

# Appendix 4.3 Cross-reference of EIA Scoping Opinion in the EIA Report

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**Table 1 – Summary of EIA Scoping Opinion**

Consultee	Technical Discipline	Scoping Response	EIA Report
North Ayrshire Council	EIA	The EIA Report must contain all the information outlined in Schedule 4 of the EIA Regulations.	Refer to Chapter 4 within the EIA Report.
		The EIA Report must include an outline of the reasonable alternatives studied. This should include the main reasons for selecting the chosen option with consideration given to the site location, layout and other design considerations.	Refer to Chapter 2 within the EIA Report.
		The EIA Report should include a detailed assessment of the specific selection of the site. Consideration should be given to operational constraints, landscape and visual considerations, nature conservation and hydrological interest. Awareness should be shown of known constraints presented by local and national landscape, nature conservation and special scientific designations	Refer to Chapters 2, 5, 7 and 10 within the EIA Report.
		The EIA Report should concentrate on those elements likely to have 'significant' consequences for the receiving environment. It should make passing reference to other issues of lesser importance to indicate that they have been considered. Short-term and long-term consequences should be identified with an indication of the expected degree of magnitude and any mitigation measures advanced along with the degree of confidence as to the efficacy of such measures.	Refer to Chapter 4 within the EIA Report.
		Where significant effects are anticipated, mitigation measures should be identified and provided. This should include proposals for implementation and monitoring of those measures. A summarised table of the measures should be provided within the EIA report. In accordance with the requirements of the Regulations, the EIA should be accompanied by a non-technical summary of the issues addressed in the main document.	Refer to Chapter 16 within the EIA Report and the Non-Technical Summary supporting document.

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	Landscape and Visual	<p>A Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) should be carried out to consider the fit of the Proposed Development to the character of the area with regard given to the qualities of the Undeveloped Coast and Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park.</p> <p>The LVIA should include the representative viewpoints laid out in Figure 7.2 of the Scoping Report (refer to Appendix 4.1 within this EIA Report) alongside viewpoints from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Brodick, Isle of Arran;</li> <li>▪ the Loch Lomond &amp; the Trossachs National Park, including the Cowal peninsula, Stronchuillin Hill, and along the A880;</li> <li>▪ the Mount Stewart Garden and Designed Landscape on Bute;</li> <li>▪ the ferries between Inverclyde and Argyll &amp; Bute; and</li> <li>▪ the Core Path network.</li> </ul> <p>The representative viewpoints should be subject of photomontages. The consideration of cumulative impacts along with a Coastal Character Assessment and Landscape Character Assessment will be required. Borrow pits and access routes should be considered as part of any assessment.</p>	Refer to Chapter 5 within the EIA Report.
	Ecology and Nature Conservation, and Ornithology	<p>The EIA Report should include an Ecological Impact Assessment with baseline ornithological and protected species surveys, including bat. All surveys should be carried out within 18 months prior to the submission of any planning permission. All surveys must be carried out in accordance with best practice methodology and include the potential impacts arising from access routes and borrow pits.</p> <p>A particular focus should be given to the potential impacts of the Proposed Development on Skelmorlie Glen SSSI, the Skelmorlie Glen &amp; Fardens Glen</p>	Refer to Chapters 6 and 7 within the EIA Report.

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		<p>Local Nature Conservation Site, and the Renfrewshire Heights Special Protection Area (SPA). Any identified impacts on the SPA should be detailed in enough information to allow an appropriate assessment of the impacts to be made.</p>	
	<p>Geology, Peat, Hydrology and Hydrogeology</p>	<p>The EIA Report should provide an assessment of all engineering activities in, or impacting on, the water environment. This must include proposed buffers, details of any flood risk assessment and details of any related Controlled Activities Regulations (CAR) applications.</p> <p>There must also be an assessment and mapping of impacts upon Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems, groundwater abstractions, and buffers.</p> <p>The provided maps should include information regarding borrow pits, forest removal, proposed waste water drainage, surface water drainage layouts, and proposed water abstractions. Further details should be provided regarding the proposed operating regime, a decommissioning statement, and a schedule of mitigation including pollution prevention measures and a Borrow Pit Site Management Plan.</p> <p>A comprehensive Peat Management Plan including a peat depth survey and information regarding its re-use should be provided.</p> <p>Confirmation should be provided that all watercourse crossings are designed to accommodate a 1 in 200 year flooding event and that other infrastructure is located well away from watercourses.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapters 7, 10 and 17 within the EIA Report.</p>
	<p>Traffic and Transport</p>	<p>The EIA Report should include a Transportation Assessment in accordance with the methodology set out in the Scoping Report (refer to Appendix 4.1 within this EIA Report). This should identify mitigation measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the road network both by construction and delivery traffic.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 11 within the EIA Report.</p>

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	Noise	<p>The EIA Report should include a Noise Impact Assessment which identifies the noise generating activities arising from the operation of the Proposed Development. The assessment should demonstrate the likely impact on any noise sensitive receptors and be produced in accordance with the requirements of North Ayrshire Council Environmental Health and Inverclyde Council Environmental Health.</p> <p>The assessment should include the potential impact of noise levels on recreational users of the area and protected wildlife.</p>	Refer to Chapter 8 within the EIA Report.
	Shadow Flicker	The EIA Report should include an assessment of the potential impact from shading or shadow flicker on the nearest properties, other than to the south.	Refer to Chapter 14 within the EIA Report.
	Cultural Heritage	<p>The EIA Report should provide an assessment of the impact of the Proposed Development on the cultural heritage and archaeology of the area. The assessment should identify non-designated elements of the historic environment, in particular those whose setting may be particularly sensitive to change.</p> <p>Photomontages of views from the scheduled monument Outerwards Roman fortlet should also be included.</p>	Refer to Chapter 9 within the EIA Report.
	Socio-economic, Recreation and Tourism	<p>The EIA Report should include an assessment of the effects of the Proposed Development in terms of direct and indirect employment along with supply chain benefits during the construction and the operation of the site.</p> <p>The impact of the Proposed Development on the recreational and tourism economy should also be assessed with particular reference given to the Core Path network, recreational users of the Firth of Clyde, and tourist accommodation facilities. Details of any pre-application consultation with relevant interests should be recorded.</p>	Refer to Chapter 12 within the EIA Report.

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Argyll and Bute Council	Landscape and Visual	The EIA Report should include a LVIA following the methodology outlined in the Scoping Report (refer to Appendix 4.1 within the EIA Report) with the addition of a considered viewpoint from Mount Stewart Garden and Designated Landscape on Bute.	Refer to Chapter 5 within the EIA Report.
Historic Environment Scotland	Cultural Heritage	<p>The EIA Report should consider the impact of the Proposed Development on the Outerwards Roman fortlet, with a particular focus on the visual impact.</p> <p>Further pre-application discussion is recommended before the design of the Proposed Development is finalised to maximise opportunities to identify mitigation, and to allow a more complete understanding of the effects of the Proposed Development on this scheduled monument.</p> <p>It is suggested that the two methodologies outlined in the Scoping Report (refer to Appendix 4.1 within the EIA Report) to assess the impact of the Proposed Development on the cultural heritage of the area should be simplified into a single methodology to focus on impacts on cultural significance.</p>	Refer to Chapter 9 within the EIA Report.
Scottish Wildlife Trust	Ecology and Nature Conservation	The EIA Report should include an assessment of the current state of the Skelmorlie Glen SSSI and detail any potential threats to the trees and ground flora. The risks to the grassland and flush areas should be quantified.	Refer to Chapter 7 within the EIA Report.
	Ornithology	<p>The EIA Report should include an assessment on the current situation of the hen harrier (<i>Circus cyaneus</i>) population at Renfrewshire Heights SPA and the effect of the Proposed Development on this population.</p> <p>Further surveys should be conducted to update information regarding the presence of black grouse (<i>Tetrao tetrix</i>) and owls (<i>Strigiformes spp.</i>) in the area.</p>	Refer to Chapter 6 within the EIA Report.

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West of Scotland Archaeology Service	Cultural Heritage	<p>The EIA Report should provide visualisations and photomontages to demonstrate the impact of the Proposed Development on the viewpoint from the scheduled monument Outerwards Roman fortlet.</p> <p>It is suggested that survey work would be necessary to more accurately identify the routes of the two possible Roman roads detailed in the Scoping Report (refer to Appendix 4.1 within the EIA Report) which were last documented in 1971. Also, further consideration should be given to those non-designated sites whose setting may be particularly sensitive to change and to those sites which were identified as potential candidates for inclusion in the schedule in the Non-Statutory Register.</p>	Refer to Chapter 9 within the EIA Report.
Scottish Natural Heritage	Ecology and Nature Conservation	<p>The EIA Report should consider the ecological impacts of access routes and the location of borrow pits and provide an assurance that the protected sites in proximity to the Proposed Development will be excluded from route selection for grid connection of the turbines.</p> <p>It is confirmed that the baseline ornithological and bat surveys referred to in the Scoping Report (refer to Appendix 4.1 within the EIA Report) are valid. However, it may be necessary to re-survey for bat species following current approved methodology if there is a substantial delay in the submission of a complete EIA Report.</p>	Refer to Chapter 7 within the EIA Report.
	Landscape and Visual	Scottish Natural Heritage is currently unable to comment on the landscape and visual impacts of the Proposed Development.	Refer to Chapter 5 within the EIA Report.
Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park	Landscape and Visual	The EIA Report should include viewpoints from within the LLTNPA in the LVIA so that the landscape impact of the Proposed Development can be fully understood. It is suggested that further viewpoints are included such as Cowal peninsula, Stronchuillin Hill, and a sequential analysis along the A880.	Refer to Chapter 5 within the EIA Report.

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Authority (LLTNPA)		It is recommended that the adopted LLTNPA 'Renewable Energy Planning Guidance Appendix 7: Advice for wind farm developers proposing wind farm developments outwith the National Park' document should be added to the guidance documents used to inform the LVIA assessment.	
Inverclyde Council	Landscape and Visual	The EIA Report should include a LVIA which considers the impact of the Proposed Development on the landscape of the West Renfrew Hills Local Landscape Area, with reference made to the Draft West Renfrew Hills Local Landscape Area Statement of Importance 2017. The LVIA should include further viewpoints from the ferry route going to and from Argyll and Bute, and Route 2, 7 and 8 of the core paths within Inverclyde.	Refer to Chapter 5 within the EIA Report.
Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)	Design	<p>SEPA advises that the following key issues need to be addressed in the EIA process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A map and assessment of all engineering activities in, or impacting on, the water environment including proposed buffers, details of any flood risk assessment, and details of any related CAR applications;</li> <li>▪ A map and assessment of impacts upon Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems and buffers;</li> <li>▪ A map and assessment of impacts upon ground water abstractions and buffers;</li> <li>▪ A peat depth survey and table detailing re-use proposals;</li> <li>▪ A map and table detailing forest removal;</li> <li>▪ A map and site layout of borrow pits;</li> <li>▪ A schedule of mitigation including pollution prevention measures;</li> <li>▪ Borrow Pit Site Management Plan of pollution prevention measures;</li> </ul>	Refer to Chapters 3, 10 and 17 within the EIA Report.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A map of proposed waste water drainage layout;</li> <li>▪ A map of proposed surface water drainage layout;</li> <li>▪ A map of proposed water abstractions including details of the proposed operating regime; and</li> <li>▪ A decommissioning statement.</li> </ul>	
SEPA	Ecology and Nature Conservation	The EIA Report must ground truth the ecological habitat surveys referred to in the Scoping Report (refer to Appendix 4.1 within the EIA Report) which were undertaken over 5 years ago.	Refer to Chapter 7 within the EIA Report.
	Geology, Peat, Hydrology and Hydrogeology	The EIA Report must include a comprehensive site-specific Peat Management Plan. Furthermore, detailed information on flood risk is not required if all watercourse crossings are designed to accommodate a 1 in 200 year flood event and if other infrastructure is located well away from watercourses.	Refer to Chapter 10 within the EIA Report.

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