



Torfichen Wind Farm

Appendix 4.4

Additional Consultation

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From: **Dale Turner** [REDACTED]
To: **Rachel Elliott** [REDACTED]
CC: **Danny McLean** [REDACTED]; **Charlotte Kenyon** [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: NautreScot Gatecheck Consultation Response - Torfichen Wind Farm
Date: 23.08.2023 12:45:41 (+02:00)

Hi Rachel,

Thank you for confirming you are happy with our revised approach of a detailed 25km study area for the cumulative assessment. I can confirm that we will also include the Dunside Wind Farm amongst the schemes to be assessed.

Regards,
Dale

Dale Turner

Senior Director - Environment



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From: Rachel Elliott [REDACTED]
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To: Dale Turner [REDACTED]
Cc: Danny McLean [REDACTED]; Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: NautreScot Gatecheck Consultation Response - Torfichen Wind Farm

Hi Dale,

Thanks for agreeing to include wind farms up to 25km away. We note that Dunside Wind Farm (currently at application stage) is not on your list of cumulative sites and request that this is also included.

Kind regards,
Rachel

Rachel Elliott | Operations Officer – South

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To: Rachel Elliott [REDACTED]
Cc: Danny McLean [REDACTED]; Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED];
Subject: RE: NautreScot Gatecheck Consultation Response - Torfichen Wind Farm

Hi Rachel,

Thank you for your further feedback. I have attached a plan of the cumulative sites within 35km. The suggestion of a detailed 20km study area was not arbitrary, rather it was the distance at which we considered there was the potential for significant cumulative effects to arise based on a review of the location and nature of the other schemes within the surrounding landscape. With regard to the attached plan, you will see that there is only one scheme between 20km and 25km of the site, with the majority lying over 30km away.

Notwithstanding the above, noting that you have concern that 20km is not sufficient for the detailed study area, on this occasion we would be willing to extend this out to 25km, which would then also include for the Fallago Rig Wind Farm. It remains our view that any other projects beyond 25km would have no potential for significant cumulative effects in associated with the Torfichen scheme.

We trust that you would be in agreement with this revised approach, but please be in touch if you have any further queries.

Please also note that a design freeze has now been reached for the project. This includes for 18 turbines 180m to blade tip, in a similar manner to the design chill layout provided with the Gatecheck Report, reduced from the 19 turbines at Scoping Stage. I have attached a 35km Blade Tip ZTV for your reference. This also illustrates the highly limited potential for any visibility of the Torfichen scheme beyond 25km of the site, in particular within Scottish Borders, South Lanarkshire and West Lothian.

Regards,
Dale

Dale Turner
Senior Director - Environment



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From: Rachel Elliott [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 2:22 PM
To: Dale Turner [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Danny McLearn [redacted]; Charlotte Kenyon
Subject: RE: NatureScot Gatecheck Consultation Response - Torfichen Wind Farm

Hi Dale,

Thanks for confirming that all sites within 60km will be considered, all within 35km will be mapped and there will be a focus on sites where significant effects will arise. The purpose of this process is to identify sites where there may be significant cumulative effects given the particular circumstances of a site.

For Torfichen wind farm, for example, we expect the cumulative assessment to look at effects on Edinburgh and East Lothian for other wind farms on its surrounding uplands - the edge of Moorfoots and the Lammermuirs hills and is likely to include sites beyond 20km such as Fallago Rig and Newlands (should it be submitted).

We do not support the approach where an arbitrary cut off of 20km is applied.

Kind regards,
Rachel

Rachel Elliott | Operations Officer – South

NatureScot [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Scotland's Nature Agency | Buidheann Nàdair na h-Alba

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From: Dale Turner [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 July 2023 11:28
To: Rachel Elliott [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Danny McLean [REDACTED] Charlotte Kenyon
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: NautreScot Gatecheck Consultation Response - Torfichen Wind Farm

Rachel,

I have been passed your recent consultation response in relation to the Torichen Wind Farm, as Pegasus are leading on the LVIA work for the project. I note you have raised a query regarding the proposed approach to the cumulative assessment, so just wanted to provide further explanation and clarification of this, which I have set out below:

The cumulative assessment work within LVIA will start by considering a 60km radius, as is recommended by best practice. Apologies if that wasn't made clear in the previous correspondence. A plan of all cumulative sites within 35km will also be included in the LVIA. The approach will then be to focus the more detailed assessment work on the 20km area around the site, which it is considered would be most relevant in terms of the potential for cumulative effects to arise. Indeed, a detailed 20km area is already large enough to encompass cumulative schemes in both Scottish Borders (e.g. Longpark) and East Lothian (e.g. Keith Hill and Pogbie), as were requested, in addition to those in Midlothian.

I hope that you will find this further explanation helpful and will agree that the approach proposed is proportionate and sufficient to allow all potential significant cumulative landscape or visual effects to be identified.

Please be in touch however if you have any further queries.

Regards,
Dale

Dale Turner
Senior Director - Environment



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Good afternoon Charlotte,

Please find the attached Gatecheck response from NatureScot.

Kind regards
Lee

Lee Stirrat | Case Manager | Energy Consents Unit
The Scottish Government [REDACTED]

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From: **Moira Cartwright** [REDACTED]
To: **Peter Brooks** [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Torfichen Wind Farm - Acoustic Assessment
Date: 28.06.2023 10:13:43 (+02:00)

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Peter,

I am so sorry I will not be able to make it on site today after all. Events in the office have overtaken me.

I hope all goes well for you and look forwards to receiving your report.

Kind regards,

Moira Cartwright

Moira Cartwright | Team Manager Public Health and Environmental Protection | Protective Services | M.
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From: Peter Brooks [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 June 2023 20:02
To: Moira Cartwright [REDACTED]
Cc: Environmental Health [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Torfichen Wind Farm - Acoustic Assessment

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Hello Moira,

We will proceed with the background sound survey tomorrow Wednesday 28th June as planned. We expect to begin at 11:00 at the following property and then proceed to the other two properties:

[REDACTED]
If you or your colleague(s) are able to join, I am contactable tomorrow on the mobile phone number [REDACTED]. We will also detail the selected monitoring locations in an additional report which will be sent to you in due course.

Kind regards,
Peter

Peter Brooks
Senior Acoustic Analyst
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From: Peter Brooks
Sent: 26 June 2023 17:59
To: Moira Cartwright [REDACTED]
Cc: Environmental Health [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Torfichen Wind Farm - Acoustic Assessment

Good Afternoon Moira,

Thank you for reviewing the report and confirming.

We expect to start at 11:00 on Wednesday 28th June.

Equipment installation will last for the entire day, however I would suggest that we first visit the 3 properties to determine the exact locations for the equipment as this is the key aspect. I can return later by myself to actually install the equipment as this takes the majority of the time.

With this approach, your colleague(s) would be present for approximately 2-3 hours. Of course they are also welcome to join for the entire day and I would expect to finish around 17:30.

The weather forecast for Wednesday is currently suitable, however in the unlikely case that the weather conditions become adverse then we may need to postpone the survey. I am also awaiting confirmation from one of the residents of the times they will be at home, although we already have access permission so this will not delay the survey.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards,
Peter

Peter Brooks
Senior Acoustic Analyst
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From: Moira Cartwright [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 June 2023 15:54
To: Peter Brooks [REDACTED]
Cc: Environmental Health [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Torfichen Wind Farm - Acoustic Assessment

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Peter,

I can confirm that I have reviewed your Planned Acoustic Assessment and I am happy with the proposed locations. Can you advise what time you hope to start on Wednesday and roughly what time you expect to finish? This will allow me to determine who I have to accompany you during installation.

Many thanks,

Moira Cartwright

Moira Cartwright | Team Manager Public Health and Environmental Protection | Protective Services | M.

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From: Peter Brooks [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 June 2023 16:52
To: Moira Cartwright [REDACTED]
Cc: Environmental Health [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Torfichen Wind Farm - Acoustic Assessment

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Good Afternoon Moira,

Thank you for your email.

We plan to begin the survey on Wednesday 28th June. If you are able to confirm that the methodology and proposed survey locations are acceptable by Monday 26th June it would be most appreciated.

Would you or one of your colleagues in the Environmental Health Department be able to attend the installation of the sound measurement equipment on 28th June?

I appreciate the timescales to begin the survey are short and thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards,
Peter

Peter Brooks
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To: Environmental Health [REDACTED]; Peter Brooks [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Torfichen Wind Farm - Acoustic Assessment

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Peter,

I have extremely busy since my return and have not had a chance to look at this. Are you still aiming for Monday 26th June? If so I will attempt to get back to you Tomorrow, Friday 23rd.

Kind regards,

Moira Cartwright

Moira Cartwright | Team Manager Public Health and Environmental Protection | Protective Services | M.

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From: Environmental Health [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 June 2023 16:22
To: Moira Cartwright [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Torfichen Wind Farm - Acoustic Assessment

Moira,
Saved and attached to your service request ref 23/00960/PH_26
Joanne

From: Peter Brooks [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 June 2023 15:01
To: Environmental Health [REDACTED]
Cc: Danny McLean [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Torfichen Wind Farm - Acoustic Assessment

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Good Afternoon Joanne,

Thank you for your reply.

Attached is a report detailing the background sound survey methodology for the proposed Torfichen Wind Farm, ECU reference ECU00004661.

Could you forward this to Moira Cartwright please, for her to confirm that the methodology is acceptable before we begin the survey? We plan to begin the survey on Wednesday 28th June.

It is standard practice for us to invite a member of the Environmental Health Department to witness the installation of the sound measurement equipment when the survey begins. Would this be possible?

We feel that it would be beneficial for all stakeholders if a member of the Environmental Health Department could be present for this.

Details of the survey will be included in a report which the council will receive in any case.

Thank you for your assistance and I look forward to hearing from Moira Cartwright.

Kind regards,
Peter

Peter Brooks

Senior Acoustic Analyst

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Subject: RE: Torfichen Wind Farm - Acoustic Assessment

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Peter,

Thank you for your email. I have asked our team leader, Moira Cartwright to get in touch with you regarding your request. However, I just wanted to let you know that she is currently on holiday and returns on Monday 19 June so you will not get a response until after that date. As the survey is not going to commence until the following week I am hoping this is acceptable.

Regards
Joanne

Joanne Stewart | Support Assistant | Business Services

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Cc: Danny McLearn [REDACTED]
Subject: Torfichen Wind Farm - Acoustic Assessment

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Good Afternoon,

I am contacting you regarding the proposed Torfichen Wind Farm, ECU reference ECU00004661.

As part of the acoustic assessment for this development we will be undertaking a background sound survey. This is planned to begin in the week commencing 26th June.

Could you provide contact details for the Environmental Health Officer dealing with this development please, in order to agree the survey methodology?

Kind regards,
Peter

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Senior Acoustic Analyst
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From: **protectdwsources** [REDACTED]
To: **Katy Rainford** [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Torfichen Wind Farm: DSCAS-0079886-CH2
Date: 25.05.2023 08:08:00 (+02:00)
Attachments: IndicativeTurbineLocation.zip (1 page), SW List of Precautions for Drinking Water and Assets - Wind Farms EdE.pdf (6 pages)

Hi Katie

Thank you so much for providing this information.

Please see our comments below regarding the Drinking Water Protected Area.

Drinking Water Protected Areas

A review of our records indicates that the proposed activity falls within a drinking water catchment where a Scottish Water abstraction is located. Scottish Water abstractions are designated as Drinking Water Protected Areas (DWPA) under Article 7 of the Water Framework Directive. Gladhouse Reservoir supplies Rosebery Water Treatment Works (WTW) and it is essential that water quality and water quantity in the area are protected. In the event of an incident occurring that could affect Scottish Water we should be notified immediately using the Customer Helpline number [REDACTED].

Gladhouse Reservoir is a Scottish Water source catchment, with an abstraction point located approximately 2 km downstream of the proposed turbines adjacent to Black Burn (left bank). It is considered that any impact from a pollution event would be low however, as a precautionary measure, mitigation in this catchment is required and Scottish Water must be notified of any pollution incidents that could impact the reservoir.

We have no comments with regard to water resource (quantity) impacts other than those already contained in our guidelines-particularly that drainage is not directed out of the catchment.

Scottish Water have produced a list of precautions for a range of activities. This details protection measures to be taken within a DWPA, the wider drinking water catchment and if there are assets in the area. Please note that site specific risks and mitigation measures will require to be assessed and implemented. These documents and other supporting information can be found on the activities within our catchments page of our website at www.scottishwater.co.uk/slm

We welcome receipt of this notification about the proposed activity within a drinking water catchment where a Scottish Water abstraction is located..

The fact that this area is located within a drinking water catchment should be noted in future documentation. Also anyone working on site should be made aware of this during site inductions.

We would also like to take the opportunity, to request that 3 months prior to work starting on site a notification is sent to us at [REDACTED].

Kind Regards
Jacqueline Tait
Regulatory Advisor
Sustainable Land Management and Abstraction Team
[REDACTED]



SW Public
General

From: Katy Rainford [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 May 2023 12:37
To: protectdwsources [REDACTED]
Subject: Torfichen Wind Farm: DSCAS-0079886-CH2

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ECU Ref: ECU00004661

Scottish Water Ref: DSCAS-0079886-CH2

Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to your scoping response to the ECU for the proposed Torfichen Wind Farm on 16th February 2023, please see attached shapefiles of the initial turbine layout as requested.

Please can you also provide the following information, if available:

- & #0;. details of any abstraction locations or Scottish Water offtake within the drinking water protected area
- & #0;. details of any further infrastructure managed by Scottish Water within the drinking water protected area
- & #0;. any potential issues we would need to consider as part of the design process of the proposed development

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any further queries.

Kind regards,

Katy Rainford

Katy Rainford

Senior Hydrologist-Hydrology & Hydrogeology



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