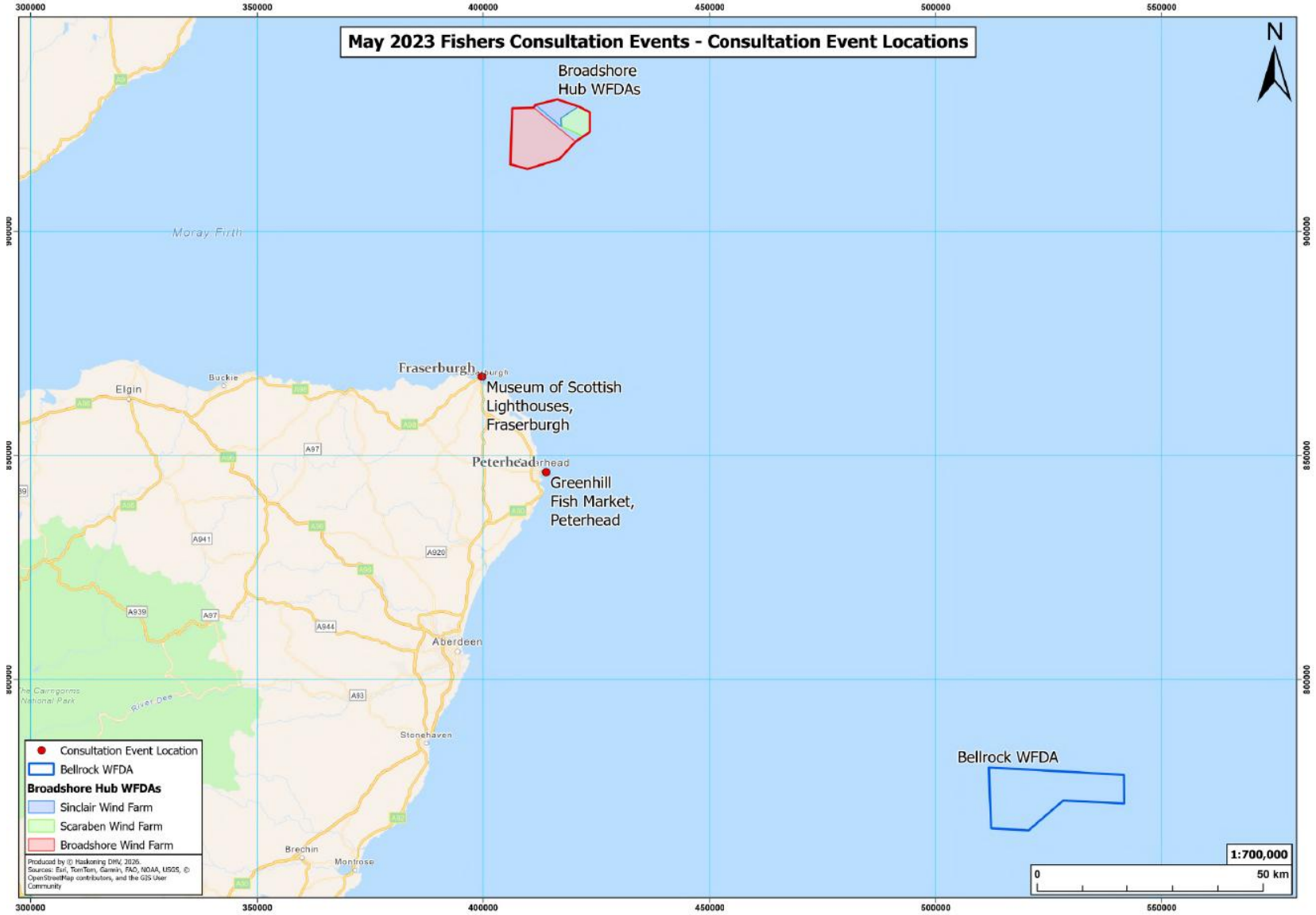
Plate 2.1: Consultation Event Locations



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3 Consultation Event Promotion

3.1 Email Invitation

15. As the consultation was specifically targeted to stakeholders within the fishing industry, direct promotion via email was used as the primary communication method to promote and advertise the consultation events. Email invitations were circulated directly to stakeholders via the projects' consultants, Brown and May Marine, who has direct access to contact details of local fishers and relevant associations as shown in **Plate 3.1.**

16. A total of 41 email invitations were distributed.

Plate 3.1: Email Invitation Sent to Fishing Industry

We invite the fishing community to take part in our consultation events to discuss your fishing activities in the area of our wind farms and offshore export cables. Your expert insights and feedback will be vital in aiding our understanding of fishing activities and influence our offshore expert cable routing and landfall site selection studies.

Event information

Peterhead

Date	Tuesday 9th May 2023
Location	Greenhill Fish Market, Alexandra Parade, Peterhead, AB42 1DQ
Time	• 3-5pm for fishers operating mobile gear • 6-8pm for fishers operating static gear Please note, we welcome stakeholders to either slot if the allotted time is unsuitable
Parking	Available next to Greenhill Fish Market

Fraserburgh

Date	Wednesday 10th May 2023
Location	Museum Of Scottish Lighthouses, Stevenson Road, Fraserburgh, AB43 9DU Attendees are welcome to view the museum during this event
Time	• 3-5pm for fishers operating mobile gear • 6-8pm for fishers operating static gear Please note, we welcome stakeholders to either slot if the allotted time is unsuitable
Parking	Available next to the Museum

Broadshore	Bellrock
Distance from shore: 47km from Fraserburgh **Installed capacity:** 1.1 GW **Technology:** Floating offshore wind	**Distance from shore:** 120km from Stonehaven **Installed capacity:** 1.2 GW **Technology:** Floating offshore wind

Project information can be accessed via our websites:

https://www.broadshorewind.co.uk/ and https://www.bellrockwind.co.uk/

Please contact our fisheries liaison for further information: [redacted]

4 Consultation Event Materials

4.1 Overview

17. Materials presented at the consultation events comprised of:

- Exhibition banners;
- Visual plans; and
- Feedback forms.

18. The consultation events were divided into two sessions to tailor discussions to different stakeholder groups - mobile fishers and static fishers - whose activities vary. Stakeholders were however welcome to attend any time if their allotted time was unsuitable. This approach allowed feedback to be more accurately aligned with each group's specific needs and requirements.

4.2 Exhibition Banners

Plate 4.1 to **Plate 4.5** presents the exhibition banners which were on display at the consultation events. **Plate 4.6** and **Plate 4.7** shows the consultation event layouts.

Plate 4.1: Broadshore Offshore Wind – Overview

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Plate 4.2: Bellrock Offshore Wind – Overview

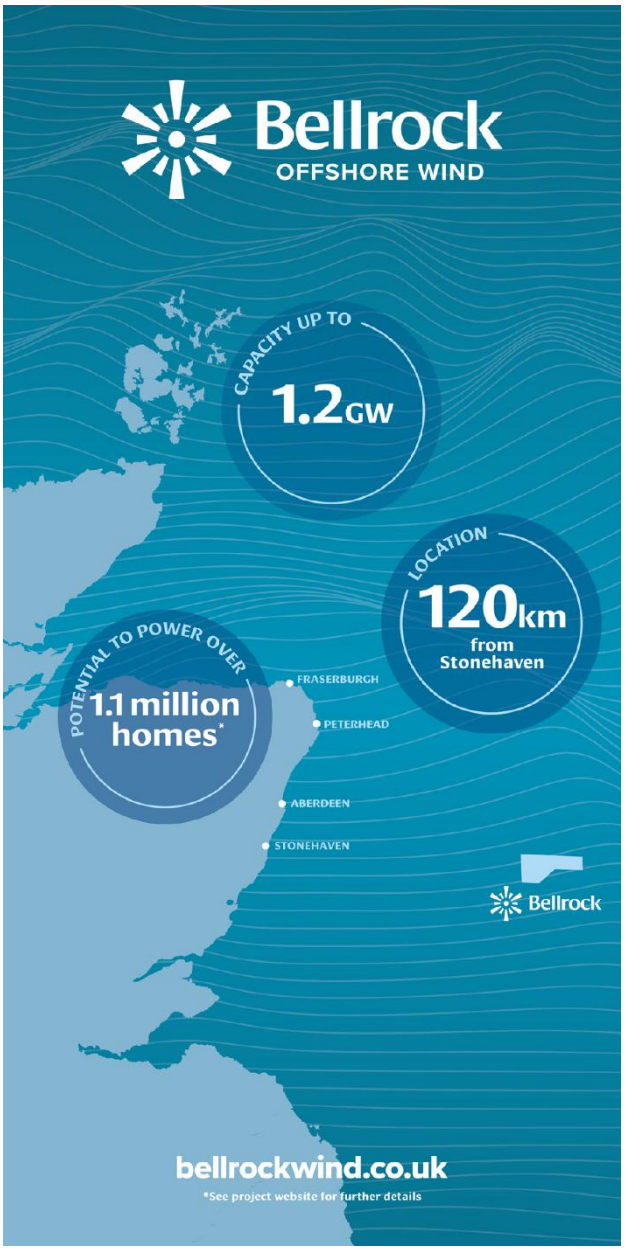

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Plate 4.3: Broadshore Hub – Key Facts

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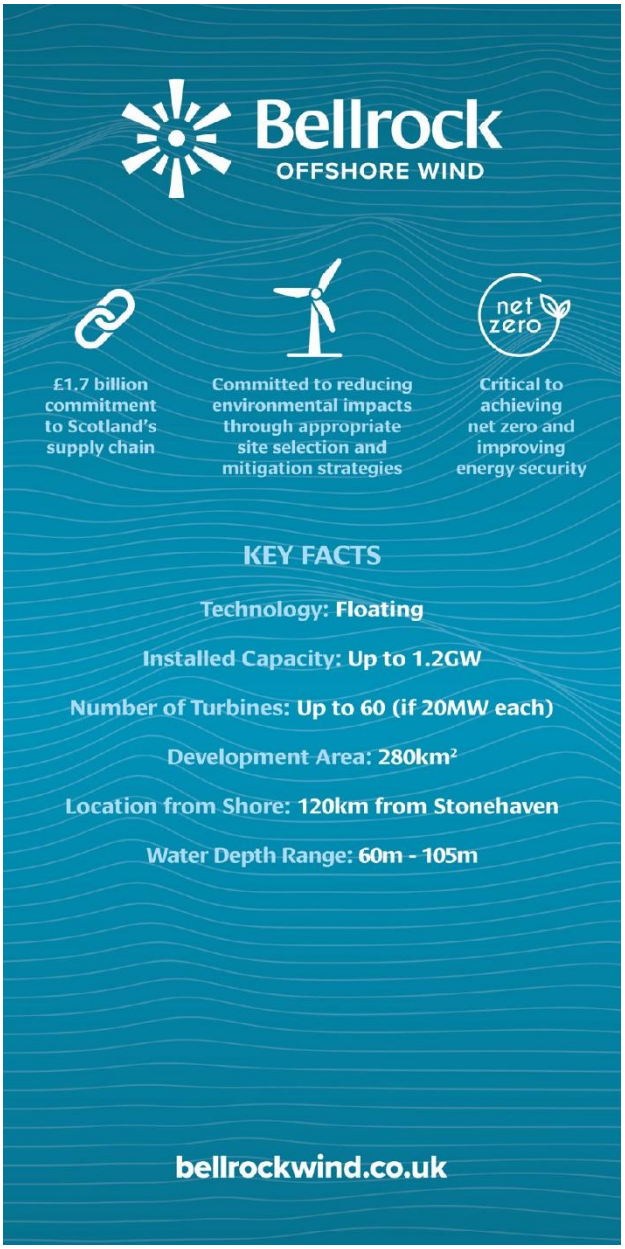

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Plate 4.5: Broadshore – Project Timeline

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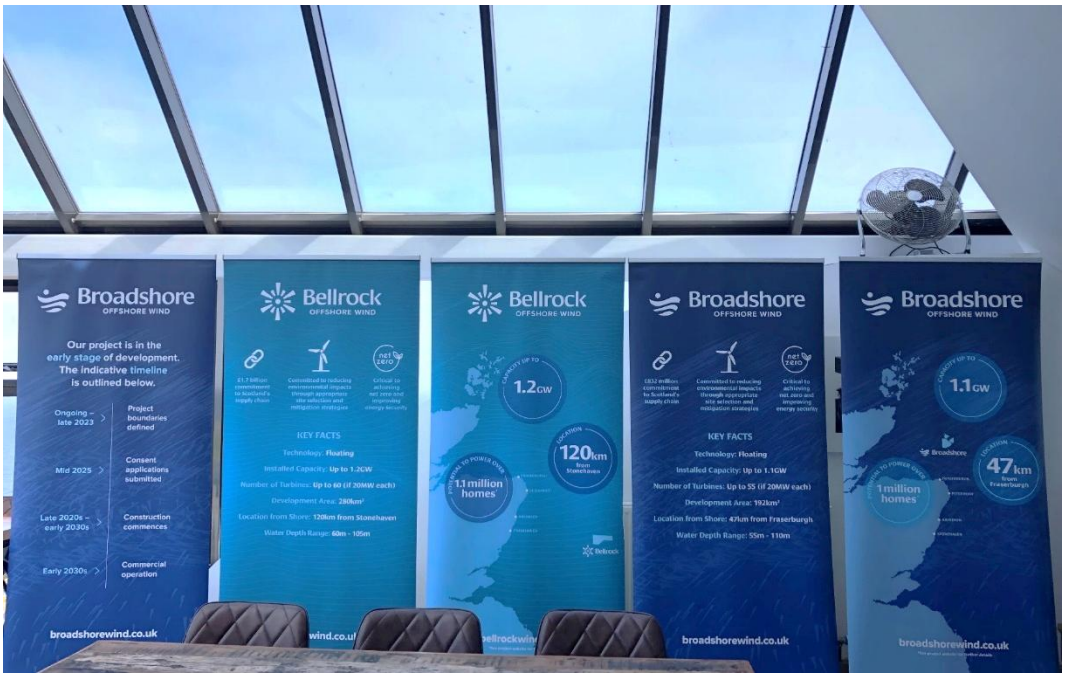
Plate 4.6: Consultation Event Layout – Peterhead

Plate 4.7: Consultation Event Layout – Fraserburgh



4.3 Visual Plans

19. An interactive approach to consultation events was adopted using admiralty charts for stakeholders to provide a visual representation of where their fishing activities may be impacted by the projects. Charts were collected post event and data recorded for future use.

20. **Plate 4.8** to **Plate 4.13** shows the visual plans which were on display at the consultation events.

Plate 4.8: Bellrock Wind Farm Development Area

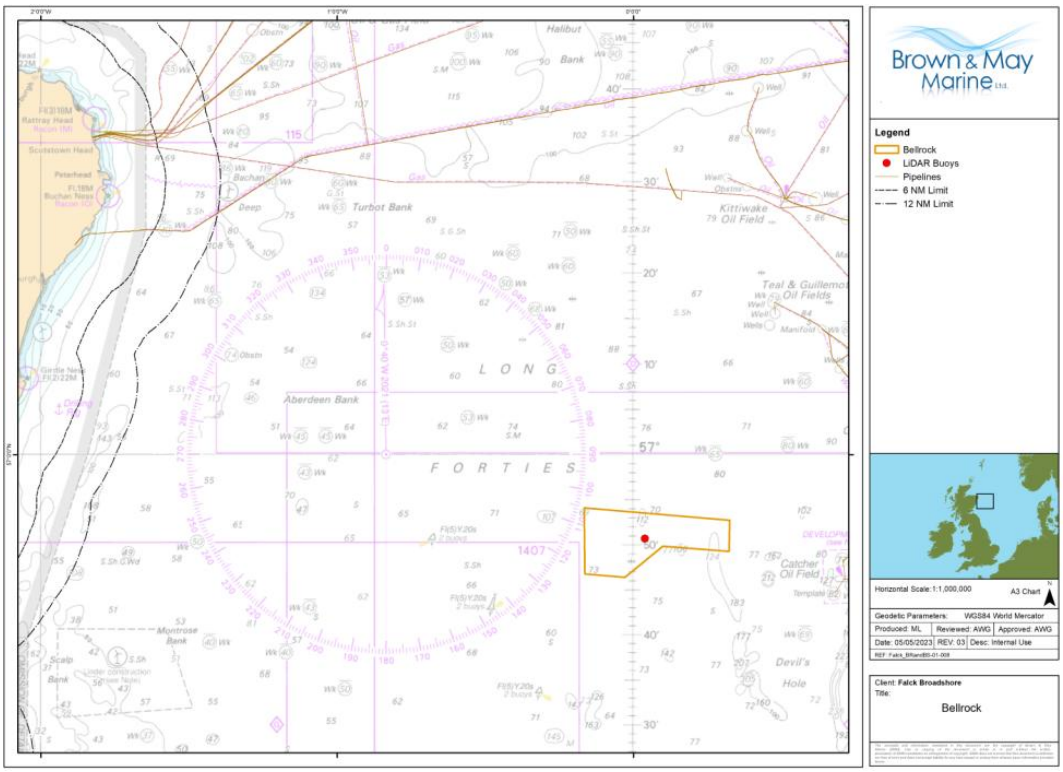


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Plate 4.9: Broadshore Hub Wind Farm Development Areas

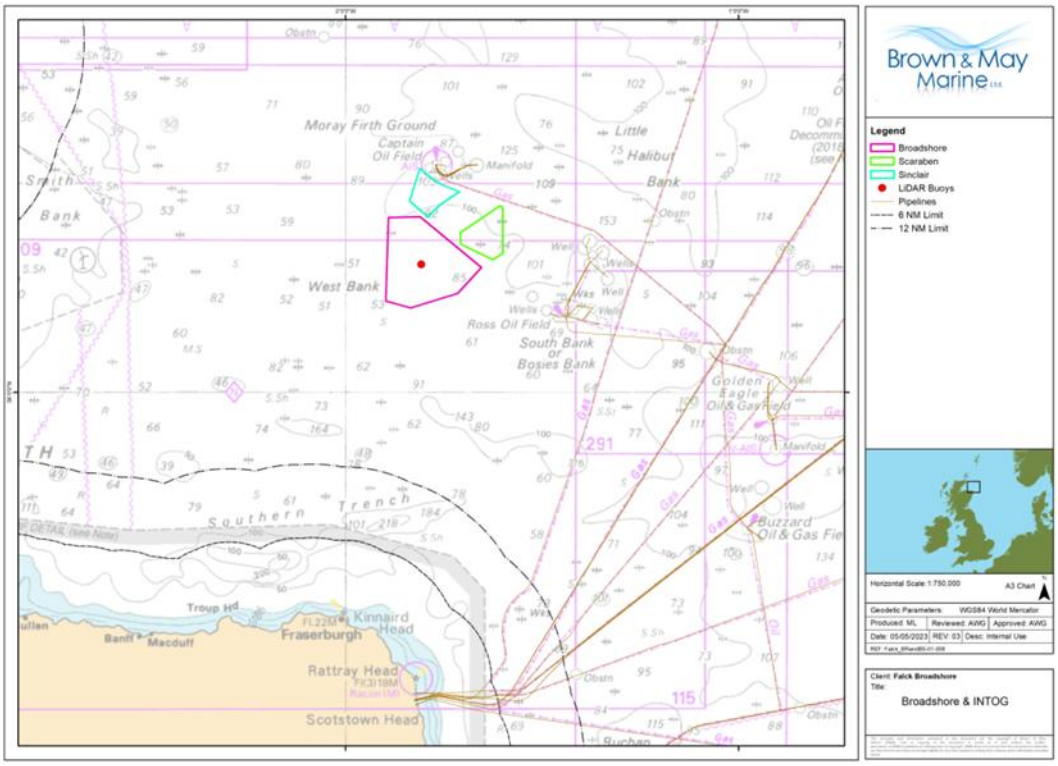

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Plate 4.10: Broadshore Hub Export Cable Corridor Options

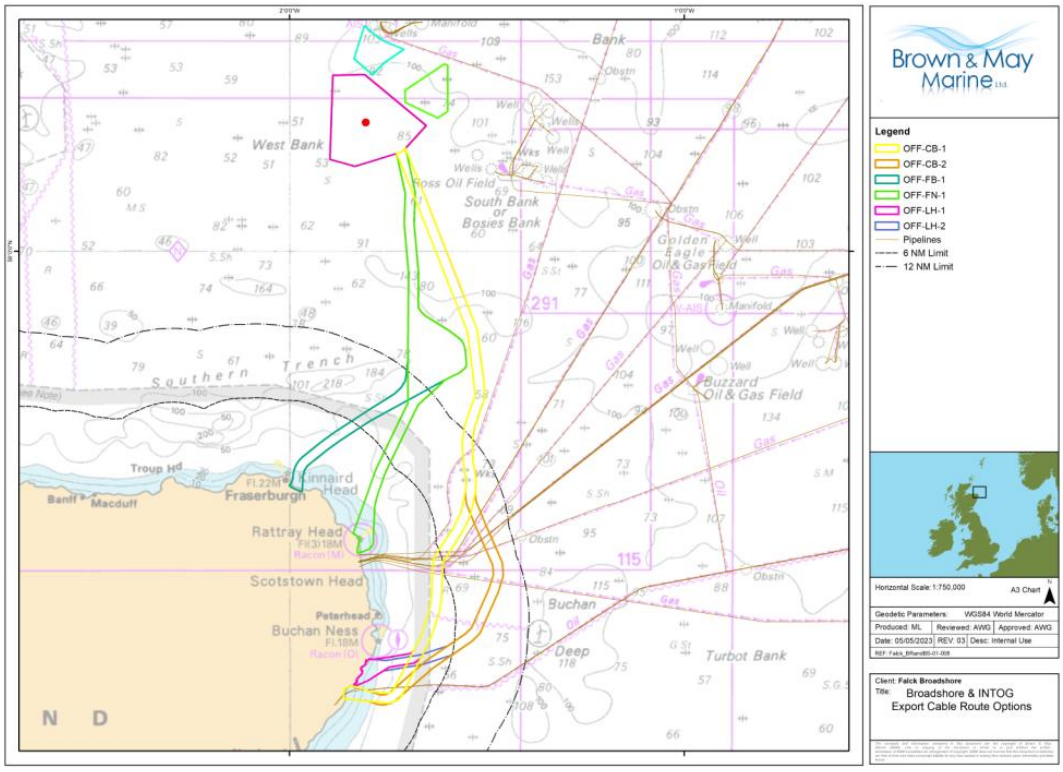

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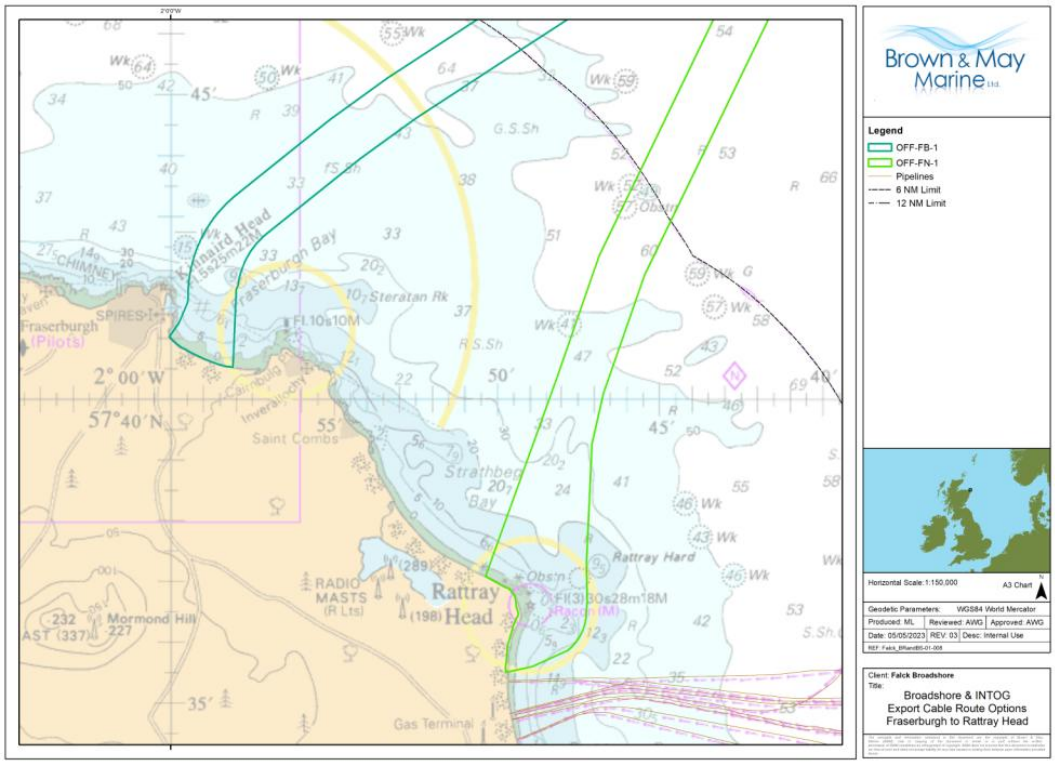
Plate 4.11: Broadshore Hub Export Cable Corridor Options Fraserburgh to Rattray Head



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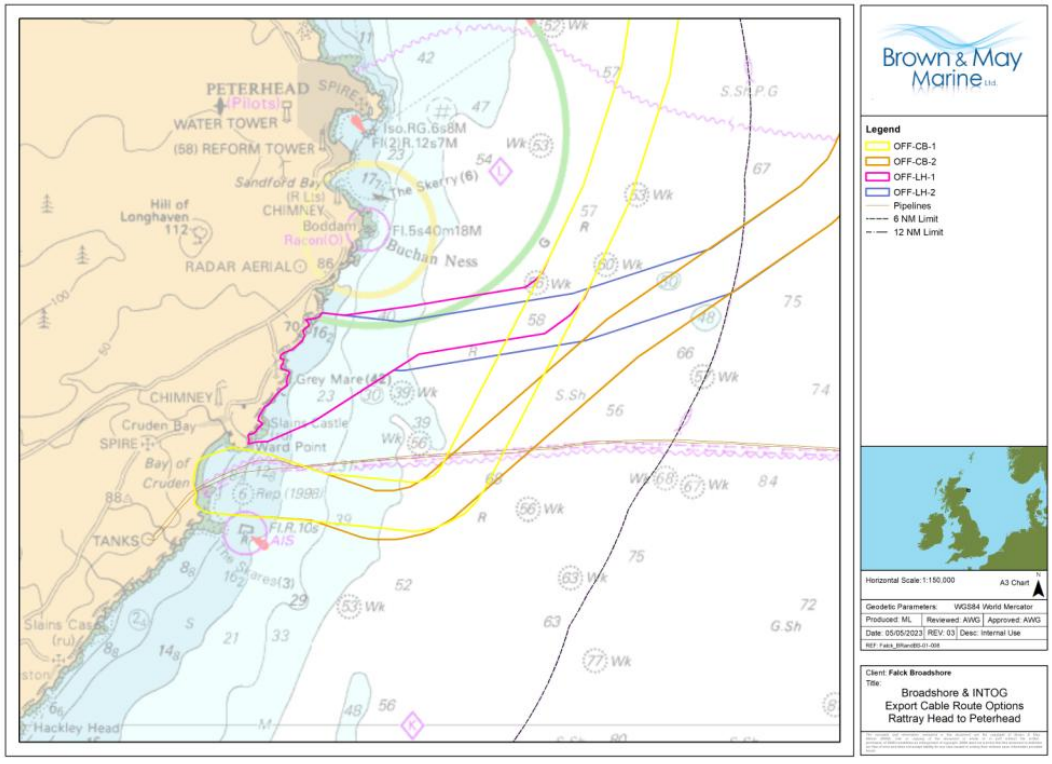

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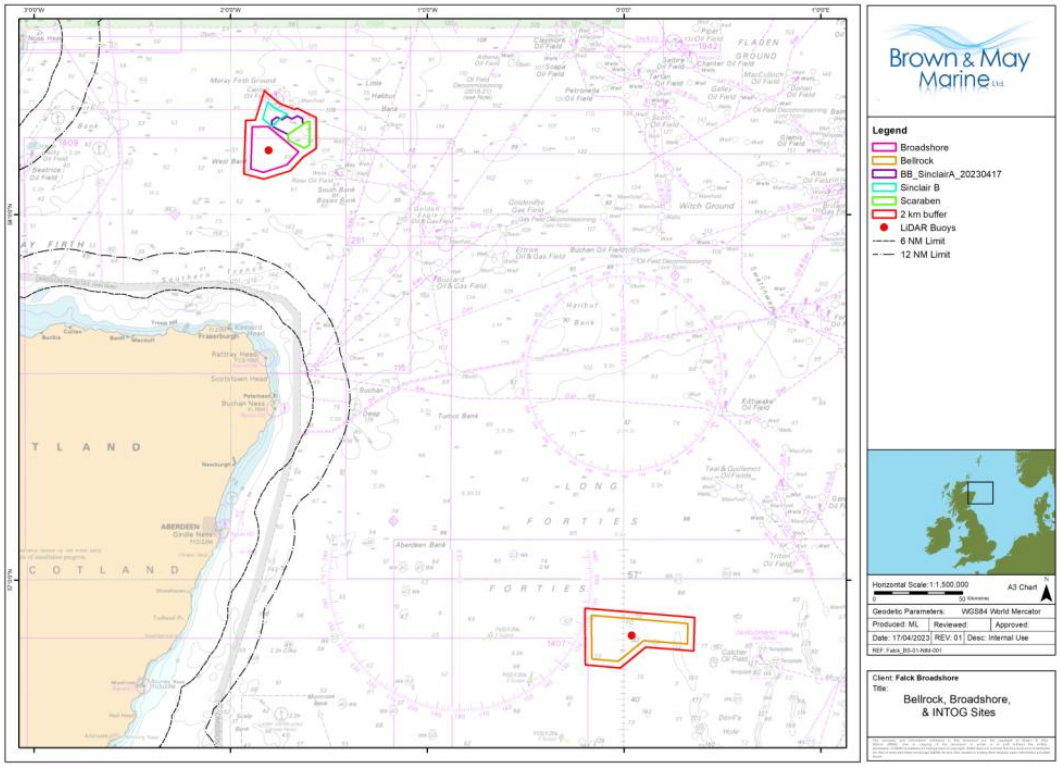
Plate 4.13: Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Wind Farm Development Area



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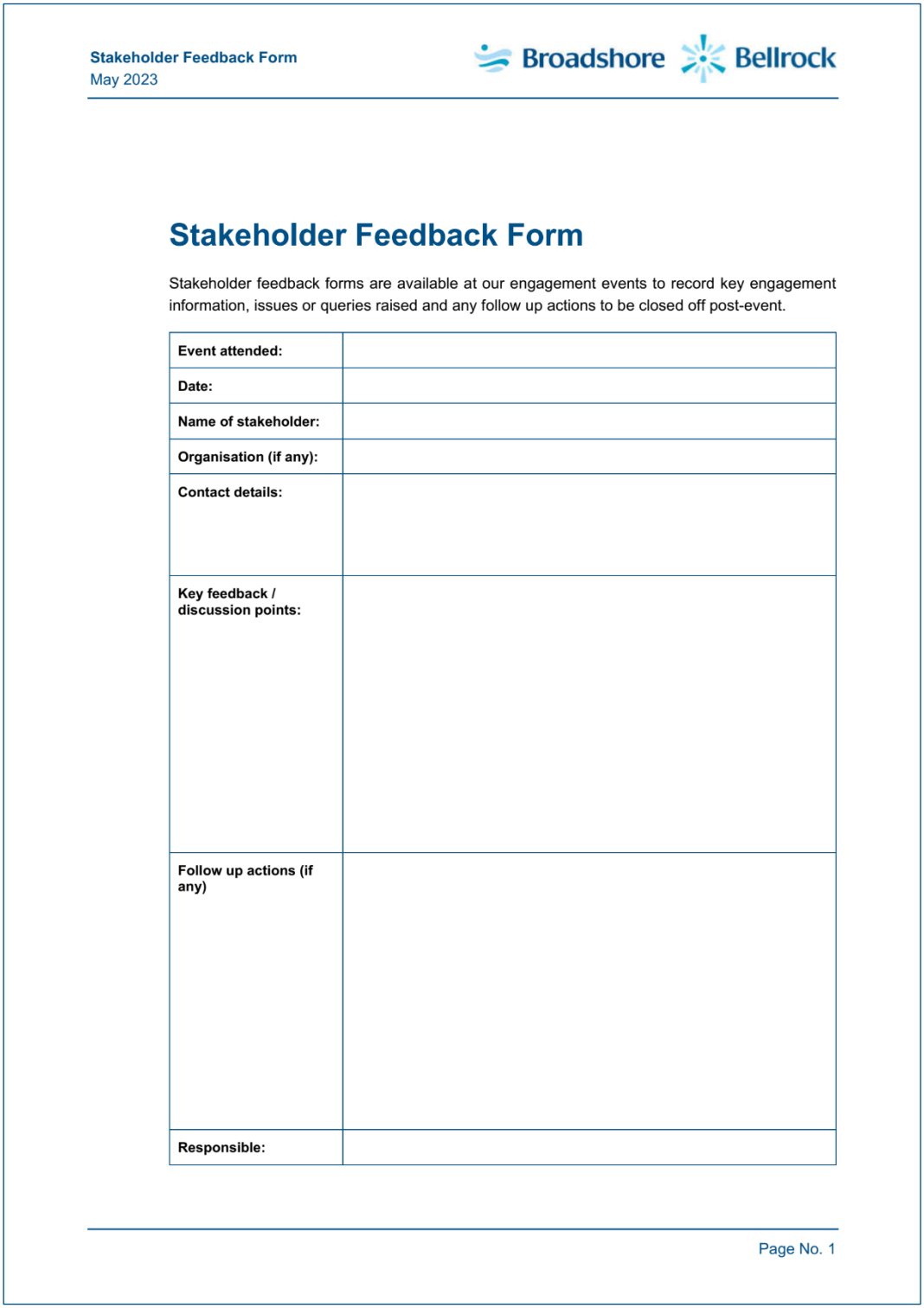
4.4 Feedback Form

21. Stakeholders who attended our consultation events were invited to complete a feedback form. **Plate 4.14** presents the feedback form provided.

Plate 4.14: Consultation Event Feedback Form



Stakeholder Feedback Form
May 2023

Broadshore Bellrock

Stakeholder Feedback Form

Stakeholder feedback forms are available at our engagement events to record key engagement information, issues or queries raised and any follow up actions to be closed off post-event.

Event attended:	
Date:	
Name of stakeholder:	
Organisation (if any):	
Contact details:	
Key feedback / discussion points:	
Follow up actions (if any)	
Responsible:	

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5 Consultation Event Feedback

5.1 Overview

22. Across the two events, a total of 27 stakeholders attended. Various stakeholder interests were represented, including static fishers, mobile fishers and fishing associations. A breakdown of stakeholders by categorisation can be found in **Plate 5.1** and **Plate 5.2**.

5.2 Attendees

Plate 5.1: Breakdown of Overall Stakeholder Attendance

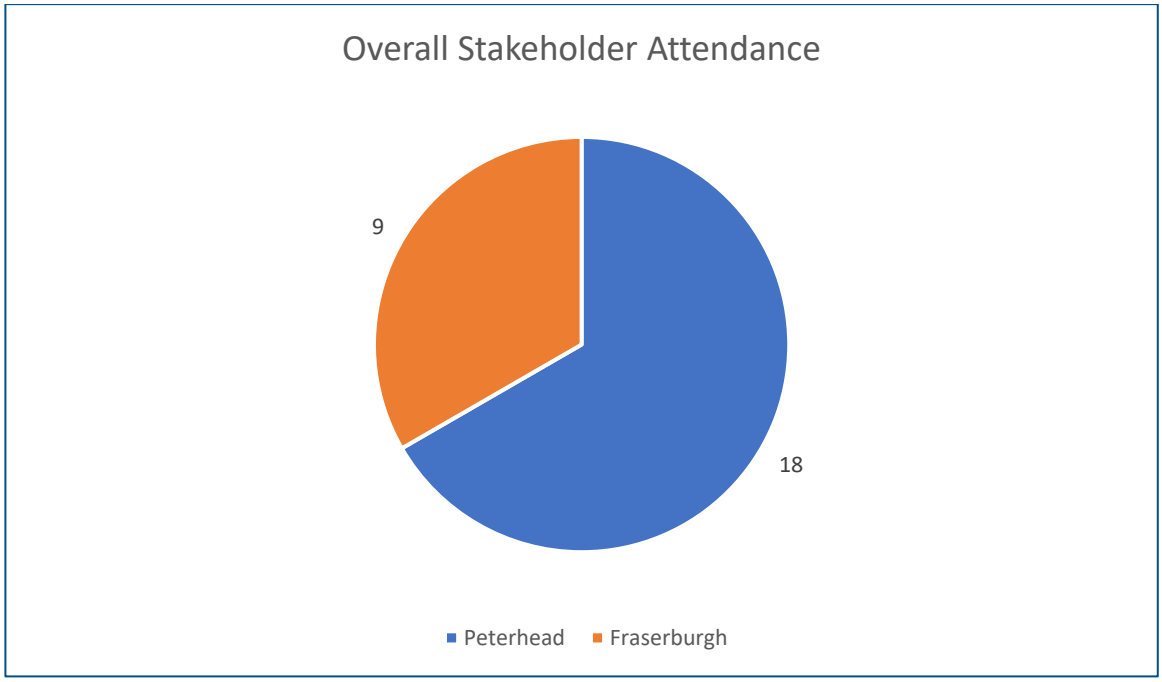
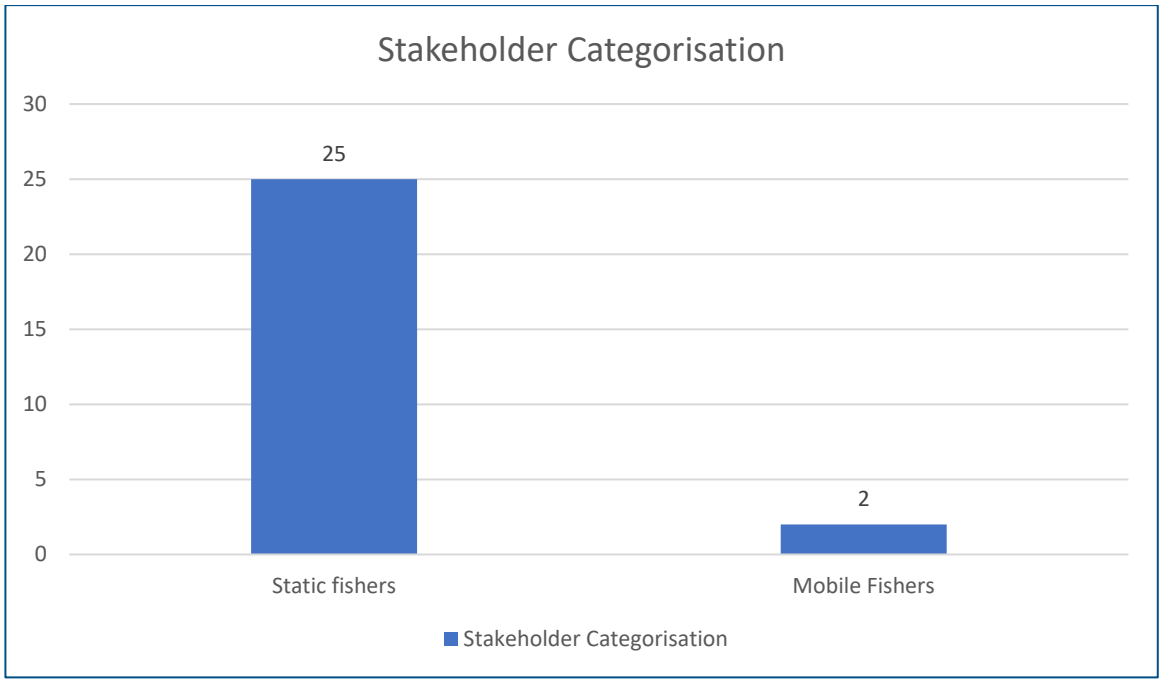


Plate 5.2: Stakeholder Categorisation



5.3 Feedback Received

23. Stakeholder feedback was gathered at the consultation events via feedback forms and from scribing of discussions by the project team. Stakeholder feedback for the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects is shown in **Table 5.1,** grouped into key themes.

24. All engagement data is stored and recorded in the projects' General Data Protection Regulation compliant Customer Relationship Management software, Borealis.

Table 5.1: Table of Stakeholder Feedback

No.	Feedback Topic Area	Feedback	Project	WFDA	OfTDA	OnTDA
A001	Impact on local fishing community	Consultees raised the location of the Bellrock Project as it overlaps with discrete high intensity mobile fishing grounds. As the intention is to install floating turbines, this overlap was a concern due to the potential exclusion of the mobile fleet.	Bellrock	x		
A002	Environmental impact	Consultees responded positively to the likelihood of Bellrock connecting to an offshore platform rather than coming ashore at Peterhead, noting the already high volume of projects planned for the area.	Bellrock		x	
A003	Impact on local fishing community	Consultees stated that there was little difference from a fisheries standpoint regarding the Broadshore southern landfall options. Fishers were however, able to highlight potential environmental constraints in the area, including areas of known hard ground (seabed) which may impede cable burial.	Broadshore Hub		x	
A004	Impact on local fishing community	Consultees reiterated views around the number of projects investigating the Peterhead area. Fishers expressed that ongoing and planned surveys could lead to secondary displacement, as spatial squeeze from existing infrastructure and overlapping survey areas continues to reduce available fishing grounds. The nearshore area is known to be a high intensity static gear fishing area, and closing one area for surveys will likely displace fishers their usual grounds into neighbouring grounds.	Broadshore Hub		x	x
A005	Impact on local fishing community	Cable burial status was a consideration for many of the fishers in attendance, especially in the nearshore area of Peterhead due to the existing pipelines. Consultees were keen to understand how the Broadshore Hub would approach cable design and installation in areas with existing infrastructure and areas of hard ground.	Broadshore Hub		x	
A006	Impact on local fishing community and fish and shellfish ecology	The introduction of Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) above background levels from the installation of export cables was raised by consultees. Fishers questioned the potential effects on target shellfish species and resultant effects on the body of evidence regarding EMFs. Fishers expressed they require more evidence and fed back they had reduced landings around the Hywind cable.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	

No.	Feedback Topic Area	Feedback	Project	WFDA	OfTDA	OnTDA
A007	Impact on local fishing community and fish and shellfish ecology	Given the high proportion of static fishermen attending the consultation event, the majority of discussion was based around the potential Broadshore Hub export cable routes and the associated concerns of spatial squeeze and EMF. Attendees were positive about being consulted at such an early stage of the project.	Broadshore Hub	x	x	
A008	Impact on local fishing community	Discussions at the Fraserburgh consultation event echoed questions raised during the Peterhead event. Mobile gear fishers provided feedback on both Bellrock and Sinclair Wind Farm Development Areas due to their overlap with discrete high intensity fishing grounds. Sinclair was raised in particular as it lies within a key Nephrops fishing ground. One fisher advised that he has five Nephrops fishing vessels who work this area throughout the year.	Bellrock and Sinclair	x		
A009	Impact on local fishing community	Attendees provided feedback regarding the northern most landfall option for the Broadshore Project. It was highlighted landfall options are within areas of high intensity static gear fishing activity. Multiple fishers highlighted their grounds overlapped with the proposed landfall areas, and many advised there was no preferred option as all would affect the static fleet. Comments were made regarding spatial squeeze and secondary displacement arising from the number of developments investigating the Peterhead area. Consultees voiced opinions regarding the potential impacts on individual businesses and incomes as a result.	Broadshore Hub		x	
A010	Impact on local fishing community	Fishers provided feedback regarding known environmental constraints in the area. Areas of hard ground were identified, and the Fraserburgh North route option was considered to be the most effective route to achieve successful cable burial, whilst strong seas and large currents were flagged as a potential issue at Rattray Head.	Broadshore Hub		x	

No.	Feedback Topic Area	Feedback	Project	WFDA	OfTDA	OnTDA
A011	Impact on local fishing community	Fishers queried what approach would be taken if cable burial depth could not be achieved for the Broadshore Hub and specifically raised rock protection. Attendees noted the potential of gear snagging on rock protection and the loss of scallop fishing grounds from the installation of rock protection in key scallop fishing grounds. The potential for rock placement to act as artificial habitat for shellfish was highlighted by one consultee, who advised larger rocks would be preferred if required. Attendees noted cable route options which crossed the pipelines would result in significant amounts of cable protection being required.	Broadshore Hub		x	
A012	Impact on local fishing community and fish and shellfish ecology	As with the Peterhead event, fishers queried the potential effects of EMF from the Broadshore Hub export cables. A number of fishers questioned if EMF caused physical or behavioural changes to shellfish. Static gear fishermen also reported experiences of reduced landings at the Hywind cable. The mobile gear fishermen raised questions around the potential effect of EMF from the buried export cable on Nephrops, a burrowing shellfish species targeted by demersal trawls. Attendees also queried what would happen if there was a snagging event on the cable and who would be liable for the repairs.	Broadshore Hub	x	x	
A013	Impact on local fishing community and fish and shellfish ecology	Similarly to the Peterhead event, a high proportion of static fishermen attended the consultation event and the majority of discussion was based around the potential Broadshore Hub export cable routes in the nearshore areas and the associated questions around spatial squeeze and EMF. Attendees praised being consulted at such an early stage of the project.	Broadshore Hub		x	
Notes: At the time of consultation, the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm was due to connect to an offshore substation. In April 2025, NESO subsequently change the grid connection location to the Hurlie substation, Aberdeenshire.						

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Annex B: Consultation Event Report – February 2024 Public Consultation Events

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Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm and Broadshore Hub Offshore Wind Farms

February 2024 Public Consultation Events

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Glossary of Terminology

Term	Definition
Applicant	Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Limited, the legal entity submitting Section 36 Consent and Marine Licence applications for the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Development Area.
Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm (or the Bellrock Project)	An offshore wind farm capable of exporting up to 1.8 GW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 120 km east of Stonehaven, and will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the proposed SSEN Transmission Hurlie substation, west of Stonehaven in Aberdeenshire. The Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Broadshore Hub (or Broadshore Hub Offshore Wind Farms)	The collective term for the Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm, the Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm and the Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm.
Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm	An offshore wind farm capable of supplying around 900 MW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. Additional capacity may also be developed for overplanting purposes. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 47 km north of Fraserburgh and will connect to the National Grid Electricity Transmission System at the Netherton Hub, west of Peterhead in Aberdeenshire. The Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Development Area	For consenting purposes, the area for which separate consents and/or Marine Licences will be sought by the Applicant, comprising: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Innovation and Targeted Oil & Gas	A Crown Estate Scotland leasing round for offshore wind projects, under which the Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm and the Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm were awarded Exclusivity Agreements for their respective Wind Farm Development Areas, under which early-stage development works are progressing.
Landfall	The area from Mean Low Water Springs to a transition joint bay(s), where the offshore export cables come ashore and the transition joint bays are located.
National Electricity Transmission System	The high-voltage electricity power transmission network serving Great Britain which receives electricity from generators (such as offshore wind farms) and transmits that electricity to anywhere on the National Electricity Transmission System to satisfy demand.
Offshore substation	An offshore platform which houses electrical equipment such as transformers, switchgear, and protection and control systems, enabling the wind farm's renewable electricity to be received via inter-array cables and exported via the offshore export cables.

Term	Definition
Offshore Transmission Development Area	The boundary within which the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned (and includes the whole of the Wind Farm Development Area).
Offshore Transmission Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Offshore Transmission Development Area including fixed bottom and/or floating offshore substations, offshore reactive compensation station(s) and associated scour protection; interconnector cables and associated cable protection; and offshore export cables and associated cable protection (including activities associated with the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).
Onshore substation	Onshore substation which will be fenced and house electrical equipment (such as transformers, switchgear, and protection and control systems), thereby enabling renewable electricity from the wind farm to be received via the onshore export cables and exported to the National Electricity Transmission System.
Onshore Transmission Development Area	The boundary within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.
Onshore Transmission Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Onshore Transmission Development Area including transition joint bay(s); onshore export cables; onshore substation; temporary construction compounds; temporary working areas; environmental mitigation areas; drainage/irrigation infrastructure; access works; and any other associated infrastructure (including activities associated with the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).
Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm	An offshore wind farm capable of supplying up to 99.5 MW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 58 km north of Fraserburgh and will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the Netherton Hub, west of Peterhead in Aberdeenshire. The Scaraben Project comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
ScotWind	A Crown Estate Scotland leasing round for offshore wind projects in which the process enabled developers to apply for seabed rights to plan and build wind farms in Scottish waters.
Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm	An offshore wind farm capable of supplying up to 99.5 MW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 61 km north of Fraserburgh and will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the Netherton Hub, west of Peterhead in Aberdeenshire. The Sinclair Project comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Wind Farm Development Area	The boundary within which the Wind Farm Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.

Term	Definition
Wind Farm Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Wind Farm Development Area including wind turbine generators; floating substructures, station keeping systems and associated scour protection; inter-array cables and associated cable protection; subsea cable hubs; and ancillary infrastructure including buoys (including activities associated with the Wind Farm Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).
Wind turbine generator	A wind turbine generator converts wind energy into electrical energy. The main components include rotor assembly (composed of three blades and a hub); nacelle (containing the generator, shaft and gearbox, power electronic converter and transformer); and a tower (containing lifting equipment and switchgear).

Glossary of Abbreviations

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   - The Bellrock Onshore Transmission Development Area (OnTDA), within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.

1.2 Broadshore Hub Offshore Wind Farms Overview

4. In January 2022, as part of the ScotWind leasing round managed by CES, Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm Limited was successfully awarded development rights of an area of seabed to develop the Broadshore WFDA, which forms part of the Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm (the Broadshore Project). In May 2023, under the innovation arm of the Innovation and Targeted Oil & Gas (INTOG) leasing rounds also managed by CES, Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm Limited and Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm Limited were successfully awarded exclusivity of areas of seabed to develop the Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm Project (the Sinclair Project) and the Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm Project (the Scaraben Project).

[1] The National Energy System Operator determined in April 2025 that the Bellrock Project would connect to the Hurlie substation in Aberdeenshire.

5. Whilst the Broadshore Project, the Sinclair Project and the Scaraben Project are separate and distinct projects in their own right, given their geographic proximity and parallel consenting programme they are collectively referred to as the Broadshore Hub.

6. The Broadshore Hub (comprising the Broadshore, Sinclair and Scaraben Offshore Wind Farms) is a group of proposed floating offshore wind farms located 47 km, 58 km and 61 km north of Fraserburgh respectively. They will export up to 1.1 gigawatts of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System, and all three projects will connect into the new Longside substation at SSEN Transmission's Netherton Hub, Aberdeenshire. The Broadshore Hub his seeking to co-locate landfalls, onshore export cables and onshore substations (OnSS) infrastructure to reduce potential impacts to the environment.

7. Each of the Broadshore, Sinclair and Scaraben Projects comprises the following three Development Areas for which separate consents and/or licences will be sought:

- The Broadshore WFDA, the Sinclair WFDA and the Scaraben WFDA, within which the Wind Farm Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned;
- The Broadshore OfTDA, the Sinclair OfTDA and the Scaraben OfTDA, within which the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned; and
- The Broadshore OnTDA, the Sinclair OnTDA and the Scaraben OnTDA, within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.

1.3 Consultation Events

8. The Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects held public consultation events between 5 and 9 February 2024 (inclusive). The events presented an opportunity for stakeholders to take part in early consultations to discuss the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects.

9. Insights and feedback received through these consultation events were vital in aiding stakeholder understanding of the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects, as well as generating insights which can influence the design of the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects.

10. This Consultation Event Report presents factual information on the planning, implementation and feedback received from the February 2024 consultation events.

11. It is noted that these consultation events took place prior the National Energy System Operator (NESO) amending the Bellrock Project's grid connection design in April 2025 (NESO, 2025) (from a co-ordinated offshore connection to an onshore connection at SSEN Transmission's Hurlie substation). Feedback from these consultation events are however for the Bellrock WFDA and the eastern portion of the Bellrock OfTDA.

12. Further consultation events will be held in relation to the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects as they progress through their development phases.

2 Consultation Dates and Venues

13. The February 2024 consultation events were held across the following dates and venues:

- Monday 5 February 2024, 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Crimond Community Hub, Logie Avenue West, Crimond, AB43 8QJ;
- Tuesday 6 February 2024, 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Fraserburgh Golf Club, Philorth Locks, Fraserburgh, AB42 8TL;
- Wednesday 7 February 2024, 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Longside Football Social Club, Davidson Park, Station Road, Longside, AB42 4GR;
- Thursday 8 February 2024, 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Peterhead Football Club, Balmoor Terrace, Peterhead, AB42 1EQ; and
- Friday 9 February 2024, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm: MACBI Community Hub, Newlands Road, Mintlaw, AB42 5GP.

14. The location of the events is shown in **Plate 2.1** below**.**

15. A virtual consultation was also held between Monday 5 and Friday 9 February 2024, accessed via the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects webpages (www.bellrockwind.co.uk and www.broadshorewind.co.uk respectively).

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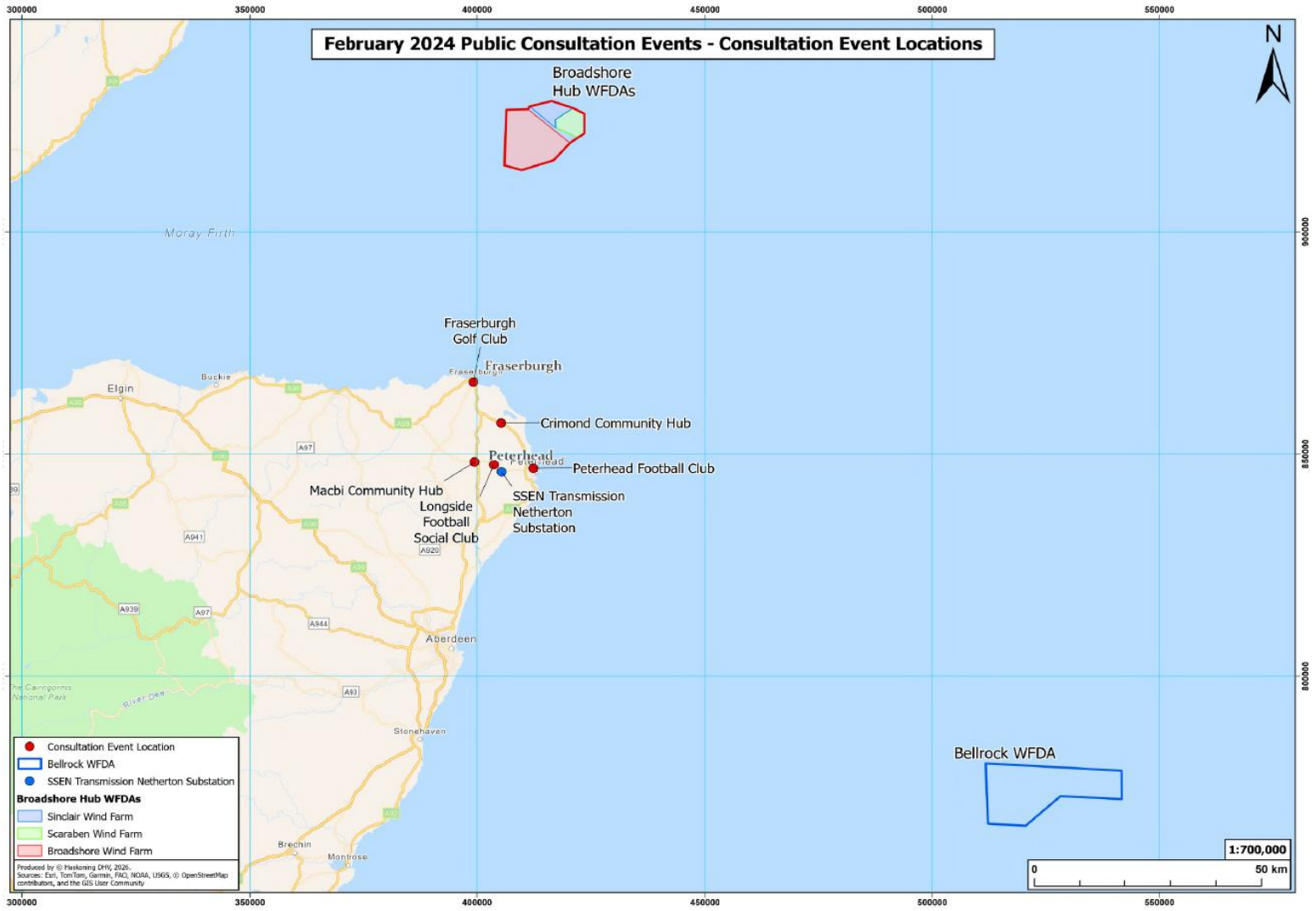
Plate 2.1: Consultation Event Locations



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3 Consultation Event Promotion

3.1 Overview

16. Promotion of the consultation events was achieved through various communication methods including:

- Newspaper advertisements;
- Radio advertisement;
- Promotional leaflets; and
- Email invitations.

3.2 Newspaper Advertisements

17. Newspaper advertisements promoting the consultation events were published in local newspapers, *The Buchan Observer, The Fraserburgh Herald* and the *Mearns Leader & Kincardineshire Observer* three weeks and two weeks before the consultation events. Copies of the newspaper advertisements and the newspapers area of circulation are presented in **Plate 3.1** and **Plate 3.2** below.

Plate 3.1: Newspaper Adverts Published in The Buchan Observer, The Fraserburgh Herald and Mearns Leader & Kincardineshire Observer

PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENTS
FIND OUT MORE, AND HAVE YOUR SAY ON FLOATING OFFSHORE WIND FARM PROJECTS

Broadshore OFFSHORE WIND | Sinclair OFFSHORE WIND | Scaraben OFFSHORE WIND | Bellrock OFFSHORE WIND

The developers of the Broadshore, Sinclair, Scaraben and Bellrock floating offshore wind farm projects will be hosting a series of public consultation events between 5th and 9th February 2024.

These wind farms will play a significant role in achieving Scotland's net zero targets, generating cleaner, home-grown electricity and providing energy security for future generations.

The consultation events will be an opportunity to meet the development team and find out more about the projects and the areas under consideration for landfall, cable corridors and onshore substations.

With each of the four projects at an early stage of development, this is an ideal opportunity for local stakeholders and communities to provide feedback which could help shape and inform the projects going forward.

The **Broadshore Hub** comprises three floating offshore wind farms (Broadshore, Sinclair and Scaraben) which will be located approximately 47 km north of Fraserburgh and with the capacity to generate up to 1.1 gigawatts of renewable electricity. The power from the offshore wind farms will come ashore via underground cabling and connect to the National Electricity Transmission System via new substations in the vicinity of Peterhead.

The **Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm** will be located 120 km east of Stonehaven and will have the capacity to produce up to 1.2 gigawatts of renewable electricity. The power from the offshore wind farm will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System offshore, around 60 km east of Stonehaven.

Consultation Event Details:

- Monday 5th February 2024, 3 – 8pm: Crimond Community Hub, Logie Avenue West, Crimond, AB43 8QJ
- Tuesday 6th February 2024, 12 – 8pm: Fraserburgh Golf Club, Philorth Links, Fraserburgh, AB43 8TL
- Wednesday 7th February 2024, 12 – 8pm: Longside Football Social Club, Davidson Park, Station Road, Longside, AB42 4GR
- Thursday 8th February 2024, 12 – 8pm: Peterhead Football Club, Balmoor Terrace, Peterhead, AB42 1EQ
- Friday 9th February 2024, 10am – 1pm: MACBI Community Hub, Newlands Road, Mintlaw, AB42 5GP

A virtual consultation room will also be available online between Monday 5th and Friday 9th February 2024 (inclusive) and can be accessed at: **www.broadshorewind.co.uk** and **www.bellrockwind.co.uk**

For any further information on these consultation events or the projects, please contact the development team at **info@broadshorewind.co.uk** or **info@bellrockwind.co.uk**

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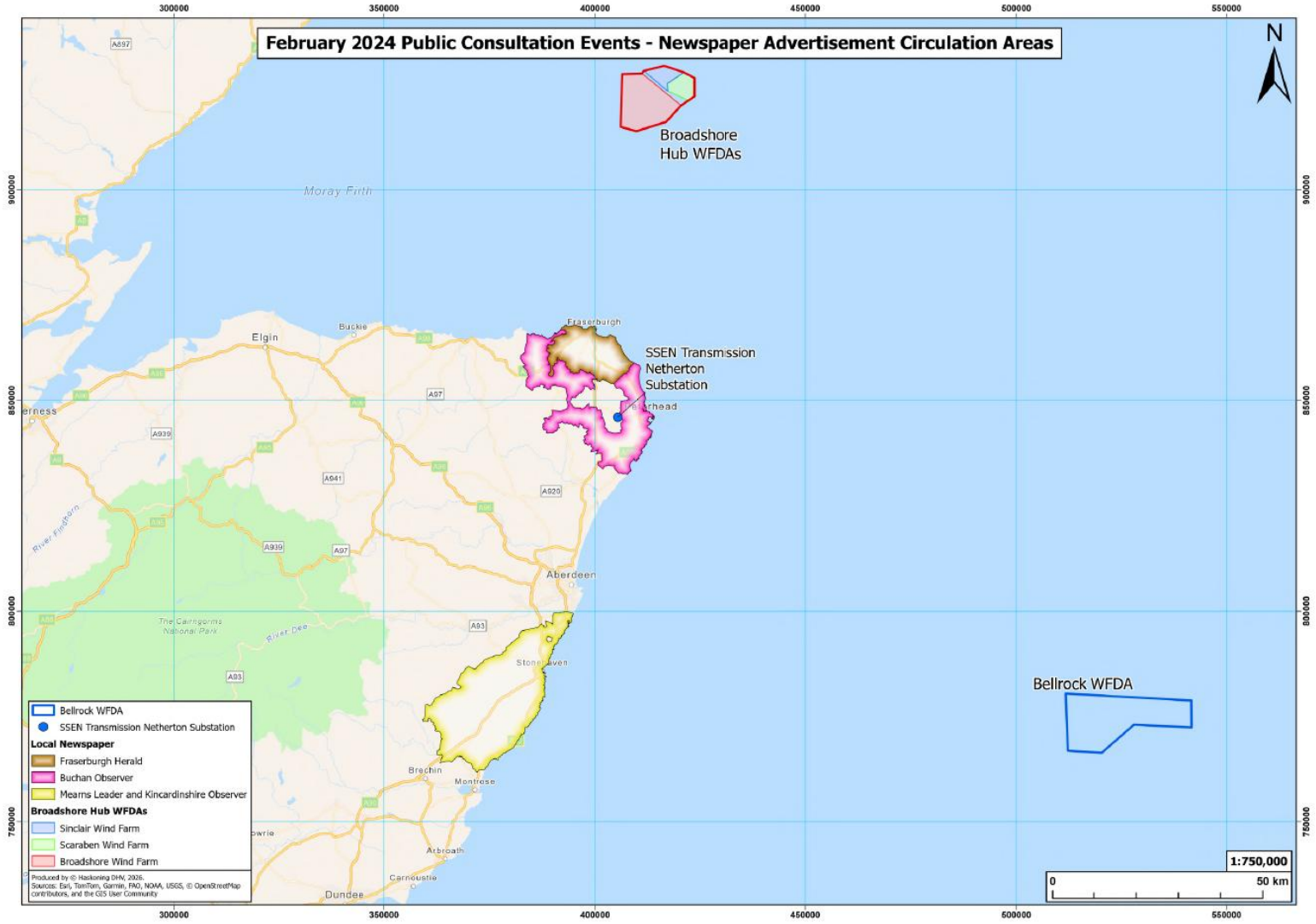
Plate 3.2: Newspaper Advertisement Circulation Areas



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3.3 Radio Advertisement

18. A 30 second radio advertisement[2] was aired on Original 106 Aberdeen, prior to the consultation events, from the 19 January to 7 February 2024 inclusive, with a total of 144 airings over this period. The script within the radio advert is detailed below.

''The Broadshore, Sinclair, Scaraben and Bellrock Offshore Wind Farms projects represent a significant investment in Scotland's clean and secure energy future. We're holding several public consultation events as an opportunity for you to meet our development team, find out more about the four projects and provide feedback. These events will be held between the 5th and 9th February in Peterhead, Fraserburgh, Mintlaw, Longside and Crimmond. To find out more, please visit broadshorewind.co.uk and bellrockwind.co.uk.''

19. With over 76,000 listeners in the Aberdeenshire area, Original 106 radio advertising increased public awareness of the consultation events. A number of stakeholders that attended the consultation events referenced they were made aware of the public consultation events as a result of hearing the Original 106 radio advertisements.

3.4 Promotional Leaflet

20. A promotional leaflet was distributed to the following local community venues around two-weeks prior to the consultation for display to increase awareness of the consultation events.

- Crimmond Community Hub;
- Fraserburgh Golf Club;
- Fraserburgh Leisure Centre;
- Longside Football Social Club;
- MACBI Community Hub;
- North East Scotland College (NESCol);
- Peterhead Football Club Café;
- Peterhead Leisure Centre and Community Centre;
- Peterhead Rescue Hall; and
- Scottish Maritime Academy.

21. The promotional leaflet, as shown in Plate 3.3 was also attached to email invitations sent out to a number of stakeholders (refer to Section 3.5 below for further details).

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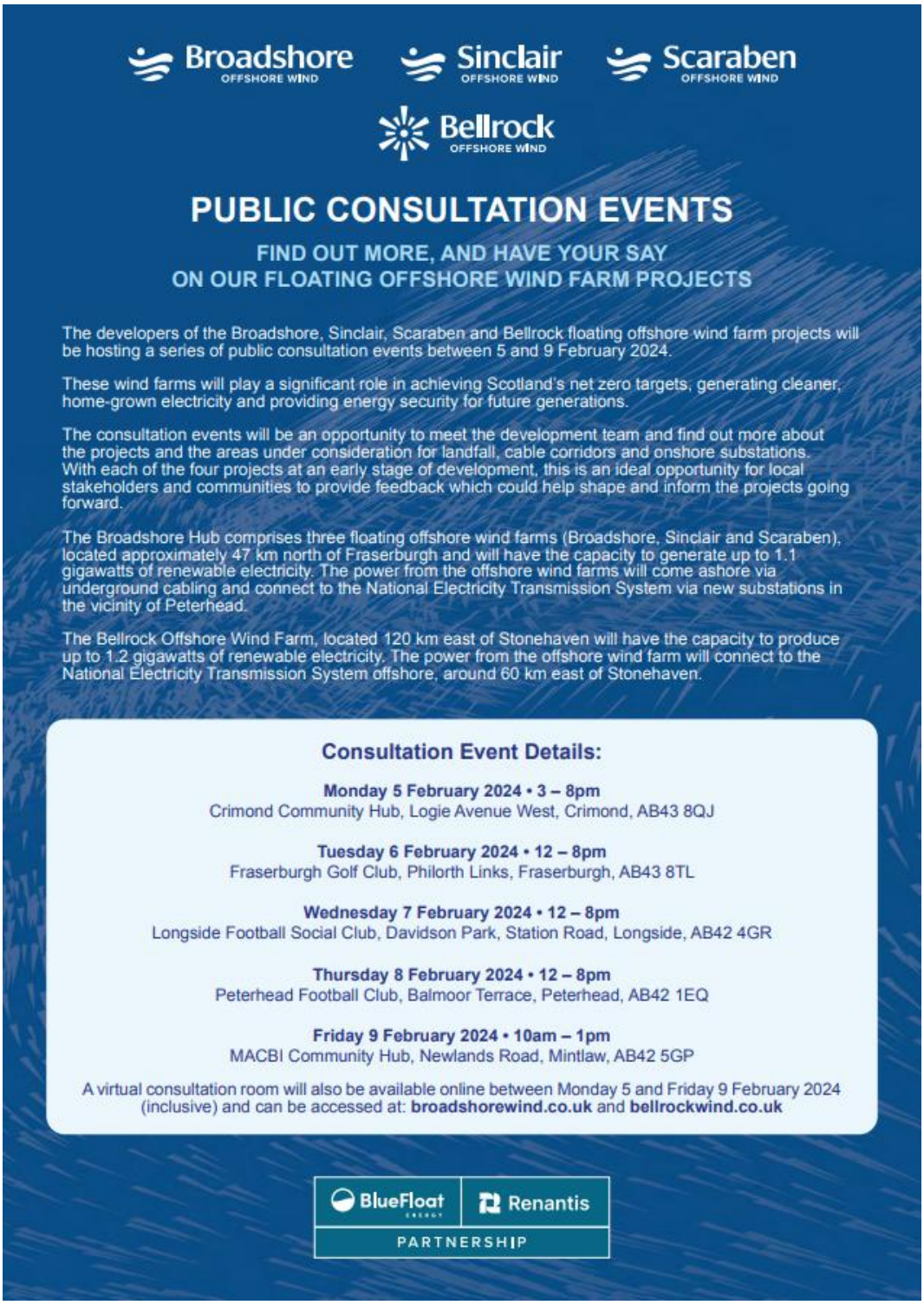
Plate 3.3: Consultation Events Promotional Leaflet



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3.5 Email Invitations

22. Email invitations, as shown in **Plate 3.4**, were circulated directly to political stakeholders, including Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSP), Members of Parliament (MP), local government and community councils via email. Stakeholders who received an invite email notifying them of the upcoming public consultation events are as follows:

- MP for Banff and Buchan;
- MSP for Banff and Buchan;
- Scottish Minister for Energy and the Environment;
- Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy;
- MSPs for Northeast Scotland Region;
- Leader of Aberdeenshire Council;
- Councillors for Fraserburgh and District – Ward 3;
- Councillors for Central Buchan – Ward 4;
- Councillors for Peterhead North and Rattray – Ward 5;
- Peterhead Community Council;
- Longside and District Community Council;
- Mintlaw and District Community Council;
- Fraserburgh Community Council;
- Buchan East Community Council;
- Invercairn Community Council;
- Strichen and District Community Council;
- Rathen, Memsie and Cortes Community Council;
- Deer Community Council;
- Head of Service – Planning and Economy, Aberdeenshire Council;
- Team Manager – Strategic Development Delivery and Enforcement, Aberdeenshire Council;
- Chief Executive, Aberdeenshire Council;
- Director of Environment and Infrastructure, Aberdeenshire Council;
- Local community organisations;
- Scottish Fishing Associations such as Scottish Fishermen's Federation and Scottish White Fish Producers Association;
- Local schools; and
- Local supply chain organisations.

Plate 3.4: Email Invitation Example – Fraserburgh Community Council

Broadshore OFFSHORE WIND

Ref.: BFR_ASC_CST_LET_0001

Date: 30 January 2024

Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm Limited
1st Floor
2 Lochrin Square
96 Fountainbridge
Edinburgh
EH3 9QA
United Kingdom

Subject: Broadshore, Sinclair, Scaraben and Bellrock Offshore Wind Farms

Dear

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Broadshore, Sinclair and Scaraben Offshore Wind Farms (collectively referred to as the Broadshore Hub), and the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm.

The Broadshore Hub will be located approximately 47 km north of Fraserburgh with the capacity to generate up to 1.1 GW of renewable electricity. The power from the offshore wind farms will come ashore via underground cabling and connect to the National Electricity Transmission System via new substations in the vicinity of Peterhead. Elements of the Broadshore Hub may be located within, or close to, the Fraserburgh Community Council area.

The Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm will be located 120 km east of Stonehaven and will have the capacity to produce up to 1.2 GW of renewable electricity. The power from the offshore wind farm will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System offshore, around 60 km east of Stonehaven.

These wind farms will play a significant role in achieving Scotland's net zero targets, generating cleaner, home-grown electricity and providing energy security for future generations.

We recognise Fraserburgh Community Council's important role within the local community and would appreciate the opportunity to meet with the Community Council to discuss the projects in more detail. Whilst the projects are at an early stage of development, we hope that early engagement will assist the Community Council when engaging with the local community and provide a mechanism for community views to be communicated to the projects.

If Community Council members are agreeable to meet, we would welcome your availability over the coming months to allow arrangements to be made.

In the interim, Community Council members are welcome to attend one of our public consultation events being held from 5 February to 9 February inclusive. These events will provide an opportunity to meet the development team and find out more about the projects and the development areas under consideration, including that for the Broadshore Hub landfall, onshore cable corridors and onshore substations. One such event is taking place at Fraserburgh Golf Club on Tuesday 6 February 2024, from 12 – 8 pm which may be convenient for your members.

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If appropriate, we would be grateful if the enclosed leaflet can be made available on the Community Council's website and social media pages to help raise awareness of the public consultation events.

We look forward to meeting with Fraserburgh Community Council in the near future. In the interim, please feel free to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely
On behalf of Broadshore Hub and Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm

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23. Additionally, email invitations were also circulated to a number of local stakeholders and community groups which included the promotional leaflet presented in **Section 3.4**.

4 Consultation Event Materials

4.1 Overview

24. Materials presented at the consultation events comprised of:

- Exhibition banners;
- Visual plans;
- Virtual exhibition;
- Information leaflets; and
- Feedback form.

4.2 Exhibition Banners

25. **Plate 4.1** to **Plate 4.12** present the exhibition banners which were on display at the consultation events. **Plate 4.13** shows the consultation event layout, using the Fraserburgh event as an example.

Plate 4.1: Welcome

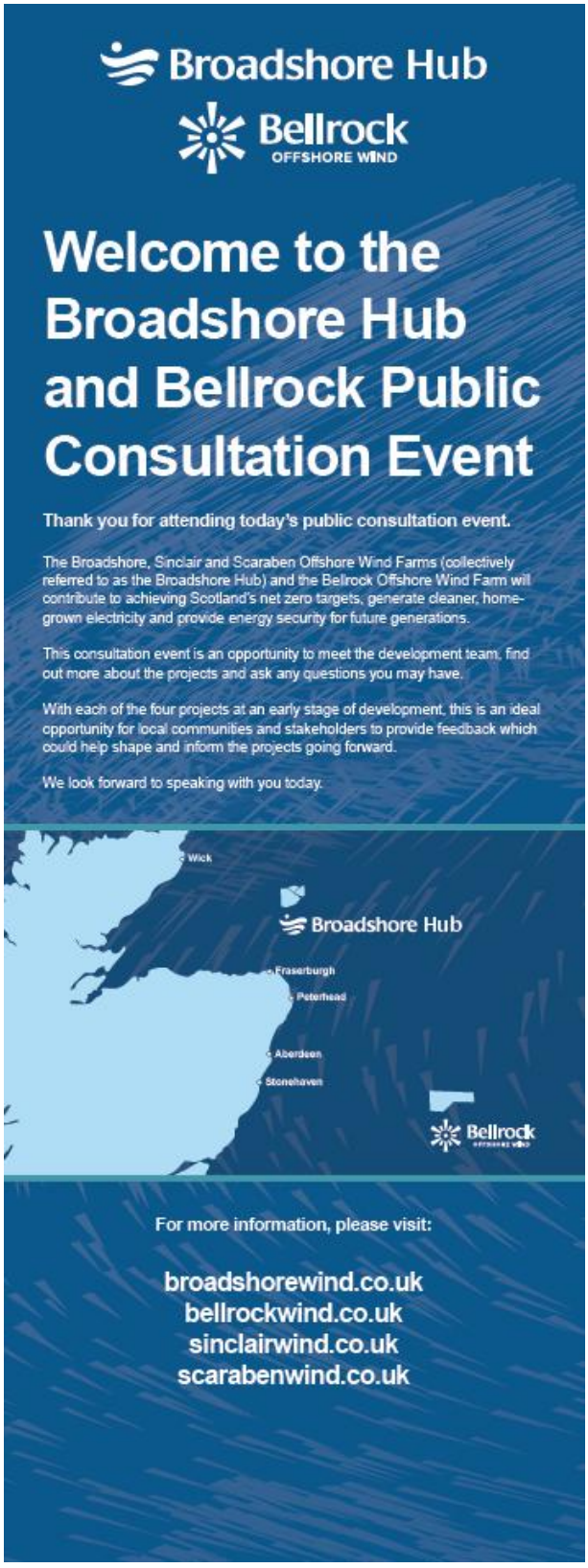

Plate 4.2: About Us

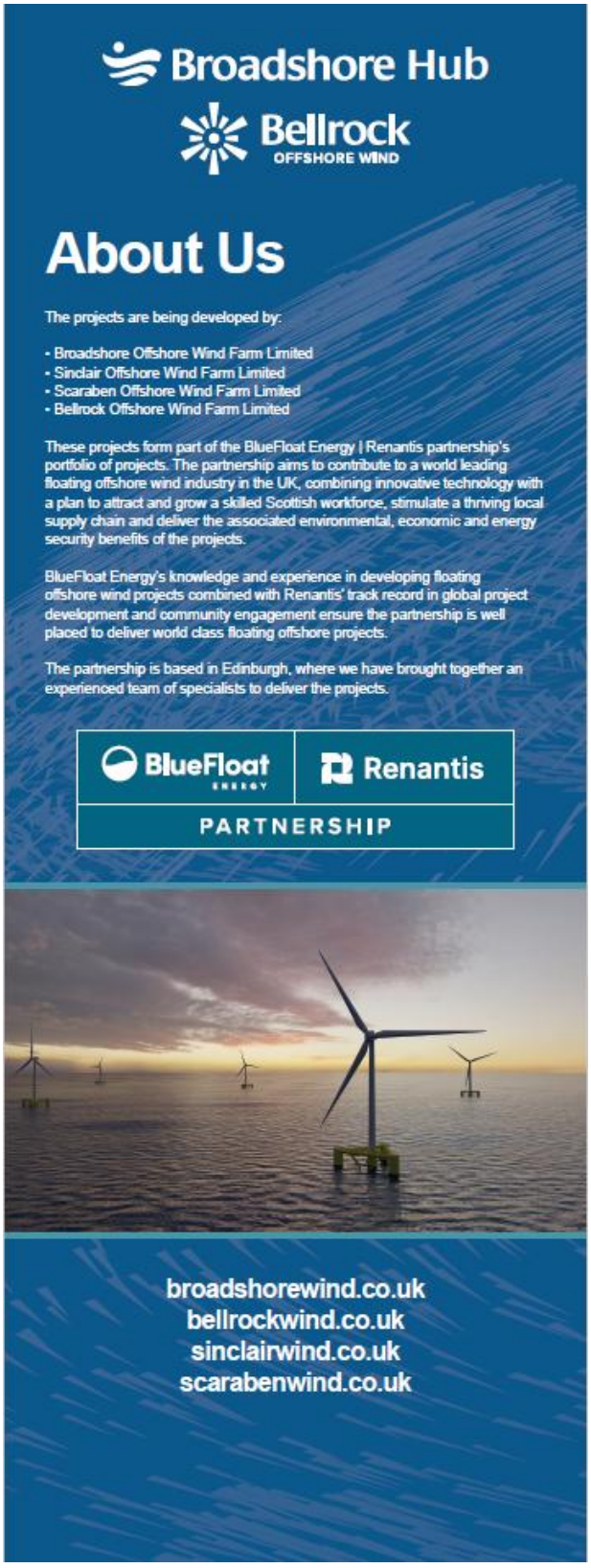

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Plate 4.3: Project Overview - Broadshore Hub

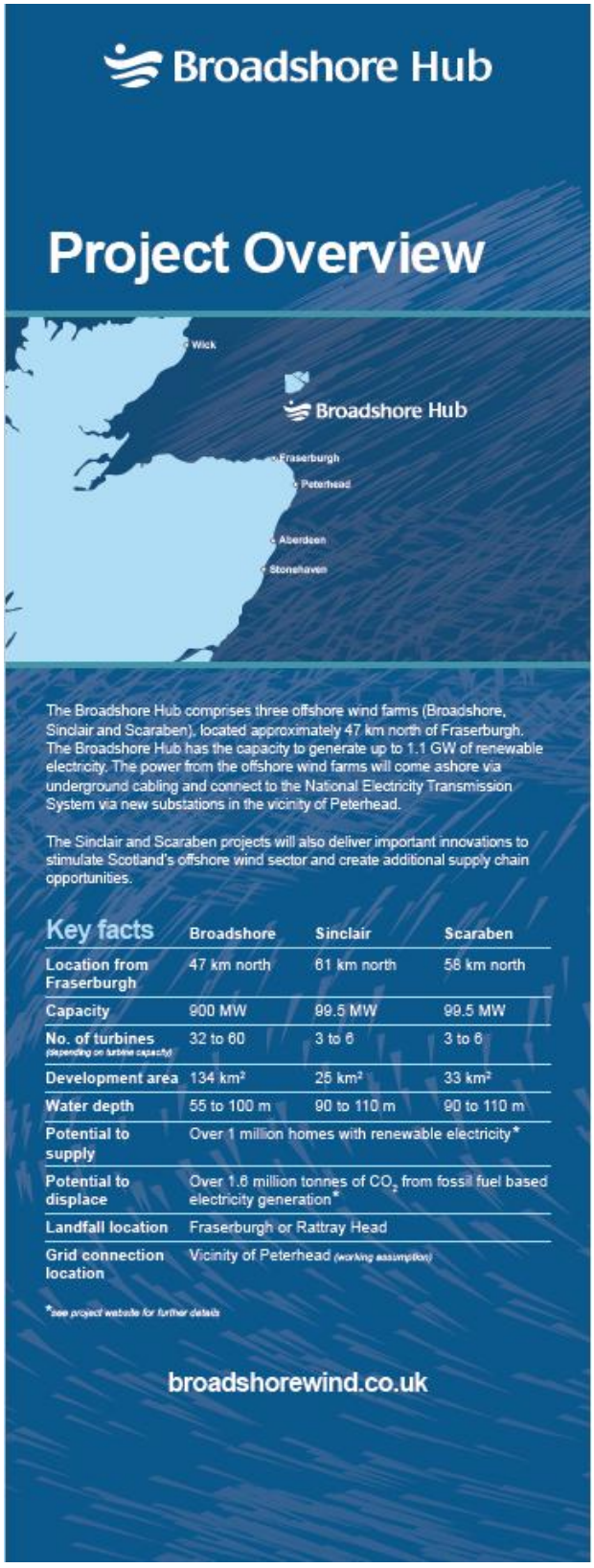

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Plate 4.4 Project Overview - Bellrock

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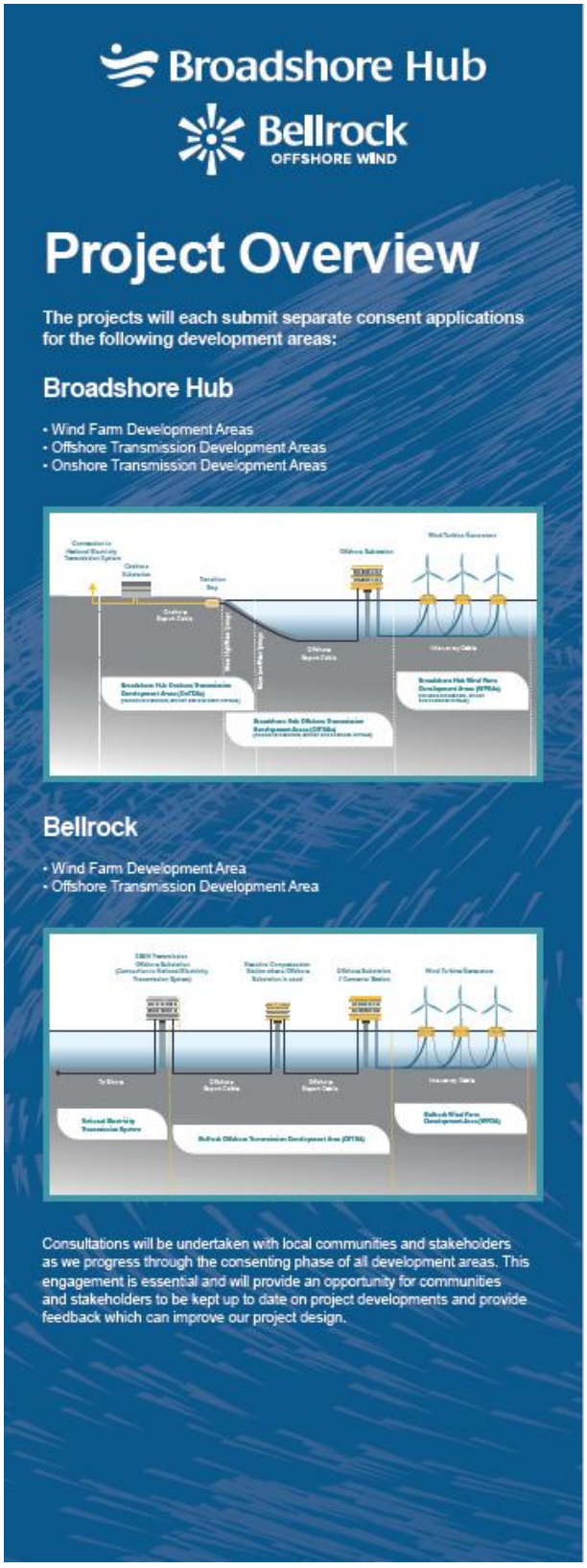

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Plate 4.6: EIA Process

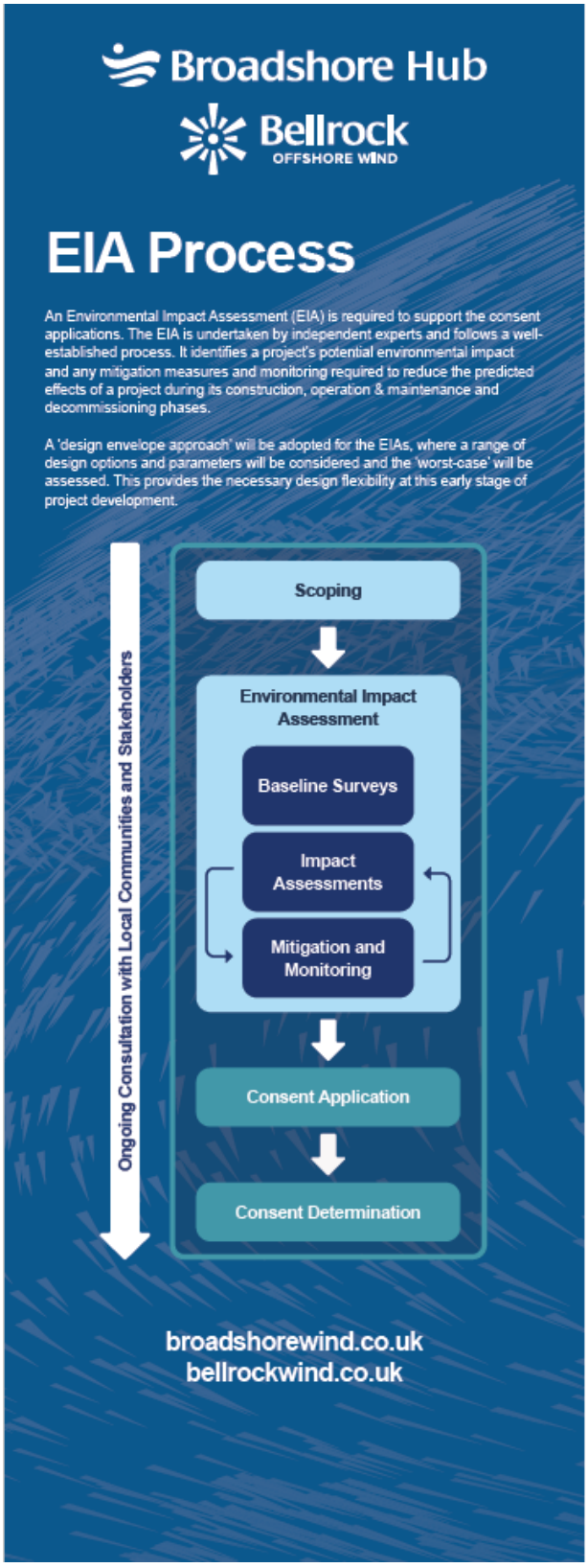

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Plate 4.7: Survey Campaigns

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Survey Campaigns

Onshore and offshore surveys are required to understand the baseline environmental and physical conditions to ensure the projects can be designed and developed safely, efficiently and with minimal environmental impacts.

Onshore Habitat Survey (Broadshore Hub only)
Completed in 2023, Phase 1 habitat surveys within the Onshore Transmission Development Areas (OnTDAs) Area of Search identified existing habitats. Relevant species-specific surveys will start in early 2024.

Onshore Ornithological Survey (Broadshore Hub only)
Overwintering and intertidal bird surveys for both landfall options and within the OnTDAs Area of Search are being undertaken from Q4 2023 to early 2024. Breeding bird surveys are being undertaken from Q1 2024 to Q2 2024.

Wind and Metocean Data Collection
Floating Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) buoys have been deployed within the Wind Farm Development Areas (WFDAs) since Q2 2023 to collect wave height, current, wind speed and direction data to characterise metocean conditions and will be in place for two years.

Digital Aerial Survey
Video cameras mounted on aircraft have been obtaining high resolution imagery of the WFDAs to calculate population estimates of birds and marine mammals. Surveys commenced in Q1 2022 and are required for two years.

Onshore and Offshore Geotechnical Surveys
From 2023 to early 2024, soil samples are being collected within the WFDAs to understand soil strengths which are required to aid the design. Further offshore geotechnical surveys will be undertaken in the coming years and onshore geotechnical surveys are planned at the landfall areas in early 2024.

Offshore Seabed Ecology Survey
Completed in 2023, videos along with seabed and water samples were collected within the WFDAs to provide characterisation of the seabed to inform the Environmental Impact Assessments. Surveys within the Offshore Transmission Development Areas will also be undertaken in 2024 / 2025.

Offshore Geophysical Survey
Completed in 2023, high resolution mapping of the seabed was collected within the WFDAs. Surveys within the Offshore Transmission Development Areas will also be undertaken in 2024 / 2025.

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Plate 4.8: Environmental Topics

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Environmental Topics

The following topics will be assessed by independent experts as part of the projects' Environmental Impact Assessments:

Broadshore Hub *(Onshore)*

- Landscape and visual impact
- Noise and vibration
- Traffic and transport
- Air quality
- Onshore ecology and ornithology
- Socioeconomics, tourism and recreation
- Climate change
- Cultural heritage
- Geology, hydrology and flood risk
- Land use
- Major accidents and disasters
- Human health

Broadshore Hub and Bellrock *(Offshore)*

- Marine geology, oceanography and physical processes
- Benthic ecology
- Fish and shellfish ecology
- Marine mammals
- Offshore ornithology
- Commercial fisheries
- Shipping and navigation
- Aviation and radar
- Marine infrastructure and other users
- Marine archaeology and cultural heritage
- Seascape and landscape visual impact
- Socioeconomics, tourism and recreation
- Climate change
- Major accidents and disasters

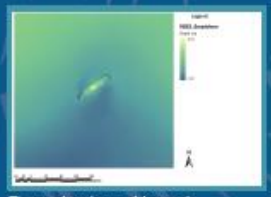

Figure showing a shipwreck from the Broadshore Hub WFDA

Figure showing a deployed floating LiDAR

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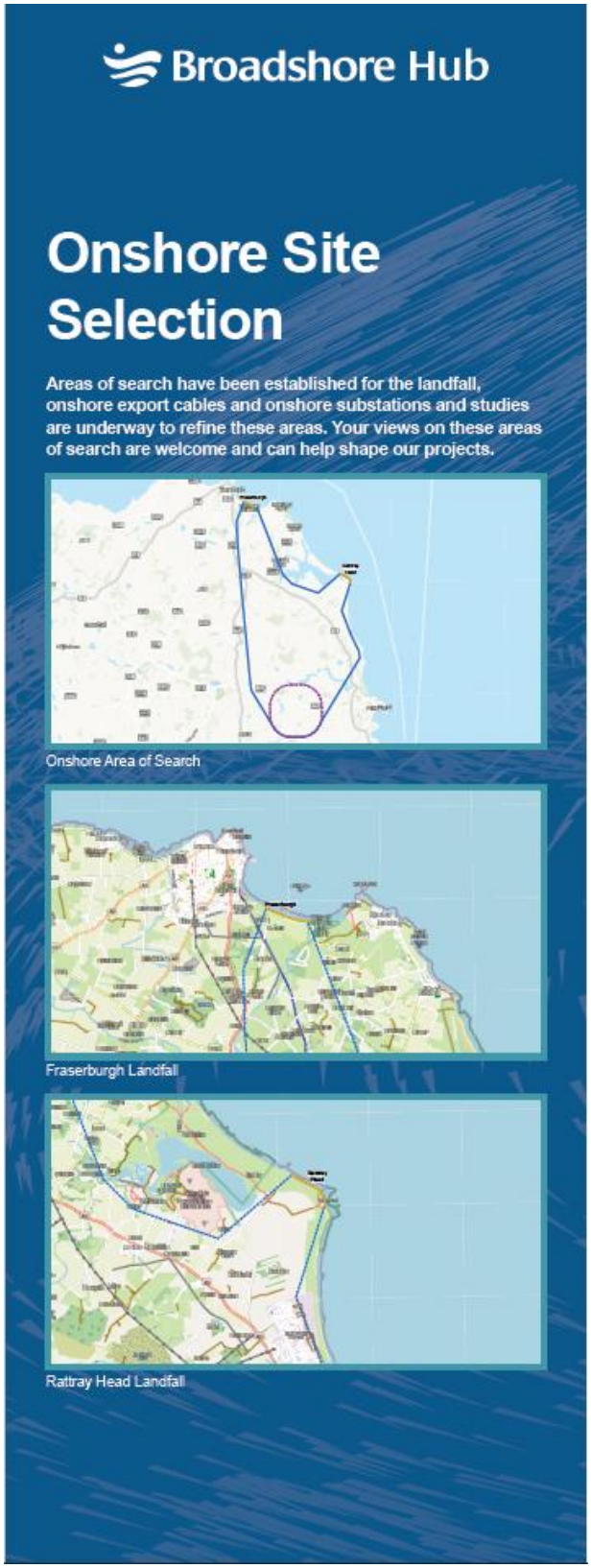
Plate 4.9: Onshore Site Selection – Broadshore



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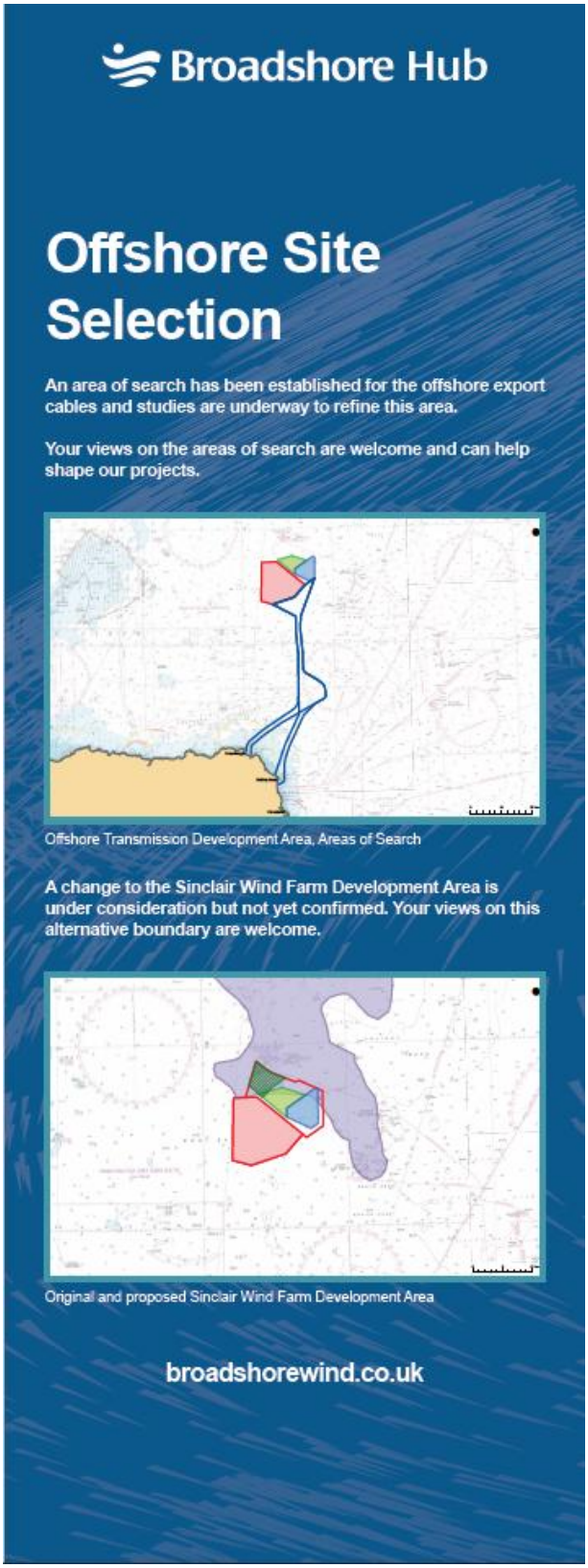

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Plate 4.11: Next Steps

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Plate 4.12: Feedback

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Plate 4.13: Consultation Event Layout – Fraserburgh

4.3 Visual Plans

26. **Plate 4.14** to **Plate 4.21** show the visual plans which were on display at the consultation events.

Plate 4.14: Bellrock Project Location

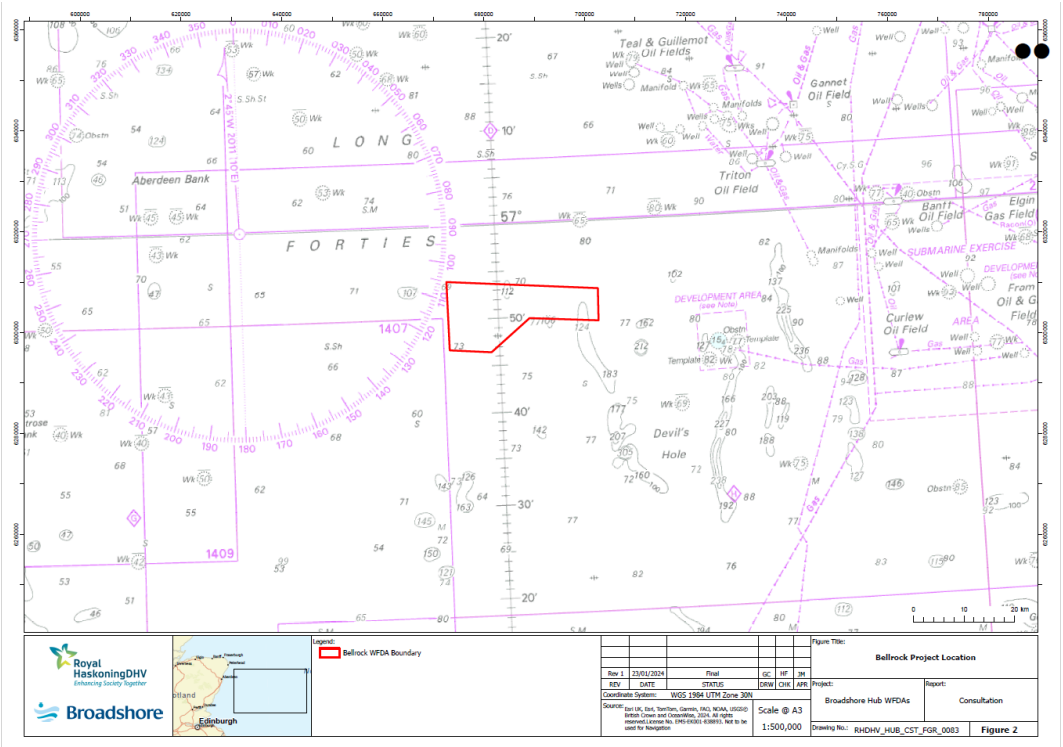

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Plate 4.15: Offshore Transmission Development Area and Landfall Site Selection

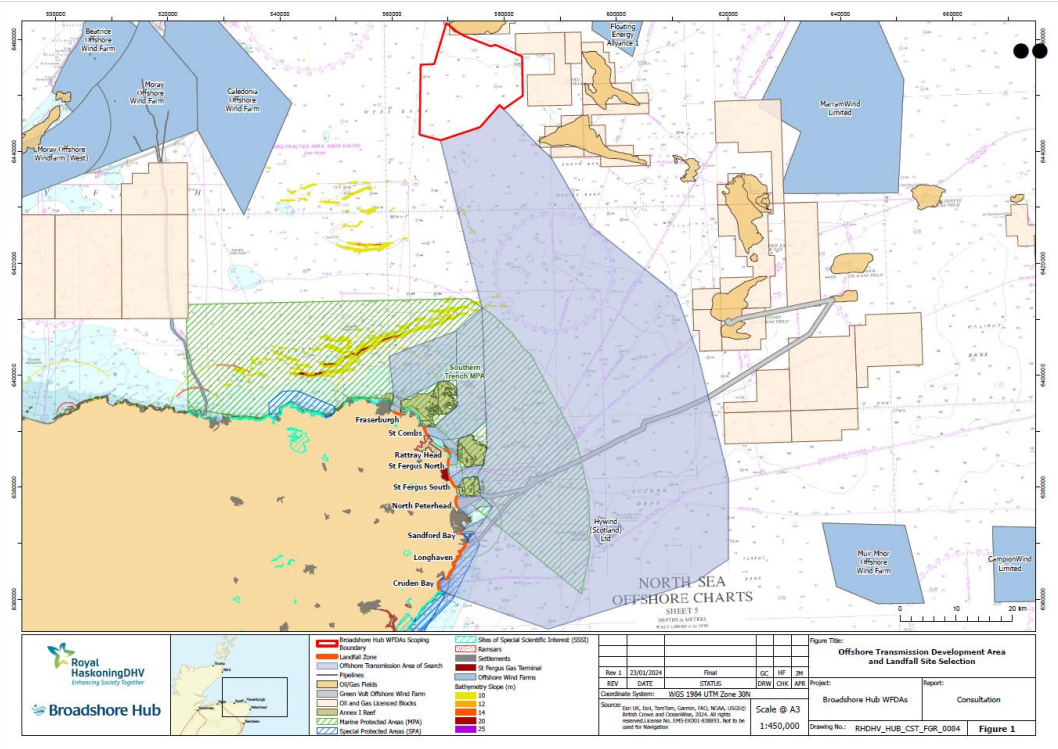

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Plate 4.16: Fraserburgh Landfall Option Location and Constraints Mapping

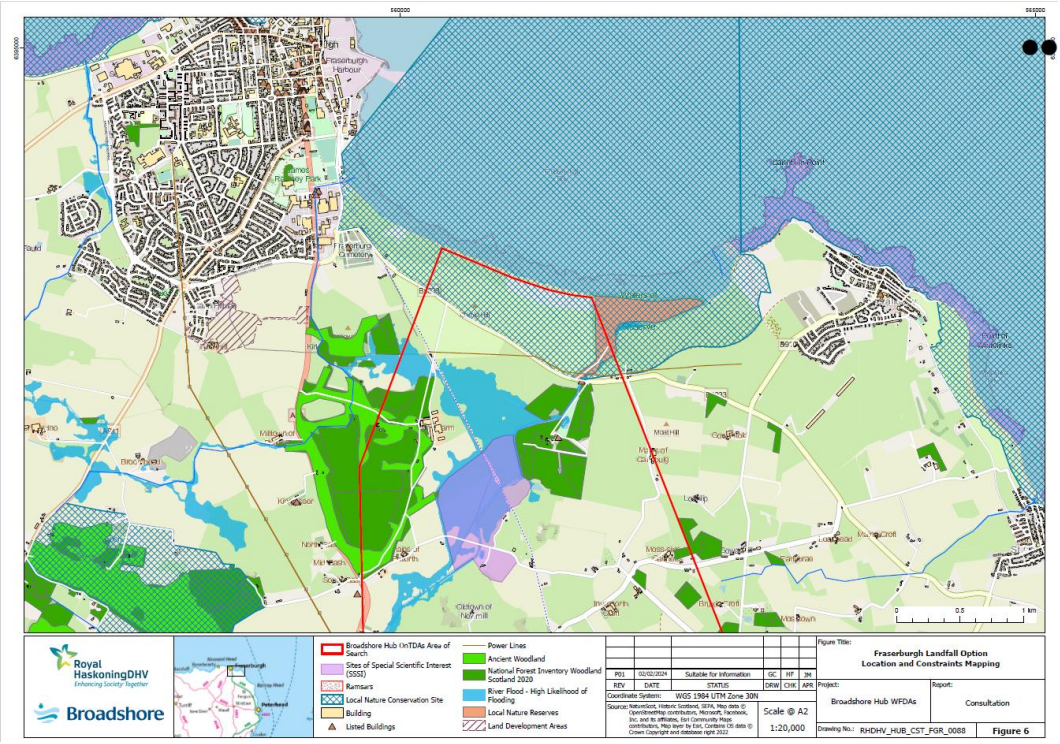

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Plate 4.17: Rattray Head Landfall Option Location and Constraints Mapping

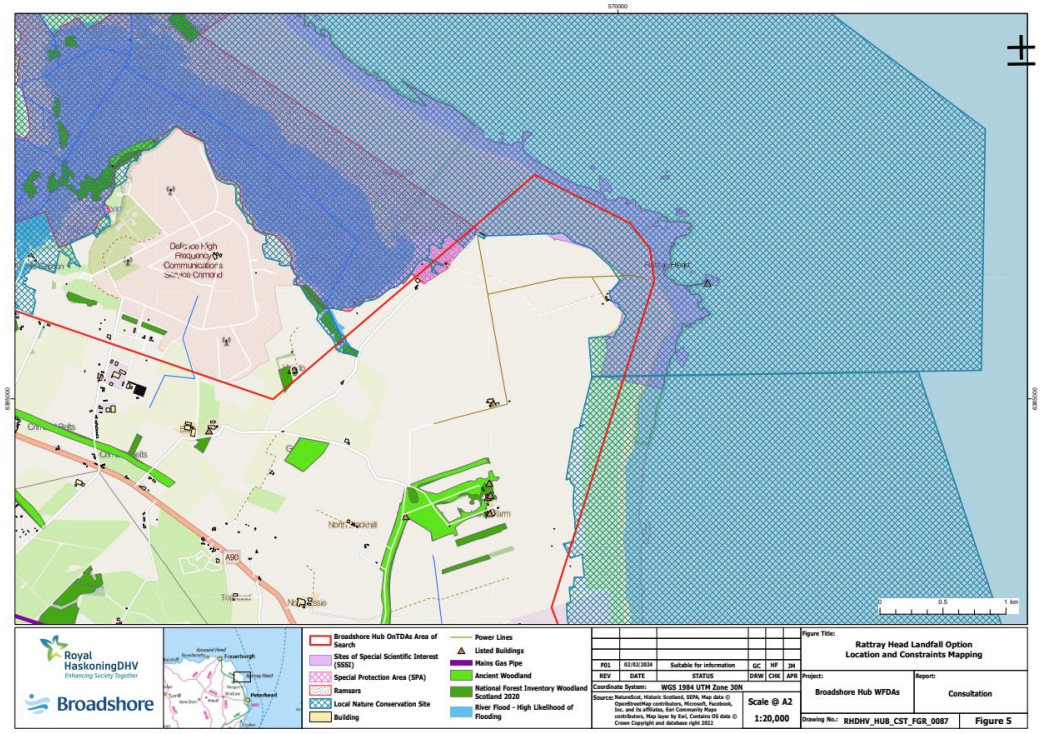

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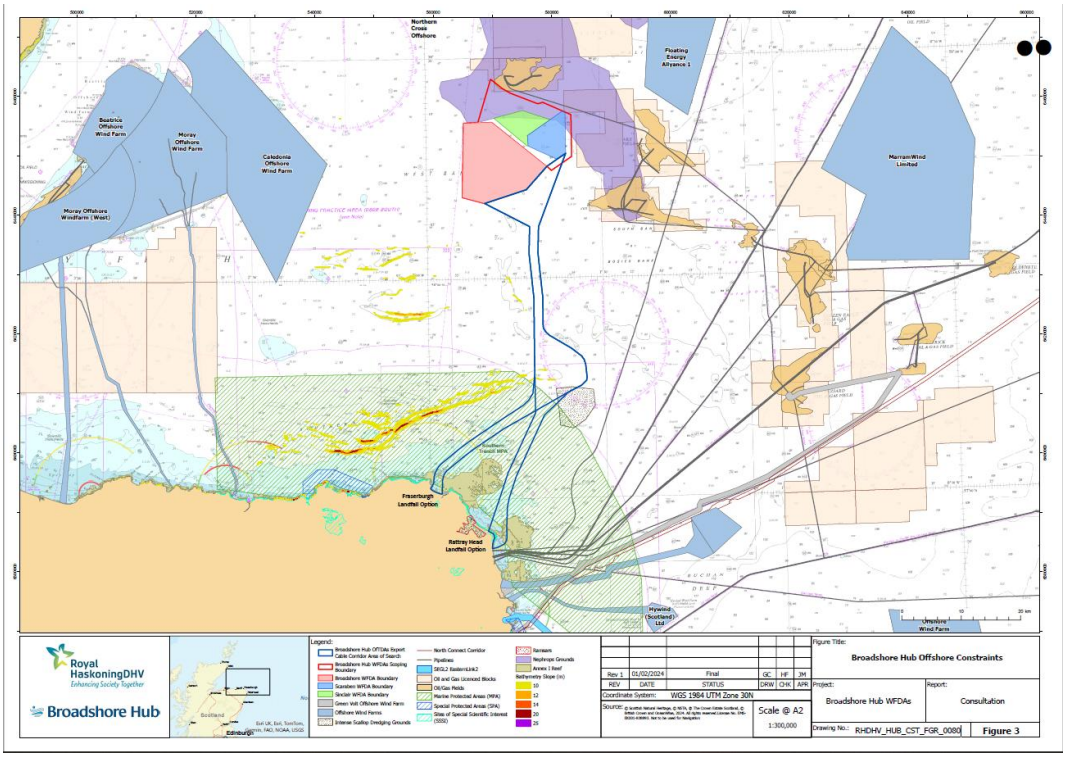
Plate 4.18: Broadshore Hub Offshore Constraints Mapping



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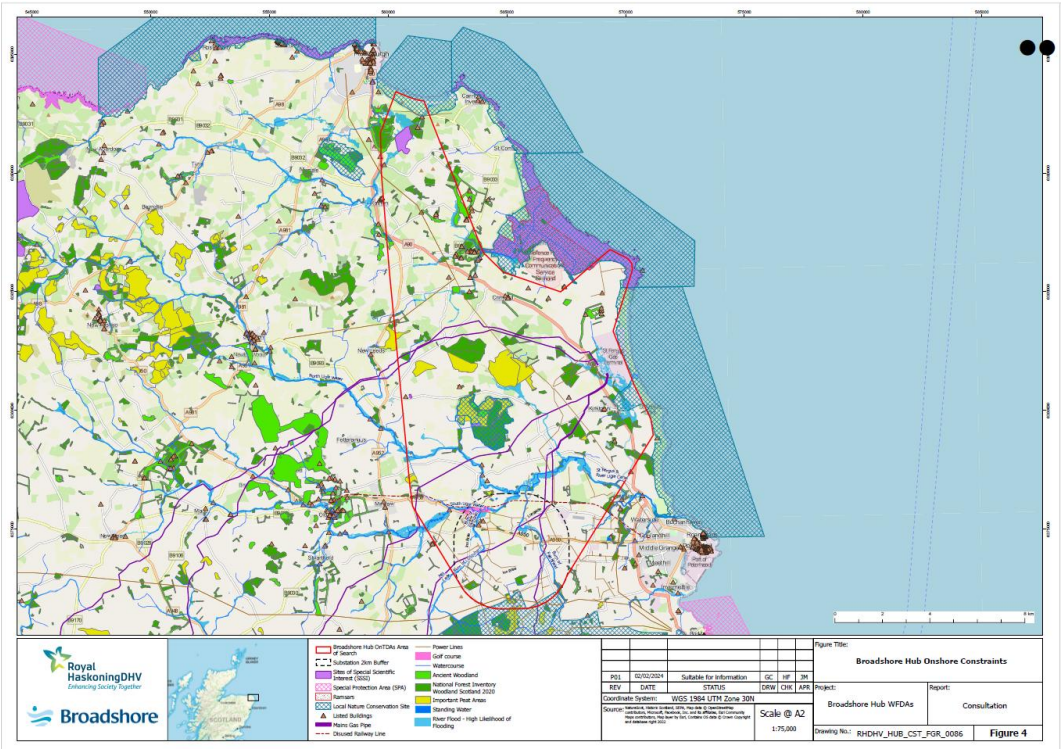

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Plate 4.20: SLVIA Study Area and Locations of Other Offshore Wind Farms

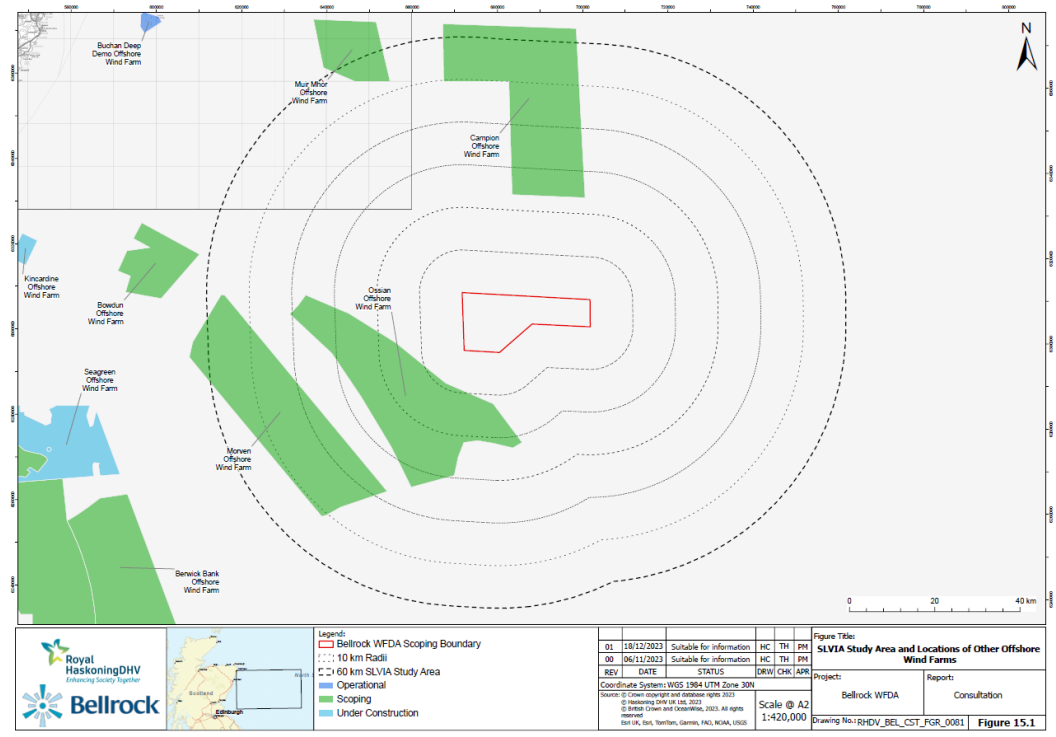

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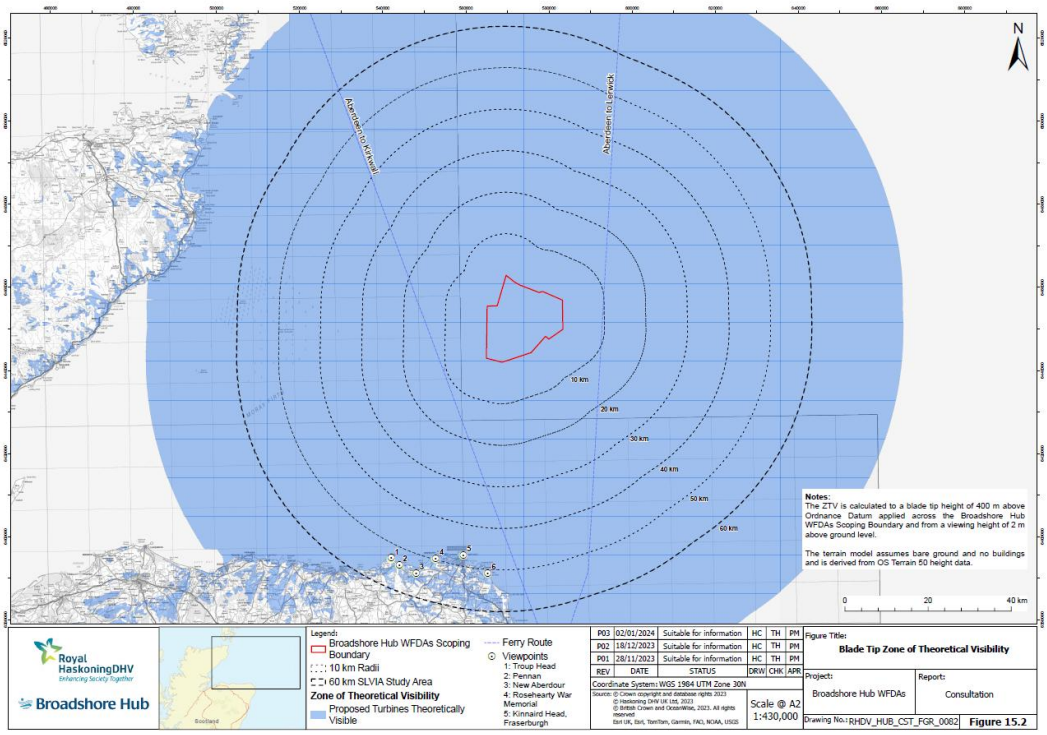
Plate 4.21: Blade Tip Zone of Theoretical Visibility



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4.4 Virtual Exhibition

27. A virtual exhibition was created, as shown in **Plate 4.22**, to **Plate 4.24**, providing accessibility for stakeholders unable to attend the consultation in person. The virtual exhibition was promoted alongside the consultation events, was available between 5and 9 February 2024 (inclusive) and was accessed by 29 users.

Plate 4.22: Virtual Exhibition Photograph 1

Plate 4.23: Virtual Exhibition Photograph 2

Plate 4.24: Virtual Exhibition Photograph 3

4.5 Feedback Form

28. Stakeholders who attended the in-person consultation events were invited to complete a feedback form, presented in **Plate 4.25**.

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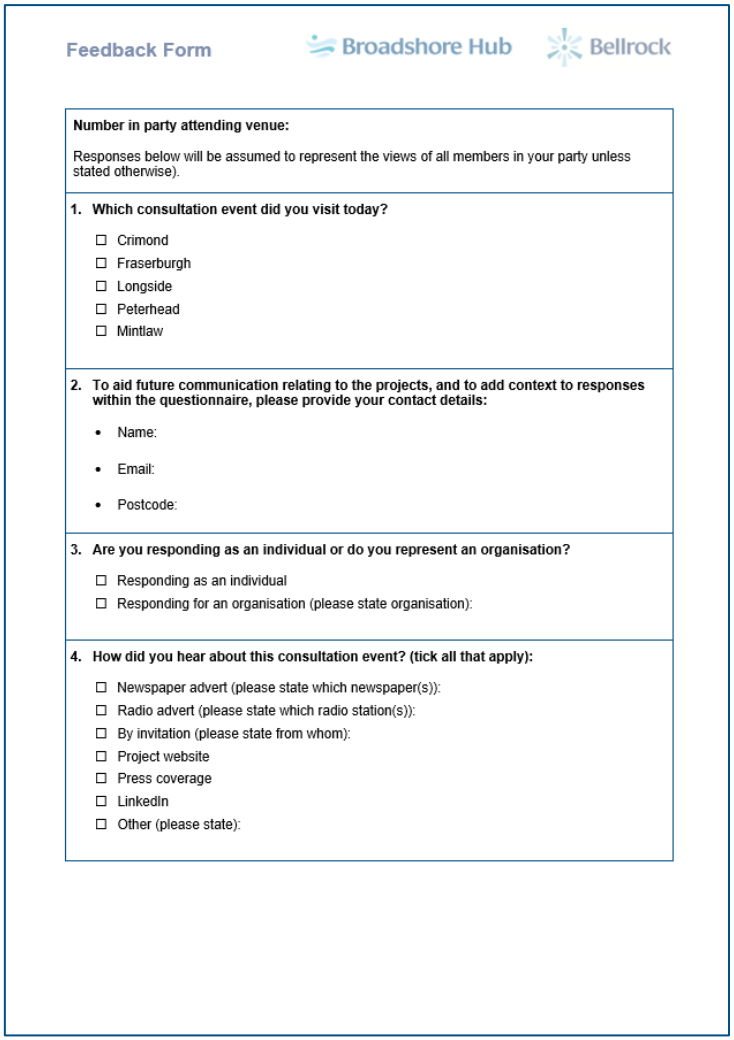
Plate 4.25: Printed Feedback Form



Feedback Form — Broadshore Hub — Bellrock

Number in party attending venue:

Responses below will be assumed to represent the views of all members in your party unless stated otherwise).

1. Which consultation event did you visit today?

- ☐ Crimond
- ☐ Fraserburgh
- ☐ Longside
- ☐ Peterhead
- ☐ Mintlaw

2. To aid future communication relating to the projects, and to add context to responses within the questionnaire, please provide your contact details:

- Name:
- Email:
- Postcode:

3. Are you responding as an individual or do you represent an organisation?

- ☐ Responding as an individual
- ☐ Responding for an organisation (please state organisation):

4. How did you hear about this consultation event? (tick all that apply):

- ☐ Newspaper advert (please state which newspaper(s)):
- ☐ Radio advert (please state which radio station(s)):
- ☐ By invitation (please state from whom):
- ☐ Project website
- ☐ Press coverage
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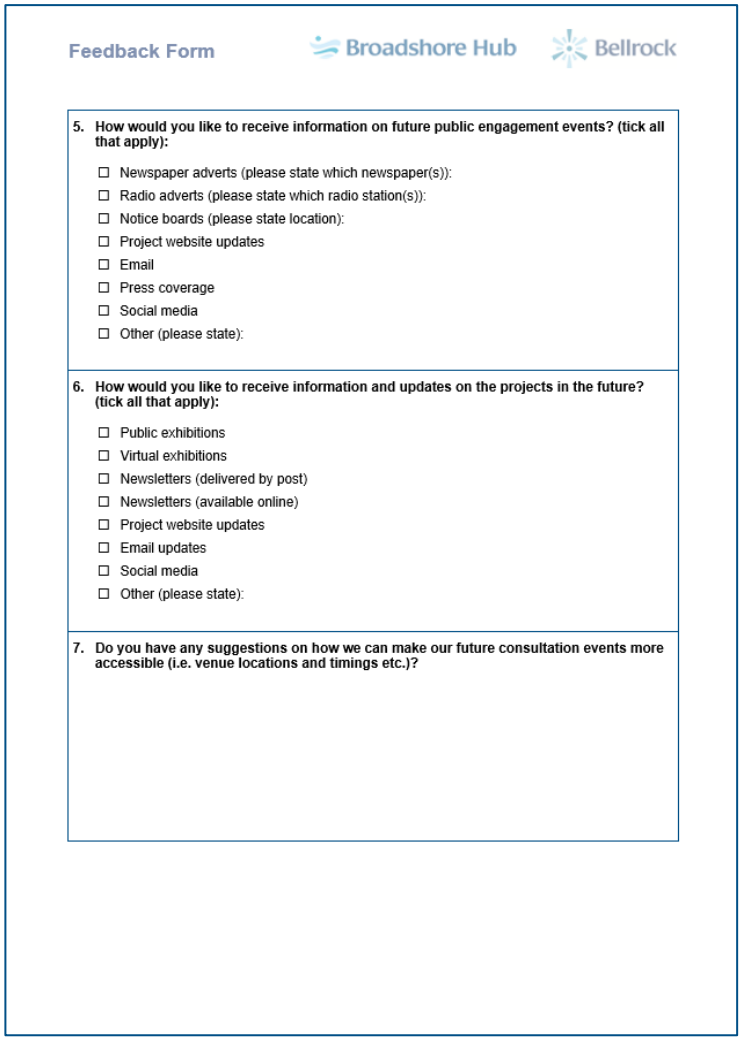
- ☐ Other (please state):



Feedback Form — Broadshore Hub — Bellrock

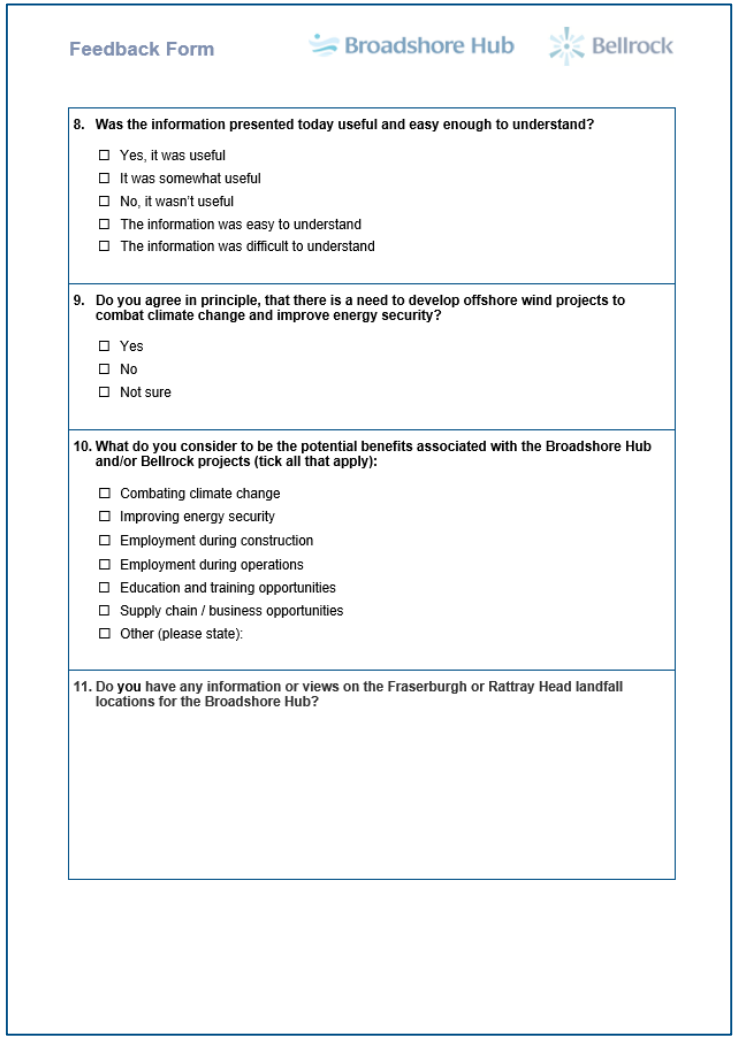
5. How would you like to receive information on future public engagement events? (tick all that apply):

- ☐ Newspaper adverts (please state which newspaper(s)):
- ☐ Radio adverts (please state which radio station(s)):
- ☐ Notice boards (please state location):
- ☐ Project website updates
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Press coverage
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Other (please state):

6. How would you like to receive information and updates on the projects in the future? (tick all that apply):

- ☐ Public exhibitions
- ☐ Virtual exhibitions
- ☐ Newsletters (delivered by post)
- ☐ Newsletters (available online)
- ☐ Project website updates
- ☐ Email updates
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Other (please state):

7. Do you have any suggestions on how we can make our future consultation events more accessible (i.e. venue locations and timings etc.)?



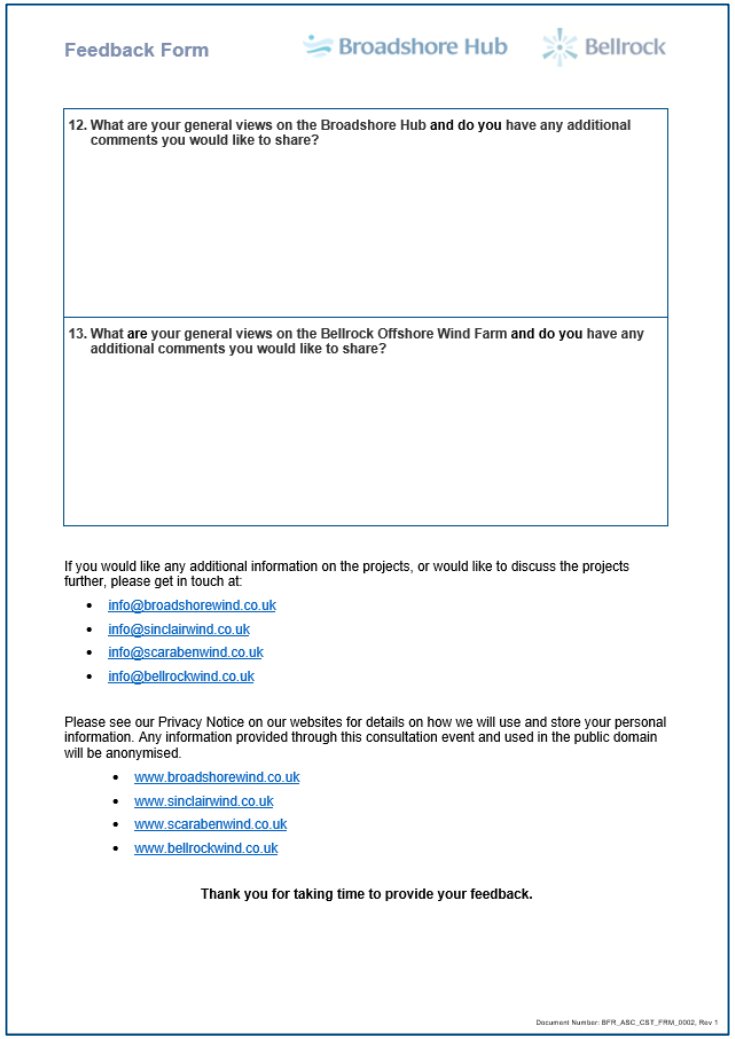
Feedback Form Broadshore Hub Bellrock

8. **Was the information presented today useful and easy enough to understand?**
   - ☐ Yes, it was useful
   - ☐ It was somewhat useful
   - ☐ No, it wasn't useful
   - ☐ The information was easy to understand
   - ☐ The information was difficult to understand

9. **Do you agree in principle, that there is a need to develop offshore wind projects to combat climate change and improve energy security?**
   - ☐ Yes
   - ☐ No
   - ☐ Not sure

10. **What do you consider to be the potential benefits associated with the Broadshore Hub and/or Bellrock projects (tick all that apply):**
    - ☐ Combating climate change
    - ☐ Improving energy security
    - ☐ Employment during construction
    - ☐ Employment during operations
    - ☐ Education and training opportunities
    - ☐ Supply chain / business opportunities
    - ☐ Other (please state):

11. **Do you have any information or views on the Fraserburgh or Rattray Head landfall locations for the Broadshore Hub?**



Feedback Form Broadshore Hub Bellrock

12. **What are your general views on the Broadshore Hub and do you have any additional comments you would like to share?**

13. **What are your general views on the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm and do you have any additional comments you would like to share?**

If you would like any additional information on the projects, or would like to discuss the projects further, please get in touch at:

- info@broadshorewind.co.uk
- info@sinclairwind.co.uk
- info@scarabenwind.co.uk
- info@bellrockwind.co.uk

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- www.sinclairwind.co.uk
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Thank you for taking time to provide your feedback.

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5 Consultation Event Feedback

5.1 Overview

29. Across the five consultation events, a total of 74 stakeholders attended the in-person consultation events 29 stakeholders accessed the virtual consultation. Various stakeholder interests were represented, including local residents, landowners, political stakeholders, community councillors, fishers and local supply chain representatives. A breakdown of stakeholders by categorisation can be found in **Plate 5.1** to **Plate 5.3**.

5.2 Attendees

Plate 5.1: Breakdown of Overall Stakeholder Attendance – In-person Events

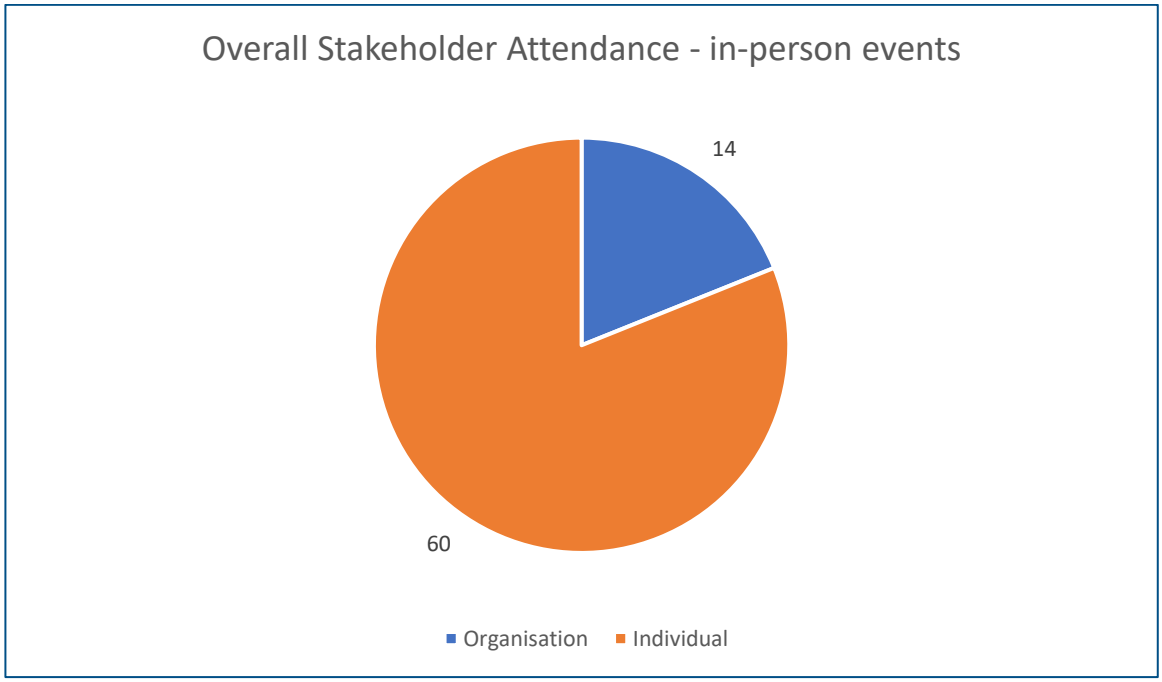
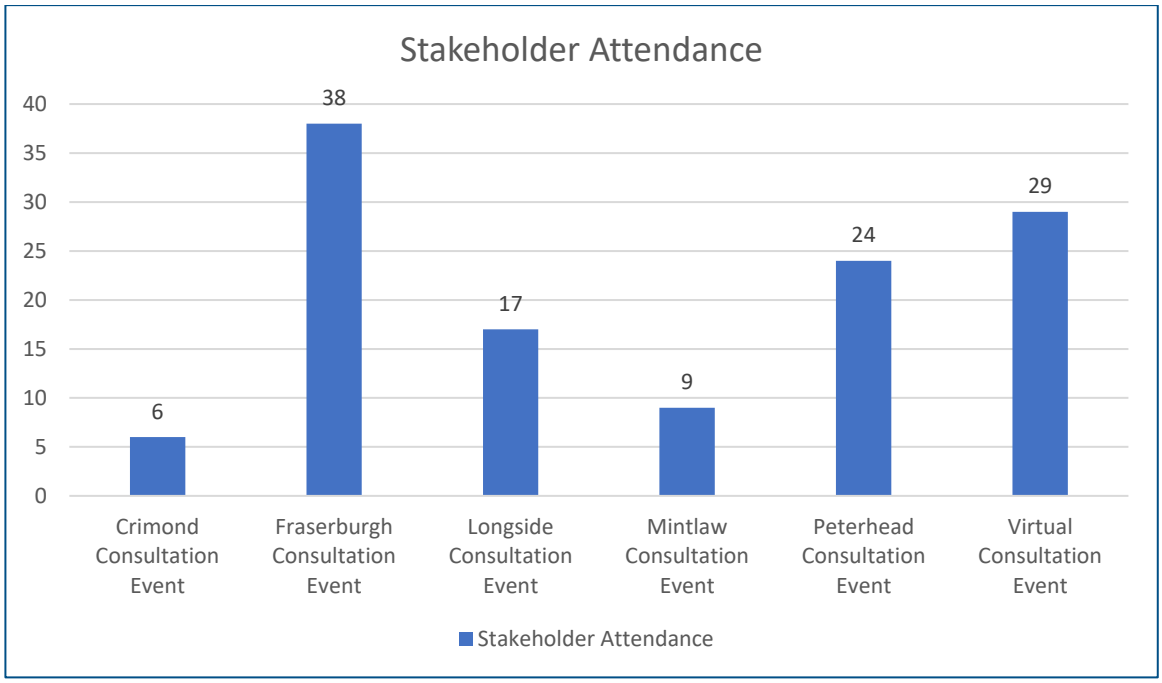


Plate 5.2: Stakeholder Attendance by Consultation Event



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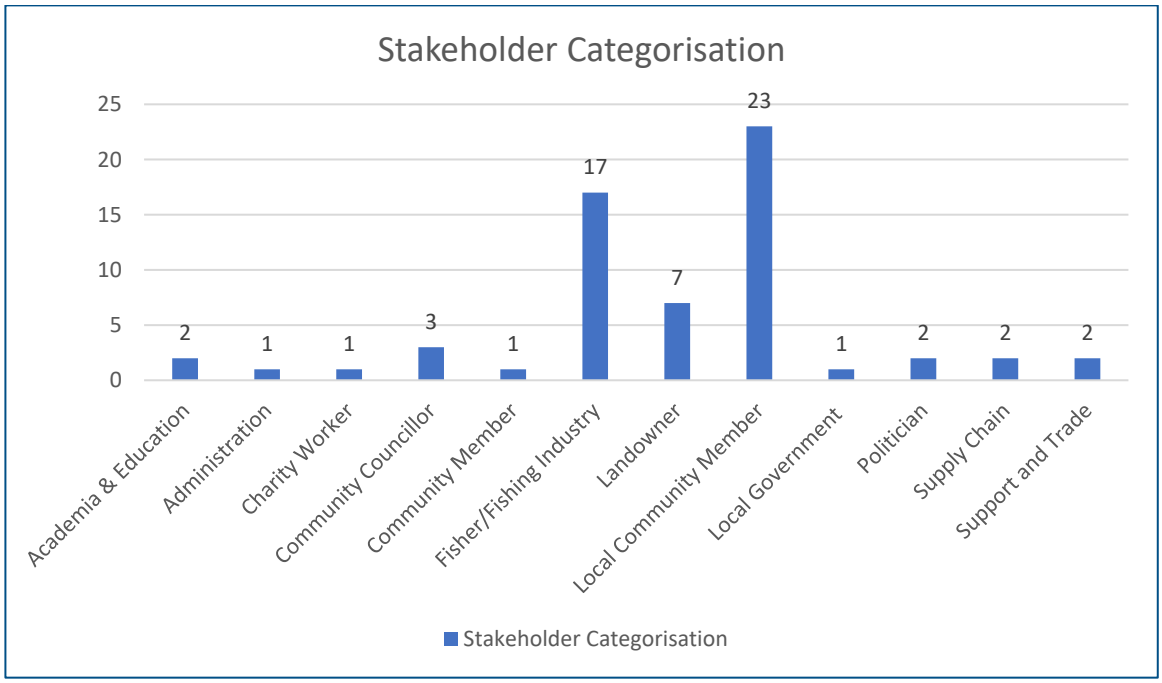

5.3 Feedback Received

30. Stakeholder feedback was gathered at the events via feedback forms and from scribing of discussions by the project team. Stakeholder feedback is shown in **Table 5.1**, grouped into key themes.

31. All engagement data is stored and recorded in the projects' General Data Protection Regulation compliant Customer Relationship Management software, Borealis.

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Table 5.1: List of Stakeholder Feedback

No.	Feedback Topic Area	Feedback	Project	WFDA	OfTDA	OnTDA
B001	Impact from Netherton Hub infrastructure	Consultees raised the impact the proposed Netherton Hub development, being developed by SSEN Transmission (and into which the Broadshore Hub will connect), may have on local residents and communities. A number of consultees expressed disappointment that SSEN Transmission had not declared the need for offshore wind developer's OnSSs during their previous community engagement, and residents would have appreciated a greater degree of transparency around future plans within the local area.	Broadshore Hub			x
B002	Impact from Netherton Hub infrastructure	Comments were made regarding the impact the development that SSEN Transmission's infrastructure may cause, coupled with the Broadshore Hub's proposed onshore infrastructure (i.e. onshore export cables and OnSS), including visual impact, noise impact and traffic disturbance. Comments were made regarding the potential impact developments, such as onshore cable infrastructure, may have on commuting routes.	Broadshore Hub			x
B003	Impact on Netherton Hub infrastructure	Feedback highlighted some areas surrounding the proposed Netherton Hub were prone to flooding, and this was a key concern.	Broadshore Hub			x
B004	Developer collaboration	Comments were made regarding the number of ScotWind projects being developed and connecting to the National Electricity Transmission System in the vicinity of Peterhead, and questions were raised regarding collaboration between the developers.	Broadshore Hub			x
B005	Developer collaboration	It was highlighted there is still a knowledge gap between the projects which will be developed in the local area and local communities. The main sentiment expressed was the confusion for the local community with various developers engaging on different projects, leading to consultation fatigue. This view was also supported by David Duguid, MP for Banff and Buchan at the time of the consultation events. It was recommended the Peterhead Developers Forum should adopt a coordinated approach, ensuring information shared with the public is as consistent as possible. This would help local residents and stakeholders better understand the cumulative impact of all projects connecting to the National Electricity Transmission System in the vicinity of Peterhead, and projects' landfall locations and potential onshore cable routes.	Broadshore Hub		x	x

No.	Feedback Topic Area	Feedback	Project	WFDA	OfTDA	OnTDA
B006	Impact on local fishing community	The majority of stakeholders representing the local fishing community or industry attended the Fraserburgh and Peterhead events. Many of these stakeholders had engaged on our projects previously during our Fisher's Consultation Events in May 2023. Feedback from the February 2024 consultation events centred around questions of static gear congestion around the Broadshore Hub nearshore and landfall areas, and recommendations to consider static gear fishers during survey and operations were made.	Broadshore Hub		x	x
B007	Impact on local fishing community	The Fraserburgh landfall was preferable to some of the fishing community compared to the Rattray Head landfall, due to high levels of fishing activity and existing (gas) pipeline infrastructure in and around the Rattray Head landfall. It was highlighted by some attendees that areas of hard rock at Rattray Head extend over 500 metres from the shoreline and so may not be possible to drill through.	Broadshore Hub		x	
B008	Impact on local fishing community	Some fishers emphasised the importance of disruption payments being made on agreed dates. It was noted that there was discrepancy between disruption payments, with some fishers receiving a different monetary value from different projects. The projects' advised that disruption payments must be evidence based.	Broadshore Hub	x	x	
B009	Impact on local fishing community	Some fishers expressed they would prefer to hear from the project team directly, rather than through fishing associations.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	
B010	Environmental impact	Comments were made on the potential effects on marine mammals and offshore ornithology. Questions were asked regarding the impact that vibrations from installation of Wind Farm Infrastructure would have on marine mammals and their migration routes, and also the impacts on seabirds.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	
B011	Environmental impact	Regarding the two landfall options (Fraserburgh and Rattray Head), comments were made over the potential impact on the dunes' geology and the disruption that the developments might cause.	Broadshore Hub			x

No.	Feedback Topic Area	Feedback	Project	WFDA	OfTDA	OnTDA
B012	Environmental impact	At the Longside event, alternative perspectives were raised as to whether the projects were necessary in addressing the climate crisis. Comments were made that questioned the need of net zero and the existence of a climate emergency.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x
B013	Visual impact	Many consultees made comments around the potential visual impact wind turbine generators may have on the seascape yet most were satisfied when shown the Zone of Theoretical Visibility of the Bellrock Wind Farm Infrastructure did not reach land.	Bellrock	x		
B014	Opportunities for local young people	High profile stakeholders, such as David Duguid, MP for Banff and Buchan at the time of the consultation events, were keen to see the projects engage the younger generation in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics initiatives and make them aware that Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics related jobs exist within the offshore wind sector.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x
B015	Opportunities for local young people	Councillor Dianne Beagrie (Aberdeenshire Council, Peterhead North and Rattray Ward) shared similar feedback to David Duguid MP and provided contact details for Peterhead Academy, who were thought likely to be supportive of engaging with the Bellrock Project.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x
B016	Opportunities for local young people	Representatives from North East Scotland College and Peterhead Sea Cadets attended and viewed the Bellrock Project as a great opportunity for young people, and were keen to pursue future engagement for the young people they work with.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x
B017	Opportunities for local supply chain	Representatives from local supply chain organisations attended the Mintlaw event to learn more about supply chain opportunities and were instructed advised to register on the projects' supply chain portals on the projects' websites. There was a general consensus amongst wider stakeholders that the projects would benefit local businesses and contractors and stimulate benefits and future opportunities for the local supply chain.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x

No.	Feedback Topic Area	Feedback	Project	WFDA	OfTDA	OnTDA
B018	Opportunities for local supply chain	Some specific stakeholder feedback was received suggesting the projects would not fulfil their supply chain commitments (Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm, 2023). For example, at the Longside event, questions were raised by an attendee on whether steel would be imported from China and by extension, what impact would this have on the projects' carbon footprint.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x
B019	Opportunities for local supply chain	A number of stakeholders highlighted that the projects' commitment to the wider Scottish supply chain held little significance for them personally, rather their focus lay on the supply chain operating locally, particularly within Peterhead and its surrounding areas.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x
Notes: At the time of consultation, the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm was due to connect to an offshore substation. In April 2025, NESO subsequently change the grid connection location to the Hurlie substation, Aberdeenshire.						

6 References

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NESO (2025). HND and HNDFUE Impact Assessments Ossian and North Cluster 2 Outcome Summary.

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Annex C: Consultation Event Report – May 2023 Scottish Skippers Expo

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Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm and Broadshore Hub Offshore Wind Farms

May 2023 Scottish Skippers Expo

Consultation Event Report

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Glossary of Terminology

Term	Definition
Applicant	Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Limited, the legal entity submitting Section 36 Consent and Marine Licence applications for the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Development Area.
Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm (or the Bellrock Project)	An offshore wind farm capable of exporting up to 1.8 GW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 120 km east of Stonehaven, and will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the proposed SSEN Transmission Hurlie substation, west of Stonehaven in Aberdeenshire. The Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Broadshore Hub (or Broadshore Hub Offshore Wind Farms)	The collective term for the Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm, the Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm and the Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm.
Broadshore Hub Wind Farm Development Areas	The collective term for the Wind Farm Development Areas of the Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm, the Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm and the Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm.
Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm	An offshore wind farm capable of supplying around 900 MW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. Additional capacity may also be developed for overplanting purposes. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 47 km north of Fraserburgh and will connect to the National Grid Electricity Transmission System at the Netherton Hub, west of Peterhead in Aberdeenshire. The Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Development Area	For consenting purposes, the area for which separate consents and/or Marine Licences will be sought by the Applicant, comprising: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Innovation and Targeted Oil & Gas	A Crown Estate Scotland leasing round for offshore wind projects, under which the Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm and the Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm were awarded Exclusivity Agreements for their respective Wind Farm Development Areas, under which early-stage development works are progressing.
Landfall	The area from Mean Low Water Springs to a transition joint bay(s), where the offshore export cables come ashore and the transition joint bays are located.
National Electricity Transmission System	The high-voltage electricity power transmission network serving Great Britain which receives electricity from generators (such as offshore wind farms) and transmits that electricity to anywhere on the National Electricity Transmission System to satisfy demand.

Term	Definition
Offshore substation	An offshore platform which houses electrical equipment such as transformers, switchgear, and protection and control systems, enabling the wind farm's renewable electricity to be received via inter-array cables and exported via the offshore export cables.
Offshore Transmission Development Area	The boundary within which the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned (and includes the whole of the Wind Farm Development Area).
Offshore Transmission Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Offshore Transmission Development Area including fixed bottom and/or floating offshore substations, offshore reactive compensation station(s) and associated scour protection; interconnector cables and associated cable protection; and offshore export cables and associated cable protection (including activities associated with the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).
Onshore substation	Onshore substation which will be fenced and house electrical equipment (such as transformers, switchgear, and protection and control systems), thereby enabling renewable electricity from the wind farm to be received via the onshore export cables and exported to the National Electricity Transmission System.
Onshore Transmission Development Area	The boundary within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.
Onshore Transmission Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Onshore Transmission Development Area including transition joint bay(s); onshore export cables; onshore substation; temporary construction compounds; temporary working areas; environmental mitigation areas; drainage/irrigation infrastructure; access works; and any other associated infrastructure (including activities associated with the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).
Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm	An offshore wind farm capable of supplying up to 99.5 MW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 58 km north of Fraserburgh and will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the Netherton Hub, west of Peterhead in Aberdeenshire. The Scaraben Project comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
ScotWind	A Crown Estate Scotland leasing round for offshore wind projects in which the process enabled developers to apply for seabed rights to plan and build wind farms in Scottish waters.
Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm	An offshore wind farm capable of supplying up to 99.5 MW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 61 km north of Fraserburgh and will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the Netherton Hub, west of Peterhead in Aberdeenshire. The Sinclair Project comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.

Term	Definition
Wind Farm Development Area	The boundary within which the Wind Farm Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.
Wind Farm Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Wind Farm Development Area including wind turbine generators; floating substructures, station keeping systems and associated scour protection; inter-array cables and associated cable protection; and subsea cable hubs; and ancillary infrastructure including buoys (including activities associated with the Wind Farm Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).

Glossary of Abbreviations

Term	Definition
CES	Crown Estate Scotland
INTOG	Innovation and Targeted Oil & Gas
km	Kilometres
NESO	National Energy System Operator *(formally ESO)*
OfTDA	Offshore Transmission Development Area
OnTDA	Onshore Transmission Development Area
SFF	Scottish Fishermen's Federation
SSEN	Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks
WFDA	Wind Farm Development Area

1 Introduction

1.1 Bellrock Project Overview

1. In January 2022, as part of the ScotWind leasing round managed by Crown Estate Scotland (CES), Bellrock Offshore Wind Limited was successfully awarded development rights of an area of seabed to develop the Bellrock Wind Farm Development Area (WFDA), which forms part of the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm (the Bellrock Project).

2. The Bellrock Project is a proposed floating offshore wind farm located 120 kilometres (km) east of Stonehaven. It will export up to 1.8 gigawatts to the National Electricity Transmission System at Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) proposed Transmission's Hurlie substation, Aberdeenshire[1]. The Bellrock Project comprises the following three Development Areas for which separate consents and/or licences will be sought:

   - The Bellrock WFDA within which the Wind Farm Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned;
   - The Bellrock Offshore Transmission Development Area (OfTDA) within which the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned; and
   - The Bellrock Onshore Transmission Development Area (OnTDA), within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.

1.2 Broadshore Hub Offshore Wind Farms Overview

3. In January 2022, as part of the ScotWind leasing round managed by CES, Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm Limited was successfully awarded development rights of an area of seabed to develop the Broadshore WFDA, which forms part of the Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm (the Broadshore Project).

4. In May 2023, under the innovation arm of the Innovation and Targeted Oil & Gas (INTOG) leasing rounds also managed by CES, Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm Limited and Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm Limited were successfully awarded exclusivity of areas of seabed to develop the Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm Project (the Sinclair Project) and the Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm Project (the Scaraben Project).

[1] The National Energy System Operator determined in April 2025 that the Bellrock Project would connect to the Hurlie substation in Aberdeenshire.

5. Whilst the Broadshore Project, the Sinclair Project and the Scaraben Project are separate and distinct projects in their own right, given their geographic proximity and parallel consenting programme they are collectively referred to as the Broadshore Hub.

6. The Broadshore Hub (comprising the Broadshore, Sinclair and Scaraben Offshore Wind Farms) is a group of proposed floating offshore wind farms located 47 km, 58 km and 61 km north of Fraserburgh respectively. They will export up to 1.1 gigawatts of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System, and all three projects will connect into the new Longside substation at SSEN Transmission's Netherton Hub, Aberdeenshire. The Broadshore Hub is seeking to co-locate landfalls, onshore export cables and onshore substations infrastructure to reduce potential impacts to the environment.

7. Each of the Broadshore, Sinclair and Scaraben Projects comprises the following three Development Areas for which separate consents and/or licences will be sought:

- The Broadshore WFDA, the Sinclair WFDA and the Scaraben WFDA, within which the Wind Farm Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned;
- The Broadshore OfTDA, the Sinclair OfTDA and the Scaraben OfTDA, within which the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned; and
- The Broadshore OnTDA, the Sinclair OnTDA and the Scaraben OnTDA, within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.

1.3 Consultation Event

8. The Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects exhibited at the Scottish Skippers Expo event on 9 and 10 May 2024. This bi-annual event, held in Aberdeen, brings together a range of professionals from the commercial fishing and maritime industries across Scotland and the United Kingdom. Attending the two-day event presented an opportunity for stakeholders to take part in early consultations to discuss the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects.

9. Insights and feedback received through this non-statutory consultation event were vital in aiding stakeholder understanding of the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects, as well as generating insights which can influence the design of the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects. This Consultation Event Report presents factual information on the planning, implementation and feedback received from the Scottish Skippers Expo Event in May 2024.

10. It is noted that this consultation event took place prior the National Energy System Operator (NESO) amending the Bellrock Projects' grid connection design in April 2025 (NESO, 2025) (from a co-ordinated offshore connection to an onshore connection at SSEN Transmission's Hurlie substation). Feedback from this consultation event are however considered to remain relevant for the Bellrock WFDA and the eastern portion of the Bellrock OfTDA.

11. Further consultation events will be held in relation to the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects as they progress through their development phases.

2 Consultation Dates and Venues

12. The Scottish Skippers Expo 2024 consultation was held across the following dates and venues:

- Thursday 9 and Friday 10 May 2024: P&J Live, Aberdeen, AB21 9FX.

13. The Scottish Skippers Expo event was hosted by “The Skipper”, the leading journal of Irish and United Kingdom Fishing Industries and sponsored by Scottish Fishermen’s Federation (SFF) and Peterhead Port Authority.

3 Consultation Event Promotion

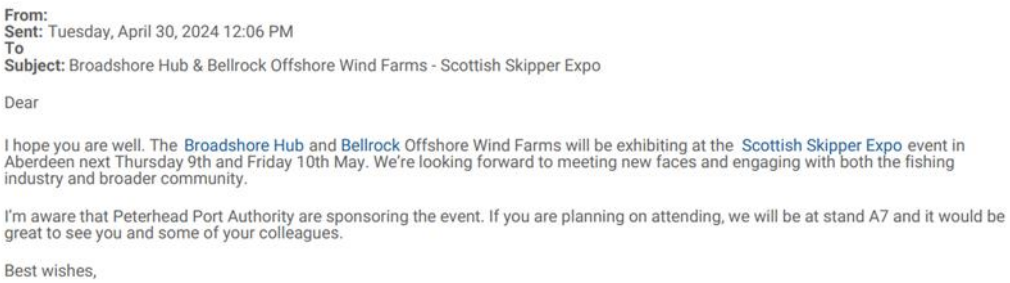
3.1 Email Invitations

14. Promotion of the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects' attendance at the Scottish Skippers Expo was achieved through email invitations and direct mailing via the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects' Fisheries Liaison Officer, Brown and May Marine.

15. The projects' stakeholder management software, Borealis was used to map out relevant stakeholders such as fishing associations and local supply chain contacts and inform them of our attendance at the event.

16. Stakeholder invite emails were sent via the project team and the projects' Fisheries Liaison Officer. An example of the email invitation can be found in **Plate 3.1** below.

Plate 3.1: Stakeholder Invite Email Promoting Attendance the Scottish Skippers Expo 2024



From:
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 12:06 PM
To
Subject: Broadshore Hub & Bellrock Offshore Wind Farms - Scottish Skipper Expo

Dear

I hope you are well. The Broadshore Hub and Bellrock Offshore Wind Farms will be exhibiting at the Scottish Skipper Expo event in Aberdeen next Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May. We're looking forward to meeting new faces and engaging with both the fishing industry and broader community.

I'm aware that Peterhead Port Authority are sponsoring the event. If you are planning on attending, we will be at stand A7 and it would be great to see you and some of your colleagues.

Best wishes,

Borealis Ref. No.: C-00142

17. Stakeholders who received an invite email notifying them of the upcoming public consultation event are as follows:

- Fishers targeted direct via the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects' Fisheries Liaison Officer, Brown and May Marine;
- SFF;
- Fraserburgh Harbour;
- Peterhead Port Authority; and
- Local supply chain.

4 Consultation Event Materials

4.1 Overview

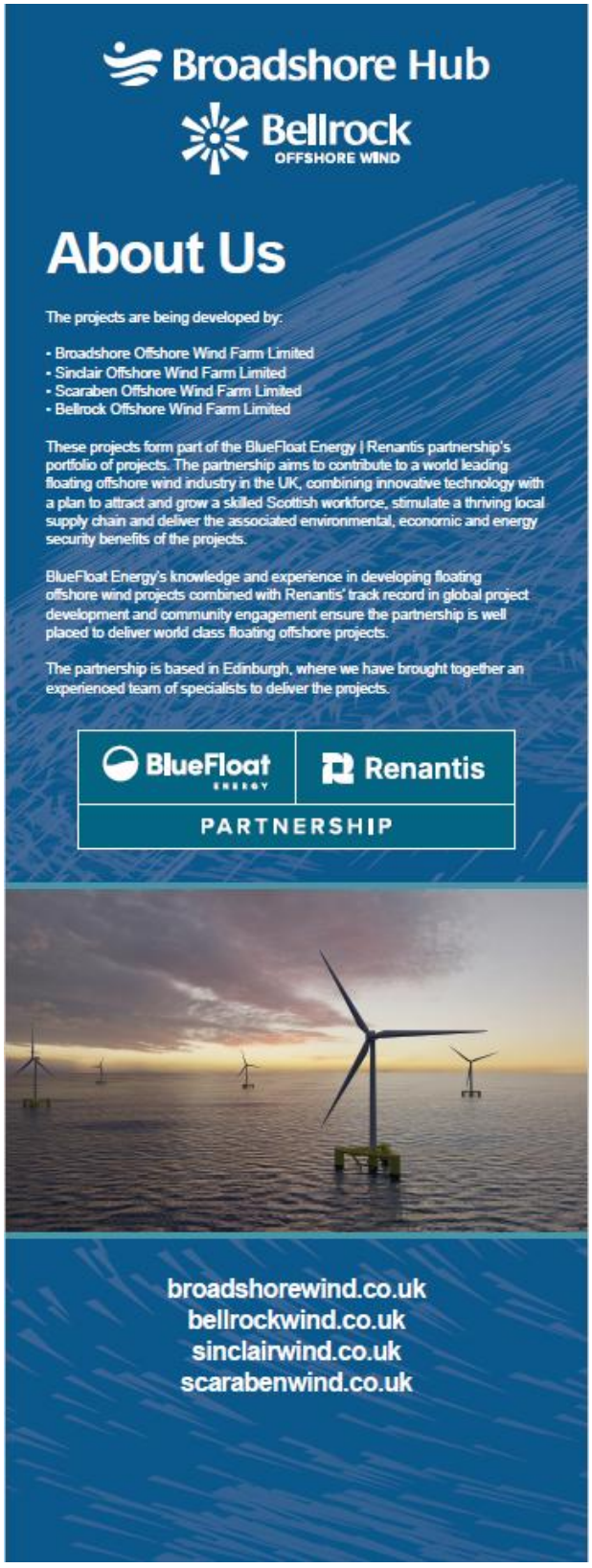
18. Materials presented at the consultation event comprised of:

- Exhibition banners; and
- Information leaflets.

4.2 Exhibition Banners

19. **Plate 4.1** to **Plate 4.6** present the exhibition banners which were on display at the consultation event. **Plate 4.7** shows the consultation event layout.

Plate 4.1: About Us



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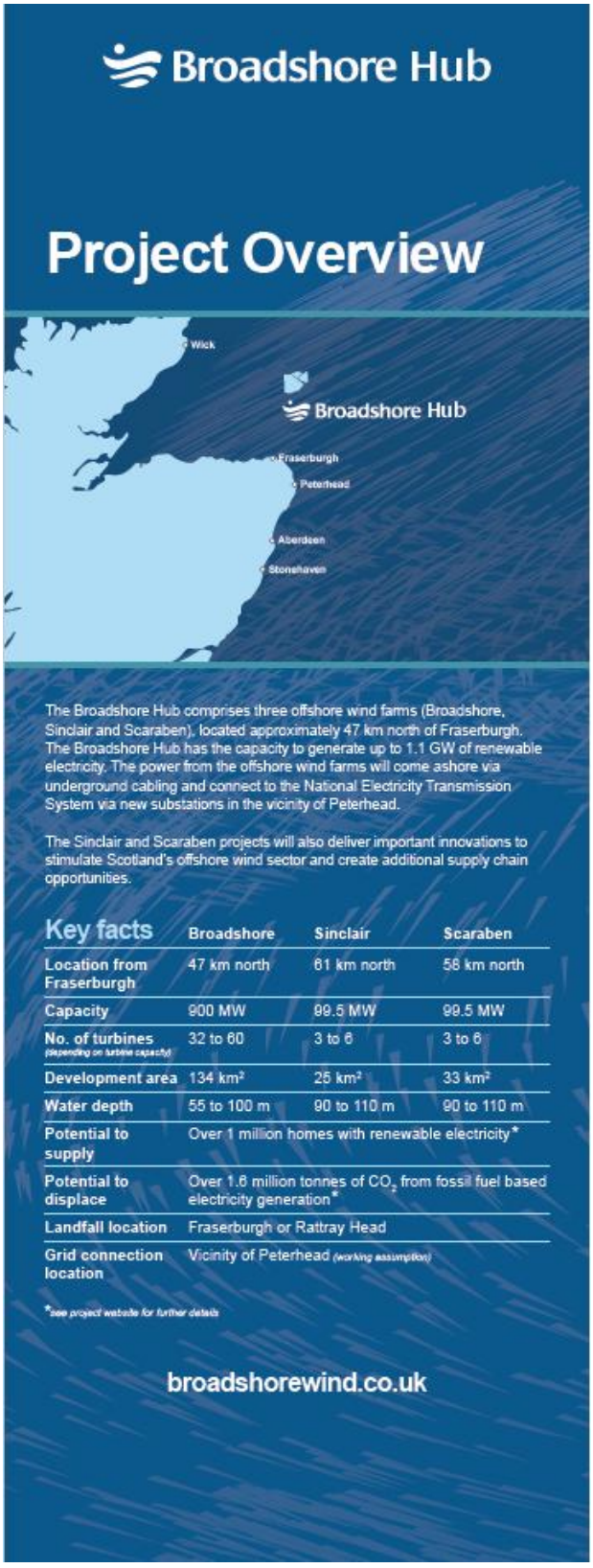

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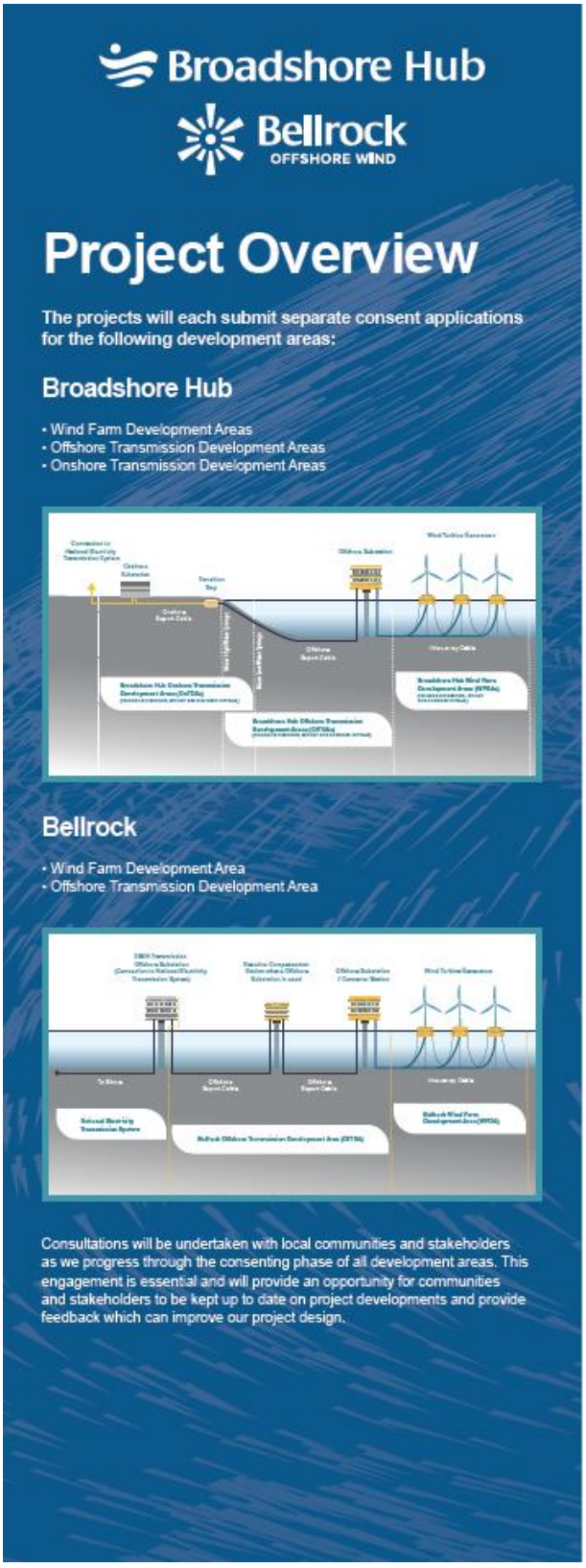

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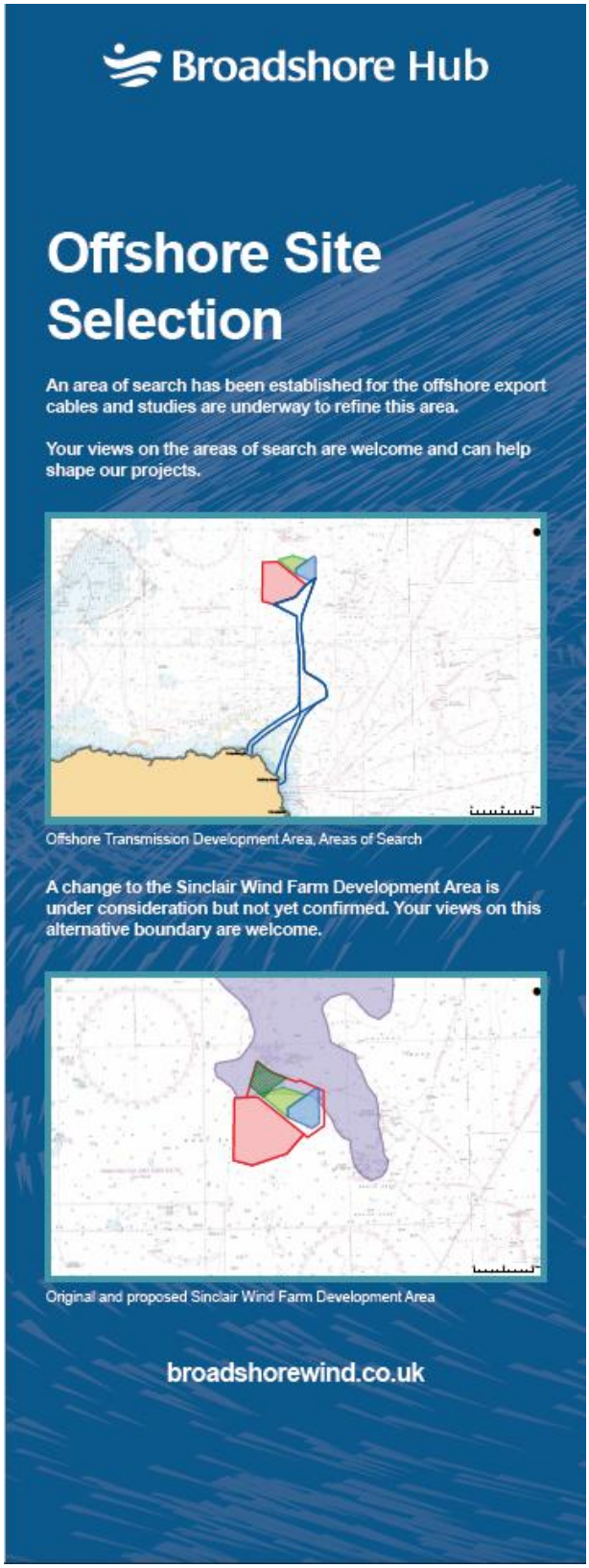

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Plate 4.7: Consultation Event Layout

4.3 Information Leaflet

20. An information leaflet was created and distributed to stakeholders during the event containing key project information and updates specifically targeted at the fishing and marine community. The Bellrock Project information leaflet is shown in **Plate 4.8** and the Broadshore Hub information leaflet is shown in **Plate 4.9**.

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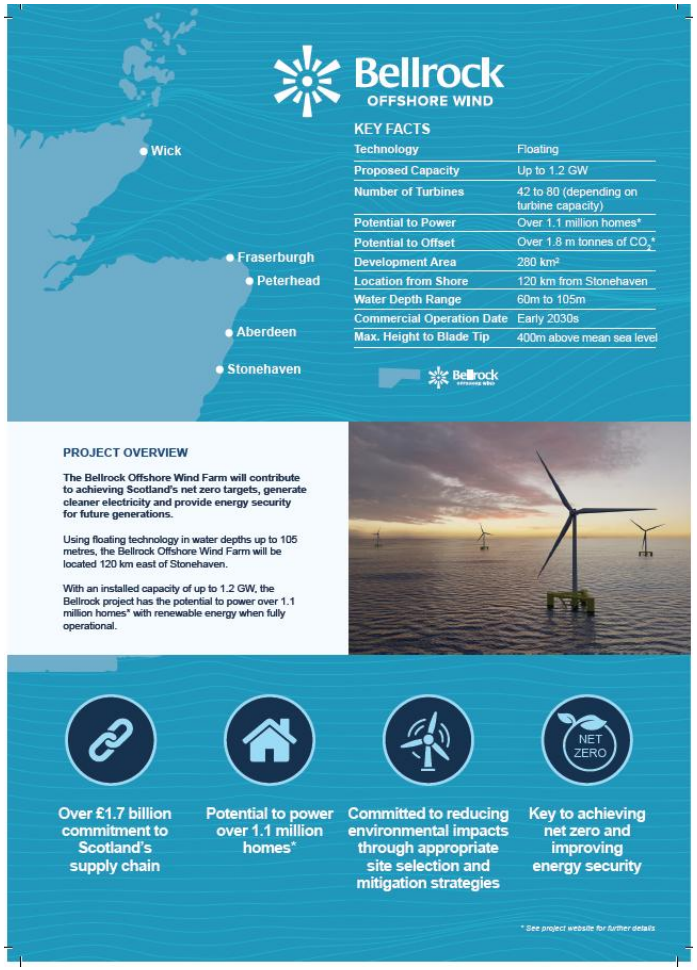
Plate 4.8: Bellrock Project Fishers Information Leaflet



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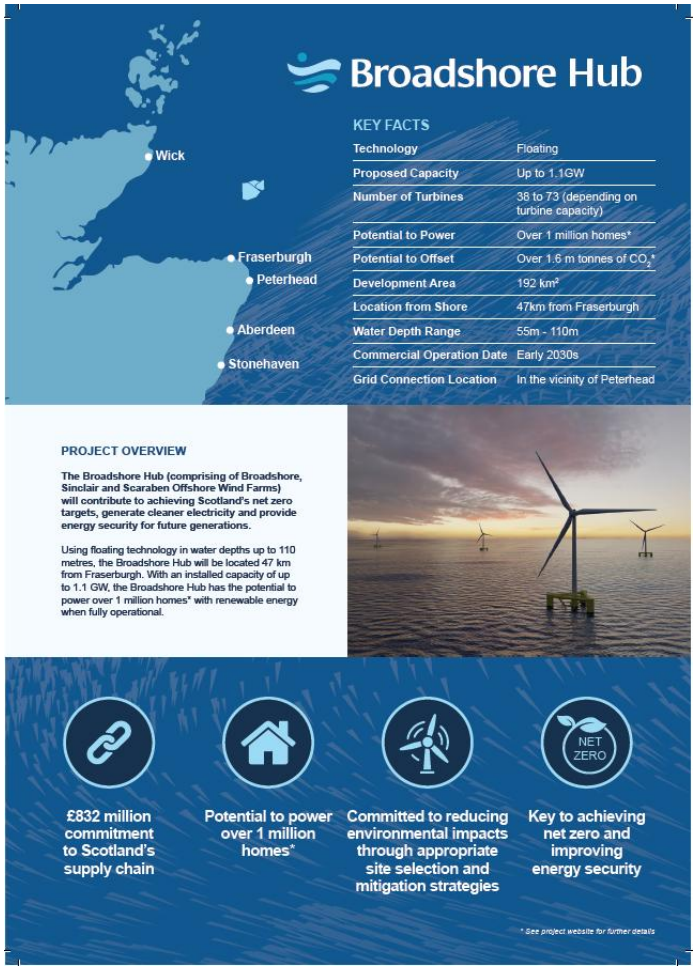

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5 Consultation Event Feedback

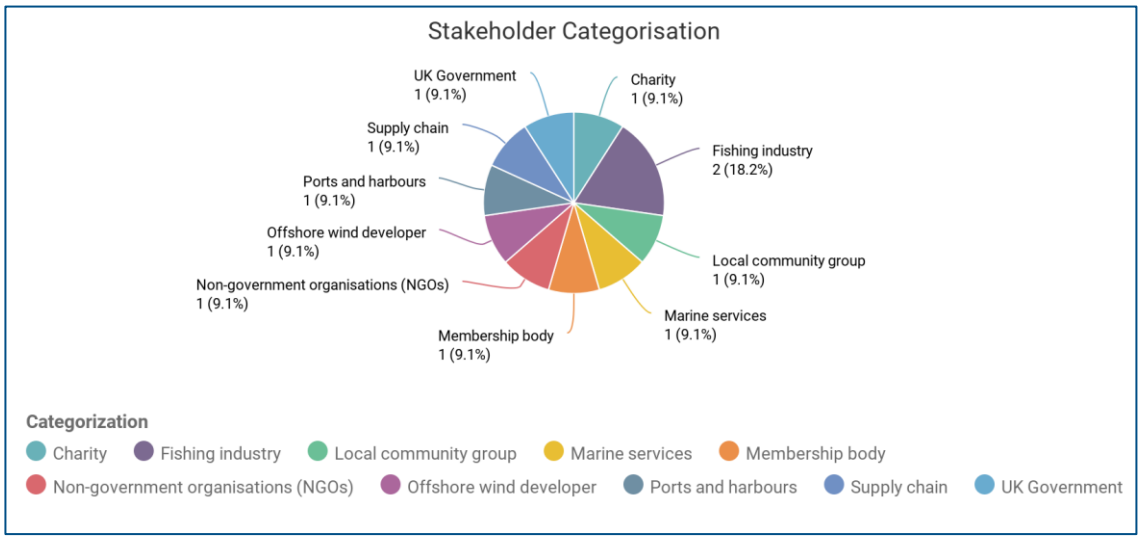
5.1 Overview

21. Across the two-day conference, a total of 85 stakeholders were engaged. Various stakeholder interests were represented including mobile and static fishers, fishing associations, wider marine users, local supply chain, training and education providers, charities and non-governmental organisations, local community members, ports and harbours, Marine Directorate officials and other offshore wind developers.

5.2 Attendees

22. A breakdown of stakeholders by categorisation can be found in **Plate 5.1** (note, this is not reflective of all stakeholders, only stakeholder who gave consent to be recorded).

Plate 5.1: Breakdown of Stakeholder Engagement by Stakeholder Categorisation



5.3 Feedback Received

Stakeholder feedback was gathered at the event via feedback forms and from scribing of discussions by the project team. Stakeholder feedback is shown in **Table 5.1**, grouped into key themes.

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Table 5.1: List of Stakeholder Feedback

No.	Feedback Topic Area	Feedback	Project	WFDA	OfTDA	OnTDA
C001	Impact on fishing activities	Feedback was provided regarding the location of the potential Fraserburgh landfall due to this being an already congested fishing area with few harbours. Stakeholders also identified hard seabed in the approach to Fraserburgh Bay, indicating that cable burial could be difficult and rock protection could be required. Nearshore fishers also stated fishing vessels from Peterhead would not come to Fraserburgh and vice versa.	Broadshore Hub		x	
C002	Impact on fishing activities	Questions were also raised regarding the potential impact of electromagnetic fields on fish populations.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	
C003	Impact on fishing activities	Feedback from SFF was provided on the existence of an informal agreement between mobile (scallops) and static fishermen offshore the coast of Peterhead, to avoid overlapping in their fishing grounds. The location of scallop mobile fishing and static fishing was shared.	Broadshore Hub		x	
C004	Impact on fishing activities	Information on fishing activity within the Broadshore Hub WFDAs was also offered by SFF. Shrimp fishing activity within Broadshore and alongside the line with Sinclair and Scaraben was identified, as well as scallop fishing patches at the south of the Broadshore WFDA, meaning hard substrate. Additionally, feedback was provided on a shrimp track running west alongside the proposed cable corridor (but it appears the corridor will avoid it) as well as intensive shrimp tracks within the top section of the Scaraben WFDA.	Broadshore Hub	x		
C005	Impact on fishing activities	Both SFF and Scottish White Fish Producers Association expressed appreciation for the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects' proactive approach to actively engaging with and involving the fishing community and industry.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	
C006	Disruption payments	Some fishers emphasised the importance of disruption payments being made on agreed dates. It was noted that there was discrepancy between disruption payments, with some fishers receiving a different monetary value from different projects. The projects' advised that disruption payments must be evidence based.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	

No.	Feedback Topic Area	Feedback	Project	WFDA	OfTDA	OnTDA
C007	Disruption payments	Other nearshore fishers commented that the disruption system is unfair due to their experience of recent surveys undertaken by other developers in the area. Smaller boats rely fully on the close nearshore fishing grounds, but because they have small revenue, they are due lower disruption payments compared to the larger boats which do not rely on the close nearshore where the cables land.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	
C008	Community engagement	Engagement with Men United, a local charity based in Peterhead, encouraged the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects to consider the impact that bringing workers into the local area during the construction and operational phase of the projects will have on their mental health and wellbeing (for example, feelings of isolation).	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x
C009	Community engagement	Productive discussions were held with East Grampian Coastal Partnership, a non-governmental organisation which promotes the sustainable development and management of the East Grampian Coast, on potential volunteering opportunities for the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects, such as organised beach cleans within our targeted area.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x
Notes: At the time of consultation, the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm was due to connect to an offshore substation. In April 2025, NESO subsequently changed the grid connection location to the Hurlie substation, Aberdeenshire.						

6 References

NESO (2025). HND and HNDFUE Impact Assessments Ossian and North Cluster 2 Outcome Summary.

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Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm and Broadshore Hub Offshore Wind Farms

June 2024 Scottish Traditional Boat Festival

Consultation Event Report

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Term	Definition
Applicant	Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Limited, the legal entity submitting Section 36 Consent and Marine Licence applications for the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Development Area.
Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm (or the Bellrock Project)	An offshore wind farm capable of exporting up to 1.8 GW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 120 km east of Stonehaven, and will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the proposed SSEN Transmission Hurlie substation, west of Stonehaven in Aberdeenshire. The Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Broadshore Hub (or Broadshore Hub Offshore Wind Farms)	The collective term for the Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm, the Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm and the Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm.
Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm	An offshore wind farm capable of supplying around 900 MW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. Additional capacity may also be developed for overplanting purposes. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 47 km north of Fraserburgh and will connect to the National Grid Electricity Transmission System at the Netherton Hub, west of Peterhead in Aberdeenshire. The Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Development Area	For consenting purposes, the area for which separate consents and/or Marine Licences will be sought by the Applicant, comprising: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Innovation and Targeted Oil & Gas	A Crown Estate Scotland leasing round for offshore wind projects, under which the Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm and the Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm were awarded Exclusivity Agreements for their respective Wind Farm Development Areas, under which early-stage development works are progressing.
Landfall	The area from Mean Low Water Springs to a transition joint bay(s), where the offshore export cables come ashore and the transition joint bays are located.
National Electricity Transmission System	The high-voltage electricity power transmission network serving Great Britain which receives electricity from generators (such as offshore wind farms) and transmits that electricity to anywhere on the National Electricity Transmission System to satisfy demand.
Offshore substation	An offshore platform which houses electrical equipment such as transformers, switchgear, and protection and control systems, enabling the wind farm's renewable electricity to be received via inter-array cables and exported via the offshore export cables.

Term	Definition
Offshore Transmission Development Area	The boundary within which the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned (and includes the whole of the Wind Farm Development Area).
Offshore Transmission Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Offshore Transmission Development Area including fixed bottom and/or floating offshore substations, offshore reactive compensation station(s) and associated scour protection; interconnector cables and associated cable protection; and offshore export cables and associated cable protection (including activities associated with the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).
Onshore Transmission Development Area	The boundary within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.
Offshore Transmission Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Offshore Transmission Development Area including fixed bottom and/or floating offshore substations, offshore reactive compensation station(s) and associated scour protection; interconnector cables and associated cable protection; and offshore export cables and associated cable protection (including activities associated with the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).
Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm	An offshore wind farm capable of supplying up to 99.5 MW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 58 km north of Fraserburgh and will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the Netherton Hub, west of Peterhead in Aberdeenshire. The Scaraben Project comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
ScotWind	A Crown Estate Scotland leasing round for offshore wind projects in which the process enabled developers to apply for seabed rights to plan and build wind farms in Scottish waters.
Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm	An offshore wind farm capable of supplying up to 99.5 MW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 61 km north of Fraserburgh and will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the Netherton Hub, west of Peterhead in Aberdeenshire. The Sinclair Project comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Wind Farm Development Area	The boundary within which the Wind Farm Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.
Wind Farm Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Wind Farm Development Area including wind turbine generators; floating substructures, station keeping systems and associated scour protection; inter-array cables and associated cable protection; subsea cable hubs; and ancillary infrastructure including buoys (including activities associated with the Wind Farm Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).

Glossary of Abbreviations

Term	Definition
CES	Crown Estate Scotland
INTOG	Innovation and Targeted Oil & Gas
km	Kilometres
MSP	Member of the Scottish Parliament
NESO	National Energy System Operator *(formally ESO)*
OfTDA	Offshore Transmission Development Area
OnTDA	Onshore Transmission Development Area
SSEN	Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks
STEM	Science, technology, engineering and mathematics
WFDA	Wind Farm Development Area

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1 Introduction

1.1 Bellrock Project Overview

1. In January 2022, as part of the ScotWind leasing round managed by Crown Estate Scotland (CES), Bellrock Offshore Wind Limited was successfully awarded development rights of an area of seabed to develop the Bellrock Wind Farm Development Area (WFDA), which forms part of the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm (the Bellrock Project).

2. The Bellrock Project is a proposed floating offshore wind farm located 120 kilometres (km) east of Stonehaven. It will export up to 1.8 gigawatts to the National Electricity Transmission System at Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) Transmission's proposed Hurlie substation, Aberdeenshire[1]. The Bellrock Project comprises the following three Development Areas for which separate consents and/or licences will be sought:

   - The Bellrock WFDA within which the Wind Farm Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned;
   - The Bellrock Offshore Transmission Development Area (OfTDA) within which the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned; and
   - The Bellrock Onshore Transmission Development Area (OnTDA), within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.

1.2 Broadshore Hub Offshore Wind Farms Overview

3. In January 2022, as part of the ScotWind leasing round managed by CES, Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm Limited was successfully awarded development rights of an area of seabed to develop the Broadshore WFDA, which forms part of the Broadshore Offshore Wind Farm (the Broadshore Project).

4. In May 2023, under the innovation arm of the Innovation and Targeted Oil & Gas (INTOG) leasing rounds also managed by CES, Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm Limited and Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm Limited were successfully awarded exclusivity of areas of seabed to develop the Sinclair Offshore Wind Farm Project (the Sinclair Project) and the Scaraben Offshore Wind Farm Project (the Scaraben Project).

[1] The National Energy System Operator determined in April 2025 that the Bellrock Project would connect to the Hurlie substation in Aberdeenshire.

5. Whilst the Broadshore Project, the Sinclair Project and the Scaraben Project are separate and distinct projects in their own right, given their geographic proximity and parallel consenting programme they are collectively referred to as the Broadshore Hub.

6. The Broadshore Hub (comprising the Broadshore, Sinclair and Scaraben Offshore Wind Farms) is a group of proposed floating offshore wind farms located 47 km, 58 km and 61 km north of Fraserburgh respectively. They will export up to 1.1 gigawatts of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System, and all three projects will connect into the new Longside substation at SSEN Transmission's Netherton Hub, Aberdeenshire. The Broadshore Hub is seeking to co-locate landfalls, onshore export cables and onshore substations to reduce potential impacts to the environment.

7. Each of the Broadshore, Sinclair and Scaraben Projects comprises the following three Development Areas for which separate consents and/or licences will be sought:

- The Broadshore WFDA, the Sinclair WFDA and the Scaraben WFDA, within which the Wind Farm Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned;
- The Broadshore OfTDA, the Sinclair OfTDA and the Scaraben OfTDA, within which the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned; and
- The Broadshore OnTDA, the Sinclair OnTDA and the Scaraben OnTDA, within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.

1.3 Consultation Event

8. The Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects exhibited at the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival in Portsoy, Aberdeenshire between 21 and 23 June 2024 (inclusive). The event presented an opportunity for stakeholders to take part in early consultations to discuss the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects. Insights and feedback received through this non-statutory consultation event were vital in aiding stakeholder understanding of the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects, as well as generating insights which can influence the design of the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects.

9. This Consultation Event Report presents factual information on the planning, implementation and feedback received from exhibiting at the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival 2024.

10. It is noted that this consultation event took place prior the National Energy System Operator (NESO) amending the Bellrock Project's grid connection design in April 2025 (NESO, 2025) (from a co-ordinated offshore connection to an onshore connection at SSEN Transmission's Hurlie substation). Feedback from this consultation event are however considered to remain relevant for the Bellrock WFDA and the eastern portion of the Bellrock OfTDA.

11. Further consultation events will be held in relation to the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects as they progress through their development phases.

2 Consultation Dates and Venues

12. The Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects' exhibited at the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival in Portsoy between the 21 – 23 June 2025 (inclusive).

13. The event is an annual festival which celebrates the Northeast of Scotland's rich maritime and cultural heritage. The festival attracts approximately 13,000 people, predominantly from the surrounding postcodes of Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire, with 72% of visitors residing in the northeast of Scotland.

3 Consultation Event Promotion

3.1 Email Invitations

14. Promotion of the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects' attendance at the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival was achieved through email invitations and direct mailing via the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects' Fisheries Liaison Officer, Brown and May Marine.

15. The projects' stakeholder management software, Borealis was used to map out relevant stakeholders such as fishing associations, local community groups and local supply chain contacts and inform them of our attendance at the event. Stakeholder invite emails were sent via the project team and via the Fisheries Laision Officer. An example of the email invitation can be found in **Plate 3.1** below.

Plate 3.1: Stakeholder Invite Email to the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival 2024

From:
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 10:06 AM
To:
Cc:
Subject: Broadshore & Bellrock Offshore Wind Farms - Portsoy Boat Festival

Hello all,

I hope you're well. Lovely to see you all at the Skipper last month. I'm just getting in touch to let you know that the stakeholder engagement team will be attending the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival next weekend. We're looking forward to celebrating the local maritime culture and history and making some new connections!

We will also be sponsoring the Festival's Skipper Showcase and the Kids Fun Run.

If you're planning on attending, it would be great to see you and have a catch up!

Best wishes,

Borealis Ref: C-00690

16. Stakeholders who received an invite email notifying them of the upcoming public consultation event are as follows:

- Aberdeenshire Council;
- Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust;
- Men United;
- Peterhead Sea Cadets;
- Scottish Fishermen's Federation and Scottish White Fish Producers Association;
- Scotland's Regeneration Forum; and
- Fishers targeted direct via the Fisheries Liaison Officer, Brown and May Marine.

4 Consultation Event Materials

4.1 Overview

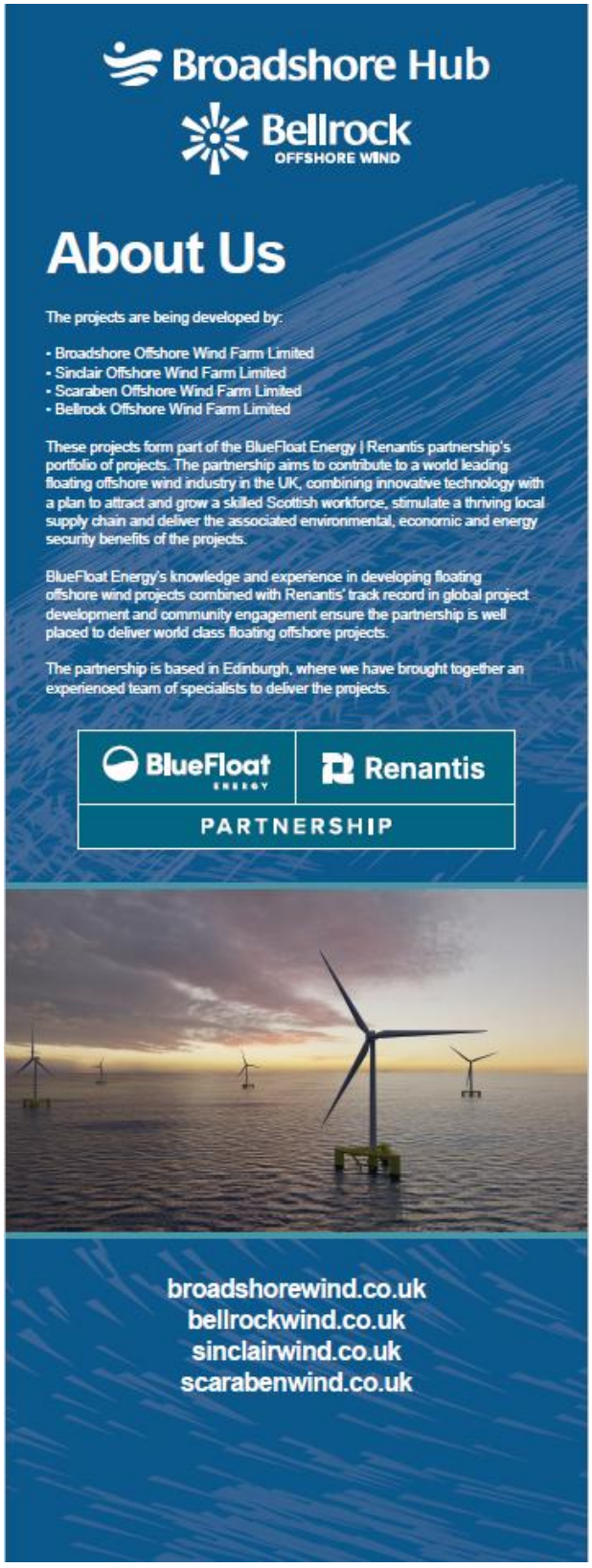
17. Materials presented at the consultation event comprised of:

- Exhibition banners; and
- Information leaflets.

4.2 Exhibition Banners

18. **Plate 4.1** to **Plate 4.6** present the exhibition banners which were on display at the consultation event. **Plate 4.7** and **Plate 4.8** show the consultation event layout.

Plate 4.1: About Us



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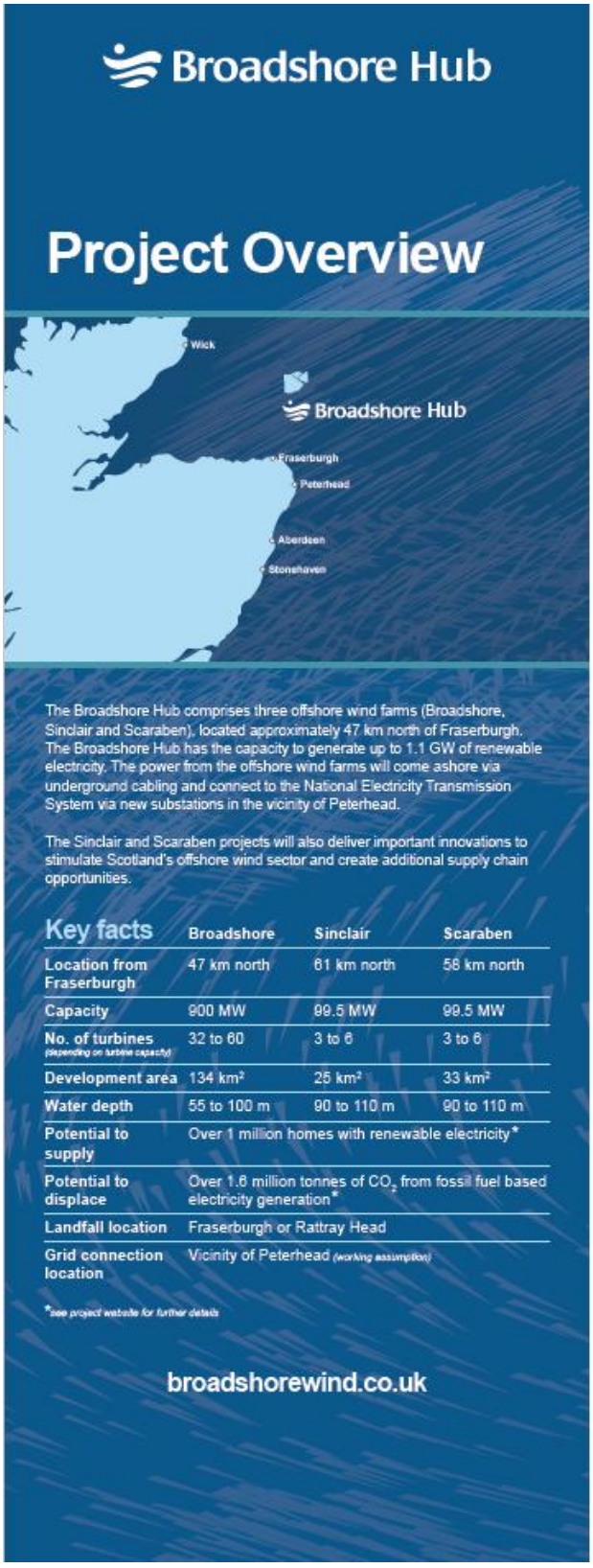

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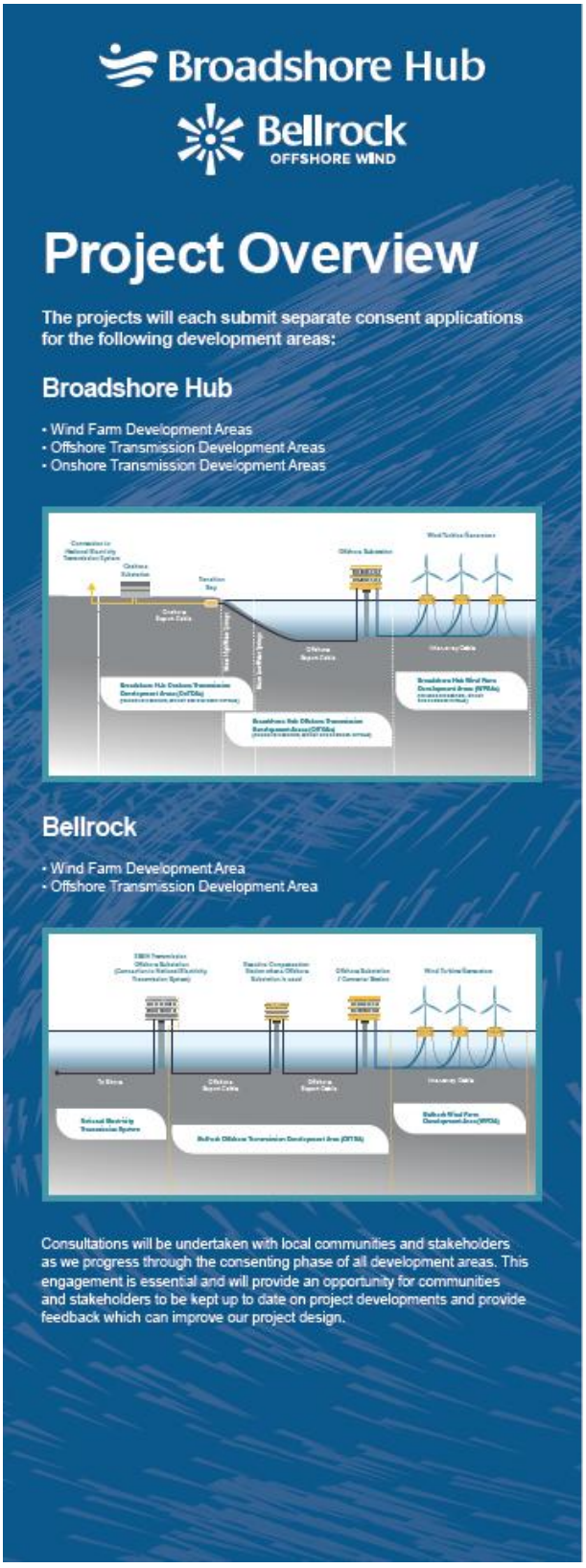

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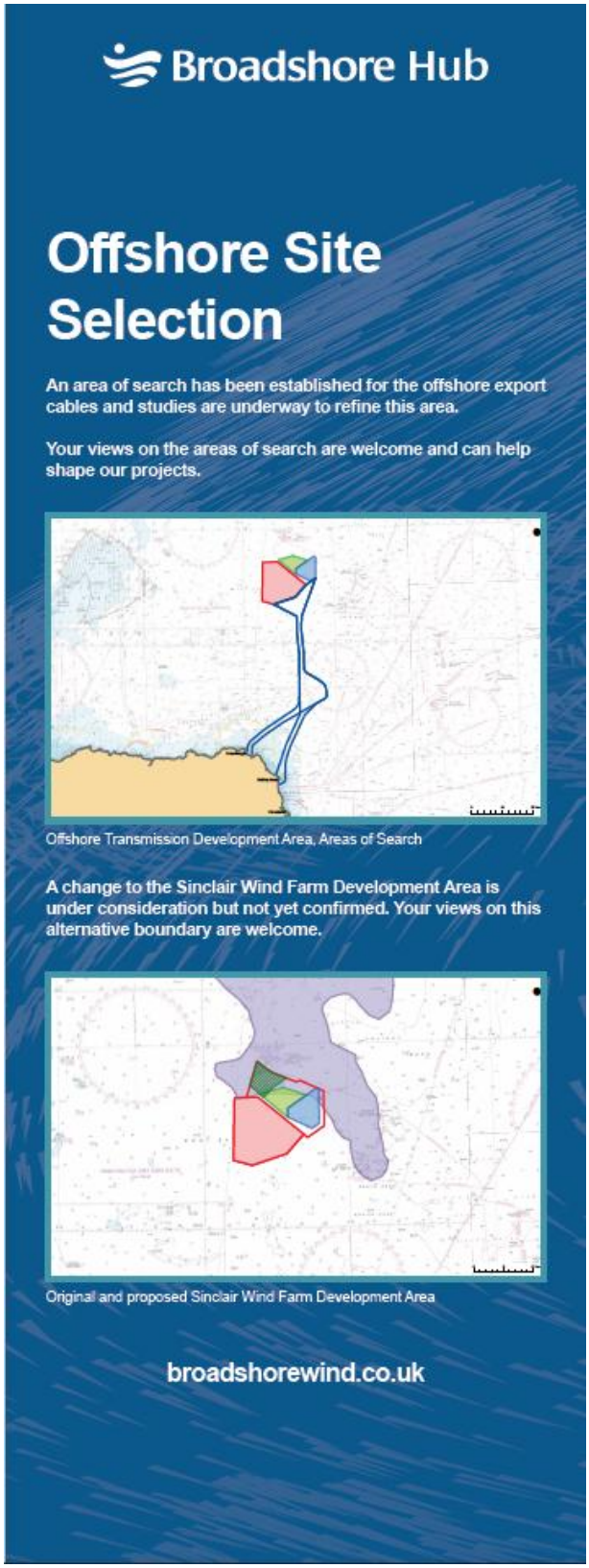

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Plate 4.6: Next Steps

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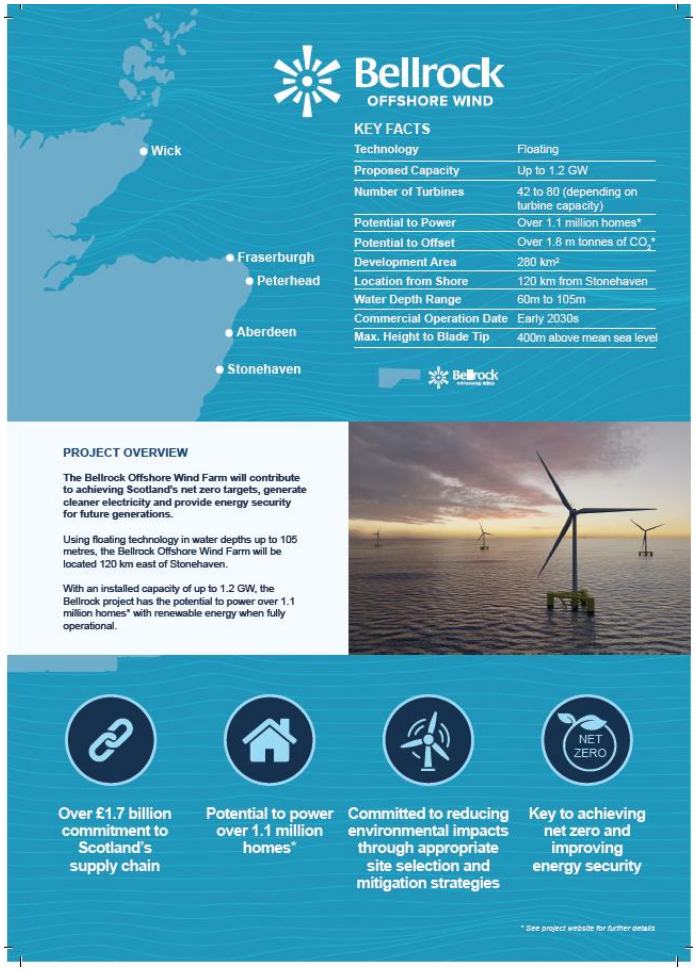
Plate 4.7: Exhibition Banner Layout – Left View

Plate 4.8: Exhibition Banner Layout – Right View

4.3 Information Leaflets

19. Information leaflets were created and distributed to stakeholders during the event containing key project information and updates. The Bellrock Project information leaflet is shown in **Plate 4.9** and the Broadshore Hub information leaflet is shown in **Plate 4.10**.

Plate 4.9: Bellrock Project Information Leaflet



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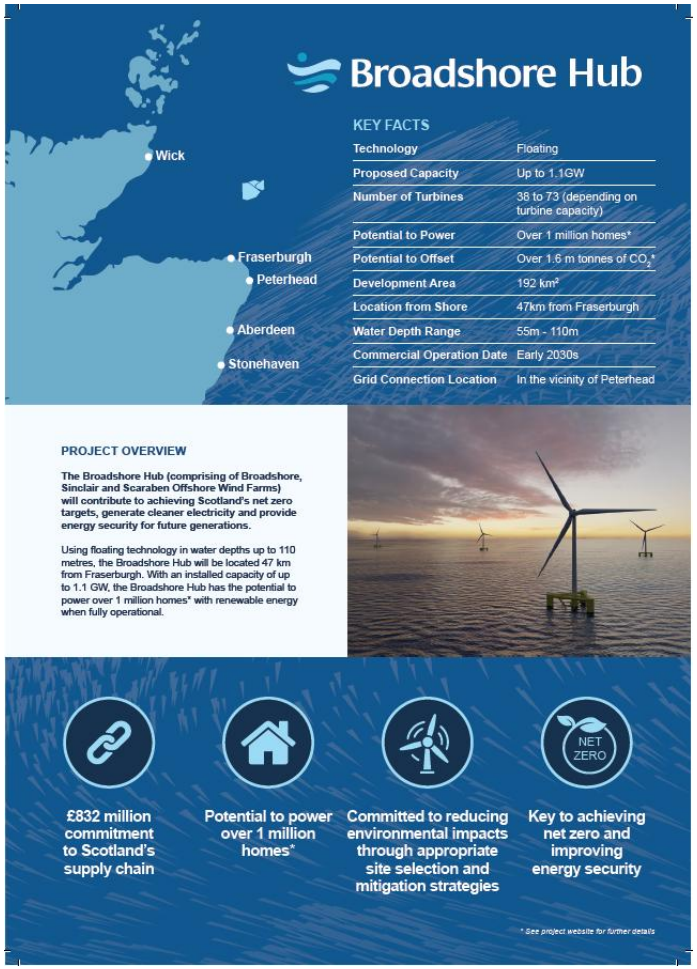

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4.4 Feedback Form

20. Stakeholders who visited the exhibition stand were invited to complete a feedback form, presented in **Plate 4.11**.

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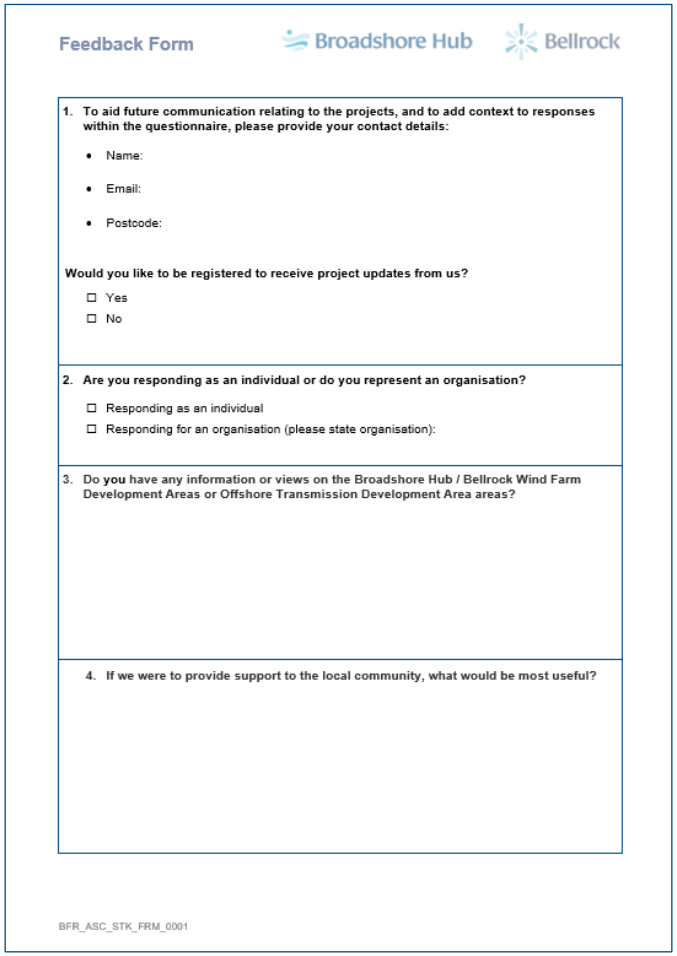
Plate 4.11: Printed Feedback Form



Feedback Form

Broadshore Hub Bellrock

1. **To aid future communication relating to the projects, and to add context to responses within the questionnaire, please provide your contact details:**
   - Name:
   - Email:
   - Postcode:

   Would you like to be registered to receive project updates from us?
   - ☐ Yes
   - ☐ No

2. **Are you responding as an individual or do you represent an organisation?**
   - ☐ Responding as an individual
   - ☐ Responding for an organisation (please state organisation):

3. **Do you have any information or views on the Broadshore Hub / Bellrock Wind Farm Development Areas or Offshore Transmission Development Area areas?**

4. **If we were to provide support to the local community, what would be most useful?**

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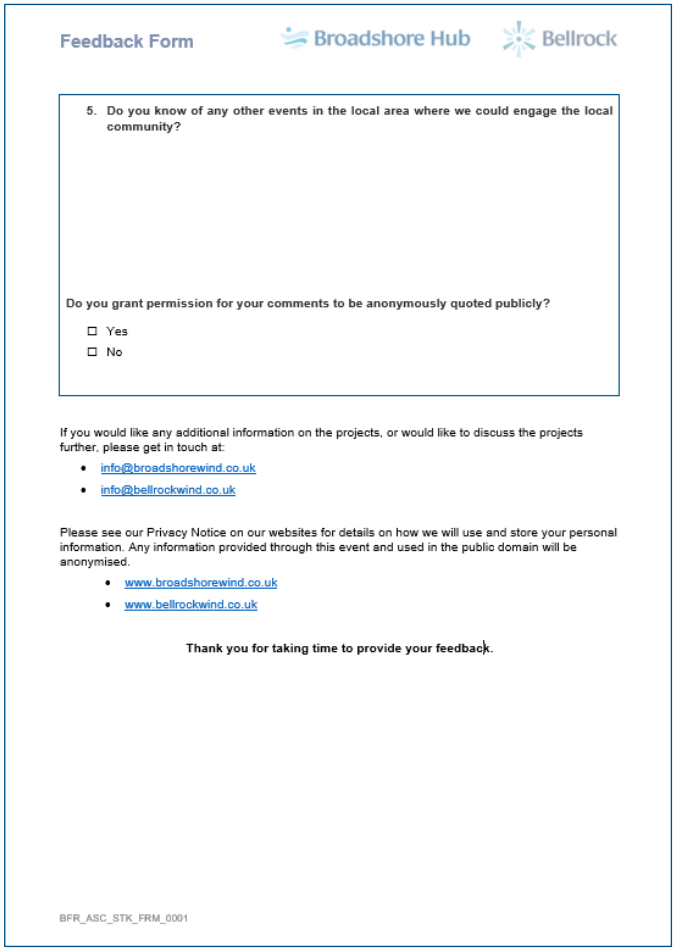

Feedback Form

Broadshore Hub Bellrock

5. **Do you know of any other events in the local area where we could engage the local community?**

Do you grant permission for your comments to be anonymously quoted publicly?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you would like any additional information on the projects, or would like to discuss the projects further, please get in touch at:
- info@broadshorewind.co.uk
- info@bellrockwind.co.uk

Please see our Privacy Notice on our websites for details on how we will use and store your personal information. Any information provided through this event and used in the public domain will be anonymised.
- www.broadshorewind.co.uk
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Thank you for taking time to provide your feedback.

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5 Consultation Event Feedback

5.1 Overview

21. Across three days, a total of 224 stakeholders were engaged. Various stakeholder interests were represented, including:

- Local residents;
- Political stakeholders – Audrey Nicoll, Member of Scottish Parliament (MSP) for Aberdeen South and North Kincardine and Karen Adam, MSP for Banffshire and Buchan Coast;
- Fishers;
- Youth Groups such as Peterhead Sea Cadets;
- Local supply chain;
- Training and education providers;
- Charities and non-governmental organisations;
- Environmentalists; and
- Offshore wind developers.

5.2 Feedback Received

22. Stakeholder feedback was gathered at the event via feedback forms and from scribing of discussions by the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects representatives. Stakeholder feedback is shown in **Table 5.1**, grouped into key themes.

23. All engagement data is stored and recorded in the projects' General Data Protection Regulation compliant Customer Relationship Management software, Borealis.

Table 5.1: Stakeholder Feedback

No.	Feedback Topic Area	Feedback	Project	WFDA	OfTDA	OnTDA
D001	Engagement with the local community	Concerns were expressed towards SSEN Transmission's developments, with the main theme being the scale of infrastructure they are proposing to develop, with reference to a lack of transparency in communications.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub			x
D002	Engagement with the local community	Some community members questioned the need for the Broadshore and Bellrock Project, commenting that Scotland sufficiently produces enough of its own energy, and that the energy generated by the projects would go via the National Electricity Transmission System to power England.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x
D003	Engagement with the local community	There were many local community members who were supportive of the Bellrock Project and the Broadshore Hub projects, with comments such as "keep doing what you're doing – it's the way forward" and "we're all for them". Two community members from Huntley gave the example of the loud opposition to developments in their area which subsided once a community ownership scheme was implemented and residents gained benefit from those projects. The Huntley Development Trust is now an ambitious community organisation which collaborates with others to create opportunities for the community. In addition, Boyndie Wind Farm (a Nadara onshore project) was nearby to the Portsoy event and there was positive sentiment around this wind farm and the company due to the community ownership model implemented at the Nadara's Boyndie Wind Farm and direct benefits they have seen for their communities. Local community members also highlighted there had been minimal disruption during the development of this project.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x
D004	Engagement with the local community	Community members and residents want to see immediate benefits from new developments which 'disrupt' the area. They are seeking sponsorship, funding and partnership initiatives, especially since the Projects are still in the early stages. They want to experience tangible benefits right away. This was highlighted by Karen Adam MSP who stated that she would like to see the projects put money back into Peterhead and to create local employment opportunities as a compensation for disruption.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x

No.	Feedback Topic Area	Feedback	Project	WFDA	OfTDA	OnTDA
D005	Engagement with the local community	Both Karen Adam MSP and Audrey Nicoll MSP were interested to hear about the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects and welcomed our engagement with local communities in their constituencies.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x
D006	Engagement with young people	Many young people attended the event were engaged in the Bellrock and Broadshore Hub Projects, especially those who were interested in a potential career in renewables. Discussion with both staff and volunteers from the Peterhead Sea Cadets expressed that they were interested in opportunities for further engagement with the projects.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x
D007	Engagement with young people	Both Karen Adam MSP and Audrey Nicoll MSP were impressed with our commitment to engaging young people and the actions we've taken so far for planned targeted engagement.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x
D008	Engagement on fishing activity	Karen Adam MSP was pleased to hear about our work and engagement with the fishing community, especially acting upon feedback regarding the Sinclair project Offshore Wind Farm boundary which encroached on Nephrops fishing grounds. Karen Adam MSP is convenor of the Cross Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Fisheries and Coastal Communities and welcomed further engagement and would like to know more about the Peterhead Developers Forum.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	
D009	Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) opportunities and employment transition	Attendees were interested in finding out how they can transition into renewables with the upcoming ScotWind projects - citing they had worked in the oil and gas industry for several years and were attempting to transition into the renewables sector with limited success.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x
D010	STEM opportunities and employment transition	Connections were made with relevant stakeholders with interest and experience in STEM activities including Aberdeenshire Council (Digital Technologies division) and Energy Institute – Young Professional Network.	Bellrock and Broadshore Hub	x	x	x

Notes:

At the time of consultation, the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm was due to connect to an offshore substation. In April 2025, NESO subsequently changed the grid connection location to the Hurlie substation, Aberdeenshire.

6 References

NESO (2025). HND and HNDFUE Impact Assessments Ossian and North Cluster 2 Outcome Summary.

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Annex E: Consultation Event Report – November 2025 Virtual Public Consultation Event

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Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm and Broadshore Hub Offshore Wind Farms

November 2025 Virtual Public Consultation Event

Consultation Event Report

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Glossary of Terminology

Term	Definition
Applicant	Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Limited, the legal entity submitting Section 36 Consent and Marine Licence applications for the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Development Area.
Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm (or the Bellrock Project)	An offshore wind farm capable of exporting up to 1.8 GW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System. The Wind Farm Development Area is located 120 km east of Stonehaven, and will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the proposed SSEN Transmission Hurlie substation, west of Stonehaven in Aberdeenshire. The Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm comprises of the following Development Areas: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
Development Area	For consenting purposes, the area for which separate consents and/or Marine Licences will be sought by the Applicant, comprising: ▪ Wind Farm Development Area; ▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and ▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.
National Electricity Transmission System	The high-voltage electricity power transmission network serving Great Britain which receives electricity from generators (such as offshore wind farms) and transmits that electricity to anywhere on the National Electricity Transmission System to satisfy demand.
Offshore Transmission Development Area	The boundary within which the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned (and includes the whole of the Wind Farm Development Area).
Offshore Transmission Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Offshore Transmission Development Area including fixed bottom and/or floating offshore substations, offshore reactive compensation station(s) and associated scour protection; interconnector cables and associated cable protection; and offshore export cables and associated cable protection (including activities associated with the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).
Onshore Transmission Development Area	The boundary within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.
Onshore Transmission Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Onshore Transmission Development Area including transition joint bay(s); onshore export cables; onshore substation; temporary construction compounds; temporary working areas; environmental mitigation areas; drainage/irrigation infrastructure; access works; and any other associated infrastructure (including activities associated with the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).
ScotWind	A Crown Estate Scotland leasing round for offshore wind projects in which the process enabled developers to apply for seabed rights to plan and build wind farms in Scottish waters.
Wind Farm Development Area	The boundary within which the Wind Farm Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.

Term	Definition
Wind Farm Infrastructure	Infrastructure located within the Wind Farm Development Area including wind turbine generators; floating substructures, station keeping systems and associated scour protection; inter-array cables and associated cable protection; subsea cable hubs; and ancillary infrastructure including buoys (including activities associated with the Wind Farm Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).

Glossary of Abbreviations

Term	Definition
km	Kilometres
MSP	Member of the Scottish Parliament
OfTDA	Offshore Transmission Development Area
OnTDA	Onshore Transmission Development Area
WFDA	Wind Farm Development Area

1 Introduction

1.1 Bellrock Project Overview

1. In January 2022, as part of the ScotWind leasing round managed by Crown Estate Scotland, Bellrock Offshore Wind Limited was successfully awarded development rights of an area of seabed to develop the Bellrock Wind Farm Development Area (WFDA), which forms part of the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm (the Bellrock Project).

2. The Bellrock Project is a proposed floating offshore wind farm located 120 kilometres (km) east of Stonehaven. It will export up to 1.8 gigawatts to the National Electricity Transmission System at Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission's proposed Hurlie substation, Aberdeenshire[1].

3. The Bellrock Project comprises the following three Development Areas for which separate consents and/or licences will be sought:

- The Bellrock WFDA within which the Wind Farm Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned;
- The Bellrock Offshore Transmission Development Area (OfTDA) within which the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned; and
- The Bellrock Onshore Transmission Development Area (OnTDA), within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned.

1.2 Consultation Event

4. The Bellrock Project held a virtual public consultation event between 17 and 30 November 2025 (inclusive), accessed via the Bellrock Project's website (www.bellrockwind.co.uk). The virtual consultation presented an opportunity for stakeholders to take part in early consultations to discuss the Bellrock Project. Insights and feedback received through this non-statutory virtual consultation event were vital in aiding stakeholder understanding of the Bellrock Project, as well as generating insights which can influence the design of the Bellrock Project.

5. This Consultation Event Report presents factual information on the planning, implementation and feedback received from the November 2025 virtual consultation event. Further consultation will be undertaken in relation to the OfTDA and OnTDA as these components of the Bellrock Project progress through the consenting process.

[1] The National Energy System Operator determined in April 2025 that the Bellrock Project would connect to the Hurlie substation in Aberdeenshire (National Energy System Operator, 2025).

2 Consultation Dates and Venues

6. The November 2025 virtual consultation event was held across the following dates, with the development team hosting live question and answer sessions as noted below:

- Virtual consultation event:
  - Monday 17 November 2025 (10:00 am) to Sunday 30 November 2025 (midnight).
- Live question and answer sessions:
  - Tuesday 18 November 2025 (4:00 pm to 6:00 pm);
  - Thursday 20 November 2025 (6:00 pm to 8:00 pm);
  - Monday 24 November 2025 (4:00 pm to 6:00 pm); and
  - Wednesday 26 November 2025 (4:00 pm to 6:00 pm).

3 Consultation Event Promotion

3.1 Overview

7. Promotion of the virtual consultation event was achieved through various communication methods including:

- Newspaper advertisements;
- Promotional leaflets;
- Stakeholder Bellrock Project update letter; and
- Email invitations.

3.2 Newspaper Advertisements

Newspaper advertisements promoting the consultation event were published in local newspapers, *The Buchan Observer, Angus County Press* and the *Mearns Leader & Kincardineshire Observer* three weeks and two weeks before the virtual consultation event. Copies of the newspaper advertisements and the newspapers' area of circulation are presented in **Plate 3.1** and **Plate 3.2.**

Plate 3.1: Newspaper Adverts Published in The Buchan Observer, Angus County Press and Mearns Leader & Kincardineshire Observer

Bellrock OFFSHORE WIND

Virtual Public Consultation Event

Find out more and have your say on the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm

Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Limited will be hosting a virtual public consultation event between 17 and 30 November 2025.

The Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm will be located in the North Sea, 120 km east of Stonehaven, with the potential to produce up to 1.8 gigawatts of renewable electricity – the equivalent of powering over 1.7 million homes. The renewable electricity generated from the offshore wind farm will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System at the Hurlie substation, west of Stonehaven.

Consent applications for the Wind Farm Development Area will be submitted around March 2026, and the development team are at the early stage of the site selection process for the offshore transmission infrastructure, which will come ashore between Findon and St Cyrus, Aberdeenshire.

This virtual public consultation event will focus on the offshore elements of the project, with an opportunity to submit questions to the development team and find out more about the project, including:

- Updates to the design of the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm;
- Details of the preliminary environmental impact of the Wind Farm Development Area;
- Updates to some of the environmental impact assessment methodologies; and
- Details of the Area of Search for the Offshore Transmission Development Area.

Questions can be submitted online at any time during the consultation period, and the development team will also be hosting four live Q&A sessions (see details below).

This is also an ideal opportunity for interested parties to provide feedback on the development plans which could help shape the project going forward.

Virtual public consultation event details:

- **Opens:** 10:00 am on Monday 17 November 2025
- **Closes:** Midnight on Sunday 30 November 2025
- **Available online at:** www.bellrockwind.co.uk or simply scan the QR code:
- **Live Q&A sessions on:**
  - Tuesday 18 November 2025 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
  - Thursday 20 November 2025 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
  - Monday 24 November 2025 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
  - Wednesday 26 November 2025 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Please note, questions can be submitted online at any time during the consultation period. All feedback is requested by midnight on Sunday 30 November 2025.

For further information on this virtual public consultation event or to stay up to date with the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm, please contact the development team at info@bellrockwind.co.uk or visit our website at www.bellrockwind.co.uk

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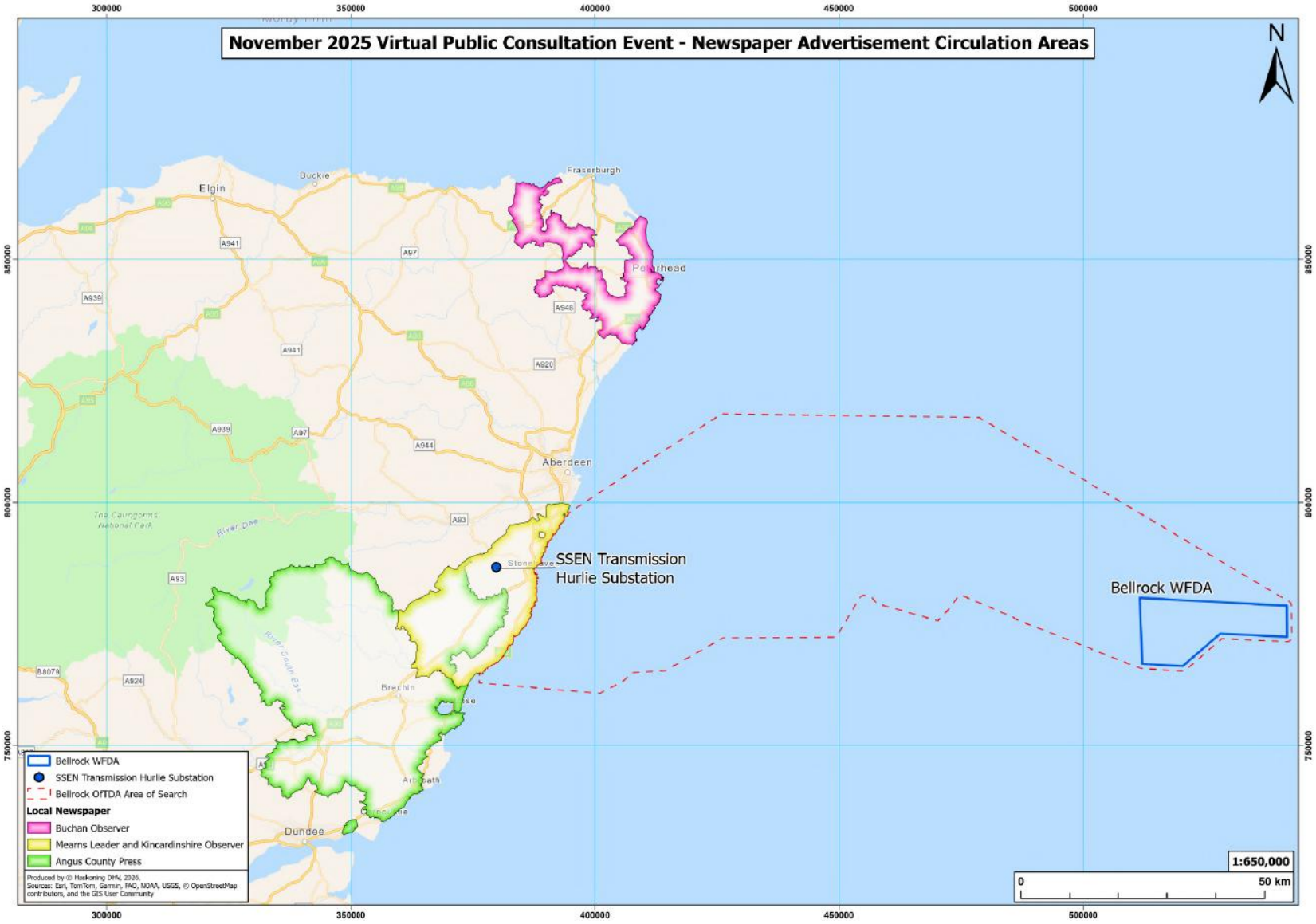
Plate 3.2: Newspaper Advertisement Circulation Areas



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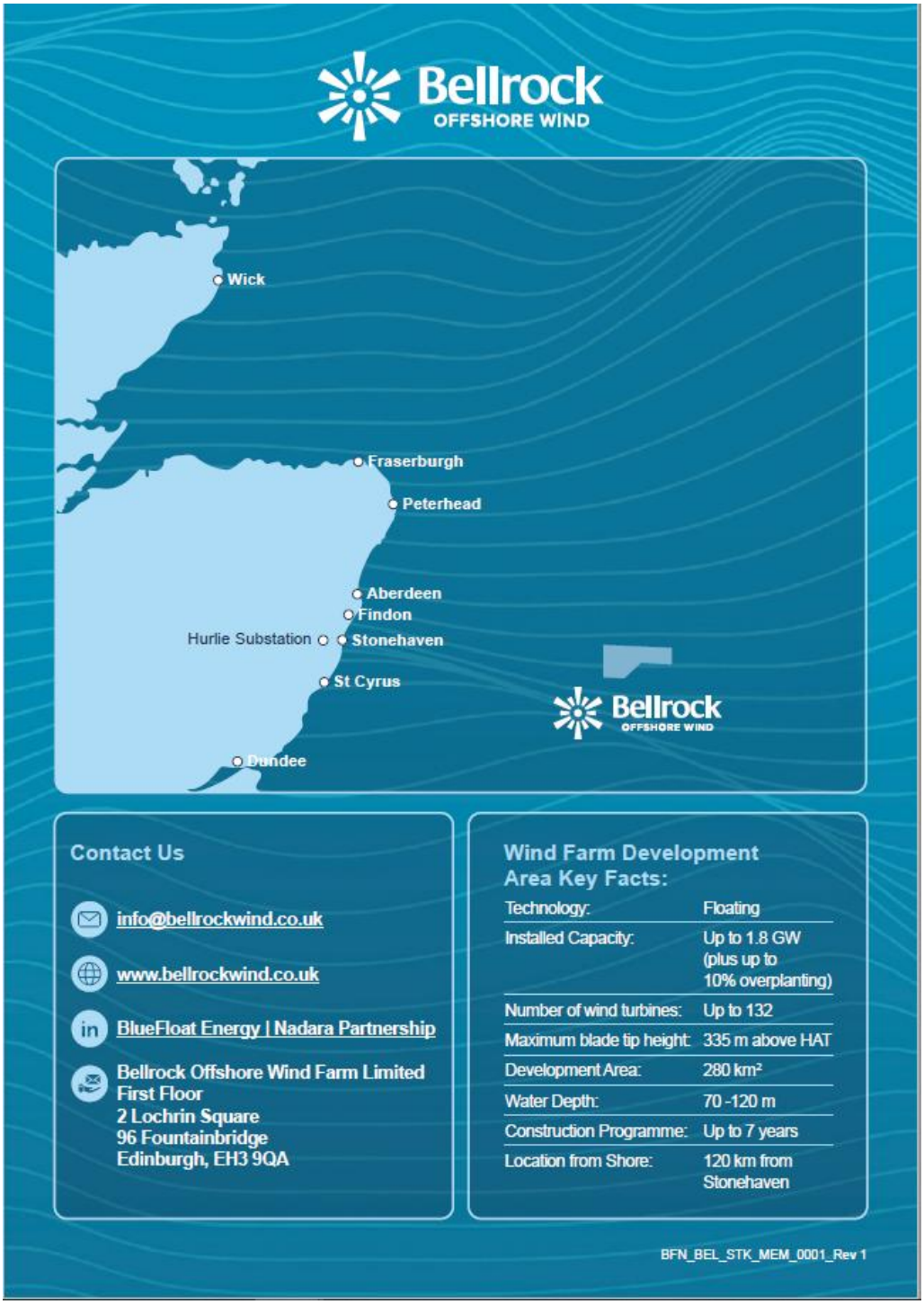
3.3 Promotional Leaflet

8. A double-sided promotional leaflet was created as shown in **Plate 3.3**, and was also attached to email invitations sent to a number of stakeholders (refer to **Section 3.4** below for further details).

Plate 3.3: Virtual Consultation Event Promotional Leaflet



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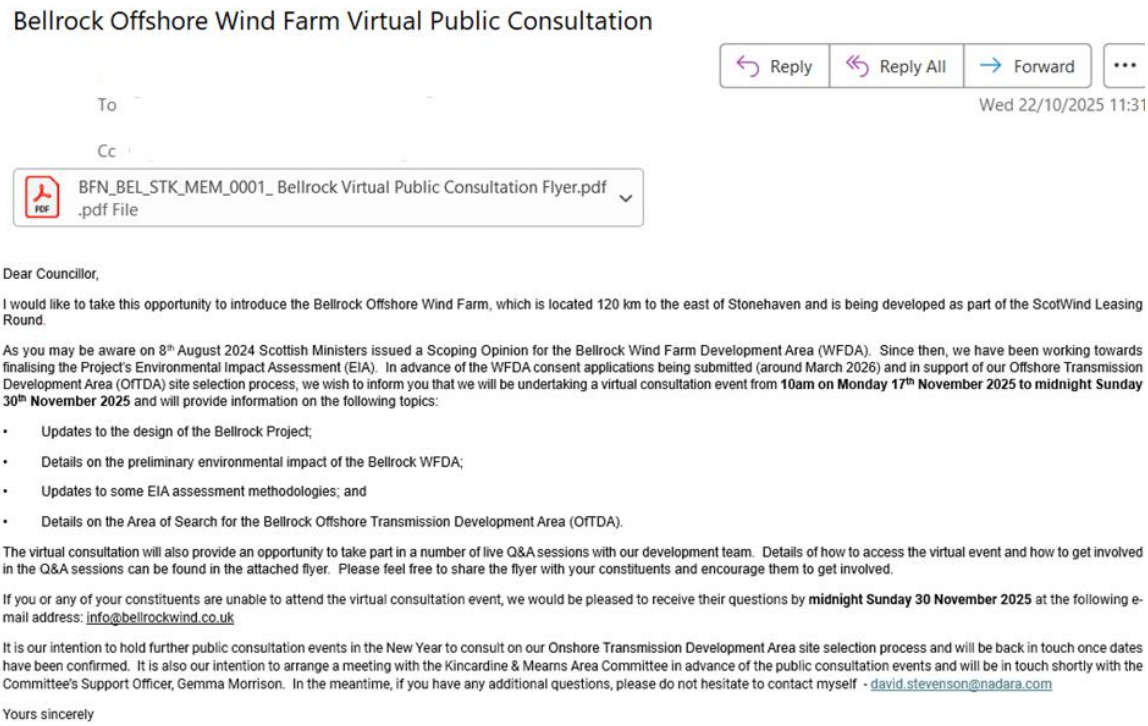
3.4 Email Invitations

9. Email invitations, as shown in **Plate 3.4**, were sent directly to political stakeholders, including Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs), Members of Parliament, local government, community councils, and wider stakeholders via email. Stakeholders who received an invite email notifying them of the upcoming public consultation event are as follows:

- Member of Parliament for West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine;
- MSPs for North East Scotland for Banff and Buchan;
- MSP for Angus North and Mearns;
- MSP Aberdeen South & North Kincardine;
- MSP for Aberdeenshire East;
- MSP for Aberdeenshire West;
- MSP for Aberdeen Central;
- Councillors for Bridge of Don – Ward 2;
- Councillors for Peterhead South & Cruden – Ward 6, Aberdeenshire Council;
- Councillors for Mid-Formartine – Ward 8, Aberdeenshire Council;
- Councillors for Ellon & District – Ward 9, Aberdeenshire Council;
- Councillors for North Kincardine – Ward 17, Aberdeenshire Council;
- Councillors for Stonehaven and Lower Deeside – Ward 18, Aberdeenshire Council;
- Councillors for Mearns – Ward 19, Aberdeenshire Council;
- Councillors for Bridge of Don – Ward 2, Aberdeen City Council;
- Councillors for Tillydrone, Seaton & Old Aberdeen – Ward 6, Aberdeen City Council;
- Councillors for George Street & Harbour – Ward 8, Aberdeen City Council;
- Councillors for Torry & Ferryhill – Ward 12, Aberdeen City Council;
- Councillors for Kincorth, Nigg & Cove – Ward 13, Aberdeen City Council;
- Aberdeen City Council Planning Department;
- Arbuthnott Community Council;
- Benholm & Johnshaven Community Council;
- Gourdon Community Council;
- Royal Burgh of Inverbervie Community Council;
- St Cyrus Community Council;
- Crathes, Drumoak & Durris Community Council;
- Stonehaven & District Community Council;
- Catterline, Kinnedff & Dunnottar Community Council;

- Portlethen & District Community Council;
- North Kincardine Community Council;
- Newtonhill, Muchalls, Cammachmore Community Council;
- Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm; and
- Scottish Fishing Associations such as Scottish Fishermen's Federation, Scottish White Fish Producers Association, Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's Association and North & East Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group.

Plate 3.4: Email Invitation Example – Councillor Email



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Dear Councillor,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm, which is located 120 km to the east of Stonehaven and is being developed as part of the ScotWind Leasing Round.

As you may be aware on 8th August 2024 Scottish Ministers issued a Scoping Opinion for the Bellrock Wind Farm Development Area (WFDA). Since then, we have been working towards finalising the Project's Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). In advance of the WFDA consent applications being submitted (around March 2026) and in support of our Offshore Transmission Development Area (OfTDA) site selection process, we wish to inform you that we will be undertaking a virtual consultation event from **10am on Monday 17th November 2025 to midnight Sunday 30th November 2025** and will provide information on the following topics:

- Updates to the design of the Bellrock Project;
- Details on the preliminary environmental impact of the Bellrock WFDA;
- Updates to some EIA assessment methodologies; and
- Details on the Area of Search for the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Development Area (OfTDA).

The virtual consultation will also provide an opportunity to take part in a number of live Q&A sessions with our development team. Details of how to access the virtual event and how to get involved in the Q&A sessions can be found in the attached flyer. Please feel free to share the flyer with your constituents and encourage them to get involved.

If you or any of your constituents are unable to attend the virtual consultation event, we would be pleased to receive their questions by **midnight Sunday 30 November 2025** at the following e-mail address: info@bellrockwind.co.uk

It is our intention to hold further public consultation events in the New Year to consult on our Onshore Transmission Development Area site selection process and will be back in touch once dates have been confirmed. It is also our intention to arrange a meeting with the Kincardine & Mearns Area Committee in advance of the public consultation events and will be in touch shortly with the Committee's Support Officer, Gemma Morrison. In the meantime, if you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself - david.stevenson@nadara.com

Yours sincerely

10. Additionally, a Bellrock Project update letter was sent to a total of 210 stakeholders providing key updates to the Bellrock Project since scoping and informing stakeholders of the upcoming virtual consultation event as shown in **Annex 1** to this Consultation Event Report.

4 Consultation Event Materials

4.1 Overview

11. Materials presented at the consultation event comprised of:

- Exhibition banners;
- Visual plans;
- Virtual exhibition; and
- Feedback form.

4.2 Exhibition Banners

12. **Plate 4.1** to **Plate 4.16** present the exhibition banners which were on display at the virtual consultation event.

Plate 4.1: Welcome

Bellrock OFFSHORE WIND

Welcome to the Bellrock Virtual Consultation Event

Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Limited, headquartered in Edinburgh, is developing the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm.

This event provides stakeholders and communities with information on the Bellrock Wind Farm Development Area (WFDA) ahead of the consent applications. It also provides an update on the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Development Area (OfTDA). Further events will be held in due course to provide details on the Bellrock Onshore Transmission Development Area (OnTDA).

The Bellrock WFDA consent applications (Section 36 and Marine Licence) are not subject to statutory pre-application consultation requirements. Whilst this virtual consultation event is undertaken voluntarily, any comments or feedback received during this consultation period will be considered in the preparation of the Bellrock WFDA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report and the Bellrock OfTDA site selection process.

The Bellrock WFDA EIA Report and consent applications will be submitted around March 2026.

Virtual public consultation event details:

- Opens: **10 am on Monday 17 November 2025**
- Closes: **Midnight on Sunday 30 November 2025**

Live Q&A sessions on:

- **Tuesday 18 November 2025 from 4 pm - 6 pm**
- **Thursday 20 November 2025 from 6 pm - 8pm**
- **Monday 24 November 2025 from 4 pm - 6 pm**
- **Wednesday 26 November 2025 from 4 pm - 6pm**

Please note, questions can be submitted online at any time during the consultation period. All feedback is requested by midnight on Sunday 30 November 2025.

All material shared in this virtual public consultation is available to download from our website: www.bellrockwind.co.uk

For further information on this virtual public consultation event or to stay up to date with the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm, please contact the development team at info@bellrockwind.co.uk or visit www.bellrockwind.co.uk

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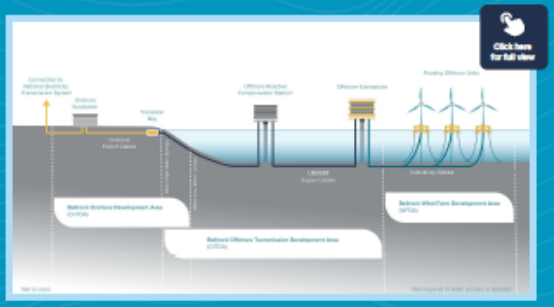
Plate 4.2: Project Overview

Bellrock OFFSHORE WIND

Project Overview

The project will be located approximately 120 km east of Stonehaven and will have the capacity to supply up to 1.8 GW of renewable electricity. The renewable electricity generated from the offshore wind farm will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System via the Hurlie substation, west of Stonehaven, in Aberdeenshire.

The project will contribute to achieving Scotland's net zero targets, generate cleaner, home-grown electricity and provide energy security for future generations.



The project comprises the following three Development Areas:

- **Bellrock Wind Farm Development Area (WFDA):** The boundary within which the Wind Farm Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned, including wind turbine generators, floating substructures, station keeping systems and associated scour protection, inter-array cables and associated cable protection, and subsea cable hubs.
- **Offshore Transmission Development Area (OfTDA):** The boundary within which the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned, including fixed bottom and/or floating offshore substations and offshore reactive compensation station(s) and associated scour protection, interconnector cables and associated cable protection, and offshore export cables and associated cable protection.
- **Bellrock Onshore Transmission Development Area (OnTDA):** The boundary within which the Onshore Transmission Infrastructure will be constructed, operated and maintained, and decommissioned, including transition bays, onshore export cables, onshore substation, temporary construction compounds, environmental mitigation areas, drainage/irrigation infrastructure, and access works. Consultation on the OnTDA will take place in early 2026.

This virtual consultation is relevant to the Bellrock WFDA consent applications and provides an update on the Bellrock OfTDA site selection process.

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Plate 4.3: WFDA Update

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WFDA Update

Since the submission of the Bellrock WFDA Scoping Request in March 2024, the following updates have taken place:

- **Grid Connection Point** - The National Energy System Operator (NESO) confirmed in April 2025 that the Bellrock Project would change from an offshore connection point to an onshore connection point at SSEN Transmission's new Hurlie substation. This now requires additional offshore and onshore transmission infrastructure to be developed by Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Limited.
- **Installed Capacity** - Given the additional offshore and onshore transmission infrastructure required, development costs will increase. To improve the cost efficiency and competitiveness of the Bellrock Project, which will ultimately lower electricity costs to the consumer, we have increased the export capacity of the Bellrock Project from 1.2 GW to 1.8 GW (plus up to 10% overplanting).

The Bellrock WFDA boundary remains unchanged and no new impacts have been identified outside of those presented in the Bellrock WFDA Scoping Report (available at www.bellrockwind.co.uk).

Refinements have also been made to other project parameters since the Bellrock WFDA Scoping Request. These refinements have helped to reduce the environmental impact of the Bellrock WFDA and are outlined below.

Parameter	WFDA Scoping Stage Value	WFDA EIA Stage Value
WFDA export capacity (GW)	1.2 (plus overplanting)	1.8 (plus up to 10% overplanting)
Wind turbine generator (WTG) capacity (MW)	15 – 28*	15 – 22*
Maximum number of WTGs	80 (excludes overplanting)	132 (includes up to 10% overplanting)
WTG rotor diameter (m)	236 – 330	236 – 300
Maximum blade tip height (m)	400 (above LAT)	335 (above MSL)
Minimum blade tip clearance above MHWS (m)	22	22
WTG foundation types	Floating substructures: • Tension leg platform • Semi-submersible • Barge • Buoy • Semi-spar Fixed bottom substructures: • Piled jacket • Suction caisson • Cable supported monopile	Floating substructures: • Tension leg platform • Semi-submersible (incorporating buoy) • Barge
Anchor options	• Driven pile • Suction pile • Drag embedment anchor • Vertical loaded anchor • Suction embedded plate anchor • Drilled and grouted pile	• Driven pile • Suction pile • Drag embedment anchor • Gravity-based anchor
Maximum number of subsea cable hubs	12	18
Construction programme (yrs)	Up to 5	Up to 7

* The EIA is based on the physical size of the WTGs rather than installed capacity

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Plate 4.4 Bellrock OfTDA Area of Search

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Bellrock OfTDA Area of Search

The Bellrock OfTDA is at the site selection phase.

The Area of Search for the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure has been defined. The offshore export cables will come ashore between Findon and St Cyrus, Aberdeenshire. This will be further refined as the OfTDA site selection progresses, and we welcome your views.

The OfTDA Area of Search was defined through a series of workshops between engineering, electrical, and environmental specialists.

Key constraints considered in defining the OfTDA Area of Search have included:

- Marine Protected Areas
- Proposed and existing offshore infrastructure such as subsea cables and offshore wind farms
- Fishing interests
- Shipping routes
- Marine disposal sites
- Water depth for the proposed offshore reactive compensation station
- Viable landfall locations along the coast

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Plate 4.5: Consenting Process in Scottish Waters

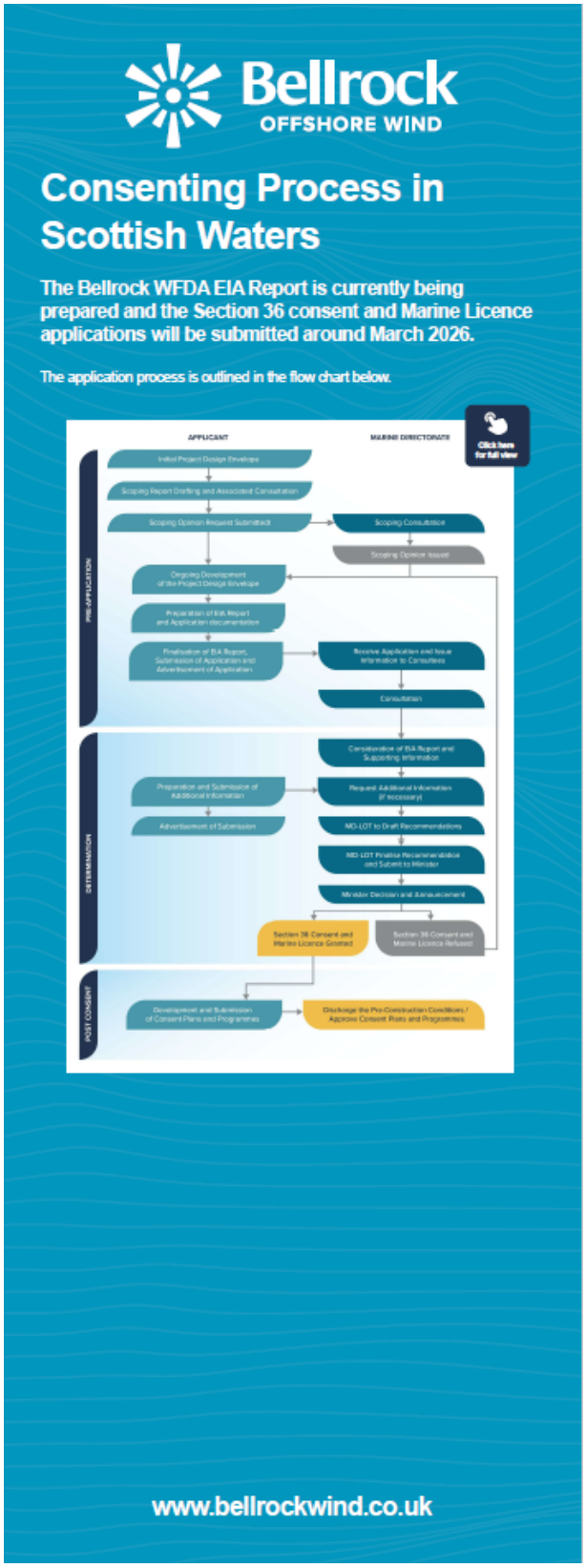

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Plate 4.6: Updates to WFDA EIA Approach

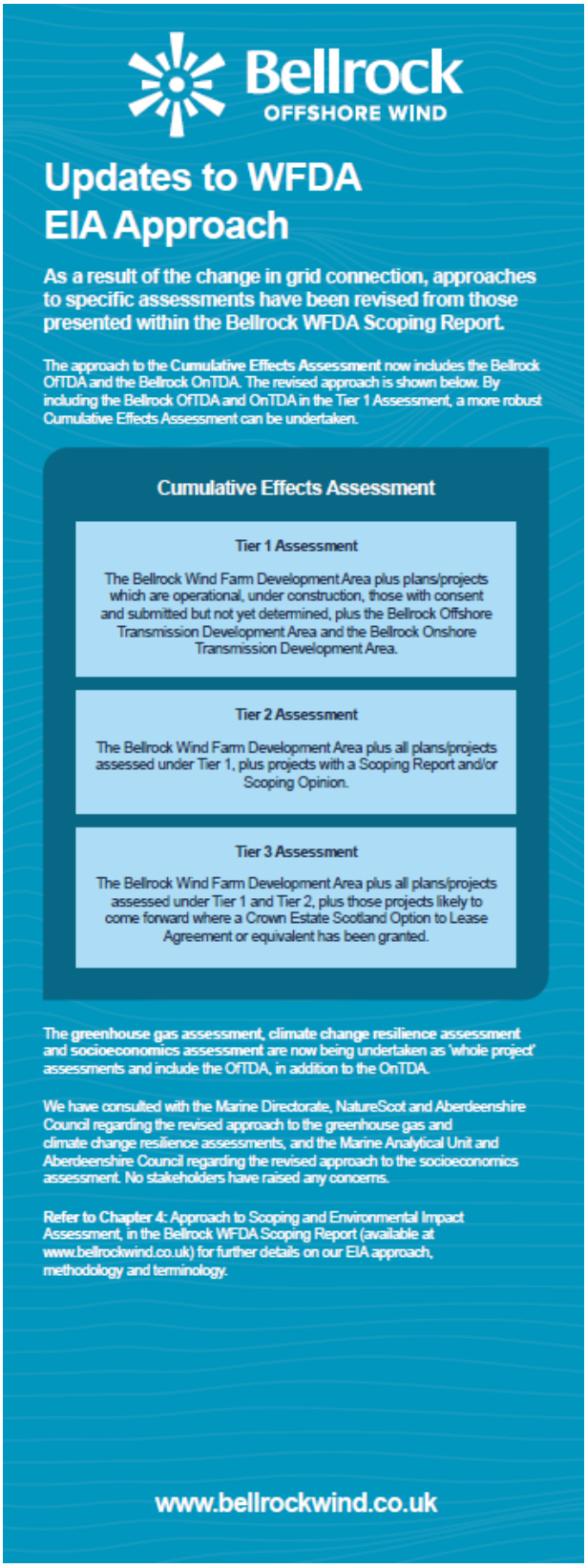

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Plate 4.7: Engagement Process

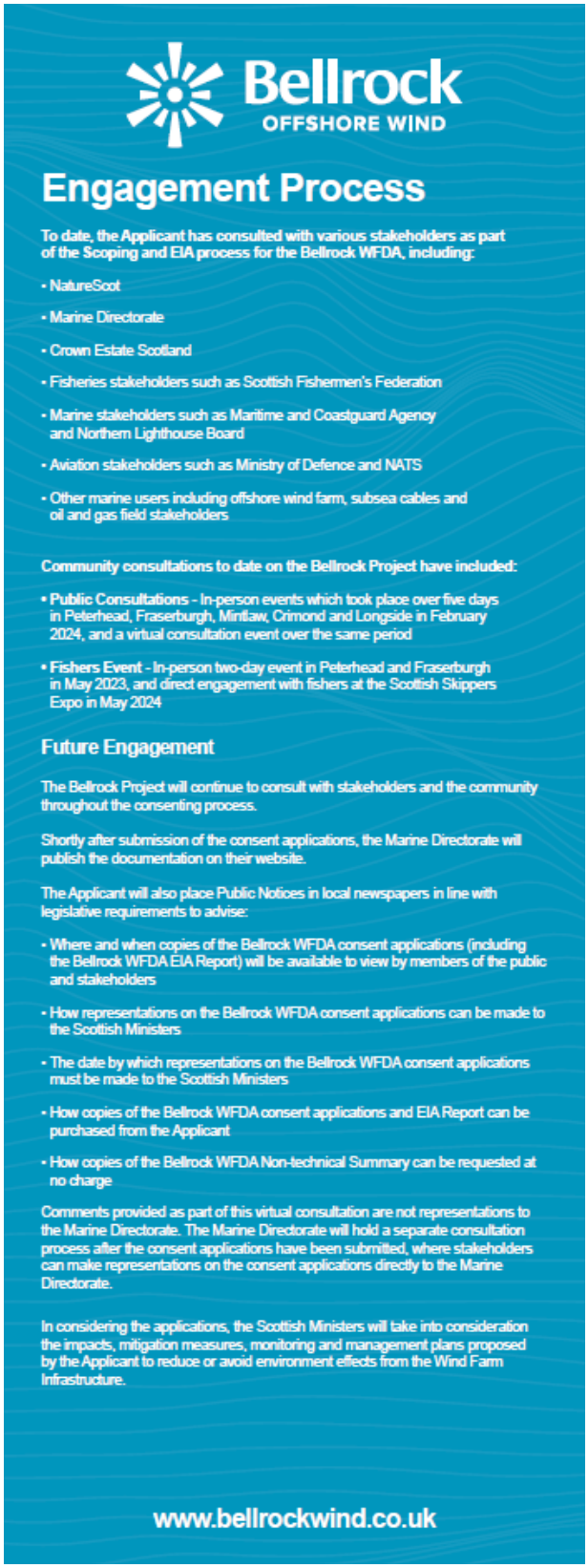

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Plate 4.8: WFDA Environmental Topics

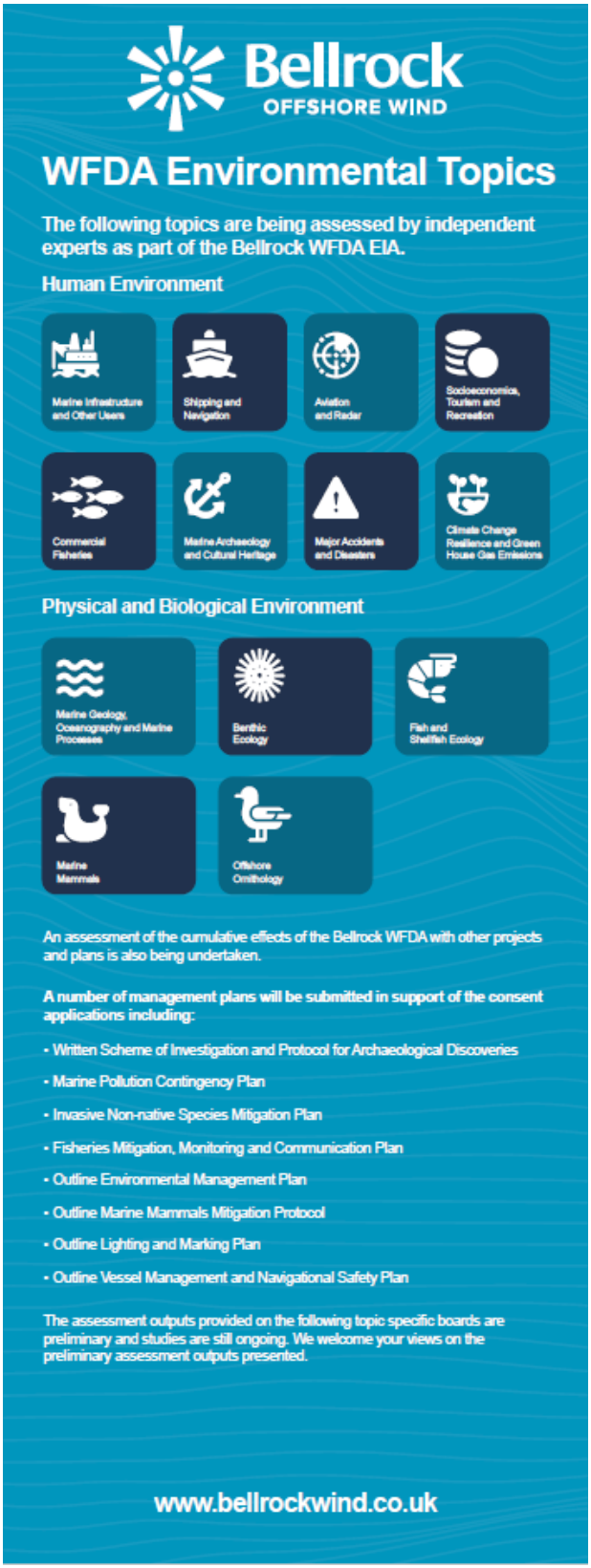

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Plate 4.9: Shipping and Navigation

Bellrock OFFSHORE WIND

Shipping and Navigation

Study Area

The study area has been defined to capture vessel traffic movements and routes within 10 nautical miles of the Bellrock WFDA (as shown on the map).

Click here to view map

Baseline and Data Sources

Consultation has been undertaken to inform the baseline conditions through scoping, direct liaison with stakeholders, regular operators outreach, and a Hazard Workshop.

Key stakeholders engaged include:

- Maritime and Coastguard Agency
- Northern Lighthouse Board
- Royal Yachting Association Scotland
- Scottish Fishermen's Federation
- UK Chamber of Shipping
- Montrose Port
- Tidewater Marine
- Fred Olsen Cruise

Baseline information, including vessel traffic, navigational features, emergency response resources, historical incidents, and meteorological and oceanographic data, has informed collision and allision risk modelling for pre- and post-wind farm scenarios.

A Hazard Risk Assessment, undertaken in line with Marine Guidance Note 654, has supported the identification of potential navigational hazards.

What Will the EIA Assess?

The EIA considers potential impacts of the Wind Farm Infrastructure on vessel traffic, navigational safety, access to ports and routes, interactions with project infrastructure, and emergency response capabilities during all project phases, and cumulatively with other projects. Impacts have been identified using baseline data, expert judgement, outputs of the Hazard Workshop, stakeholder input, and lessons learned from existing offshore developments.

Mitigation and Good Practice

Mitigation measures will be implemented to minimise potential impacts and include:

- Promulgation of navigational information to mariners
- Preparation of and adherence to a Lighting and Marking Plan
- Preparation of and adherence to a Vessel Management and Navigational Safety Plan
- Marine coordination to manage project vessels throughout construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning phases
- Project vessel compliance with international maritime regulations

Preliminary Assessment Outcomes

Preliminary assessment outputs indicate that, with mitigation applied, impacts are predicted to result in no significant adverse residual effects.

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Plate 4.10: Ornithology

Bellrock OFFSHORE WIND

Ornithology

Study Area

Comprising primarily of the Bellrock WFDA plus a 4 km buffer as shown on the map, extending to designated seabird colonies with connectivity in the wider North Sea region.

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Baseline and Data Sources

The Applicant undertook monthly digital aerial surveys of the study area plus a 4 km buffer from March 2022 to February 2024.

16 species of birds were recorded through the digital aerial survey. Guillemot, razorbill, puffin, kittiwake, great black-backed gull, gannet, arctic tern and arctic skua required assessment within the EIA.

The species assessed were either abundant or have particularly high sensitivities to wind farm activities and have colonies within foraging range of the Bellrock WFDA. Publicly available industry standard datasets were accessed for expert analysis of Special Protection Area connectivity with the Bellrock WFDA, adhering to NatureScot guidance and advice.

What Will the EIA Assess?

The EIA considers potential impacts from:

- **Indirect impacts:** temporary disturbance to habitats and prey species during construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning activities
- **Direct impacts:** disturbance/displacement of birds during construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning activities, disturbance/displacement due to the presence of WTGs, barrier to movement, collisions with WTGs, combined displacement and collision, entanglement with subsea infrastructure, and behavioural impacts from artificial lighting

Embedded Mitigation and Good Practice

A minimum air gap of 22 m above Mean High Water Springs has been adopted.

Preliminary Assessment Outcomes

Preliminary assessment outputs indicate that, with mitigation applied, project-alone impacts are predicted to result in no significant adverse residual effects. The ornithological Cumulative Effects Assessment is ongoing.

Habitat Regulations Appraisal

Potential effects on European Sites and their qualifying features are being considered separately through the Habitats Regulations Appraisal process. A Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment is currently being prepared to determine whether the Bellrock Project is likely to result in adverse effect on site integrity.

Digital aerial surveys were undertaken by plane

Flying Kittiwake photographed during digital aerial surveys

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Plate 4.11: Marine Mammals

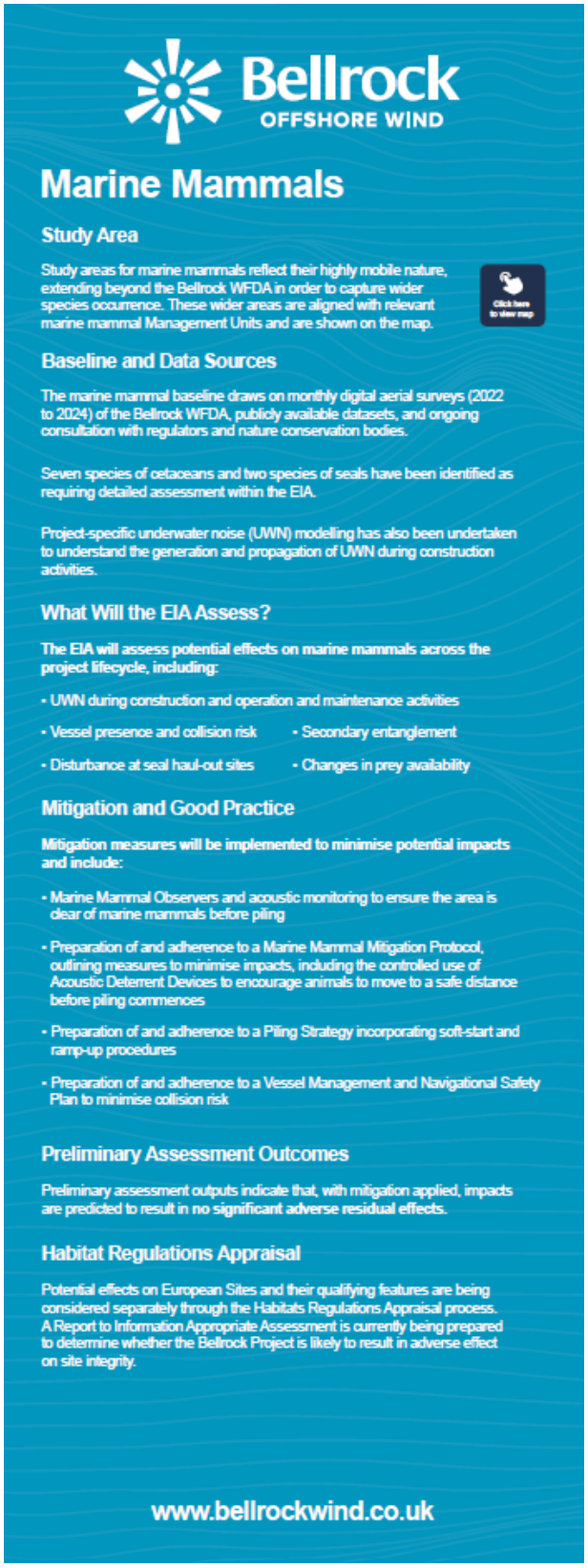

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Plate 4.12: Commercial Fisheries

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Plate 4.13: Aviation and Radar

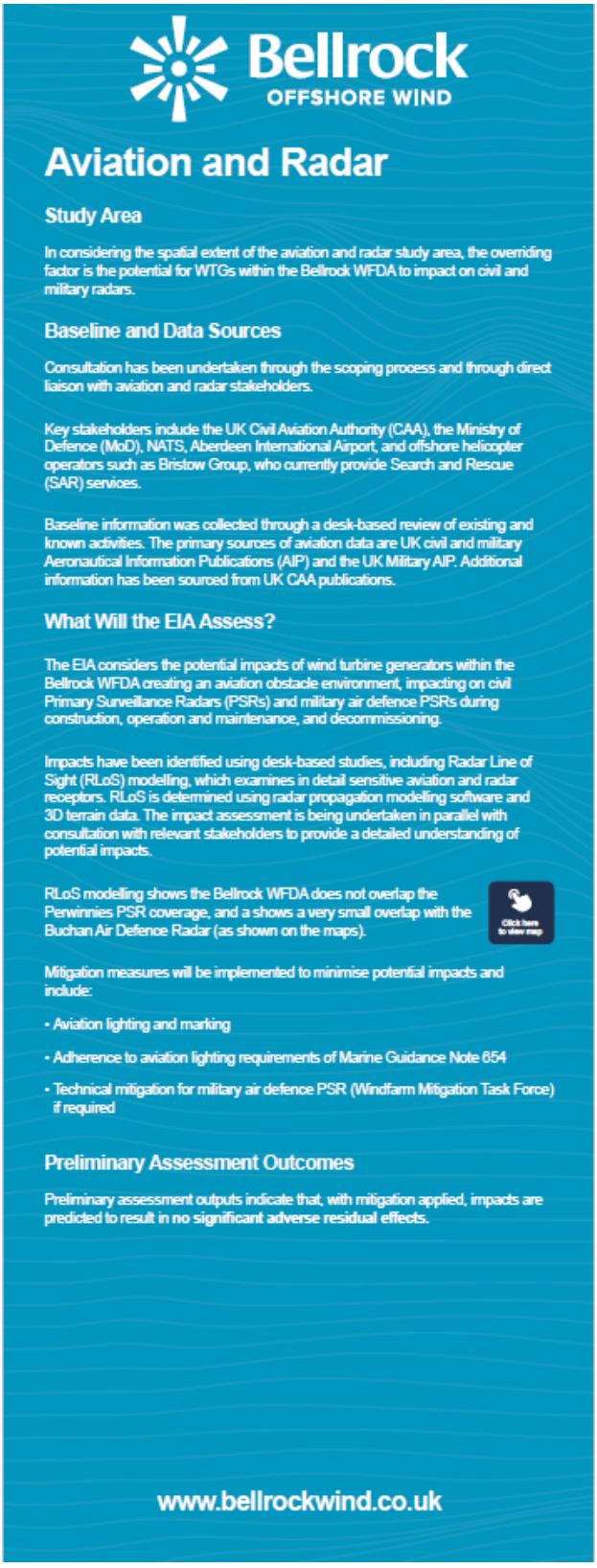

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Plate 4.14: The Human Environment

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Plate 4.15: The Physical and Biological Environment

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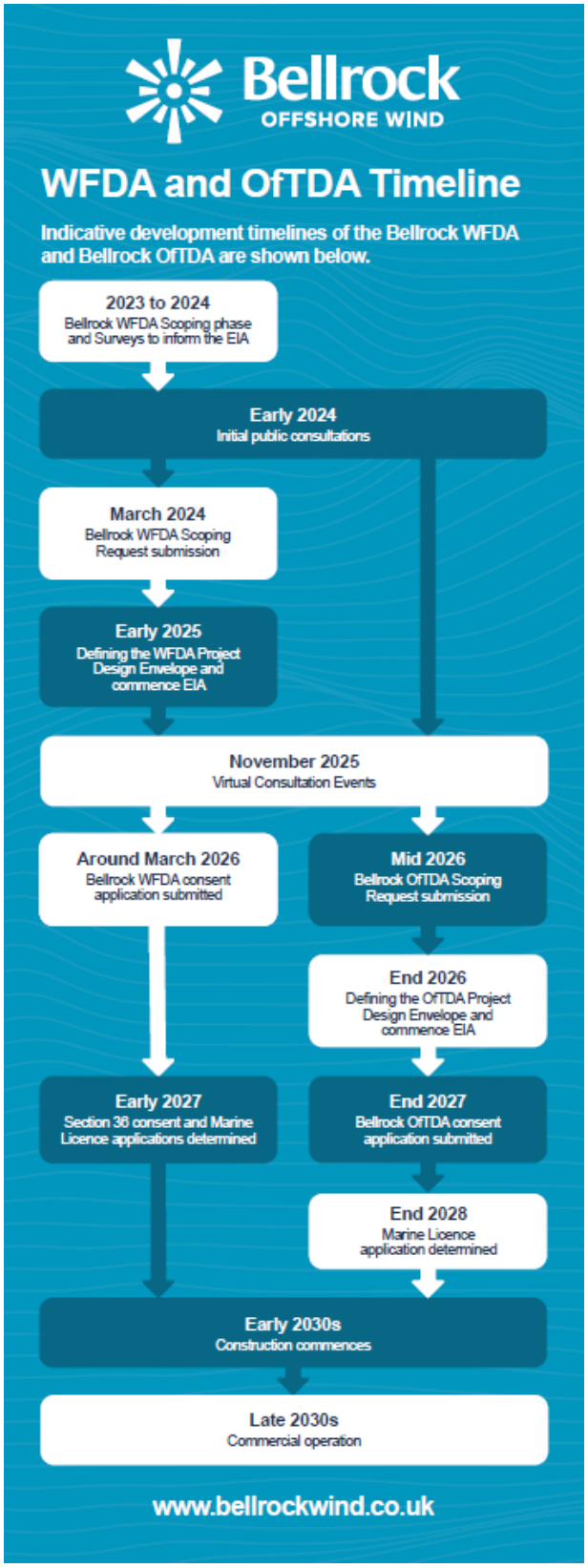
Plate 4.16: WFDA and OfTDA Timeline



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4.3 Virtual Exhibition

13. A virtual exhibition was created, as shown in **Plate 4.17** to **Plate 4.19**.

Plate 4.17: Virtual Exhibition Layout

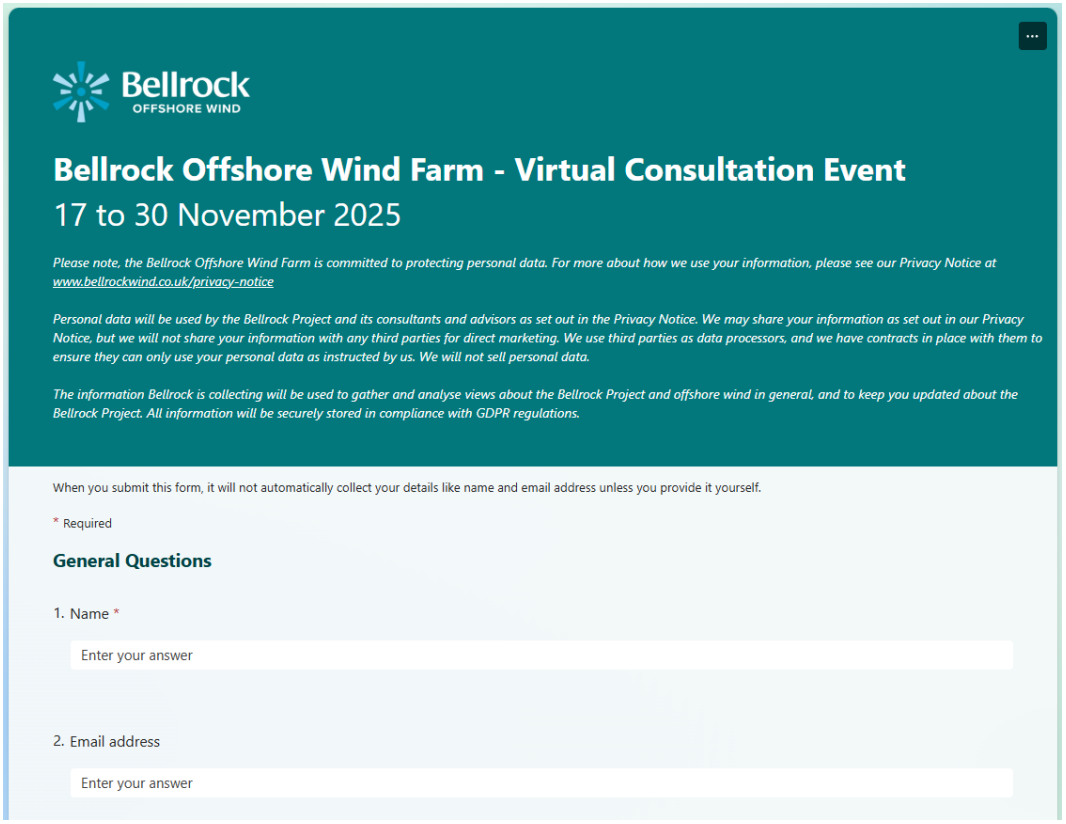
Plate 4.18: Virtual Exhibition Layout

Plate 4.19: Virtual Exhibition Layout

4.4 Feedback Form

14. Stakeholders who attended the virtual consultation were invited to complete a feedback form, presented in **Plate 4.20**.

Plate 4.20: Digital Feedback Form



3. How did you hear about this Bellrock Virtual Public Consultation Event? (select all that apply)

- [ ] Newspaper advert
- [ ] By email invitation
- [ ] Project website
- [ ] Press coverage
- [ ] Linkedin
- [ ] Word of mouth
- [ ] Leaflet
- [ ] Other

4. Was the information presented today useful and easy to understand?

- ○ Yes, it was useful
- ○ It was somewhat useful
- ○ No, it wasn't useful
- ○ The information was easy to understand
- ○ The information was difficult to understand
- ○ Unsure

5. How would you describe your interest in the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm?

- ○ Statutory organisation
- ○ Fisher
- ○ Marine infrastructure owner/developer
- ○ Other marine user
- ○ Local resident
- ○ Local interest group
- ○ Local representative
- ○ Local business owner
- ○ Landowner
- ○ Other

6. Would you like to be kept updated on the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm? *

- ○ Yes (please provide your e-mail address at Q2)
- ○ No

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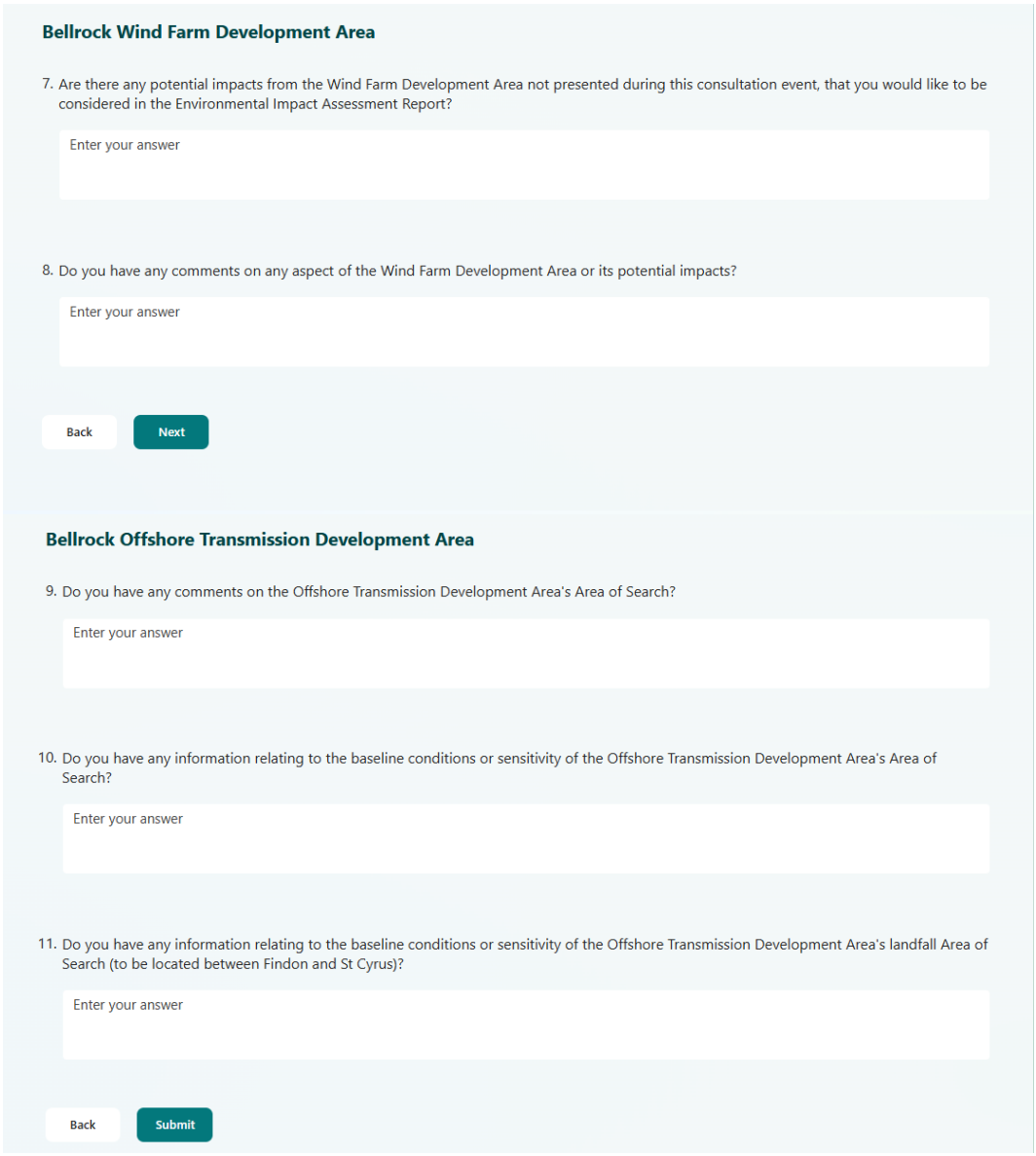

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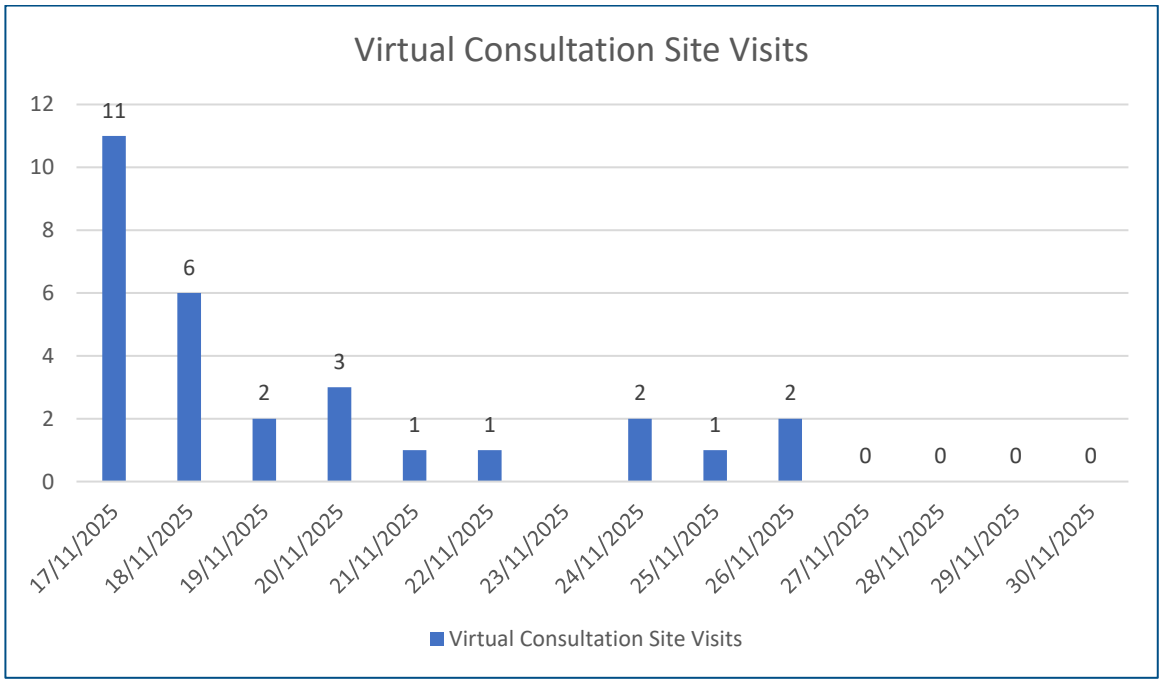
5 Consultation Event Feedback

5.1 Overview

15. Throughout the duration of the virtual consultation event, a total of 29 stakeholders visited the virtual consultation. A breakdown of engagement by date can be found in **Plate 5.1**.

Plate 5.1: Stakeholder Attendance by Consultation Event



5.2 Feedback Received

16. No questions were submitted during the virtual consultation event, including the live question and answer sessions.

17. One feedback form was submitted during the virtual consultation event, a PhD student from Anglia Ruskin University, although only contact details were provided with no feedback left.

18. All engagement data is stored and recorded in the project's General Data Protection Regulation compliant Customer Relationship Management software, Borealis.

6 References

NESO (2025). HND and HNDFUE Impact Assessments Ossian and North Cluster 2 Outcome Summary.

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Annex 1: Bellrock Project Update Letter

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Ref.: BFN_BEL_CST_LET_0008

Date: 13/10/2025

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Dear Stakeholder,

Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm, Wind Farm Development Area EIA – Consultation

Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Limited is developing the Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm (the Bellrock Project), located 120 km to the east of Stonehaven. In April 2024, Scottish Ministers may have invited your organisation to comment on the Bellrock Project's Wind Farm Development Area (WFDA) Scoping Request[1]. A Scoping Opinion was subsequently issued by Scottish Ministers on 8 August 2024. We continue to progress the Bellrock WFDA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and expect to submit the WFDA consent applications around March 2026.

Subsequent to the Scoping Opinion been issued, there have been some changes to the Project and to the EIA methodologies adopted. Therefore in advance of the WFDA consent applications being submitted, and in support of our Offshore Transmission Development Area (OfTDA) site selection process, we are writing to invite you to our virtual consultation event. We do not consider that any of the changes will affect the Bellrock WFDA Scoping Opinion.

Annex 1 to this letter provides further details on the Bellrock development areas and a location plan.

Virtual Consultation Event

We are pleased to invite you to our virtual consultation event, being held online from **17 November** to **30 November 2025** (inclusive). The virtual consultation event will provide information on, and provide an opportunity for you to provide feedback on, the following matters:

- Updates to the design of the Bellrock Project;
- Details on the preliminary environmental impact of the Bellrock WFDA;
- Updates to some EIA assessment methodologies; and
- Details of the Area of Search for the Bellrock OfTDA.

[1] Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm, Bellrock WFDA Scoping Report, Document Ref: BFR_BEL_CST_REP_0003, Rev. 1, BlueFloat Energy | Nadara Partnership, 2024

The virtual consultation event can be accessed via the Bellrock Project's website (www.bellrockwind.co.uk) from 10am on Monday 17 November 2025 and will include a number of live Q&A sessions with our development team. We invite your comments on the consultation to be submitted no later than midnight Sunday 30 November 2025.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend the virtual consultation event, we would be pleased to receive your feedback on any matter presented within this letter by midnight Sunday 30 November 2025 at the following e-mail address: info@bellrockwind.co.uk

Any comments or feedback received will be considered in the preparation of the Bellrock WFDA EIA Report and may be summarised within the EIA Report.

It is noted that the Bellrock WFDA is located outside the Scottish marine area (i.e. beyond 12 nautical miles from the coastline), there the Bellrock WFDA consent applications are not subject to mandatory pre-application consultation (PAC) requirements. Whilst this virtual consultation event is undertaken voluntary, any comments or feedback received during this consultation period will be considered in the preparation of the Bellrock WFDA EIA Report.

The following information presents details of the project changes and Bellrock OfTDA site selection process.

Change to the Bellrock Project's Grid Connection Point

In July 2022, the National Energy System Operator (NESO) recommended that the Bellrock Project (with an installed capacity of 1.2 gigawatt (GW) plus up to 10% overplanting) connected to the National Electricity Transmission System via a new Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (SSEN Transmission) offshore substation. This was recognised within the Bellrock WFDA Scoping Report.

However, NESO confirmed in April 2025 that the Bellrock Project would instead connect onshore, to SSEN Transmission's new Hurlie substation to the west of Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire.

Consequently, the Bellrock Project is now required to develop additional onshore transmission infrastructure (including onshore export cables and an onshore substation), and additional offshore transmission infrastructure.

Change to the Bellrock Project's Installed Capacity

Given the additional onshore and offshore transmission infrastructure required as a consequence of NESO's change to the Bellrock Project's grid connection design, development costs will increase significantly. To improve the cost efficiency and competitiveness of the Bellrock Project, which will ultimately lower electricity costs to the consumer, we have increased the generating capacity of the Bellrock Project from 1,2 GW to 1,8 GW (plus up to 10% overplanting). In doing so, we have ensured that the Bellrock WFDA boundary remains unchanged.

Updated Key Design Parameters

In addition to the abovementioned increase to the Bellrock Project's installed capacity, important refinements have been made to the project parameters since the Bellrock WFDA Scoping Request was submitted in March 2024. These additional refinements have reduced the environmental impact of the Bellrock WFDA and are outlined (along with the updated parameters associated with the capacity increase) in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Updated Key Design Parameters

Parameter	Scoping Stage Value	EIA Stage Value
WFDA area (km²)	280	280
WFDA capacity (GW)	1.2 (plus up to 10% overplanting)	1.8 (plus up to 10% overplanting)
Wind turbine generator (WTG) capacity (MW)	15 – 28*	15 – 22*
Maximum number of WTGs (excluding overplanting)	80	120
Maximum number of WTGs (including 10% overplanting)	88	132
WTG rotor diameter (m)	236 – 330	236 - 300
Maximum blade tip height (m)	400 (above LAT)	335 (above HAT)
Minimum blade tip clearance above Mean High Water Springs	22	22
WTG foundation types	Floating substructures comprising tension leg platform, semi-submersible, barge, traditional spar, buoy and semi-spar options Fixed bottom substructures comprising piled jacket, suction caisson and cable supported monopile options	Floating substructures comprising tension leg platform, semi-submersible and barge
Anchor options	Driven pile, suction pile, drag embedment anchor, vertical loaded anchor, suction embedded plate anchor, and drilled and grouted piles	Driven pile, suction pile, drag embedment anchor and the addition of gravity-based anchor
Station keeping system options	Shared mooring line and shared anchor configurations	Shared anchor configuration
Maximum number of subsea cable hubs	12	18
Construction programme (yrs)	5	7
Notes: * The EIA is based on the physical size of the WTGs rather than installed capacity.		

We do not consider that the updated design parameters affect the conclusions reached in the Bellrock WFDA Scoping Report or the matters set out in the Bellrock WFDA Scoping Opinion, as:

- The increased generating capacity has not changed the WFDA boundary and the total area remains the same as presented within the Scoping Request (280 km²). Therefore, the baseline data presented in the Scoping Report, and the datasets proposed for the Bellrock WFDA EIA Report have not changed (although any updates in datasets between scoping and the EIA Report will be considered as appropriate as per the normal EIA process);

- The additional WTGs and associated infrastructure (i.e., floating substructures (FSSs), station keeping systems (SKSs), inter-array cables (IACs), subsea cable hubs and cable/scour protection) and additional construction and, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning activities associated with the capacity increase to 1.8 GW, remain as described in the Scoping Report, albeit the quantity (i.e. number, length or duration) have increased accordingly;
- The increased generating capacity will not necessitate the consideration of any new impacts within the Bellrock WFDA EIA Report;
- The increased generating capacity will not necessitate any changes to assessment methodologies within the Bellrock WFDA EIA Report; and
- The change to the Bellrock Project's grid connection design does not result in new impacts for the Bellrock WFDA. A separate EIA will be undertaken for the OfTDA and Onshore Transmission Development Area (OnTDA) to support separate applications for the offshore and onshore transmission infrastructure.

We therefore consider that the existing Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion remains valid as the Bellrock WFDA boundary remains unchanged and the design changes (shown in **Table 1**) result in no material differences in the baseline data collection methods or assessment methodology proposed.

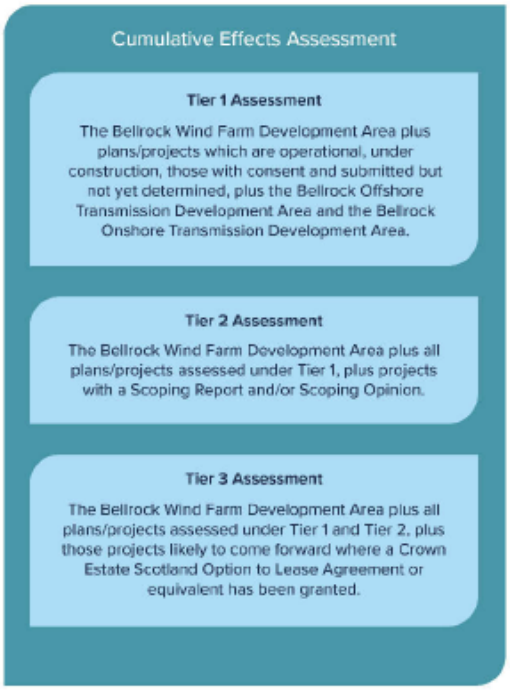
Update to the Cumulative Effects Assessment Approach

Due to the change to the Bellrock Project's grid connection design, the Bellrock OfTDA and OnTDA are at a very early site selection phase. As a result, the revised Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) approach adopted for the Bellrock WFDA EIA Report has been updated.

The cumulative impact of the Bellrock WFDA will be considered with other plans/projects following a conventional 3 tier process (as shown to the right). Given the reduced detail available for the Bellrock OfTDA and OnTDA, the Bellrock OfTDA and the Bellrock OnTDA will be treated as "other projects" throughout the CEA.

Although the Bellrock OfTDA and OnTDA have yet to submit a Scoping Request, given that these development areas are essential to the delivery of the Bellrock WFDA, they are therefore of high certainty and will be considered as Tier 1 projects.

Any information available on the Bellrock OfTDA and OnTDA six months prior to submission of the Bellrock WFDA EIA Report, will be set out in the Bellrock WFDA EIA Report to provide an understanding of these 'projects'. Such information will be presented as being subject to change as the Bellrock OfTDA and OnTDA design evolves.



Update to Topic Specific Assessment Methodologies

Due to the change to the Bellrock Project's grid connection design, the approach and methodologies for the greenhouse gas (GHG) assessment, climate change resilience (CCR) assessment and socio-economics assessment have been revised from that presented within the Bellrock WFDA Scoping Report.

These assessments will be undertaken as 'whole project' assessments and will including the Bellrock OfTDA and OnTDA. We have consulted with MD-LOT, NatureScot and Aberdeenshire Council regarding the revised approach for the GHG and CCR assessments, and the Marine Analytical Unit (MAU) and Aberdeenshire Council regarding the revised approach for the socio-economics assessment (August 2025 via email) and neither stakeholder have raised any concerns regarding this approach.

Your Feedback

We trust that the above information provides useful context to the changes adopted for the Bellrock WFDA in advance of our virtual consultation event (taking place between 17 November and 30 November 2025). We invite your comments on the virtual consultation event to be submitted no later than midnight Sunday 30 November 2025.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend the virtual consultation event, we would be pleased to receive your feedback on any matter presented within this letter by midnight Sunday 30 November 2025 at the following e-mail address: info@bellrockwind.co.uk

Any comments or feedback received will be considered in the preparation of the Bellrock WFDA EIA Report and may be summarised within the EIA Report.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions and I would be happy to discuss any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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