

ATISN 23267 - Doc 4 - Cadw response to Gaerwen Windfarm post-scoping consultation (Doc 3)

Sent: 5 May 2023 06:54

To: LUC

Cc: Cadw, LUC

Subject: Re: Gaerwen Windfarm post-scoping consultation

Dear XXXX

Thank you for the additional consultation and update on this project. The recent changes to the scheme layout post-scoping are noted and we can agree that the reduction in number of turbines has not introduced the potential for new affects beyond those identified in the original scope.

In response to your 3 questions

1. We are agree with your screening area.
2. We have no objection you using your own criteria for the assessment
3. We have no objection to a matrix not being used.

In our opinion there should be additional viewpoints at ME024 and ME048.

The Conservation Officers in the relevant LPA's should be consulted regarding any potential viewpoints that will be required from specific listed buildings

If you wish to discuss any other issues in regard to this assessment please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

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From: LUC

Sent: 31 May 2023 11:42

To: Cadw

Cc: LUC

Subject: Re: Gaerwen Windfarm post-scoping consultation

Dear Cadw,

In September 2021, RSK submitted, on behalf of RWE Renewables UK Ltd, a Scoping Report for Gaerwen Windfarm, approximately 7 km to the north-east of Y Bala. Since then, LUC have been commissioned to complete the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Since scoping, the project design has evolved from the 15 turbines identified at scoping and is expected to consist of a maximum of nine turbines. The current turbine layout is presented on the attached figure.

LUC has reviewed the Scoping Report and Direction in the light of the design evolution process and considers that the Scoping Direction remains valid. We have, however, reviewed the proposed EIA methodology and the consultee responses and would seek confirmation that Cadw are content with the amendments identified in the attached consultation letter.

LUC have also undertaken a high-level sensitivity analysis in line with the Cadw guidance on setting (Cadw, 2017), to determine which designated historic assets may experience setting change because of the proposed development. In doing so we have identified draft viewpoints from which visualisations will be prepared in order to inform the assessment. These are identified in the consultation letter along with a rationale for their inclusion in the assessment. The location of the draft viewpoints are identified on Figure 1. A selection of draft wireframes is also included to demonstrate the potential for setting change in relation to some of the key designated heritage assets. These have been generated based on the current design plan.

It would be much appreciated if Cadw could review these and provide feedback on whether Cadw are content with the historic assets under consideration. We would also appreciate any feedback on perceived key issues.

Kind regards,

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