

OVERVIEW OF THE ONSHORE SCOPING REPORT

Requirement

The proposed Caledonia OWF development is in the pre-application stage and has recently carried out a scoping exercise. This has culminated in an Onshore Transmission Infrastructure Scoping Report which was submitted to Aberdeenshire Council as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in December 2022.

The report introduces the proposed development and sets out the relevant legislation and policy that will be taken into consideration during the EIA. It also contains:

- A project description (based on a worst-case design envelope)
- The intended EIA methodology
- The approach to consultation throughout the pre-application stages of the project.

The purpose of the scoping exercise was also to provide a high-level characterisation of the baseline environment for a range of technical disciplines (receptors), as well as consider the potential impacts that the proposed development could have on these receptors (i.e., during construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning).



The following topics were considered within the Onshore Scoping Report:

- Land use and agriculture
- Terrestrial ecology and biodiversity
- Landscape and visual
- Terrestrial archaeology and cultural heritage
- Hydrology and hydrogeology
- Geology, soils and contaminated land
- Air quality
- Airborne noise and vibration
- Traffic and transport
- Climate
- Socio-economics, tourism and recreation
- Human health
- Major accidents and disasters

