

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997****Application Reference: APP/2015/1121**

TO: Affric Limited
Lochview Office
Loch Duntelchaig
Farr
Inverness
IV2 6AW

FOR: NorthConnect KS
Kjoita 18
4630 Kristiansand
Norway

In pursuance of the powers exercised by them as Planning Authority, this Council having considered your application for the following:

Full Planning Permission – National for 1.4 GW Interconnector Converter Station and High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) Cable Connection to Peterhead Power Station at Site at Four Fields, Boddam, Peterhead

and in accordance with the plans docquetted as relative hereto and the particulars given in the application, do hereby give notice of their decision to **GRANT Full Planning Permission** for the said development subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- (1) No development shall take place unless, a full site specific Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) has been submitted to and agreed, in writing, by the Planning Authority in consultation with SEPA and identified consultees. The CEMP should address and include the following details:
- Schedule of Mitigation
 - Site Waste Management Plan
 - Dust Management Plan
 - Drainage Management Plan including specification of wheel/vehicle wash plant and monitoring
 - Construction Communications Plan
 - Species Specific and Protected Species Management Plan
 - Spill Response Plan
 - Noise and Vibration Management Plan.

For the avoidance of doubt, further information on the scope of the above details is contained within Informative number 1 of this permission.

Reason: In the interests of the amenity of the area and protecting the natural habitat.

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- (2) No development shall take place unless, an Environmental Management Plan including:

- Detailed method statements for on-going, operational mitigation and environmental controls
- On-going Community Consultation Plan
- Recreation Network Management and Maintenance Plan.

Has been submitted to and agreed, in writing, by the Planning Authority in consultation with SEPA and Infrastructure Services (Environment). The development shall operate in full accordance with the approved Environmental Management Plan during its operational lifespan unless otherwise agreed, in writing, by the Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of protecting the natural environment.

- (3) The rating level of the noise from the development and its associated plant and equipment shall not exceed the measured background noise level by more than 5dB when measured at 3.5 metres from the external façade of any noise sensitive premises. The rating level and background noise level are defined in BS 4142:2014 and the measurement period for assessment is any hourly period, between the hours 0700 to 2300 and any 15 minute period during the hours 2300 and 0700.

Reason: In the interests of the amenity of the area.

- (4) No development shall take place unless, full details and samples of the finish and specification of materials to be used on the Interconnector Station and associated plant or ancillary buildings have been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority. The building shall thereafter be finished in full accordance with the agreed specification.

Reason: In the interests of the appearance of the development and the visual amenities of the area.

- (5) No development of the underground cables shall take place unless details and confirmation of the finalised cable route and any associated infrastructure or plant have been submitted to and agreed, in writing, by the Planning Authority. The cable, infrastructure and plant shall then be installed in full accordance with the agreed routing and specification.

Reason: In the interests of the amenity of the area.

- (6) That the proposed foul and surface water drainage systems shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and the building shall not come into operation unless the approved drainage system has been implemented in full, unless otherwise agreed, in writing, with the Planning Authority. Following provision of the drainage system it shall thereafter be maintained by the



developers or their successors in accordance with an approved maintenance scheme to be agreed, in writing, with the Planning Authority prior to the operation of the development.

Reason: In order to ensure that adequate drainage facilities are provided, and maintained, in the interests of the amenity of the area.

- (7) No development shall take place unless, off-street parking for six cars, surfaced in hard standing materials has been provided within the site.

Reason: To ensure the provision of a means of parking to an adequate standard in the interests of road safety.

- (8) Prior to the commencement of any abnormal load deliveries to the site, the proposed route for any abnormal loads on the trunk road network must be approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with Transport Scotland. Any accommodation measures required including the removal of street furniture, junction widening, traffic management must similarly be approved prior to any abnormal load deliveries.

Reason: To minimise interference and maintain the safety and free flow of traffic on the Trunk Road as a result of the traffic moving to and from the development.

- (9) No development shall take place on site unless, a Construction Stage Traffic Management Plan has been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority in consultation with Transport Scotland. The Traffic Management Plan shall include details relating to:

- a) Traffic Management measures including accommodation works to manage construction traffic
- b) Measures to minimise traffic impacts on existing road users
- c) Measures to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists
- d) Details of temporary signage
- e) Details of construction vehicle routing.

The developer shall conform with the agreed Construction Stage Traffic Management Plan and shall then carry out the works in line with the agreed specification and all construction traffic associated with the development shall conform to the requirements of the agreed plan.

Reason: To maintain the safety and free flow of the trunk road network.

- (10) No development shall take place unless, the proposed means of access to the A90 has been constructed to a layout, type and method of construction as agreed with the Planning Authority in consultation with Transport Scotland prior to the commencement of development.



Reason: To minimise interference with the safety and free flow of the traffic on the trunk road.

- (11) No development shall take place unless, details of wheel washing facilities (or an alternative appropriate solution as agreed, in writing, by the Planning Authority in consultation with Transport Scotland) are agreed, in writing, with the Planning Authority in consultation with Transport Scotland. The agreed plant and facilities shall be provided within the construction site and shall remain in place for the duration of the construction period, unless otherwise agreed, in writing, by the Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that material from the site is not deposited on the trunk road to the detriment of road safety.

- (12) No development shall take place unless, the developer has implemented a programme of archaeological works in accordance with a written scheme of investigation and recovery which has been submitted to, and agreed by, Infrastructure Services (Archaeology) in consultation with the Planning Authority. Thereafter, the developer shall ensure that the programme of archaeological works is fully implemented and that all recording and recovery of archaeological resources within the development site is undertaken in accordance with the approved written scheme.

Reason: To safeguard and record the archaeological potential of the area.

- (13) All soft and hard landscaping proposals shall be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme (North Connect Landscape Design and Maintenance Plan dated 11.6.15) and shall be completed during the planting season immediately following the completion of the development or as otherwise agreed, in writing, with the Planning Authority. Any planting which, within a period of 5 years from the completion of the development, in the opinion of the Planning Authority is dying, being severely damaged or becoming seriously diseased, shall be replaced by plants of similar size and species to those originally required to be planted.

Reason: To ensure the implementation of a satisfactory scheme of landscaping which will help to integrate the proposed development into the local landscape in the interests of the visual amenity of the area.

- (14) No development shall take place unless, finalised specification including size, scale, materials and content of information signs and shelters along the Stirlinghill Access Network have been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority. These features shall then be installed prior to the operation of the development.

Reason: In the interests of the amenity of the area.



- (15) No development shall take place unless, a Survey and Report assessing any hydraulic continuity between the North Connect development site and the Braeside Trout Fishery Pond, including any proposed mitigation has been submitted to and agreed, in writing, by the Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of the amenity of the area and protecting the natural environment.

DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 58 (2) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 as amended by Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006:

That subsection (1) of Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) shall apply in respect of the permission with the substitution of the period of three years referred to in that subsection with the period of seven years, as is considered appropriate by the Planning Authority in this instance on the basis of the scale of the development. The provisions of section 5(1) shall therefore be read as follows:

The planning permission is to lapse on the expiration of a period of seven years (beginning with the date on which the permission is granted) unless the development to which the permission relates is begun before that expiration.

Informatives

- (1) The applicant must bear in mind that Aberdeenshire Council can take action under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 at a later stage should a statutory noise or other nuisance occur.
- (2) Where rights of way or core paths require temporary closure or diversion the Environment Team should be contacted in order to progress any procedures that may be required for this.
- (3) The applicant is advised that should any contamination of the ground be discovered during development the Planning Authority should be notified immediately. The extent and nature of the contamination should be investigated and a suitable scheme for the mitigation of any risks arising from the contamination should be agreed and implemented to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority. The responsibility for ensuring the safe development of the site rests with the developer.
- (4) The applicant should note that appropriate authorisation will be required for any work carried out on existing culverts or the installation of new culverts and also any crossing of a watercourse. Advice is available from the local SEPA office (see below).

Details of regulatory requirements and good practice advice for the applicant can be found on the Regulations section of our website. If you are unable to



find the advice you need for a specific regulatory matter, please contact a member of the operations team in your local SEPA office at:
Shaw House, Mid Street, Fraserburgh AB43 9JN Tel:01346 510502

- (5) It should be noted that any amendments to the trunk road will require to comply with the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) and the design of the amendments will require to be submitted and agreed by Transport Scotland.
- (6) Infrastructure Services (Roads Development) advise:
- Adequate precautions to be taken to protect any Statutory Undertaker's plant which may be affected by the works/development.
 - An application for a Road Excavation Permit must be submitted to Infrastructure Services, Area Roads Office at least 15 days prior to the commencement of any excavation works within the boundaries of the public road. Applicants should note that failure to obtain a Permit is an offence in terms of s56 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. Note: The Public Road may incorporate- Carriageway, Verge, Cycleway/ Footway and Visibility Envelopes. Further details and application forms may be obtained by telephoning the relevant Area Roads Office (see below) or on the Councils website: Buchan 01771 638103
 - If road deliveries to site exceed either the maxima stated in the "Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment No.7) Regulations 1998" or "The Road Vehicles (Authorised Weight) Regulations 1998", at least one months notice must be given to the Councils Abnormal Loads Officer together with submission of an Abnormal Load Routing Plan for approval. (Contact Abnormal Loads Officer either by email at abnormal.loads@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or Fax: 01224 662005).
 - The Developer should contact the local Roads Maintenance Team at least two months prior to start of works to arrange any necessary permits and surveys to be completed in relation to works around and across the U66B Buckie Stirlinghill Road and the A982 Invernettie-Waterside, Peterhead Road.
- (7) The person carrying out the development must give advance notice in writing to the planning authority of the date when it is intended to start the development. Failure to do so is a breach of planning control and could result in the planning authority taking enforcement action. [See Sections 27A and 123(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended)]. Such notification shall contain the information set out in the 'Notification of Initiation of Development' Notice as appended.
- (8) As soon as possible after the development is finished, the person who completed the development must write to the planning authority to confirm that the development has been completed. [See Section 27B of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended)]. Such notification shall



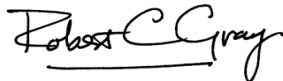
contain the information set out in the 'Notification of Completion of Development' Notice as appended.

- (9) Prior to the commencement of this development, the attached Site Notice must be posted in a publicly accessible part of the site and remain in place until the development is complete. This is a statutory requirement of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Acts and associated regulations.

Reason for Decision

That the proposal is consistent with the Development Plan's aims of reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change. It also contributes to the Scottish Government's National Planning Framework's aim to move Scotland towards creating a low carbon place.

Dated: 27 August 2015



Head of Planning and Building Standards

List of Plans and Drawings

Reference Number: 3019 Rev B Layout Plan of Site Access, Site and Cable Route
Reference Number: 3022 Rev B Site Layout Plan
Reference Number: 3027 Rev C Proposed Converter Station Elevations & 3D Views
Reference Number: 3030 Rev B Site Plan
Reference Number: 51380-DG-1000 Rev P2 Site Drainage Plan
Reference Number: 3029 Rev B Sections through Converter Site
Reference Number: 3031 Sheet 01 Rev D Contours Plan and Section



NOTES

- (i) In the case of any permission granted, this does NOT incorporate any building warrant for any operations or change of use which may be required under the Building (Scotland) Act 2003. This must be obtained separately from the Council prior to the start of building operations.
- (ii) Any permission granted does not incorporate any listed building consent which may be required. This must be obtained separately prior to the start of building operations.
- (iii) Any permission granted is without prejudice to any further consents required from Aberdeenshire Council in its role as landowner.
- (iv) If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the planning authority to refuse permission for or approval required by a condition in respect of the proposed development, or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, the applicant may appeal to the Scottish Ministers under section 47 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 within three months from the date of this notice. An appeal form should be obtained from and the appeal submitted to:

The Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals
4 The Courtyard
Callendar Business Park
Callendar Road
Falkirk
FK1 1XR

Tel: 01324 696 400

Email: dpea@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Appeals may also be submitted online at: www.eplanning.scotland.gov.uk

- (v) If permission to develop land is refused or granted subject to conditions, whether by the Planning Authority or by the Scottish Ministers, and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, the owner of the land may serve on the planning authority a purchase notice requiring the purchase of the owner of the land's interest in the land in accordance with Part 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

A copy of the appeal form and any documents should be sent to:
Head of Planning and Building Standards
Aberdeenshire Council
Buchan House, St Peter Street, Peterhead, AB42 1QF



NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR NOTICES

Notification of Initiation of Development

The person who intends to implement the development must inform the Planning Authority of the date they intend to start work on the development as soon as it is practicable using the enclosed Notice of Initiation of Development. This Notice must be submitted before starting work. Failure to do so would be a breach of planning control under Section 123(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1997 and the Planning Authority may take enforcement action.

The Permission may contain pre-conditions that require specific matters to be approved before development can commence. This means that a lawful commencement of the approved development cannot be made until the particular requirements of the condition(s) have been met. The person who intends to start development must ensure that all conditions are properly complied with. If you are in any doubt about the meaning or implications of any of the conditions you should contact the Planning Authority or seek professional advice. If you do not comply fully with the conditions the Planning Authority may serve a Breach of Condition notice on you or take enforcement action and you may be prosecuted or fined. Please note, there is no right of appeal against a Breach of Condition Notice.

Notification of Completion of Development

The person who completes the development must, as soon as practicable after doing so, give notice of completion to the Planning Authority using the enclosed Notice of Completion.

Please note, the Planning Authority may take enforcement action where such notice is not given.

Display of Notice While Development is Carried Out

The person who carries out the development must, for the duration of the development, display a sign or signs in the form set out in the enclosed Note in a prominent place at or in the vicinity of the site of the development. The sign/s must be printed on durable material and be readily visible to the public. Carrying out development without displaying a notice in accordance with these requirements constitutes a breach of planning control under Section 123(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1997 and the Planning Authority may take enforcement action.

PLEASE NOTE – THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS ARE IN ADDITION TO ANY SIMILAR REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE BUILDING REGULATIONS OR ANY OTHER LEGISLATION

**NOTIFICATION OF INITIATION OF DEVELOPMENT
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, SECTION 27A(1)**

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Station and High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) Cable Connection to
Peterhead Power Station at Site At Four Fields , Boddam, Peterhead
Dated: 27 August 2015**

I hereby confirm that the above development is expected to commence on:

Date:

The person intending to carry out the development is:

Name:

Address:

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Postcode:

Telephone no:

***Please delete as appropriate**

*The above person is the owner of the land to which the development relates

*The landowner is (if different from the person above):

Name:

Address:

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Postcode:



The person appointed to oversee the carrying out of the development is (if applicable):

Name:

Address:

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Postcode:

Telephone no:

Signed Date

On Behalf of

Please return this form, duly completed to:

Head of Planning and Building Standards
Aberdeenshire Council
Buchan House, St Peter Street, Peterhead, AB42 1QF

IMPORTANT:

1. Failure to submit this Notice before commencement of development would be a breach of planning control under Section 123(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1997 and the Planning Authority may take enforcement action.
2. Any planning conditions imposed which necessitate action prior to the commencement of development, must be complied with to prevent a Breach of Planning Conditions and the subsequent service of a Breach of Condition Notice or other enforcement action.
3. Any planning conditions imposed relative to this planning application will be the subject of our planning condition monitoring policy which will entail a visit(s) to the site.



**NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF DEVELOPMENT
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, SECTION 27B(1)**

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Dated: 27 August 2015

I hereby confirm that the above development was completed on:

Date:

The person who completed the development is:

Name:

Address:

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Postcode:

Telephone no:

Signed Date

On Behalf of

Please return this form, duly completed to:

Head of Planning and Building Standards
Aberdeenshire Council
Buchan House, St Peter Street, Peterhead, AB42 1QF



**Display of Notice While Development is Carried Out
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, SECTION 27C(1)
NOTE TO DEVELOPER**

The person who carries out the development must, for the duration of the development, display a sign or signs containing the information set out below in a prominent place at or in the vicinity of the site of the development. The sign/s must be printed on durable material and be readily visible to the public. Carrying out development without displaying a Notice in accordance with these requirements would be a breach of planning control under Section 123(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1997 and the Planning Authority may take enforcement action.

Form of notice to be displayed

NOTICE

Development at Site At Four Fields , Boddam, Peterhead

Notice is hereby given that planning permission has been granted to NorthConnect KS, Kjoita 18, 4630 Kristiansand, Norway

(Please insert developers address here if different from applicant)

on 27 August 2015 by Aberdeenshire Council under application reference APP/2015/1121

The development comprises National for 1.4 GW Interconnector Converter Station and High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) Cable Connection to Peterhead Power Station

Further information regarding the planning permission including the conditions, if any, on which it has been granted can be obtained at all reasonable hours at:

Planning and Building Standards Service
Aberdeenshire Council
Buchan House, St Peter Street, Peterhead, AB42 1QF

Or via the Planning Register on the Aberdeenshire Council website at <https://upa.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>