

# **Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm**

## **Offshore Transmission Development Area**

**Scoping Report – Volume 1**

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## Glossary of Terminology

| Term                                                     | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Applicant                                                | Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm Limited, the legal entity submitting a Marine Licence application for the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Development Area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm<br>(or the Bellrock Project) | <p>An offshore wind farm capable of exporting up to 1.8 GW of renewable energy to the National Electricity Transmission System.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wind Farm Development Area;</li> <li>▪ Offshore Transmission Development Area; and</li> <li>▪ Onshore Transmission Development Area.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Cable Protection                                         | Protective measure to minimise the effects of scour and hazards along the interconnector and offshore export cables, and protecting these cables at infrastructure crossing points.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Commencement of construction                             | <p>Commencement of construction to install the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure as authorised by the Offshore Transmission Development Area Marine Licence (excluding site preparation works), which may include the earlier of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Intrusive pre-installation surveys including pre-lay grapnel runs;</li> <li>▪ Placement on or installation in the seabed of export/inter-connector cables; or</li> <li>▪ Placement of materials on or in the seabed, e.g. scour protection.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Construction works                                       | <p>Works to install the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure as authorised by the Offshore Transmission Development Area Marine Licence, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pre-installation surveys (intrusive and/or non-intrusive);</li> <li>▪ Offshore substation/offshore reactive compensation station installation and associated vessel activities; fixed foundation installation; scour protection installation; topside lifting, installation and integration; offshore lifting operations and testing and commissioning;</li> <li>▪ Offshore export cable installation and associated vessel activities, landfall installation (seaward of Mean High Water Springs), cable lay and burial, installation of cable crossings, cable installation at offshore substation/offshore reactive compensation station, installation of terminations at the offshore substation/offshore reactive compensation station, installation of subsea joints, post-lay burial and cable protection installation;</li> <li>▪ Final commissioning following cable connections and snagging; and</li> <li>▪ Post-installation surveys.</li> </ul> |
| 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 maintains its position within the structure's excursion limit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Interconnector cable                                     | Armoured cable containing electrical and fibre optic cores which link two or more offshore substations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Landfall                                                 | The area in which the offshore export cables come ashore and transition between the offshore export cables and the onshore export cables. For the purpose of the Offshore Transmission Development Area, the landfall includes the area seaward of Mean High Water Springs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

| <b>Term</b>                            | <b>Definition</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Offshore export cable                  | Armoured cable containing electrical and fibre optic cores between the offshore substation(s), offshore reactive compensation station(s) and the transition joint bay(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Offshore reactive compensation station | A fixed substructure offshore platform located within the offshore export cable corridor that accommodates reactive compensation equipment used to control reactive power flows and maintain acceptable voltage levels in the high voltage alternating current transmission system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Offshore substation                    | A fixed substructure 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 seaward of Mean High Water Springs (and overlaps with the whole of the Wind Farm Development Area and overlaps partially with the Onshore Development Area at landfall).                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Offshore Transmission Infrastructure   | Infrastructure located within the Offshore Transmission Development Area including fixed bottom offshore substation(s), fixed bottom offshore reactive compensation station(s) and associated scour protection; interconnector cables and associated cable protection; landfall (seaward of Mean High Water Springs), and offshore export cables and associated cable protection (including activities associated with the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning). |
| Operational life                       | The expected operational life of the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure from the Commercial Operation Date to the first component of the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure being decommissioned.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Ramp-up                                | Ramp-up follows on from the soft-start piling procedure. It comprises a specified minimum period of piling, starting at the highest low-energy blow level achieved during the soft start and gradually increasing in hammer energy. The maximum hammer energy required (operational power for that specific pile) must not be reached within the ramp-up period.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Safety Zone                            | An area of water around or adjacent to an offshore substation or offshore reactive compensation station which is to be constructed, operated or decommissioned, from which certain or all classes of vessels are excluded and within which activities can be regulated for the purpose of securing safety of the vessel in that vicinity, and individuals on the structure and vessel, in line with Section 95 of the Energy Act 2004.                                                                                         |
| Scoping Boundary                       | The area considered at the scoping stage within which the relevant Development Area and its associated infrastructure is expected to be developed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Scour protection                       | Protective material positioned around fixed substructures to avoid sediment being eroded as a result of the flow of water.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

| Term                   | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Site preparation works | <p>Preparatory activities undertaken within the Offshore Transmission Development Area prior to the commencement of construction of the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure, which may comprise (and which may require separate consents):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Surveys, including geophysical surveys, geotechnical surveys and non-archaeological/archaeological diver/remotely operated vehicle surveys;</li><li>▪ Seabed preparation including sand wave levelling, boulder clearance, and pre-lay grapnel runs;</li><li>▪ Unexploded ordnance survey and/or clearance;</li><li>▪ Debris clearance; and</li><li>▪ Out of service cable/pipeline removal/ protection.</li></ul> |
| Soft start             | <p>The procedure used to commence piling at a low hammer energy. The soft start procedure consists of low-energy blows which are followed by the ramp-up procedure.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Trenchless technique   | <p>A trenchless technique to bring the offshore export cables ashore at landfall.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

## Glossary of Abbreviations

| Term     | Definition                                                          |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AEZ      | Archaeological Exclusion Zones                                      |
| CaP      | Cable Plan                                                          |
| CBRA     | Cable Burial Risk Assessment                                        |
| DSLPL    | Development Specification and Layout Plan                           |
| EIA      | Environmental Impact Assessment                                     |
| EMP      | Environmental Management Plan                                       |
| ERCoP    | Emergency Response Cooperation Plan                                 |
| FLOWW    | Fishing Liaison with Offshore Wind and Wet Renewables               |
| FMMCP    | Fisheries Mitigation, Monitoring, and Communication Plan            |
| IEMA     | Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment                |
| INNSMP   | Invasive Non-native Species Mitigation Plan                         |
| LMP      | Lighting and Marking Plan                                           |
| MARPOL   | International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships |
| MCA      | Maritime and Coastguard Agency                                      |
| MD-LOT   | Marine Directorate – Licensing Operations Team                      |
| MMMP     | Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol                           |
| NLB      | Northern Lighthouse Board                                           |
| O&M      | Operation and Maintenance                                           |
| OfRCS(s) | Offshore reactive compensation station(s)                           |
| OfSS(s)  | Offshore substation(s)                                              |
| OfTDA    | Offshore Transmission Development                                   |
| PNMP     | Piling Noise Mitigation Plan                                        |
| SAR      | Search and rescue                                                   |
| SFF      | Scottish Fishermen's Federation                                     |
| VMNSP    | Outline Vessel Management and Navigational Safety Plan              |

# 1 Introduction

1. This Appendix presents the preliminary Mitigation and Monitoring Register for the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Development Area (OfTDA) at the scoping stage. The Appendix summarises the proposed mitigation, monitoring, and management plans identified from the current project design and technical scoping assessments presented in **Chapters 5 to 19** of the **Bellrock OfTDA Scoping Report (Volume 1)**. The relevance of each mitigation measure to the individual technical scoping assessment is described within the respective technical chapters.
2. As the project design evolves, the mitigation measures may be refined and additional mitigation measures may be developed through the iterative design and EIA processes, informed by stakeholder consultation, the Scoping Opinion and design development. An updated Mitigation and Monitoring Register will be included in support of the Bellrock OfTDA EIA Report.
3. As set out in **Chapter 4: Approach to Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment** of the **Bellrock OfTDA Scoping Report (Volume 1)**, the Bellrock OfTDA EIA Report will identify mitigation measures in accordance with the three types of mitigation defined by Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) (2024):
  - **Primary mitigation:** Measures that are treated as an inherent part of the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure. These may include modifications to the location or design made during the pre-application phase, e.g. adoption of methods and equipment for seabed preparation which have been designed to minimise the potential for sediment suspension and dispersal;
  - **Secondary mitigation:** Measures that will require further activity to achieve the anticipated outcome. The effectiveness of such measures will be assessed within the Bellrock OfTDA EIA Report and appropriate mitigation will be secured by a Marine Licence condition. For example, implementation of additional project-specific mitigation measures identified through EIA and secured through a post-consent management plan or through a Marine Licence condition; and
  - **Tertiary mitigation:** Measures that would occur irrespective of the Bellrock OfTDA EIA. These include measures that will be undertaken to meet other existing legislative requirements, or actions that are standard practices used to manage commonly occurring environmental impacts. This includes development and adherence to management plans, such as an Environmental Management Plan (EMP).
4. Primary and tertiary mitigation are considered to be 'embedded' mitigation as they are incorporated as part of the design of the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure. The assessment of the likely significant environmental effects for the pre-mitigation scenario presented within the Bellrock OfTDA EIA Report will take embedded mitigation into account (i.e. primary and tertiary mitigation) in determining the magnitude of impact. Therefore, the basis for the EIA should be that both these forms of mitigation definitely will be delivered: thus, any effects that might have arisen without these forms of mitigation do not need to be identified as potential effects, as there should be no potential for them to arise (IEMA, 2024).

5. In line with the Marine Directorate Licensing Operations Team's (MD-LOT) mitigation and monitoring plan guidance (2025), the following full plans will be submitted with the Bellrock OfTDA Marine Licence Application:
  - Fisheries Mitigation, Monitoring, and Communication Plan (FMMCP);
  - Invasive Non-native Species Mitigation Plan (INNSMP);
  - Marine Pollution Contingency Plan; and
  - Written Scheme of Investigation and Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries.
  
6. The Applicant also proposes to provide several additional outline plans with the Bellrock OfTDA Marine Licence Application. However, due to project parameters and details which will be unavailable at the application stage, these outline plans will be updated and finalised post-consent. The following outline plans are proposed for submission with the Bellrock OfTDA Marine Licence Application:
  - Outline EMP;
  - Outline Lighting and Marking Plan (LMP);
  - Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol (MMMP); and
  - Outline Vessel Management and Navigational Safety Plan (VMNSP).
  
7. Additional consent/management plans may be prepared post-consent where required by the conditions of the Bellrock OfTDA Marine Licence. The final suite of consent/management plans and their associated content will be determined through the consenting process, taking account of the final project design and the requirements of the Bellrock OfTDA Marine Licence.

## 2 Mitigation and Monitoring Measures

8. **Table 2.1** presents the preliminary embedded mitigation measures identified for the Bellrock OfTDA at the scoping stage. Consistent with the mitigation hierarchy (IEMA, 2024), the register currently includes primary (inherent design measures) and tertiary (standard good practice) mitigation measures that are embedded within the project design and have therefore been considered in the scoping assessments. Secondary mitigation measures will be identified, where required, through the EIA process and informed by the outcomes of the preliminary impact assessments.
9. The embedded mitigation measures presented in **Table 2.1** may be refined as the project design evolves, and additional embedded mitigation measures may also be developed through the iterative design and EIA processes, informed by stakeholder consultation and the Scoping Opinion. As such, the Mitigation and Monitoring Register is a live document and will be updated throughout the EIA process, with an updated register presented within the Bellrock OfTDA EIA Report.
10. Further details on the relevance of each mitigation measure to the individual technical assessments are provided within the respective chapters (**Chapters 5 to 19**) of the **Bellrock OfTDA Scoping Report (Volume 1)**.

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Table 2.1: Mitigation and Monitoring Measures for the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Development Area

| Project Phase |                           |                 | Mitigation and Monitoring Measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | EIA Topic                                                       |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Mitigation Type (Primary, Secondary or Tertiary) |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Construction  | Operation and Maintenance | Decommissioning |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes (Chapter 5) | Intertidal and Benthic Ecology (Chapter 6) | Fish and Shellfish Ecology (Chapter 7) | Marine Mammals (Chapter 8) | Intertidal and Offshore Ornithology (Chapter 9) | Commercial Fisheries (Chapter 10) | Shipping and Navigation (Chapter 11) | Aviation and Radar (Chapter 12) | Marine Infrastructure and Other Users (Chapter 13) | Marine Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (Chapter 14) | Seascape, Landscape, and Visual Impact (Chapter 15) | Socioeconomics and Tourism (Chapter 16) | Climate Change (Chapter 17) | Offshore Air Quality (Chapter 18) | Major Accidents and Disasters (Chapter 19) |                                                  |
| ✓             |                           |                 | Where seabed preparation is required (e.g. sand wave levelling), methods and equipment that have been designed to minimise the potential for sediment suspension and dispersal will be adopted as far as is reasonably practicable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ✓                                                               | ✓                                          | ✓                                      | ✓                          | ✓                                               | ✓                                 |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Primary                                          |
|               | ✓                         |                 | Offshore export cables and interconnector cable(s) will be installed with a target burial depth of 1 to 3.5 m (if burial is required and where ground conditions allow), to avoid the need for external cable protection. Cable protection will only be used where adequate burial cannot be achieved and will be minimised so far as reasonably practicable. The requirement for, and extent of, any cable protection will be determined through a post-consent Cable Burial Risk Assessment (CBRA) (see row below relating to the CBRA).                                                                                                              | ✓                                                               | ✓                                          | ✓                                      |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Primary                                          |
|               | ✓                         |                 | Scour protection (e.g. concrete mattresses, rock placement, grout bags, artificial frond mats), will prevent scour during the operational life of the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ✓                                                               | ✓                                          | ✓                                      |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Primary                                          |
|               | ✓                         |                 | Where an alternating current design is used, armoured 3-phase single core (trefoil arrangement) high voltage submarine cables will be used, to minimise both electric and magnetic fields. Offshore export cables and interconnector cable(s) will be buried or protected, with a target burial depth of 1 to 3.5 m (if burial is required and where ground conditions allow), to reduce the impact of electromagnetic fields and thermal emissions, and to minimise disturbance. Cable trench width may also vary to accommodate greater burial depths (subject to the conclusions of a CBRA), further minimising disturbance to habitats and species. |                                                                 | ✓                                          | ✓                                      |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Primary                                          |
| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | Development of, and adherence to, a Seabed Obstruction Mitigation Plan.<br><br>The Seabed Obstruction Mitigation Plan will set out any potential risks to legitimate sea users and identify measures to reduce these risks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 | ✓                                    |                                 | ✓                                                  |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             |                           |                 | Material displaced during cable burial activities will be backfilled, where necessary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ✓                                                               | ✓                                          | ✓                                      |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Primary                                          |
|               | ✓                         |                 | Subsea infrastructure will be subject to routine monitoring to ensure marine growth remains within design tolerance. Localised cleaning will be undertaken when marine growth is likely to exceed or reach design tolerance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                 | ✓                                          | ✓                                      |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Primary                                          |
| ✓             |                           |                 | The Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will comprise fixed-bottom offshore substation(s) (OfSS(s)) and fixed-bottom offshore reactive compensation station(s) (OfRCS(s)). Floating substructures are not proposed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                 | ✓                                          | ✓                                      |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Primary                                          |

| Project Phase |                           |                 | Mitigation and Monitoring Measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | EIA Topic                                                       |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Mitigation Type (Primary, Secondary or Tertiary) |
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| Construction  | Operation and Maintenance | Decommissioning |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes (Chapter 5) | Intertidal and Benthic Ecology (Chapter 6) | Fish and Shellfish Ecology (Chapter 7) | Marine Mammals (Chapter 8) | Intertidal and Offshore Ornithology (Chapter 9) | Commercial Fisheries (Chapter 10) | Shipping and Navigation (Chapter 11) | Aviation and Radar (Chapter 12) | Marine Infrastructure and Other Users (Chapter 13) | Marine Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (Chapter 14) | Seascape, Landscape, and Visual Impact (Chapter 15) | Socioeconomics and Tourism (Chapter 16) | Climate Change (Chapter 17) | Offshore Air Quality (Chapter 18) | Major Accidents and Disasters (Chapter 19) |                                                  |
| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | Development of and adherence to a Cable Plan (CaP).<br><br>The CaP will set out detailed cable installation methods and techniques (based on final project design). The CaP will confirm planned cable routing, burial (if any), and any additional protection if required, and will set out methods for post-installation cable monitoring.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | ✓                                                               | ✓                                          | ✓                                      |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 |                                      |                                 |                                                    | ✓                                                     |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | A detailed CBRA will be prepared where offshore export cables and interconnector cable(s) are proposed to be buried to determine the target burial depth. The burial depths may vary and will be dependent on risk and ground conditions. The CBRA will also highlight instances where adequate burial cannot be achieved, and alternative cable protection is needed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ✓                                                               | ✓                                          | ✓                                      |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 | ✓                                    |                                 | ✓                                                  |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                          | Primary                                          |
| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | Any damage, destruction, or decay of offshore export cables and/or interconnector cable(s) will be notified to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB), Kingfisher, and the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 | ✓                                    |                                 | ✓                                                  |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | Development and implementation of a VMNSP. The VMNSP will set out the procedures and measures to be implemented to manage project vessel operations during the construction, operation and maintenance (O&M), and decommissioning phases of the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure. The VMNSP will include, as appropriate, information on vessel types and anticipated numbers, indicative transit corridors, navigational safety measures (including Safety Zones, charting, construction buoyage, temporary lighting and marking), means of notifying other sea users of project activities (e.g. via Notice to Mariners with Kingfisher Bulletins or other appropriate methods), and the use of guard vessels where required.<br><br>The VMNSP will also incorporate recognised good practice for vessel operations, including alignment with the Scottish Marine Wildlife Watching Code (Scottish Natural Heritage, 2017a) and the associated Guide to Best Practice for Watching Marine Wildlife (Scottish Natural Heritage, 2017b), where applicable. Where practicable, vessel movements will follow defined transit corridors and be limited to those necessary for safe and efficient delivery of the works. |                                                                 |                                            | ✓                                      | ✓                          | ✓                                               | ✓                                 | ✓                                    |                                 | ✓                                                  |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             | ✓                                 | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | Development of and adherence to a Marine Pollution Contingency Plan.<br><br>The Marine Pollution Contingency Plan will outline the approach for managing and reducing risk of pollution and procedures to protect personnel and to be followed in the event of a pollution incident.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | ✓                                                               | ✓                                          | ✓                                      | ✓                          | ✓                                               | ✓                                 | ✓                                    |                                 | ✓                                                  |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | During the construction and O&M of the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure, periodic geophysical surveys will be required to ensure the offshore export cables and interconnector cable(s) remain buried and if they do become exposed, remedial works would be undertaken.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ✓                                                               | ✓                                          | ✓                                      |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 |                                      |                                 | ✓                                                  | ✓                                                     |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                          | Primary                                          |

| Project Phase |                           |                 | Mitigation and Monitoring Measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | EIA Topic                                                       |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Mitigation Type (Primary, Secondary or Tertiary) |
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| Construction  | Operation and Maintenance | Decommissioning |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes (Chapter 5) | Intertidal and Benthic Ecology (Chapter 6) | Fish and Shellfish Ecology (Chapter 7) | Marine Mammals (Chapter 8) | Intertidal and Offshore Ornithology (Chapter 9) | Commercial Fisheries (Chapter 10) | Shipping and Navigation (Chapter 11) | Aviation and Radar (Chapter 12) | Marine Infrastructure and Other Users (Chapter 13) | Marine Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (Chapter 14) | Seascape, Landscape, and Visual Impact (Chapter 15) | Socioeconomics and Tourism (Chapter 16) | Climate Change (Chapter 17) | Offshore Air Quality (Chapter 18) | Major Accidents and Disasters (Chapter 19) |                                                  |
| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | An EMP will be prepared and implemented to set out the procedures to avoid, reduce, and manage potential environmental effects arising across the construction and O&M of the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure, in accordance with relevant international and national legislation and guidance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ✓                                                               | ✓                                          | ✓                                      | ✓                          | ✓                                               | ✓                                 | ✓                                    |                                 | ✓                                                  | ✓                                                     |                                                     |                                         | ✓                           | ✓                                 | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | Advance warning and accurate location details of construction, maintenance, and decommissioning activities, associated Safety Zones, and advisory passing distances will be given via notifications to mariners and Kingfisher Bulletins.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 | ✓                                    |                                 | ✓                                                  |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             |                           |                 | Development of, and adherence to, a Piling Noise Mitigation Plan (PNMP).<br><br>The PNMP will be developed in consultation with the MD-LOT and NatureScot and prepared in accordance with the Marine Directorate guidance on mitigation and monitoring plans (Marine Directorate, 2025), which sets out prescriptive requirements for what the PNMP should cover.<br><br>The PNMP will be submitted to MD-LOT for approval prior to the commencement of piling, outlining mitigation and management measures that will be implemented during pile installation.                                                                                         |                                                                 |                                            | ✓                                      | ✓                          |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | Development of, and adherence to, a MMMP for piling.<br><br>The MMMP for piling will be developed prior to commencement of construction and based upon best available information, methodologies, industry best practice, latest scientific understanding, current guidance and detailed project design.<br><br>The MMMP for piling will be developed in consultation with MD-LOT and NatureScot, and will detail the proposed mitigation measures to reduce the risk of any physical or permanent auditory injury/change in hearing sensitivity (Permanent Threshold Shift) to marine mammals and impacts of disturbance during all piling operations. |                                                                 |                                            | ✓                                      | ✓                          |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             |                           |                 | Implementation of soft start and ramp-up measures for piling (which would reduce underwater noise effects), will be set out in the PNMP and part of the MMMP for piling activities.<br><br>Each piling event would commence with a soft start at a lower hammer energy followed by a gradual ramp-up for at least 20 minutes to the maximum hammer energy required. The soft start and ramp-up allow mobile species to move away from the area before the maximum hammer energy with the greatest noise impact area is reached.                                                                                                                         |                                                                 |                                            | ✓                                      | ✓                          |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Primary                                          |

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| ✓             |                           |                 | A detailed MMMP will be prepared for unexploded ordnance clearance. The MMMP for unexploded ordnance clearance will ensure there are adequate mitigation measures to minimise the risk of any physical or permanent auditory injury to marine mammals as a result of unexploded ordnance clearance.<br><br>The most suitable mitigation measures, based upon best available information and methodologies at that time, will be utilised. The MMMP for unexploded ordnance clearance will be prepared in consultation with MD-LOT and NatureScot.                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                 |                                            | ✓                                      | ✓                          | ✓                                               | ✓                                 |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             |                           |                 | If required, mitigation for geophysical surveys will follow the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (2017) 'Guidelines for Minimising the Risk of Injury to Marine Mammals from Geophysical Surveys'.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                            | ✓                                      | ✓                          |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             |                           |                 | Development of an Unexploded Ordnance Threat and Risk Assessment.<br><br>All unexploded ordnance detonations will be subject to a risk assessment undertaken in accordance with relevant guidance such as publication C754 Assessment and Management of unexploded ordnance Risk in the Marine Environment (Construction Industry Research and Information Association, 2015).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                 | ✓                                          | ✓                                      | ✓                          | ✓                                               | ✓                                 |                                      |                                 | ✓                                                  | ✓                                                     |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | Development and implementation of a FMMCP. The FMMCP will describe the mitigation, monitoring, and communication measures to be implemented during the construction and O&M of the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure to avoid or minimise adverse effects on commercial fisheries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                 |                                            | ✓                                      |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | Participation in a Regional Commercial Fisheries Working Group (subject to a Commercial Fisheries Working Group being established and operating effectively) to assist with liaison between the Applicant and the fishing community.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     | ✓                                       |                             |                                   |                                            | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | Adherence to best practice guidance with regards to fisheries liaison and procedures in the event of interactions between the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure and fishing activities (e.g. Guidance on Claim for Compensation for Damage or Loss of Fishing Gear, Loss of Fishing Time, or Damage to Vessel by Suspected Offshore Renewable Activity (Scottish Government, 2021) and Best Practice Guidance for Fisheries Liaison with Offshore Renewables Developments <sup>1</sup> , in particular Chapter 7 (Fishing Liaison with Offshore Wind and Wet Renewables (FLOWW), 2025), in particular Section 7 (Disruption Settlements, Protocols for Lost/Damaged Gear, and Fisheries Community Funds). |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             |                           |                 | Where boulder and/or unexploded ordnance removal is required during site preparation works or any phase of the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure, the location of unexploded ordnance and large boulders that are relocated and may pose a snagging risk for fishing gear, will be disclosed to the fishing industry in a timely manner and in an accessible format.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |

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| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | Preparation of an INNSMP to include provisions for invasive non-native species management.<br><br>The INNSMP will implement biosecurity measures in line with international and national regulations and guidance, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), which sets out requirements, including appropriate vessel maintenance;</li><li>The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, which provides an international framework for the control of transfer of potentially invasive non-native species from ballast water; and</li><li>Consideration of guidance from the International Maritime Organisation (2023) on the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimise the transfer of invasive aquatic species.</li></ul> |                                                                 | ✓                                          | ✓                                      | ✓                          |                                                 | ✓                                 |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | Adherence to the following international and national regulations and guidance, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MARPOL, which sets out requirements, including appropriate vessel maintenance;</li><li>The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, which provides an international framework for the control of transfer of potentially invasive species from ballast water; and</li><li>Consideration of guidance from the International Maritime Organisation (2023) on the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimise the transfer of invasive aquatic species.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ✓                                                               | ✓                                          | ✓                                      | ✓                          | ✓                                               | ✓                                 |                                      |                                 | ✓                                                  | ✓                                                     |                                                     | ✓                                       | ✓                           | ✓                                 | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | Ongoing liaison with commercial fishing interests will be maintained throughout construction, O&M, and decommissioning of the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure. A dedicated Fisheries Liaison Officer will be appointed during the construction phase. During O&M and decommissioning, appropriate fisheries liaison arrangements will be maintained, including the appointment of a Fisheries Liaison Officer, if required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 | ✓                                    |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                            | Tertiary                                         |

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| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | An application will be made post-consent for Safety Zones including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>An application for Safety Zones for up to 500 m around each OfSS and OfRCS during its construction;</li><li>An application for Safety Zones for up to 50 m around each OfSS and OfRCS when construction works have been completed but prior to commissioning, or where construction works are partially completed and a construction vessel is not present;</li><li>An application for Safety Zones for up to 500 m around each OfSS and OfRCS during major maintenance during operation;</li><li>An application (prior to commencement of decommissioning) for Safety Zones for up to 500 m around each OfSS and OfRCS during its decommissioning; and</li><li>Consideration will also be given to an application for up to 500 m operational Safety Zones throughout the O&amp;M phase.</li></ul> |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 | ✓                                    |                                 | ✓                                                  |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                                | Primary                                    |
| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | Where appropriate, guard vessels (or other suitable methods) will be used to ensure adherence with Safety Zones or advisory passing distances, as defined by risk assessment, to mitigate any impact which poses a risk to surface navigation during construction, O&M, and decommissioning phases.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 | ✓                                    |                                 | ✓                                                  |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                                | Tertiary                                   |
| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | Development and implementation of a Development Specification and Layout Plan (DSLPL). A DSLPL will be prepared post-consent to finalise the layout of the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure, including the OfSS(s) and OfRCS(s), in accordance with Marine Licence conditions. The DSLPL will be developed in consultation with the MCA and the NLB to ensure the final layout is compatible with navigational safety requirements, including potential search and rescue (SAR) activities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 | ✓                                    |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         | ✓                           |                                   |                                                  | Tertiary                                   |
|               | ✓                         |                 | Sufficient information on the location and characteristics of the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be provided to the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office to enable the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure to be accurately charted on physical and electronic nautical charts and associated publications.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 | ✓                                    |                                 | ✓                                                  |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                                | Tertiary                                   |
| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | Development of, and adherence to, an LMP.<br><br>The LMP will set out the lighting and marking requirements for the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure during the construction, O&M, and decommissioning phases, including compliance with all relevant navigation and aviation legislative requirements. The LMP will ensure that lighting is minimised, so far as reasonably practicable, whilst maintaining compliance with these requirements. Procedures will also be established for the reporting and timely rectification of lighting and marking failures, with interim hazard warnings implemented where required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            | ✓                                               | ✓                                 |                                      | ✓                               | ✓                                                  |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                                | Tertiary                                   |

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| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | Any dropped objects during works associated with the Bellrock OfTDA will be reported in line with MD-LOT's guidance on the 'accidental deposit of an object at sea' (Marine Directorate, 2024) and objects will be recovered where they pose a hazard to other marine users and where recovery is practicable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                 |                                            | ✓                                      |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 |                                      |                                 | ✓                                                  |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | Compliance with Marine Guidance Note 654 and development and implementation of an Emergency Response Cooperation Plan (ERCoP). The Applicant will ensure compliance with Marine Guidance Note 654 and its annexes, where applicable, including consultation with the MCA, completion of a SAR checklist, and development and implementation of an ERCoP. The ERCoP will set out procedures and responsibilities for responding to emergency situations during the construction, O&M, and decommissioning phases of the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure, as applicable. This will include arrangements to support SAR and other emergency response activities, together with emergency contacts, reporting and escalation procedures, and clearly defined roles and responsibilities. |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 | ✓                                    | ✓                               | ✓                                                  |                                                       |                                                     |                                         | ✓                           |                                   | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | Marine coordination will be implemented to manage project vessels throughout construction, O&M, and decommissioning periods, including in liaison with relevant ports and harbours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 | ✓                                    |                                 | ✓                                                  |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | Project vessels will ensure compliance with international marine regulations as adopted by the Flag State, including the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, thereby reducing the risk of navigational incidents, including vessel collisions, and associated risks to other sea users and the marine environment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 | ✓                                    |                                 | ✓                                                  |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | A Navigational Risk Assessment will be developed for the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure, which will include consideration of the OfSS(s) and OfRCS(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 | ✓                                    |                                 | ✓                                                  |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
|               |                           | ✓               | Development of, and adherence to, a Decommissioning Programme.<br><br>The Decommissioning Programme will set out the framework for the safe, orderly, and environmentally acceptable decommissioning and removal of the Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure, in the interests of safety and environmental protection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ✓                                                               | ✓                                          | ✓                                      | ✓                          | ✓                                               | ✓                                 | ✓                                    | ✓                               | ✓                                                  | ✓                                                     |                                                     | ✓                                       | ✓                           |                                   | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | A workforce mental health management plan will be implemented through the project-specific Health and Safety plan. This will include site inductions, access to support services, and procedures to identify and manage fatigue and stress, thereby reducing potential adverse effects on workforce wellbeing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     | ✓                                       |                             |                                   |                                            | Tertiary                                         |

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| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | Appropriate marking of the Bellrock OfTDA on aeronautical charts. This will include provision of the positions and heights of structures to Civil Aviation Authority, Ministry of Defence, and Defence Geographics Centre.                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      | ✓                               |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                                | Tertiary                                   |
| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | Lights, marks, sounds, signals, and other aids to navigation will be exhibited as required by NLB, MCA, and the Civil Aviation Authority including the buoyed construction/decommissioning areas.                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 | ✓                                 | ✓                                    | ✓                               | ✓                                                  |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | ✓                                                | Tertiary                                   |
| ✓             |                           |                 | Cable installation vessels and support vessels will display appropriate lights and marks at all times, and where possible, broadcast their status on Automatic Identification System.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   | ✓                                    |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                                  | Tertiary                                   |
| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | Commitment to preparation and agreement on an Offshore Written Scheme of Investigation and Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    | ✓                                                     |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                                  | Tertiary                                   |
| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | The implementation of Archaeological Exclusion Zones (AEZs) around sites identified as having a known important archaeological potential to mitigate the potential impacts from offshore infrastructure.                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    | ✓                                                     |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                                  | Tertiary                                   |
| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | Archaeological input into specifications for and analysis of future geophysical surveys and/or geotechnical surveys within the Bellrock OfTDA, including a provision for sampling, analysis and reporting of recovered cores, if appropriate.<br><br>The results of all geoarchaeological investigations will be compiled in a final report which includes a sediment deposit Model.  |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    | ✓                                                     |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                                  | Tertiary                                   |
| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | Archaeologists to be consulted in the preparation of any Remotely Operated Vehicle or diver surveys and in monitoring/checking of data, if appropriate based upon the findings of the archaeological assessment of geophysical survey data.                                                                                                                                           |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    | ✓                                                     |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                                  | Tertiary                                   |
| ✓             |                           |                 | All anomalies of possible archaeological potential will be reviewed against the final layout and design. If they are likely to be impacted, these anomalies would undergo further archaeological investigation. Should these anomalies prove to be of archaeological importance then future AEZs may be implemented following consultation with heritage stakeholders.                |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    | ✓                                                     |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                                  | Tertiary                                   |
| ✓             |                           |                 | Micro-siting of Offshore Transmission Infrastructure to avoid known heritage assets (AEZs) where practicable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    | ✓                                                     |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                                  | Tertiary                                   |
| ✓             |                           |                 | The Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be micro-sited, where practicable, to avoid sensitive seabed habitats, low or limited mobility benthic species, such as Annex I habitats and Priority Marine Features. Micro-siting will be informed by surveys prior to the commencement of construction which will identify the location and extent of habitats and species. |                                                                 | ✓                                          |                                        | ✓                          | ✓                                               |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                                  | Primary                                    |

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| ✓             |                           |                 | Trenchless techniques will be used at the landfall to avoid direct disturbance to the intertidal and shallow subtidal environment, thereby reducing habitat loss and seabed disturbance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                 | ✓                                          | ✓                                      |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 | ✓                                                  | ✓                                                     |                                                     | ✓                                       |                             |                                   |                                            | Primary                                          |
| ✓             |                           |                 | Development of, and adherence to, a Construction Method Statement.<br><br>The Construction Method Statement will describe the methods for construction for all the consented Bellrock Offshore Transmission Infrastructure and set out the measures to be implemented to avoid or reduce adverse effects on the environment and legitimate users of the sea during the construction phase. This will include a clear definition of roles and responsibilities and reference to relevant Health and Safety protocols. |                                                                 | ✓                                          | ✓                                      | ✓                          | ✓                                               | ✓                                 | ✓                                    | ✓                               | ✓                                                  | ✓                                                     |                                                     | ✓                                       | ✓                           |                                   | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
|               | ✓                         |                 | Regular and periodic inspections and maintenance of the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure will be undertaken over its operational life to identify and remediate any damage and deterioration and maintain good working conditions (including any debris entangled with the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure). This will include but not be limited to surveys of subsea infrastructure.<br><br>These will be included in the Operation and Maintenance Plan.                                                 | ✓                                                               | ✓                                          | ✓                                      | ✓                          | ✓                                               | ✓                                 | ✓                                    | ✓                               |                                                    | ✓                                                     |                                                     | ✓                                       | ✓                           |                                   | ✓                                          | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             | ✓                         |                 | Should any sulphur hexafluoride containing equipment be required, a gas leakage monitoring and detection system will be implemented to minimise operational leakages. In the rare event of a leakage occurring, the fault will be repaired as soon as reasonably practicable.<br><br>The Bellrock Project will consider sulphur hexafluoride free electrical equipment during detailed design and procurement where alternatives are deemed suitable.                                                                |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         | ✓                           |                                   |                                            | Tertiary                                         |
| ✓             |                           |                 | Surface-piercing infrastructure (i.e. OfSS(s) and OfRCS(s)) will be located at least 39 km from the coastline (MHWS), which will limit visibility from the locations of sensitive receptors along the coast. Significant effects on landscape and visual receptors from the presence of the OfSS(s) and OfRCS(s) are therefore considered unlikely.                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 | ✓                                                  |                                                       | ✓                                                   | ✓                                       |                             |                                   |                                            | Primary                                          |
| ✓             | ✓                         | ✓               | The Applicant will implement an Environmental Management System adhering to International Standards Organisation 14001:2015 (International Standards Organisation, 2015), which includes a requirement for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.<br><br>The implementation of the Environmental Management System will support the Bellrock Project to systematically identify, manage and reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         | ✓                           |                                   |                                            | Tertiary                                         |

| Project Phase                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                           |                 | Mitigation and Monitoring Measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | EIA Topic                                                       |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   | Mitigation Type (Primary, Secondary or Tertiary) |                                            |
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| Construction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Operation and Maintenance | Decommissioning |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes (Chapter 5) | Intertidal and Benthic Ecology (Chapter 6) | Fish and Shellfish Ecology (Chapter 7) | Marine Mammals (Chapter 8) | Intertidal and Offshore Ornithology (Chapter 9) | Commercial Fisheries (Chapter 10) | Shipping and Navigation (Chapter 11) | Aviation and Radar (Chapter 12) | Marine Infrastructure and Other Users (Chapter 13) | Marine Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (Chapter 14) | Seascape, Landscape, and Visual Impact (Chapter 15) | Socioeconomics and Tourism (Chapter 16) | Climate Change (Chapter 17) | Offshore Air Quality (Chapter 18) |                                                  | Major Accidents and Disasters (Chapter 19) |
| ✓                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ✓                         | ✓               | <p>The Applicant will proactively engage with potential suppliers to build local supply chain capacity. Work with other developers, the Scottish Government, and key stakeholders to assist in addressing barriers to local supply chain participation, with the aim of supporting and enhancing the participation of local businesses.</p> <p>Alongside this, the Energy Pathfinder<sup>2</sup> (or similar initiative) will be utilised to ensure visibility of relevant opportunities for Scottish and UK suppliers to bid for work. This measure will ensure opportunities for supply chain spending in Scotland and the UK are maximised.</p> |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     | ✓                                       |                             |                                   |                                                  | Tertiary                                   |
| ✓                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ✓                         | ✓               | <p>The Applicant will collaborate with local and national agencies on enterprise and skills development programmes to train and upskill the workforce and ensure local residents have access to the opportunities created.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     | ✓                                       |                             |                                   |                                                  | Tertiary                                   |
| Notes:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                           |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                                  |                                            |
| <sup>1</sup> It is noted that the Scottish Fishermen’s Federation (SFF) and related Associations have withdrawn from the FLOWW process. In the absence of alternative guidance supported by SFF, the Applicant will continue to adopt the FLOWW guidance and review its position should alternative guidance supported by SFF and related Associations be published. |                           |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                                  |                                            |
| <sup>2</sup> Energy Pathfinder ( <a href="https://energypathfinder.nstauthority.co.uk/projects">https://energypathfinder.nstauthority.co.uk/projects</a> ) is a searchable database of upcoming construction and O&M contracts for North Sea oil and gas and renewable energy projects.                                                                              |                           |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                 |                                            |                                        |                            |                                                 |                                   |                                      |                                 |                                                    |                                                       |                                                     |                                         |                             |                                   |                                                  |                                            |

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