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Abbreviations and Acronyms

EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ICOL	Inch Cape Offshore Limited
MS-LOT	Marine Scotland Licencing and Operations Team
OfTW	Offshore Transmission Works
PAC	Pre Application Consultation
PAN	Proposal of Application Notice

5A Pre-application Consultation Report

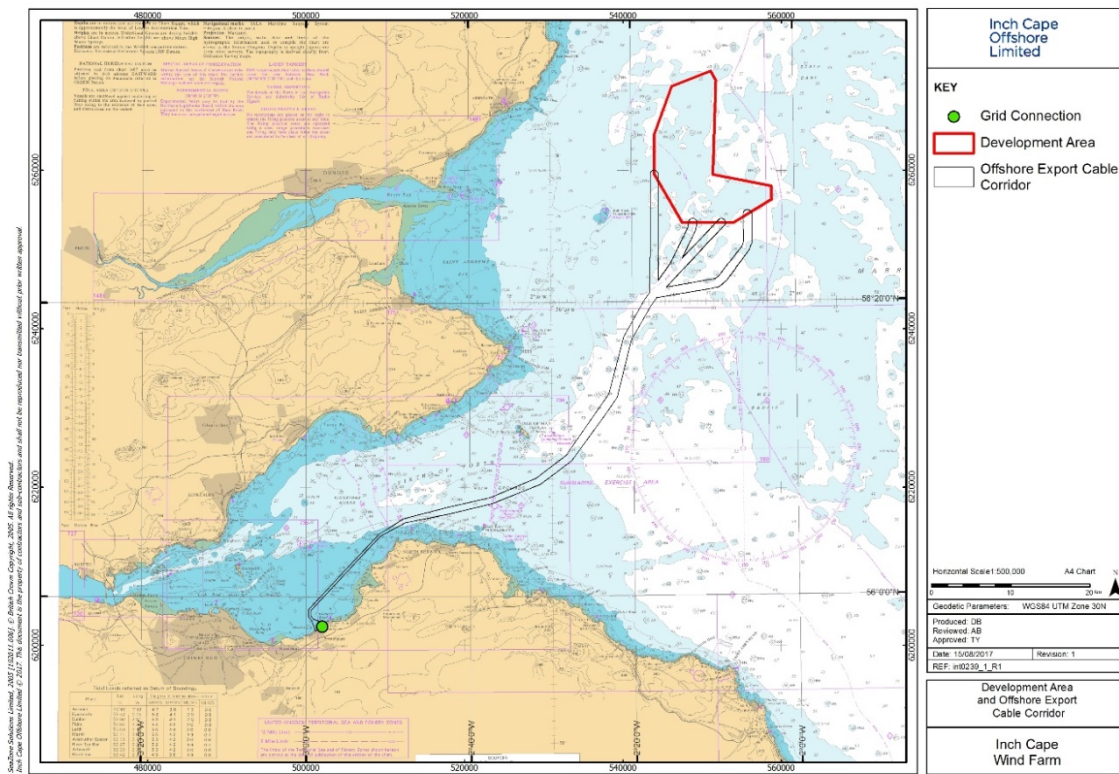
5A.1 Purpose of this document

- 1 This pre-application consultation (PAC) Report has been prepared by Inch Cape Offshore Limited (ICOL), company number SC373173, to accompany applications for marine licences under the *Marine (Scotland) Act 2010* and under section 36 of the *Electricity Act 1989* for the construction and operation of the Inch Cape Wind Farm which will be located approximately 15 to 22 kilometres (km) to the east of the Angus coastline in Scotland and associated Offshore Transmission Works (OfTW) (Figure 1.1).
- 2 In combination with the *Marine (Scotland) Act 2010*, the *Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013*, requires certain classes or descriptions of licensable marine activity to carry out pre-application consultation, which is primarily focussed on providing an early opportunity for the public and other stakeholders to review and make comment on the draft proposals. Feedback from these consultations has been taken into account and where applicable, has informed the impact assessments reported in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report.
- 3 This document details the procedures taken by ICOL to meet the pre-application consultation requirements in respect of the following proposed development:

A proposed licensable marine activity 15km off the Angus coast, central grid reference: Lat 56°30.10'N, Long 002°13.35'W. The activity consists of up to 72 wind turbine generators, 2 offshore substation platforms, associated export cables and infrastructure. The associated offshore export cables will connect the turbines to the landfall location at Cockenzie in East Lothian.

- 4 Figure 5A.1 Below outlines the location of the proposed licensable activity.

Figure 5A.1: Location of the Development



5A.2 Proposal of Application Notice (PAN)

- 5 Prior to undertaking consultation, a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) was submitted to the Scottish Ministers (under 5(2)) of the Regulations, the PAN advised that: -

'ICOL has identified two major public events that will focus on those areas and local communities affected by the ICOL proposals. These events take place in August in Arbroath and St Andrews, and provide an opportunity to engage widely with the public and key stakeholder groups who will be exhibiting and visiting the festivals. Furthermore ICOL will organise two ICOL run events, one in Arbroath and one St Andrews at the beginning of October. These two events will allow ICOL to individually invite key stakeholders.'

'ICOL would display clear information about the project and provide an opportunity for the public and stakeholder to ask questions and have their views recorded. The events would be clearly branded and notification about the events would be placed in the local media. Staff from the project would be available at all times at the events.'

5A.3 Pre-Application Consultation Events Proposal

- 6 A Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Proposal was submitted to Marine Scotland Licencing and Operations Team (MS-LOT) and approved on 3rd August 2017. This provided details of the Pre-Application Consultation events proposed by ICOL.
- 7 ICOL has engaged in a wide-ranging community consultation as part of its pre-planning application for the offshore works proposed.
- 8 The communication tools that were used to engage with the public in the local community and the nature of the comments we received are outlined below.

5A.4 Dates and Location

- 9 Four public consultation events were held, two at existing community events and two run by ICOL at community centres.
- 10 These were held on the following dates and times:
 - Saturday 5th August 2017 at the Arbroath Sea Festival (throughout the day)
 - Monday 14th August 2017 at the Lamas Festival, St Andrews (throughout the day)
 - Tuesday 3rd October (3pm – 7.30pm) drop in event at Arbroath Community Centre, 38 Marketgate, Arbroath
 - Wednesday 4th October (3pm - 7.30pm) drop in event at The Cosmos Community Centre, Abbey Walk, St Andrews
- 11 The venues were chosen on the basis of their convenience to the local community and by displaying at local festivities, also ensured that the consultation material was available at locations where the local community were naturally congregating. All of the community drop-in events were publicised in the local media.

5A.5 Publicity for Public Consultation Events

- 12 ICOL advertised widely to engage with the public. These included:
 - Advert placed in the St Andrews Citizen on 30th June 2017 and 18th August 2017 to allow 6 weeks' notice ahead of the public consultation events.
 - Advert placed in the Arbroath Herald on 30th June 2017 and 18th August 2017 to allow 6 weeks' notice ahead of the public consultation events.
 - Press releases issued to the local media and coverage achieved.
 - Letters to political stakeholders (local constituency MSP, MP, ward Councillors and Chairs of Community Councils in Arbroath and St Andrews areas)
- 13 All advertisements contained the following information

- a description, including the location of, the licensable marine activity for which the marine licence is to be sought;
- details as to where further information may be obtained concerning the proposed licensable marine activity;
- the date and place of the pre-application consultation event;
- a statement explaining how persons wishing to provide comments to the prospective applicant relating to the proposed licensable marine activity may do so, and the date by which this must be done; and
- a statement that comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the Scottish Ministers and that if the prospective applicant makes an application for a marine licence that there will be an opportunity for representations to be made to the Scottish Ministers on the application

14 A full schedule of the information material is set out in Table 5.1 below:

Table 5.1: Information material

Date	Communication
30/6/17	Advert in the <i>St Andrew's Citizen</i> informing the public about the exhibition on 14 th August
30/6/17	Advert in the <i>Arbroath Herald</i> informing the public about the exhibition on 5 th August
18/8/17	Advert in the <i>St Andrew's Citizen</i> informing the public about the exhibition on 4 th October
18/8/17	Advert in the <i>Arbroath Herald</i> informing the public about the exhibition on 3 rd October
21/9/17	Press release to local Fife and Angus media, including the Fife and Angus editions of <i>The Courier</i> , Tay FM, Fife FM, the <i>Arbroath Herald</i> and <i>St Andrew's Citizen</i>
22/9/17	Letter to local stakeholders, including community councils, MSPs, MPs and ward councillors
22/9/17	Letter to local libraries in St Andrews and Arbroath with enclosed poster

15 A copy of the advert placed in the Statutory Notices section of the local papers can be found in *Appendices A-D*. Permission has been granted from the *Arbroath Herald* and *St Andrew's Citizen* to reproduce these in the relevant appendices. A copy of the posters sent to local libraries for display can be found in *Appendix E*. A press release was also issued (see *Appendix F*), which was sent in advance of the drop-in events, which generated some local coverage (See *Appendix G*).

- 16 A copy of one of the correspondence sent to political stakeholders in can be found in *Appendix H*.

5A.6 Correspondence with statutory bodies

- 17 ICOL informed statutory stakeholders (Northern Lighthouse Board, Maritime & Coastguard Agency, Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Scottish Natural Heritage) in advance of the ICOL consultation events and invited them to attend. A copy of the correspondence sent can be found in *Appendix I*. All advised that they would not be in attendance.

5A.7 Event Collateral

- 18 A leaflet (*Appendix J*) was produced for the events, which included a clear locational map of the proposals.
- 19 Pop-up stands and maps were available at all the venues to enable members of the public to clearly view the plans and understand the context of the proposals. (*Appendix K*)
- 20 Staff from ICOL and their consultants, including Grayling (as Public Relations advisers), were present to facilitate the events. Staff from ICOL, including the project manager (leading the development of the project) and the offshore consents manager (leading on the preparation of the application), were on hand throughout all events to answer any questions.
- 21 At the two ICOL run drop in events, ICOL's landscape consultants (SLR) were also on hand to answer any questions relating to potential visual impacts from the proposed development. Furthermore, SLR operated a visualisation computer programme to allow attendees to take a virtual 'fly through' the proposed Development. This visualisation programme also allowed attendees to see how the proposed Development may appear at different points along the coastline.
- 22 Table 5.2 provides a list of the banners which were displayed by ICOL at all the events. Screenshots of these banners are also included in *Appendix K*.

Table 5.2: ICOL Banner Topics

Topic on the Banners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Delivering offshore renewables • Background to project • Environmental Considerations • What happens next?

23 Images of the events are shown below.

Figure 5A.2: Image from Arbroath Seafest



Figure 5A.3: Image from Arbroath Seafest



Figure 5A.4: Image from Public drop-in at the Cosmo Centre, St Andrews



Figure 5A.5: Image from Lamas Festival, St Andrews



5A.8 Attendance at the events

24 Attendance at the events was as follows:

- Public drop-in at the Cosmo Centre, St Andrews - 15 attendees

- Public drop- in at the Arbroath Community Centre, 38 Marketgate, Arbroath - 13 attendees
- Lamas Festival, St Andrews - 20-25 attendees
- Arbroath Seafest, Arbroath - 20 attendees

5A.9 Feedback from the events

5A.9.1 Introduction

- 25 All attendees at the events were given an opportunity to write comments in feedback forms that were then posted into a secure box. Attendees were also notified of other methods to make comments, including in writing or via email.
- 26 The feedback forms listed 9 questions which aimed to provide information feedback on the relative understanding of the need for the development and nature of the Development, and the key topics of concerns. In addition, respondents were asked to list their age and location of residence, as well as any comment regarding the effectiveness of the exhibition/event. A copy of the feedback form is provided in *Appendix L*.
- 27 A total of 13 feedback forms were collected from all of the events. *Appendix M* details copies of all of the comments received from the events and ICOL's response.

5A.9.2 Feedback Analysis

Question 1 – What is your attitude in general towards climate change?

- 28 Most (92%) of those who completed forms believed that action was required on climate change, with only one person opposing that view, and did not believe that climate change was an issue of concern.

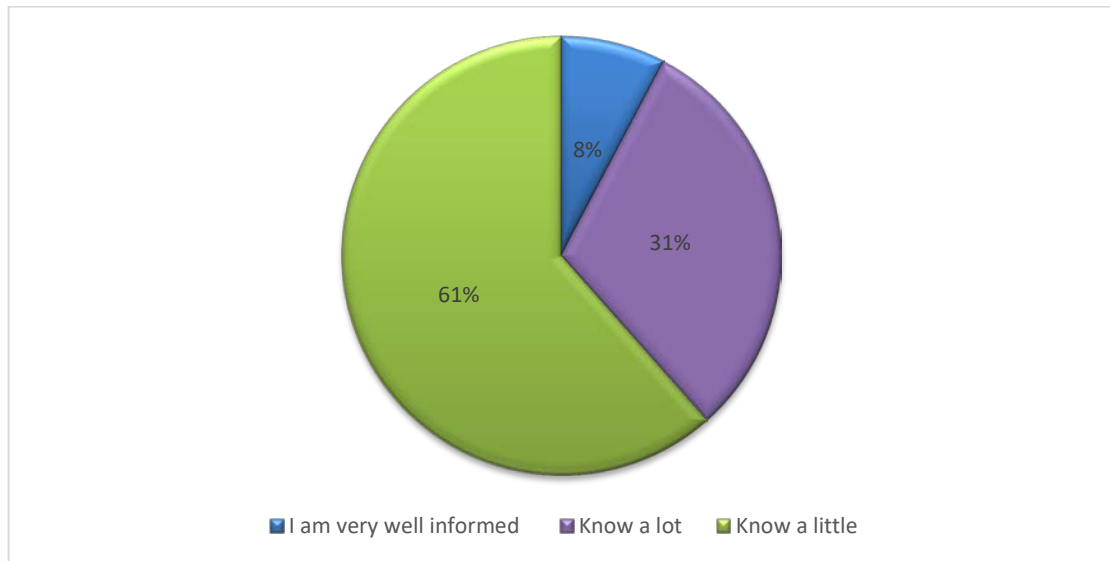
Question 2 – What is your attitude in general towards renewable energy sources?

- 29 All responders believed that renewable energy should be taken seriously.

Question 3 – How would you describe your knowledge of the offshore wind farm developments in the area?

- 30 As presented in Figure 5A.6 below 62% of responded that they 'know a little', 31% that they 'know a lot' and 1 person (8%) responded that they are 'very well informed' about offshore wind developments in the area.

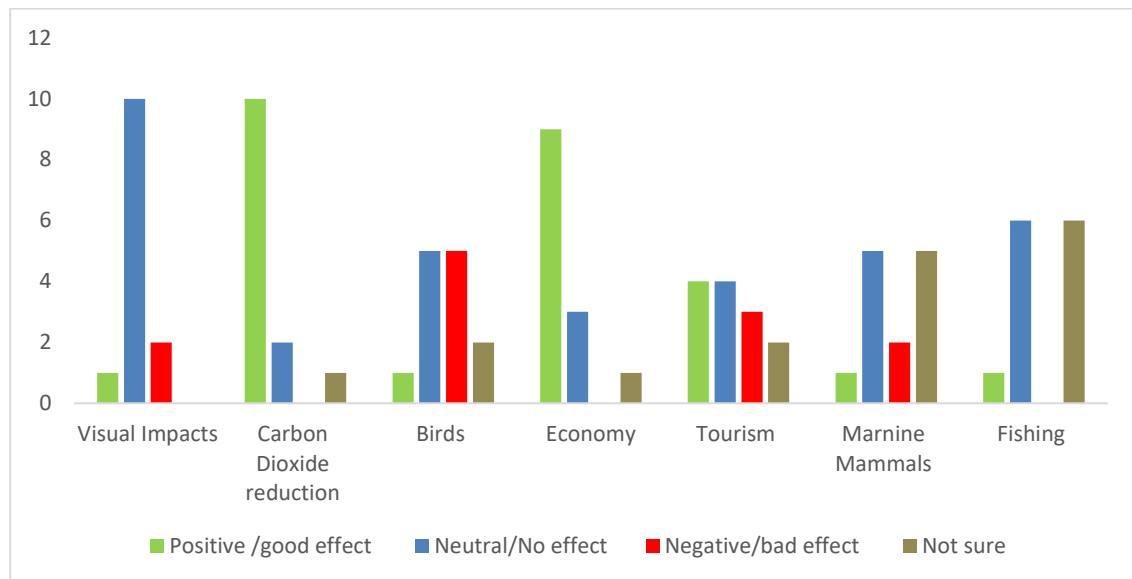
Figure 5A.6: Responses to Question 3: How well would you describe your knowledge of the offshore wind farms developments in the area?



Question 4- If the proposed offshore wind farm goes ahead what effect, if any, do you think the wind farm will have on?

- 31 As presented in Figure 5A.7 below, when prompted by the questionnaire to indicate which aspects would be negatively affected by the wind farm proposals, the following answers:
- Views: 2 responders
 - Birds: 5 responders
 - Tourism: 4 responders
 - Marine mammals: 2 responders
- 32 However, when looking at the positive effects, the following responses were received as positive developments:
- Views: 1 responder
 - CO2 reduction: 10 responders
 - Birds: 1 responder
 - Jobs and local economy: 9 responders
 - Tourism: 4 responders
 - Marine mammals: 1 responder
 - Fishing: 1 responder

Figure 5A.7: Comparison of public views on the impacts of the Development on specific receptors.



Question 5- Do you have any specific comments about the proposed developments?

33 Positive comments included the following:

“Strongly support the project.”

“I think it is a good development proposal and could bring a lot of positive impacts, however, environmental impacts must be carefully considered and monitored.”

“I would like it to get ahead as soon as possible.”

34 Negative comments included:

*“I am amazed to learn these turbines will be 75m in height. At 115ft, the Bell Rock Lighthouse is easily visible and I would be very concerned at the visual impact from shore, let alone from the lighthouse itself and all the tourists who visit.”**

“It is tragic to see the seascape from the Fife coast despoiled so. Another chunk of Scotland’s magnificent wildness will be lost.”

*It is noted that the information from this correspondent regarding the height of the turbines did not reflect the information on the display material.

Question 6- Do you understand why ICOL is submitting a new application when they currently have consent?

35 When prompted as to whether or not the attendees felt that they understood why ICOL was submitting a new application despite the 2014 consent, 75 % of the responders felt that they either knew a lot about why or were well informed. None of the responses stated that the

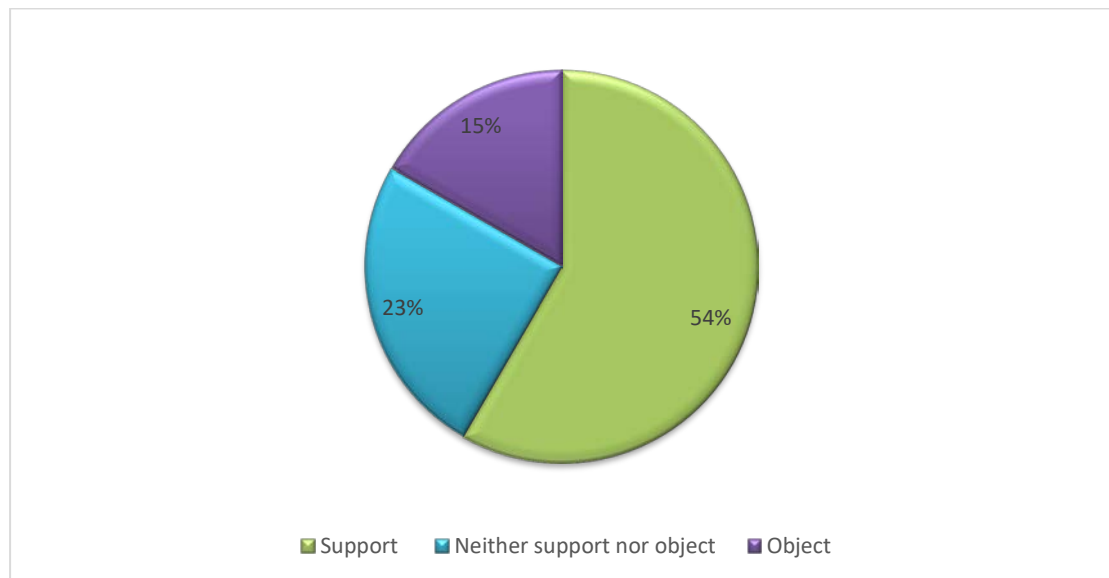
attendees knew nothing at all as to why ICOL was submitting a new application. One additional comment received from this question stated:

"I am better informed having attended this consultation"

Question 7-The new application will allow ICOL to make use of more efficient technology, which will help drive down the cost of electricity generated by offshore wind to the consumer. Taking this into account, and the environmental impacts associated with the development, are you in support of the new application?

- 36 When asked about their support for the Development, 54 per cent of attendees said they were in support, with only 2 individuals stating that they would object to the application.

Figure 5A.8: Attendees views on the application



Question 8-So that we are able to ensure that we include the views of people from across the community, please can you tell us about yourself?

- 37 Table 5.3 below presents the number of attendees from each area which ICOL believed to be interested in the development, and shows the age range of the attendees.

Table 5.3: Location and ages of attendees.

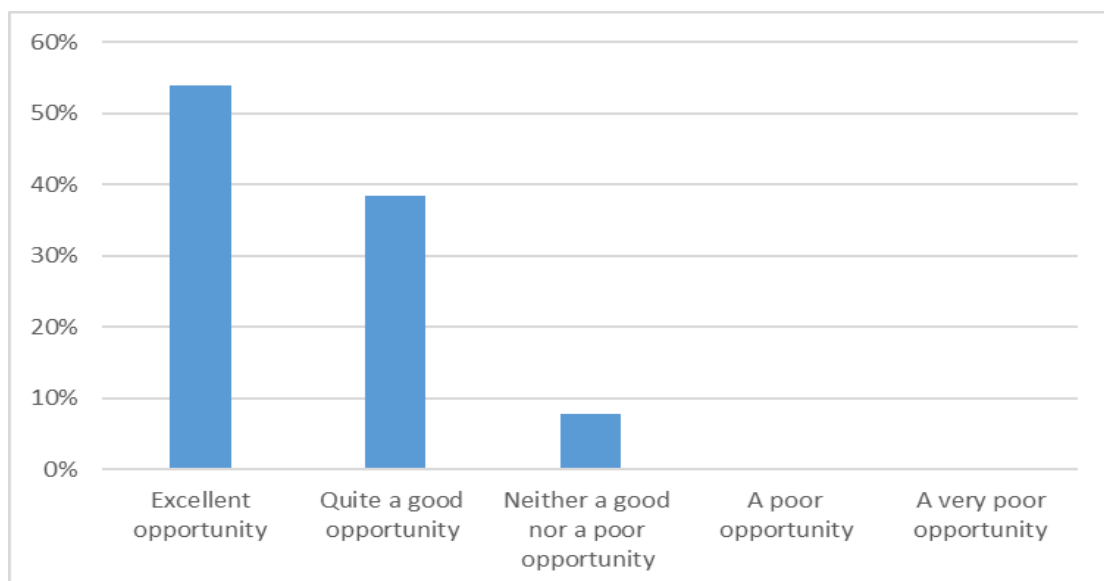
Area	Number	Percentage	Age	Number	Percentage
East Lothian	0	0	Under 16	0	0
Scottish Borders	0	0	16-24	3	23

Angus	5	38	25-39	1	8
Fife	7	54	40-59	4	31
Other	1	8	60 plus	5	38

Question 9-And finally, to what extent do you feel you now have increased understanding of the new application, the reason behind it and we have given you an opportunity to participate in an informed discussion. On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is an excellent opportunity and 5 is a very poor opportunity.

- 38 Over half of the attendees confirmed that they felt that the public exhibitions were excellent opportunity and had increased their understanding of the new application and the reasons behind it.

Figure 5A.9: Representation of attendees opinion of the Public Exhibition.



5A.10 Further Communication

- 39 Further to the information gathered as part of the public exhibitions, clarification was sought from three members of the public who emailed the ICOL team. The emails and responses are included in Table 5.4 below.

Table 5.4: Enquiries from the public

Enquiry	Response
<p>18/10/2017</p> <p>I was unable to attend the Public Consultation and have a few questions which I hope you might be able to answer.</p> <p>When is the deadline for sending in comments please?</p> <p>What is the height of the turbines above sea level?</p> <p>Has a new ES been done for the revised application and if so could you send me a link to the NTS?</p>	<p>20/10/2017</p> <p><i>When is the deadline for sending in comments please?</i></p> <p>We have requested that comments at this stage are received by 5th November. You can do this by emailing this address inchcapewind@redrockpower.co.uk, or by post to: Tom Young, Inch Cape Offshore Limited, 5th Floor, 40 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2BY.</p> <p>Please note that comments made at this stage are not representations to the Scottish Ministers and that when we submit an application for a marine licence, an opportunity will be given for representations to be made to the Scottish Ministers on the application.</p> <p><i>What is the height of the turbines above sea level?</i></p> <p>The maximum height to blade tip of the proposed wind turbines in our application will be 291 metres. This has been revised down from the 301 metres presented in the scoping report submitted in April 2017.</p> <p><i>Has a new ES been done for the revised application and if so could you send me a link to the NTS?</i></p> <p>We are currently in the process of preparing an application including NTS which will most likely be submitted during 2018. We submitted a scoping report in April 2017 which you can find via our website. Direct link: http://www.inchcapewind.com/files/Inch_Cape_Wind_Farm_Scoping_Report_2017_Hi_Resolution.pdf</p>
<p>13/10/2017</p> <p>Could you please confirm for me the overall height of the proposed wind turbines including the blades at their highest point. If I'm remembering correctly from the public consultation I attended in Arbroath, they are to be 301 metres?</p>	<p>16/10/2017</p> <p>The maximum height to blade tip of the proposed wind turbines in our application will be 291 metres. This has been revised down from the 301 metres presented in the scoping report submitted in April 2017 (http://www.inchcapewind.com/files/Inch_Cape_Wind_Farm_Scoping_Report_2017_Hi_Resolution.pdf).</p>
<p>27/03/2018</p> <p>I have only recently become aware of the intended Inchcape windfarm off the coast of Angus. I have been</p>	<p>29/03/18</p> <p>I assume the documentation you are referring to is the scoping report Inch Cape submitted in 2017. As such I have attached a high resolution version for you. If you require any different publications please let me know.</p>

Enquiry	Response
<p>reviewing your documentation and firstly note that all publications, including maps etc., are low resolution. Are high resolution versions of all documents available?</p> <p>Further on review of your publication you show the visual impact from Fife Ness and Montrose, both I believe a considerable distance from the proposed windfarm, I require a visual impact image for Panbride, Carnoustie, where I live. I look forward to your prompt response to the above requests.</p>	<p>Inch Cape received consent for a wind farm off the coast of Angus in 2014. We are currently in the process of submitting a new application for the same location to take advantage of changes in turbine technology (attached scoping report). The next step in this process will be for us to submit an application to Marine Scotland. Part of this application will include a visual impact assessment from Carnoustie with accompanying visualisations. We are currently pulling this together with the intention of submitting in the coming months. May I suggest that once this application is available, this assessment may offer a good opportunity for you to consider the impacts we have assessed.</p> <p>In the meantime if you would like to provide a grid reference, I can look to provide a screenshot of a computer generated wireline for you once available.</p>

5A.11 Responding to concerns

- 40 As can be seen from the public responses above, the majority of the feedback received on the Development was positive, with only 2 individuals noting an objection to the Development.
- 41 Most of the concerns raised were around the impact of the Development on visual receptors and wildlife. As this application is being progressed to take advantage of changes in turbine technology and to make the most efficient use of the site, the turbines will be visible from the coast on clear days. Since the time of issuing the Scoping Report, the overall maximum tip height being considered has reduced from 301 m to tip to 291 m to tip.
- 42 Careful consideration of wildlife has been taken into account throughout the design of the wind farm. The design (compared to the design of the Inch Cape 2014 Consent) reduces the physical impacts on the seabed and reduces the swept path area below 50 m of the wind turbines, thus bringing with it associated environmental benefits. Impacts assessed from the Development on wildlife can be found in *Chapters 9, 10 and 11* (Natural Fish and Shellfish, Marine Mammals and Ornithology respectively).

Appendix A – Advert in the *St Andrews Citizen* dated 30th June 2017

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Further information, can be obtained from:
www.inchcapewind.com

The pre-application consultation event will be held on Monday 14th August 2017 at the Lammas Market, St Andrews, where we will have an exhibition stand.

Persons wishing to provide comments on the proposed wind farm development can do so by writing to the applicant at: inchcapewind@redrockpower.co.uk, or by post to: Tom Young, Inch Cape Offshore Limited, 5th Floor, 40 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2BY, in either case not later than Friday 29th September 2017.

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Appendix C – Advert in the *Arbroath Herald* dated 30th June 2017

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Appendix D – Advert in the *Arbroath Herald* dated 18th August 2017

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Appendix E – A4 Posters with details of public events

Sent to public libraries in St Andrews and Arbroath



Come and have your say...

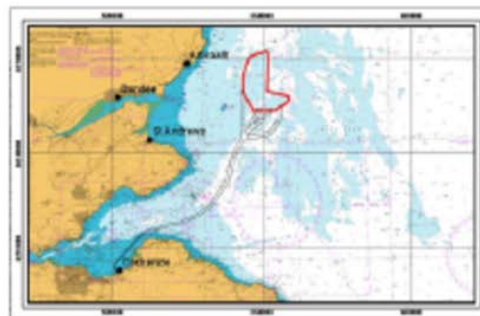
Public exhibition

Inch Cape Offshore Windfarm

Where: Cosmos Community Centre, Abbey Walk, St Andrews

When: 3pm - 7.30pm, 4th October 2017

Inch Cape Offshore Windfarm Limited is proposing to develop an offshore wind farm 15km off the Angus coast. The proposed wind farm consists of up to 72 wind turbine generators, 2 offshore substation platforms and associated export cables and infrastructure.



We are holding a pre-application consultation event to enable local residents to give their views. Attendees will be able to view maps and see a computer-generated model of the proposals, as well as ask staff questions about the proposals. All views welcome.

For further information, see: <http://www.inchcapewind.com/home>

Appendix F – Press releases sent to local media outlets

PRESS RELEASE

21st September 2017

LOCAL RESIDENTS TO BE CONSULTED ON PROPOSALS FOR OFFSHORE WIND FARM

- **Inch Cape Offshore Ltd is hosting a community consultation event next month in St Andrews**

Inch Cape Offshore Limited (ICOL) invites members of the public to attend a local community consultation event on 4th October (3pm - 7.30pm) at The Cosmos Community Centre, Abbey Walk, St Andrews to hear about its new application for consent for an offshore wind farm 15km off the Angus coast.

This new application represents a revised proposal from ICOL, for a wind farm consisting of up to 72 wind turbine generators, two offshore substation platforms and associated export cables and infrastructure.

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Environment and Consents, Inch Cape Offshore Limited, 5th Floor, 40 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2BY, in either case not later than 5th November 2017.

Ends

Media contact: For media enquiries please contact Grayling on 0131 226 2363 or email ICOL@grayling.com

PRESS RELEASE

21st September 2017

LOCAL RESIDENTS TO BE CONSULTED ON PROPOSALS FOR OFFSHORE WIND FARM

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Appendix G – Press Coverage

The Courier- Revised plans for Angus offshore windfarm unveiled



Richard Copeland from Red Rock Power Ltd presents the windfarm plans

Details of revised plans for a major offshore windfarm near the Angus coast have been revealed for the first time.

Inch Cape Offshore Limited (ICOL) invited members of the public to view the latest proposals for the site, located 10 miles offshore, at a consultation yesterday.

The company, which was given exclusive development rights for the site in 2011, had originally submitted plans to build up to 213 turbines but this has now been reduced to 72.

The new scheme, which could provide power for around half a million households, is being submitted as an entirely new application.

ICOL says it hopes it will be able to work with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) after the organisation raised objections to the previous scheme.

In 2015, the RSPB challenged Scottish Minister consent for Inch Cape and three other schemes – Seagreen Alpha, Seagreen Bravo and Neart na Gaoithe – over fears that birds could be harmed by blades.

The society claimed the developments ran "too great a risk to the many thousands of resident and migratory seabirds".

A ruling by Lord Stewart last July found in the charity's favour but that decision was overturned by a panel headed by Lord Carloway in June this year.

In August, the RSPB lodged another appeal directly with the Supreme Court.

Speaking at the event at Arbroath Community Library, an ICOL spokesperson said:
"There are essentially two reasons for this new application.

"One is the advancement in technology since the initial application several years ago.

"This means that we can now generate a similar amount of power with over half the number of wind turbines as before.



"This new technology also means that the industry has halved the costs involved which will be passed on the consumer.

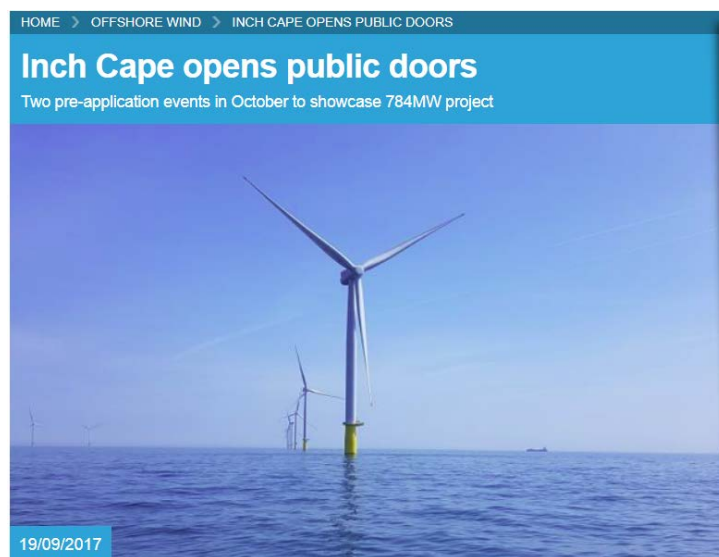
"The other reason is reducing the environmental impact and we believe we will be able to get a solution with the RSPB."

The company estimates the wind farm will create around 1,200 jobs during construction and another 135 direct long-

term operational jobs. It says it also has the potential to generate up to £1.2 billion to the Scottish economy over its lifetime.

Another consultation event will be held today in St Andrews at the Cosmos Community Centre, Abbey Walk, from 3pm until 7.30pm.

reNEWS- Inch Cape opens public doors



Developer Red Rock Power is holding two events in October as part of a pre-application consultation for the 784MW Inch Cape offshore wind farm, which will be located off the coast of Angus.

The events will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project and offer views on the proposed development.

Related Stories

[Inch Cape unveils new look](#)
26 May 2017

The first meeting will be on 3 October at the Arbroath Community Centre, with the second on the following day at the Cosmos Community Centre in St Andrews. Both events are between 3pm and 7.30pm.

Red Rock Power unveiled in May a revised scoping report – which has been filed with Marine Scotland – for the project.

The new report reduced the proposed number of turbines to 72 from 110 previously, with hub heights of 301 metres, and also cut the planned offshore export cables to two from six.

Image: reNEWS

Appendix H – Sample copy of letter sent to selected representatives

Dear Mr Rennie, I am writing to notify you about a public drop-in event that is being held at the Cosmos Centre, Abbey Walk, St Andrews from 3pm till 7.30pm, 4th October 2017.

The event forms part of the pre-application consultation process for the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm to enable local residents to give their views. Attendees will be able to view maps and see a computer-generated model of the proposals, as well as ask staff questions about the proposals.

We would be pleased if you could attend the event and inform local constituents of the event. We will be ensuring there is publicity ahead of the drop-in to encourage members of the public to come and give their views.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or the ICOL team for further information.

Yours sincerely

The letter was sent to the following recipients:

Angus

Cllr	Alex	King	Arbroath West & Letham
Cllr	David	Lumgair	Arbroath West & Letham
Cllr	David	Fairweather	Arbroath West & Letham
Cllr	Richard	Moore	Arbroath West & Letham
Cllr	Brenda	Durno	Arbroath East & Lunan
Cllr	Derek	Wann	Arbroath East & Lunan
Cllr	Lois	Speed	Arbroath East & Lunan
Mr	Greame	Dey	MSP for Angus South
Ms	Kirstene	Hair	MP for Angus
Ms	Morag	Lindsay	Secretary, Arbroath & District CC

Fife

Cllr	Jane	Liston	St Andrews
Cllr	Dominic	Nolan	St Andrews
Cllr	Ann	Verner	St Andrews
Cllr	Brian	Thomson	St Andrews

Mr	Willie	Rennie	MSP for NE Fife
Mr	Stephen	Gethins	MP for NE Fife
Mr	Patrick	Marks	Secretary, St Andrews CC

Appendix I – Copy of notification letter to stakeholders

Below is an example of the notification letter sent to the following statutory consultees:

- Northern Lighthouse Board;
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency;
- Maritime & Coastguard Agency; and
- Scottish Natural Heritage.

As you know ICOL are preparing an application for the Inch Cape Wind Farm. Part of this process involves ICOL conducting pre-application consultation events, which will allow anyone with an interest in the project, including members of the public, the chance to find out more about it and ask any questions.

As such please be advised that ICOL will be carrying out two pre-application consultation events in relation to the application. These events will be held;

- * *Between 3pm and 7.30pm on 3rd October 2017 at the Arbroath Community Centre, 38 Marketgate, Arbroath, and*
- * *Between 3pm and 7.30pm on 4th October 2017 at the Cosmos Community Centre, Abbey Walk, St Andrews*

The proposed licensable marine activity is 15km off the Angus coast, central grid reference: Lat 56°30.10'N, Long 002°13.35'W. The activity consists of up to 72 wind turbine generators, 2 offshore substation platforms, associated export cables and infrastructure.

If you require any further information regarding these events please let me know. We would appreciate if you were to forward this email and details of the event on to anybody that you think may have an interest.

Appendix J – Copy of information leaflet

Available at the public drop-in sessions and at events that Inch Cape Offshore Ltd hosted and attended



Inch Cape Wind Farm

Community consultation

About the project

- Situated around 15 km off the Angus Coastline.
- Up to 72 wind turbines (existing consent is for 110), which will be secured to the seabed by steel jackets or gravity based substructures, within an area covering approximately 150 km².
- Providing electricity for the equivalent of around half a million households, based on average UK household consumption.
- Creating around 1,200 jobs in Scotland during construction.
- Up to £378 million of added value to the Scottish economy during construction.
- Generating in the order of 2,000 gigawatt (GW) hours of electricity per year.
- Savings of up to 2.68 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions per year.

Have your say

We are keen to hear your thoughts on the proposed offshore wind farm. This can be done today or if you would prefer, comments can be sent to comments@inchcapewind.com or via post to Inch Cape Offshore Limited, 5th Floor, 40 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2BY. Comments should be received by 5th November 2017. For more information or to see the content you see today, please visit www.inchcapewind.com



Inch Cape Wind Farm

Inch Cape Offshore Limited (ICOL), based in Edinburgh, is a company owned by Red Rock Power Limited.

In 2014 ICOL gained offshore consent for the construction and operation of the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm. The consent is currently the subject of a Judicial Review.

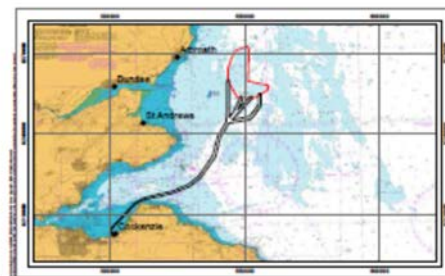
ICOL intends to submit a new application for a revised offshore wind farm development (at the same development location).

The project, which is located off the Angus coastline, will comprise of up to 72 wind turbines covering an area in the region of 150 km². Construction of the project is expected to take around 2 years. The nearest point of the Wind Farm will be approximately 15 km (9.3 miles) off the Angus coastline. The project has a grid connection agreement at Cockenzie and is expected to generate in

the order of 2,000 gigawatt (GW) hours of electricity per year. This would provide electricity for the equivalent of around 500,000 households, this represents a significant contribution to domestic electricity generation and to long term energy security.

A network of low voltage electricity cables will be required to connect the wind turbines to offshore substation platforms. Up to two of these platforms will be required to collect the electricity generated by the wind turbines and convert the electricity to be exported to the national grid.

The electricity cables will be brought ashore at Cockenzie, in East Lothian, where a short section of underground cables will take the power to an onshore substation for conversion to national grid voltage. A further run of cables will lead to the grid connection point at the existing Cockenzie power station substation.



Appendix K – Banners on display at Public Engagement Events

Copies of all of the banners at the public exhibition events (5 banners):

Welcome and introduction

Welcome

The Inch Cape Offshore Limited (ICOL) project team welcome you to the Inch Cape Wind Farm community consultation about the proposed construction and operation of an offshore wind farm to deliver renewable energy.

New application

In 2014 ICOL gained offshore consents for the construction and operation of the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm. The consents are currently the subject of a Judicial Review.

ICOL intends to submit a new application for a revised offshore wind farm development (at the same location), consisting of a maximum of 72 turbines with a maximum of 301 m to tip height, compared to the consented scheme of 110 turbines with a maximum tip height of 215 m.

Why have new plans been developed?

The new application will allow ICOL to make use of the more efficient turbine technology which will help drive down electricity costs to the consumer.

The new technology would require fewer turbines (than the current consent) to produce the equivalent energy output which in turn means that there will be less environmental impact on the seabed and marine life as well as other sea users.

Purpose of the event

The purpose of today's event is to ensure members of the local community are informed about the proposed application and to give you an opportunity to contribute your views which will be considered as part of the new planning application.

Feedback

There are feedback forms for you to complete before you leave the event and we encourage you to make any comments regarding the proposed offshore wind farm application. This can be done today or if you would prefer, comments can be sent to:

consenting@inchcapewind.com

Delivering offshore renewables

Why offshore wind?

Renewable energy plays a key part in the global strategy to combat climate change through a reduction in carbon emissions. Scotland is well positioned to deliver offshore wind, with an estimated 25% of Europe's offshore wind resource, a long history of marine engineering capability and world leading status in innovative energy solutions. Harnessing this resource could not only provide significant social, environmental and economic benefits but will also deliver a new and secure source of energy as Scotland transitions to a low carbon economy.

Legislation and binding targets have been introduced, at both a UK and Scottish level, in relation to renewable electricity generation. Offshore wind farms can provide clean energy on a large scale and are therefore a critical element of ensuring that these targets are met.

Benefits to Scotland

The Inch Cape Project will not only deliver new and clean energy for Scotland, it also has the potential to make a significant contribution to the UK and Scottish economy. These benefits include increased investment in infrastructure; new employment and skills development; and reducing the negative economic impacts of climate change.

It is estimated that the Offshore Wind Farm will:

- Create around 1,200 jobs during construction;
- Create 135 direct long term operational jobs;
- Generate up to £378 million of added value for the Scottish economy during construction and £1.2 billion over its lifetime; and
- Provide clean electricity for around half a million households.

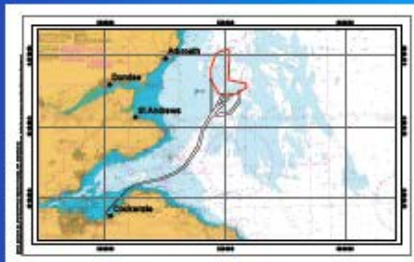



Background to the project

Outline of the offshore proposals

Inch Cape Offshore Limited (ICOL) was established to develop, finance, construct, operate and maintain an offshore wind farm located off the Angus coastline and is wholly owned by Red Rock Power Limited.

The project will comprise of up to 72 wind turbines with a maximum of 301 m to tip height, covering an area in the region of 150 km² with the nearest point of the Development Area approximately 15 km (9.3 miles) from shore. The project is expected to generate up to 2,000 gigawatt (GW) hours of electricity per year. This would provide electricity for the equivalent of around half a million households, representing a significant contribution to domestic electricity generation and to long term energy security.



Environmental considerations

To support the application ICOL will undertake a new Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Offshore Wind Farm and Offshore Transmission Works. The EIA will cover a range of environmental topics:

- Fish and Shellfish;
- Marine Mammals;
- Ornithology;
- Seascape and Landscape Visual Receptors;
- Cultural Heritage and Marine Archaeology;
- Commercial Fisheries;
- Shipping and Navigation;
- Socio-economics; and
- Aviation.

The purpose of the EIA is to ensure that likely environmental effects of the proposed offshore wind farm and export cable route are properly understood.

The findings of this will be reported in an EIA Report, which will be submitted to Marine Scotland for consideration with the planning application. Copies of the EIA Report will be made available on the Inch Cape Project website at www.inchcapewind.com/publications. Hard copies will also be available in local libraries. Prior to submission full information will be advertised both in local papers as well as the Inch Cape Project website.



What happens next?

It is anticipated that ICOL will be in a position to submit the application to Marine Scotland late 2017/early 2018, although this may be subject to change as EA process progresses.

Once the application has been submitted, any comments you wish to make regarding the planning application should be submitted to Marine Scotland.

As the determining body, Marine Scotland will be required to consider all planning factors that have a material relevance to the application. These factors will include:

- The outcomes of the EIA, as reported in the EIA Report;
- Planning Statement;
- Responses from statutory consultees and non-statutory consultees; and
- All comments received by the community.

We would therefore like to encourage you to share your views with the ICOL Project team during the preparation phase of the application. Please share these in writing to consenting@inchcapewind.com or via post to Inch Cape Offshore Limited, 5th Floor, 40 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2BY.

Once the application has been submitted, a notice will be placed in the local paper, notifications will be sent to Community Councils and the ICOL website (www.inchcapewind.com/publications) will contain links to all relevant application documentation. We would encourage you to send comments on the submitted application to Marine Scotland at that point.

We would like to thank you for taking the time to come to the consultation event today and look forward to hearing your views.



Appendix L – Event Feedback Form



Inch Cape Wind Farm community exhibition feedback form

Thank you for taking the time to attend the community consultation exhibition. The purpose of today's event is to ensure members of the local community are informed about the proposed application and to give you an opportunity to contribute your views which can be taken into consideration as part of the new planning application. Responses provided below, will be used to inform ICOL Pre-application Consultation Report.

We invite you to leave your comments, questions or other input related to the Inch Cape Wind Farm.

For each question, **Please ✓ one box only**

Q1. What is your attitude in general towards climate change?

I think it's something we need to take action about now	I don't believe that climate change is an issue of concern	I think it is the government's responsibility to deal with climate change	I don't have an opinion on this
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other comments:			

Q2. What is your attitude in general towards renewable energy sources?

I think it's important that we take their development seriously	I don't think they're a viable source of energy	I don't have an opinion on this
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other comments:		

Q3. How would you describe your knowledge of the offshore wind farm developments in the area?

I am very well informed	Know a lot	Know a little	Know very little	Know nothing at all
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other comments:				

Q5. If the proposed offshore wind farm go ahead what effect, if any, do you think the wind farm will have on:

Please ✓ one box only for each category below	1. Positive / good effect	2. Neutral / no effect	3. Negative / bad effect	4. Not sure
Views of the seascape and landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CO ₂ reduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Birds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs & the local economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tourism in the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marine mammals (dolphins, seals etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q6. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed development?

Q4. Do you understand why ICOL are submitting a new application when they currently have consent for an offshore wind farm at the same location?

I am very well informed	Know a lot	Know a little	Know very little	Know nothing at all
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other comments:				

Q7. The new application will allow ICOL to make use of more efficient turbine technology, which will help drive down electricity costs to the consumer, taking this into account and the environmental impacts associated with the development are you in support of the new application?

Support	Neither support nor object	Object
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other comments:		

Q8. So that we are able to ensure that we include the views of people from across the community, please can you tell us about yourself

Q8a Which of the following areas do you currently live in / live nearest too? Please ✓ one only		Q8b and how old are you? Please ✓ one box only	
East Lothian	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Under 16yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scottish Borders	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. 16-24yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angus	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. 25-39yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fife	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. 40-59yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other please write below:	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. 60 plus	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q8c Are you male <input type="checkbox"/> or female <input type="checkbox"/>			

Q9. And finally, to what extent do you feel we have given you an increased understanding of the new application, the reason behind it and given an opportunity to participate in an informed discussion, on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is an excellent opportunity and 5 is a very poor opportunity?

1. Excellent opportunity	2. Quite a good opportunity	3. Neither a good nor a poor opportunity	4. A poor opportunity	5. A very poor opportunity
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please write in any further comments you would like to make about the engagement process as a whole.

Q10. If you do want us to contact you in the future please leave your contact details below:

Name:																				
Address:																				
											Postcode									
Email:																				

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please hand it in to a member of our team

Appendix M – Copy of all written comments received from the public consultation events

Comment	ICOL Response
<i>Strongly support the project.</i>	Comment noted
<i>I think it is a good development proposal and could bring a lot of positive impacts, however, environmental impacts must be carefully considered and monitored.</i>	Comment noted. Detailed assessment of the potential environmental impacts associated with the Development have been undertaken and are presented in the EIA Report in line with the Scoping Opinion provided by Scottish Ministers.
<i>I would like it to get ahead as soon as possible.</i>	Comment noted
<i>I am amazed to learn these turbines will be 75m in height. At 115ft, the Bell Rock Lighthouse is easily visible and I would be very concerned at the visual impact from shore, let alone from the lighthouse itself and all the tourists who visit.</i>	ICOL are submitting an application for turbines up to 291 m to blade tip as per details laid out at the consultation events. Detailed assessment of the potential environmental impacts associated with the Development have been undertaken and are presented in the EIA Report in line with the scoping opinion provided by Scottish Ministers.
<i>It is tragic to see the seascape from the Fife coast despoiled so. Another chunk of Scotland's magnificent wildness will be lost.</i>	Detailed assessment of the potential environmental impacts associated with the Development have been undertaken and are presented in the EIA Report in line with the scoping opinion provided by Scottish Ministers.
<i>I'm convinced of benefits to individual consumers</i>	Comment noted