

To the Examiner,

Please see response from the NFFO to the questions raised during the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions (ExQ2).

CF 2.1. Whilst this question was not posed to the NFFO, we are interested in the response from the applicant. This is due to the fact that whilst we appreciate the commitment to the proposed mitigation, the results are still unknown. The results of the monitoring may indicate an adverse and significant effect in the future. We would be keen to see a plan from the applicant if this is demonstrated to be the case.

CF 2.3. We have reached a position within the Statement of Common Ground with the applicant of Agreed but with caveats. We remain concerned that the minimum burial depth of cables is 0.5m which would only leave 0.2m clearance between the maximum penetration depth (0.3m) of the dominant gear type in the array area. However, we acknowledge that this is a minimum depth and not a target depth, and detailed burial plans are not available at this stage. The applicant has agreed to maintain working on this concern in the future.

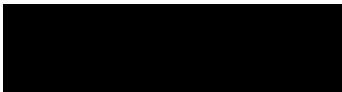
CF 2.4. i) Our position across all wind farms currently under examination, including Morgan, is that the methodology used to assess impacts to commercial fisheries is not adequate enough to capture social, cultural and economic impacts at either the fleet or individual business level. Unless a new methodology is developed, this position will not change. The methodology used, has not altered from previous leasing rounds. These rounds assessed no significant impacts to commercial fisheries, but we have been informed of impacts at the individual vessel and wider fleet levels. However, we acknowledge that the applicant has a framework that they have to adhere to for impact assessments and a position has been agreed upon for all issues where this concern arises.

ii) Due to the extensive workload and required expertise for commercial fisheries to engage with the examination process, both the WFA-CPC and Whitehaven FA have requested the NFFO to act on their behalf. Both organisations are members of the NFFO and have been consulted by the NFFO at all stages of the examination and progression of the SoCG.

CF2.5. We welcome the additional information presented by ERM on queen scallop grounds using the most contemporary and relevant data available. We have no critique of the additional evidence submitted.

If you require further discussion on the responses or have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



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National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations