

TECHNICAL APPENDIX 6.2: CONSULTEE MEETINGS: KEY ISSUES

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6.1 This Technical Appendix provides a summary of the consultee meetings undertaken by SPR. Further details of the consultation undertaken can be found in Chapter 6 Scoping and also in the Pre-Application Consultation Report.

Meetings were held with key consultees to discuss the design and focus on the scope of the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) as follows:

- Spring 2018 – attended by A&BC and SNH;
- 22 November 2018 –ECU;
- 29 May 2019 - ABC Access Officer and Kintyre Way Chairman;
- 29 May 2019 – West Kintyre Community Council;
- 30 May 2019 – A&BC (Audrey Martin); and
- 19 June 2019 - South Knapdale Community Council.

6.2 A summary, taken from the notes of the meeting, of the key issues discussed at these consultee meetings is provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Key Issues at Consultee Meetings

Consultees in Attendance	Date	Summary of Key Issues Raised
A&BC SNH	Spring 2018	<p>Engagement with Consultees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both consultees neutral in their responses at this early stage. • Ornithology discussed and information shared on the extent of the known constraints, notably White fronted geese. • Project boundary changes would be likely in order to avoid impacts on the birds.
ECU	22 November 2018	<p>Project Brief:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site is at very early stages of design so no precise layout although expected to be up to 100MW Hybrid site (battery, solar, hydrogen). • Consent in Perpetuity. • Number of site investigations underway/complete. • Scoping process due to be kicked off next week with submission in Dec/Jan. • EIA process due to start in Feb with Submission in Q3/Q4 2019. • Grid discussions are ongoing with SHET. • Design would consider surrounding turbines. <p>General Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No direct ECU consents in the area, other sites approved by ECU on appeal. • Turbine Heights - TBC (150m Tip Height or Higher). • Aviation lighting requirement above 150m. • Economics better at higher TH, due to cost of aviation lighting (same cost for 155m or 200m). • SPR has been in discussion with key consultees (A&BC & SNH). • ECU - Has SPR thought of procuring the turbine towers from Campbeltown? • Perpetuity - This process is happening with other developers and ECU now thinking about this internally. • ECU main issue on perpetuity is how they will attach conditions to any consent. • L&V assessment is for long term for anything over a 5yr consent. • Tangy is currently applying for perpetuity for their extension/windfarm in their EIA. • Consultation due out on community benefit by end of the year, anything that can be done in Campbeltown would help the project. • Looking into equivalent type packages for community benefit opposed to lump sum of £5k/MW. • Some ROC projects are only doing £2.5k/£3k community benefit as they were through planning before the £5k limit. • PID's to be held to give idea of the Site which is likely to coincide with the submission of Scoping. • Developer in Moray offering shared ownership to the whole of Moray and not just local community linked to the site. • ECU point of view/process on this project - would normally offer a pre-scoping meeting with all key consultees, either after submission or before to allow time to change if necessary.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECU Timescale for response normally 9 weeks. • ECU will advise on case officer in next couple of days for site.
A&BC Access Officer and West Kintyre Way Chairman	29 May 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar would be fenced off area - mitigation required if this is blocking access routes for walkers (mainly if solar was around Kintyre Way). • Do not have turbine roads as dead ends (link with small footpaths). • Speak to Sharon Webb from Kilmarten Museum. • Sponsor EV Points at key points (Clachan Café, Glenbar, Skipness, Ferry Terminals). • Information boards don't last long - need to look into long life materials. • Shelters & Localised Improvements. • Funding is a big issue for Kintyre Way Trust, they want to get money directly opposed to having to apply for it. • Improve access to viewpoints. • Can there be a Bothy for overnights (Achaglass or Scotmill)? • Around 1000 people do the Kintyre way per year. • Art work or Double Helix example would be a good idea on the route as well as large stones for seating.
West Kintyre Community Council	29 May 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clachan Hill for Viewpoint. • Reporters insisted Dunscaig for Viewpoint for other sites. • Local community against Crosaig grid upgrade. • Looking to make commitments to increasing access, information boards, pedestrian access, disabled access, vehicle parking (Cour have padlocked the gate at entrance). • Aecom doing a flood assessment on Clachan with Forestry. • Jacobs working with community to improve access between villages. • Viewpoint from Spine Copt across the road between Whitehouse & Skipness. • Main issue from locals is the transport impacts - being stuck behind delivery lorries. • Appeared to be a view that all local planning refusals get overturned by ECU. • Want to hold a special Community Council meeting for the site. • Freasdail LED scheme is good. • Want to set up a development trust for bigger projects. • Airyhill behind Skipness has angered locals due to poor communications and changing transport plan without consultation. • Can a Viewpoint with landmarks be created on site (local attractions or 200m to XYZ & direction). Consider other material than wood for any huts/shelters due to climate on site.
ABC - Audrey Martin Transformation Projects and Regeneration Manager	30 May 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested in community benefit availability. • Re-engage after planning.
South Knapdale Community Council	19 June 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions focused around wind turbines but alternative technologies were also discussed with a general feeling of positivity and interest around Solar and Battery Storage.
West Kintyre Community Council East Kintyre Community Council South Knapdale Community Council	22 July 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Design Changes. • Design Enhancements and access improvements. • Main concerns relating to landscape and visual are related to views from Clachan. • Transport disruption. • Ongoing flood studies in Clachan. • The requirement for a tourism impact assessment in the entire peninsula. • Potential for community investment.

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