

Appendix 3 Summary of applicants supporting information

Pre-application Consultation Report – the report describes the consultation process undertaken by the applicant prior to submitting the application. This report outlines the engagement activity that took place with potential interested parties which included advertisement of the public events in the press. The report explains that an initial live and interactive consultation event was held on 13 July 2020 which was viewed live by 48 members of the public with a further 24 members of the public viewing the recording. A second online live and interactive consultation event was held on 29 September 2020 which was viewed live by 12 members of the public. The report states that comments made acknowledged the benefits of the cable route variation to both the landowner and Seagreen. The report also indicates that further information was requested about potential impacts on Carnoustie Golf Course and it would have been better if even more of the procurement, fabrication and construction work could have been awarded to companies based in Scotland or the wider UK.

Planning Statement – provides the applicant's assessment of the proposal in the context of the provisions of the Development Plan and other material considerations. It provides a background to the Seagreen Phase 1 offshore wind farms approximately 27 km from the Angus coastline in the outer Firth of Forth and Firth of Tay, will generate approximately 1,075 megawatts (MW) of low carbon, renewable electricity. This will provide enough electricity each year to power up to 1.3 million homes, the equivalent of 17% of Scotland's annual energy consumption. The development represents a £3 billion capital investment project in total and its construction and operation will directly support approximately 410 jobs. It indicates that the current application has been submitted following further dialogue with the one of the landowners on a short section of this cable route to amend the consented cable route through his farm at Balhungie to further minimise potential impacts on farm operations. The application is accompanied by an EIA Report which concludes the development would not result in unacceptable environmental impacts and any resultant impacts can be controlled through appropriate mitigation and planning conditions. The statement concludes that the proposed development is in accordance with the Development Plan. Approval of the application will secure the locally and nationally significant climate change, renewable energy and economic benefits that the wider Seagreen Phase 1 project will deliver. There are no material considerations that justify refusal of this application.

Habitat Management Plan – this management plan provides information on habitat restoration and enhancement measures. The objective of the HMP is to reinstate habitats for the onshore elements of the Seagreen Project, to achieve an increase in biodiversity value. This will be achieved through a combination of measures, including – reinstatement of habitats; hedgerow and tree planting; translocations; biodiversity enhancement; and control of invasive species.

Schedule of Impacted Landscape Features – this document identifies the existing landscape features to be impacted by the proposed development. The submitted schedule indicates there are no trees or hedge planting affected by the proposed works. The features impacted by the proposed works are a 20m area of hardstanding, sections of private access mud track which cut through the working corridor, and a dilapidated post and wire fence.