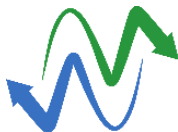

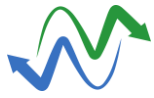




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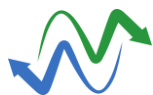
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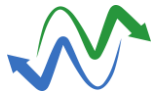
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In line with Aberdeenshire Council's advice, 'Pre-Application - Planning for Firm Foundations', alongside Planning Advice Note 3/2010 which includes the National Standards for Community Engagement, and Planning Aid for Scotland's SP=EED framework, the applicant, NorthConnect KS, has undertaken public consultation for the **UK High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Cable Infrastructure** elements of its interconnector proposal.

Consultation activity included:

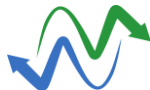
- Distribution of newsletters to local residents;
- A dedicated project website www.northconnect.no;
- A dedicated point of contact via phone and email;
- Meetings with the Community Council;
- Drop-in Days for fishermen in Peterhead;
- Community Open Day in Boddam; and
- Meetings with commercial fishing member groups and other marine user groups.

Local residents, Community Councillors, Marine Organisations and other interested parties including Aberdeenshire Council's Ward Members were invited to attend the Community Open Days. These were publicised through the newsletter, sent out to almost 1100 households in the vicinity of the onshore cable route, and advertised in the regional and local newspapers. At the Community Open Days, members of the development team were on hand to explain the proposals as well as discussing wider issues of climate change and energy security. Those attending had the opportunity to complete feedback questionnaires.

A total of 14 people attended the formal Community Open Days and eight opinion forms were received on the day of the Community Open Days.

Of the eight people who responded to the full public consultation programme asking how they felt about the NorthConnect HVDC proposal, seven stated they were supportive of the proposal. The eighth respondent was a Council Representative and so not able to provide a particular view at this stage.

Questions or concerns raised via the various feedback mechanisms were responded to immediately on the day of the consultation. Consultation is on-going and will continue post submission.

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2. INTRODUCTION

This Report details the Pre-Application Consultation carried out in support of the planning and license applications for the NorthConnect HVDC cable infrastructure. The applications submitted to Marine Scotland and to Aberdeenshire Council are for a Major Development by 'the applicant': NorthConnect KS. The applications are for HVDC cable infrastructure associated with the Interconnector connecting Scotland and Norway.

The applicant embraces community consultation. It is at the heart of its approach to development. This report provides detailed information regarding the NorthConnect HVDC Cable Infrastructure community consultation.

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3. FRAMEWORK FOR PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

The NorthConnect interconnector project is categorised as a Major Development under The Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Developments) (Scotland) Regulations 2009. As a major development, NorthConnect is required to enter into pre-application consultations (PAC) under The Town and Country Planning (Development management Procedure (Scotland) Regulations 2013.

The Marine Licensing (PAC) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (Scottish Government, 2013), prescribe the marine licensable activities that are subject to PAC and, in combination with the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 (Scottish Parliament, 2010), set out the nature of the pre-application process. The NorthConnect HVDC development falls within these regulations as it involves the installation of subsea cables exceeding 1853m in length within the Scottish marine area. There is no similar provision for PAC in the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (UK Government, 2009).

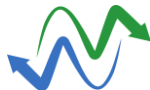
The applicant's public consultation plans for the NorthConnect HVDC Cable Infrastructure proposal were influenced by both Marine Scotland and Aberdeenshire Council's Pre-Application Consultation guidance (Aberdeenshire Council, 2018), alongside PAN 3/2010 (Scottish Government, 2010) which includes the National Standards for Community Engagement, and Planning Aid for Scotland's SP=EED framework (Planning Aid for Scotland, 2011).

These documents outline how applicants of major infrastructure projects should undertake pre-application consultation with the community. The aim of this process is to make sure that communities and stakeholder are made aware of, and have an opportunity to comment on, development proposals before a formal application is made. This allows community and stakeholder views to be reflected early in the process and gives the applicant the opportunity to incorporate them into the proposals where possible before making a formal application.

The guidance outlines the following relevant consultation and involvement activities:

- Community Council consultation;
- Adverts and press releases in local media; and
- Public Events (at least one is required under both terrestrial and marine legislation).

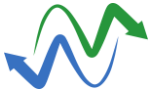
NorthConnect HVDC Cable Infrastructure, as a Major Development application as well as an application for Marine Licenses, required submission of a Proposal of Application Notice, confirmed as submitted to Marine Scotland statutory consultees and considered and acknowledged by Aberdeenshire Council (with reference ENQ/2018/0535) on Thursday 29th March 2018 (Appendix 1).

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4. THE APPROACH TO STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

The applicant's general approach to community involvement in projects includes the following:

- Consultation with community councils and interested community groups;
- Consultation with the fish community and representative bodies;
- A dedicated project website;
- Production and circulation of printed information material for local residents, fishermen and stakeholder groups; and
- Hosting of advertised community days prior to submission of the planning application when the development was at draft design stage.

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5. CONSULTATION

5.1 Introduction

Consultation that has taken place so far in the pre-application stage has enabled the applicant to take forward its commitment to maintaining and developing the constructive relationship with residents and local representatives within the local community established during the planning phase for the consented Converter Station application (August 2015). Prior to and during the marine survey work required, these local relationships have been expanded into the marine community, primarily with fishermen, and strengthened with the addition of a dedicated Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO).

To consult on the proposals with the local community, the applicant undertook the following activity, outlined further below:

- Dedicated website;
- Freepost provision;
- Newsletter distribution;
- Community Liaison; and
- Community Open Days.

5.2 Website

The website www.northconnect.no was set up to provide information about the proposal and has been updated as the proposal has developed. All public consultation material has been made available for download on the website. It will continue to act in this way throughout the lifetime of the project.

5.3 Contact Details

Contact details including a public consultation contact email and phone number have been provided on the website and included in fliers distributed to stakeholders. In addition, there is a Freepost address which has been utilised for the return of questionnaires and to enable stakeholders to contact the project team.

5.4 Newsletters

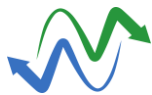
In September 2017 and May 2018, the applicant distributed approximately 1100 newsletters (Appendix 2) to local residents in the areas surrounding the proposed development as well as local Councillors and the local Community Council.

The newsletters were delivered by hand using a distribution service. The newsletters provided an overview/update of the project and an invitation to the Community Open Days.

In addition, prior to a series of drop-in days in January 2018 designed to engage with the local fishing community, a dedicated newsletter was distributed by hand to key businesses and organisations around the local port of Peterhead including fishing vessels in port, local cafés, shops, Port Authority offices, fish sale offices, local fish market, Fishermen's mission and local chandlery. Supplies of the newsletter were left at many of these locations. (Appendix 2)

5.5 Community Council

The applicant began a dialogue with the Community Council representing Boddam and District as part of the consultation process for the consented Converter Station application in 2015. Contact has continued since that time, with the Community Council able to assist in the dissemination of information regarding the consultation process.

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5.6 Community Open Days and Fishermen's Drop-in Days

An initial round of Fishermen's Drop-in Days was held on 18th and 19th January 2018. This early consultation exercise allowed NorthConnect to introduce the project to a wider cross-section of fishing types (prawn, scallop and white fish) than were already engaged with the project (inshore creel fishermen) with regard to the marine surveys. A total of 22 skippers attended over the course of the two days.

Whilst exact details of the cable corridor route were not available at that point, the wider survey route was provided to fishermen to view at the events at large scale and also subsequently made available to download on the website. Fishermen were asked to complete a short questionnaire regarding their activity around the survey route and this information subsequently helped inform the Chapter 20: Commercial Fisheries in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (NorthConnect, 2018). A copy of the questionnaires (one for Creel fishermen and one for trawlers) along with a summary of responses can be found in Appendix 3.

An informal meeting with the Scottish White Fish Producers Association (SWFPA) was held in January 2018 and help was offered to circulate questionnaires to members. Subsequently, a formal meeting was held with the Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF) in February 2018 who were invited to circulate the consultation material including the questionnaire to their members (via the NorthConnect website). A note of the SFF meeting along with requests to members can be found in Appendix 4.

Two community open days were held in May 2018. The first, on 23rd May in Boddam (Photo 1) and the second on 24th May in Peterhead. Copies of the Community Open Day information panels can be found in Appendix 5.

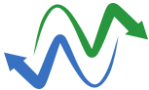


Photo 1: Community Open Day

As well as being able to discuss the development alongside the wider issues of climate change, energy security, government support etc, members of the development team were able to explain the route choice, techniques available to ensure the minimum of impacts, both on and offshore, and the likely timetable for construction.

The second open day, a 'drop-in' session, located in the Fishermen's Mission in Peterhead was promoted especially to fishermen and other marine users who may be impacted particularly during the construction phase.

An additional meeting with SWFPA members was held in Fraserburgh on 22nd May prior to the formal open days and focused on the prawn vessel activity based in the area (Appendix 6).

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During the consultation period, the dedicated FLO met informally, in ports around the North East of Scotland, skippers and crews of vessels engaged in fishing activity within the area of the NorthConnect project, but whom had not been able to attend any of the consultation events.

5.7 Publicity

Invitations to the Community Open Days were sent as part of the newsletters, see Appendix 3.

In order to publicise the Community Open Days to the wider community, press advertisements were placed in:

- The Press and Journal – 30th March 2018; and
- The Buchan Observer – 15th and 22nd May 2018

See Appendix 7 for a copy of the advertisements.

5.8 Media

A press release was uploaded onto the website and issued to local media outlets including newspapers and radio stations prior to each event (Appendix 8). Unfortunately, there was an issue with regard to the date of the consultation event being published as the 24th rather than the 23rd (Appendix 9). Provision was made to ensure that anyone attending the Buchan Braes Hotel on the 24th could also contact the team in Peterhead. One member of the public made contact and advised that he would attend the Fishermen's Mission event.

5.9 Attendance – May 2018

Based on the Community Open Day register, 14 people attended over the two days, where they had the opportunity to inspect the draft proposal, discuss issues with the project team and complete a questionnaire (Appendix 10) for return on the day or via Freepost.

5.10 Consultation Feedback

Both qualitative and quantitative feedback has been received throughout the consultation period. A summary of the key findings is provided in the sections below.

5.11 Community Open Days (CODs)

Community Open Day opinion forms were completed by eight attendees on both 23rd and 24th May 2018. Comments included:

“Use of local boats in guard work.”

“Support it as long as inconvenience is suitably compensated.”

All of the opinion forms were completed at the events (Appendix 10). These questionnaires are taken into account in the overall results of the public consultation exercise. Copies of all returned Community Open Day questionnaires can be found in Appendix 11.

Respondents were asked to rate, on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is an excellent opportunity and 1 is a poor opportunity, to what extent they felt NorthConnect had given an increased understanding of the potential Interconnector HVDC cable

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through the community open days. 5 respondents rated the opportunity at 5 and two rated the opportunity at 4, with one not responding.

5.12 Issues

The feedback questionnaires asked respondents if they had any specific comments or questions about the proposal. Very few issues were detailed following respondents time spent with the Project Team.

Members of the local community who attended the Community Open Days provided feedback verbally in relation to a number of issues including potential flood risk to properties, route layout and land agreements. The team members responsible for both civil engineering and construction and land management were able to address the issues raised and reassure attendees that both issues were being managed as part of the overall development and that attendees would be kept informed during the development process regarding any particular issues of interest.

5.13 Future Contact

All attendees who provided contact details were written to following the event to thank them for their attendance and advising of next steps in the planning and marine licensing process (Appendix 12).

Respondents were asked to indicate if they would like to be kept informed on the progress of the development and that in providing their contact details, NorthConnect would manage that data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

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6. FUTURE CONSULTATION

6.1 Next Steps – Pre and Post Submission

The applicant is committed to the continued involvement of and consultation with the local community and other stakeholders throughout the planning process.

While the pre-application consultation has been completed, NorthConnect is committed to further consultation during the consent determination period, ensuring that local residents and stakeholders continue to be involved in the process and be kept informed of the proposal's progress.

6.2 Stakeholder/Interest group briefings

Updates will be undertaken at both the Community Councils and at other local community group meetings including local commercial fishery groups, particularly the Scottish White Fish Producers Association (SWFPA) and the Buchan Inshore Fisheries Association (BIFA). In addition, informal meetings with local stakeholders eg, fishermen in port, will continue.

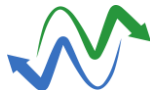
The applicant will continue to update the local interest groups about the proposed development's journey through the planning process and will keep all channels for feedback and questions open. A separate communications plan and Fisheries Liaison Mitigation Action Plan are part of the overall marine licence submission to Marine Scotland.

6.3 Media relations

Media relations activity will be ongoing. Once the application has been submitted, a news release detailing the submitted proposal will be issued to the media and posted on the NorthConnect website. The applicant will respond to media enquiries and requests for information throughout the determination time period.

6.4 Ongoing response to queries

NorthConnect will continue to respond to queries that are received via the various consultation channels i.e. direct telephone, freepost address, website/email and newsletter. Details of how to make formal representations to the consenting authorities will also be made available will also be provided directly and on the website.

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Appendix 1: **Proposal of Application Notice and** **Acknowledgement**

PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (Section 35B)
The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland)
Regulations 2013 (Regulations 4 -7)

To be completed for all developments within the national or major categories of development

Name of Council	Aberdeenshire Council
Address	Woodhill House
	Westburn Road
	Aberdeen
	AB16 5GB

Proposed development at [Note 1]	Underground HVDC cables from Mean Low Water
	Spring (MLWS) in Long Haven Bay to the Fourfields
	Converter Station site grid reference NK119412

Description of proposal [Note 2]	1.4GW HVDC interconnector cables (comprising 2
	cables) running from Norway to Long Haven Bay, south
	of Peterhead, Grid Ref: NK121399

Notice is hereby given that an application is being made to

[Note 3]	Aberdeenshire	Council by [Note 4]	NorthConnect
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Of [Note 5]	c/o Affric Limited, Lochview Office, Loch Duntelchaig, Farr, Inverness IV2 6AW
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In respect of [Note 6]	Public Open Day
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To take place on [Note 7]	2-8pm, 23rd May 2018, Buchan Braes Hotel, Boddam.
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[Note 8] The following parties have received a copy of this Proposal of Application Notice

Boddam and District Community Council
Cruden Community Council

[Note 9] For further details contact	Fiona Miligan
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on telephone number	07825 744712
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And/or at the following address	fiona.milligan@northconnect.no
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[Note 10] I certify that I have attached a plan outlining the site

Signed	
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On behalf of	NorthConnect
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Date	29 March 2018
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PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland)
Regulations 2013

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

- [Note 1] – Insert postal address or location of proposed development
- [Note 2] – Insert description in general terms of the development to be carried out.
- [Note 3] – Insert Council name.
- [Note 4] – Insert name of applicant and/or agent
- [Note 5] – Insert applicant's and/or agent's postal address
- [Note 6] – Insert form of consultation the prospective applicant proposes to undertake e.g. public meeting
- [Note 7] – Insert date and venue of consultation
- [Note 8] – Insert list of those groups who have been invited to attend
- [Note 9] – Insert details as to how the prospective applicant/agent can be contacted (incl. name, address and tel. no)
- [Note 10] – Attach plan that outlines the location of the proposed development and is sufficient to identify the site

Pre-application Consultation (PAC)

Where PAC is required, the prospective applicant must, under sections 35B(1) and (2) (of the Act), provide to the planning authority a 'Proposal of Application Notice' at least 12 weeks (section 35B(3)) prior to the submission of an application for planning permission. The Proposal of Application Notice must include the information set out in section 35B(4) and in regulation 6, namely:

- i) a description in general terms of the development to be carried out;*
- ii) the postal address of the site at which the development is to be carried out, if available
- iii) a plan showing the outline of the site at which the development is to be carried out and sufficient to identify the site;
- iv) detail as to how the prospective applicant may be contacted and corresponded with; and
- v) an account of what consultation the prospective applicant proposes to undertake, when such consultation is to take place, with whom and what form it will take.

* You should provide an outline of the proposal's characteristics, and the identification of its category (e.g. Major development). Any subsequent application needs to be recognisably linked to what was described in the proposal of application notice.

Submission of an Application after Pre-application Consultation Notice

The submission of the proposal of application notice starts the PAC processing clock. After a minimum of 12 weeks, having carried out the statutory requirements and any additional requirements specified by the planning authority, an applicant can submit the application along with the required written Pre-application Consultation Report. Information in relation to the proposal of application notice must also be placed by the planning authority on the list of applications required under section 36A and regulation 21.

Additional consultation activity (responding to the Proposal of Application Notice)

The applicant is required to indicate in the proposal of application notice what consultation will be undertaken in addition to the statutory minimum. The planning authority must respond within 21 days of receiving the Notice to advise the applicant whether the proposed PAC is satisfactory or if additional notification and consultation above the statutory minimum is required in order to make it binding on the applicant. In doing so, planning authorities are to have regard to the nature, extent and location of the proposed development and to the likely effects, both at and in the vicinity of that location, of its being carried out (section 35B(8)). Additional consultation requirements should be proportionate, specific and reasonable in the circumstances. If there is no response to the proposal of application notice by the planning authority within 21 days, only the statutory minimum PAC activities will be required.

Scottish Ministers expect planning authorities to develop and maintain up to date lists of bodies and interests with whom applicants should consult in particular types of case. These lists should be available to applicants, who can draft proposal of application notices in light of that information. Further advice on planning community engagement activity can be found in Planning Advice Note 81: Community Engagement – Planning With People.

Minimum consultation activity

Consultation with community councils - Under regulation 7 an applicant must consult every community council any part of whose area is within or adjoins the land where the proposed development is situated. This includes community councils in a neighbouring planning authority.

The public event - Regulation 7 also requires the holding of at least one public event for members of the public where they can make comments to the prospective applicant on their proposals. This 'public event' must be advertised at least 7 days in advance in a newspaper circulating in the locality of the proposed development. The advertisement for the public event must include:

- a description of, and the location of, the proposed development;
- details as to where further information may be obtained concerning the proposed development; the date and place of the public event;
- a statement explaining how, and by when, persons wishing to make comments to the prospective applicant relating to the proposal may do so; and
- a statement that comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the planning authority. If the applicant submits an application there will be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the planning authority.

Applicants will gain less from poorly attended or unrepresentative PAC events and should ensure that processes are put in place that will allow members of the community to participate meaningfully in any public event. The public event should be reasonably accessible to the public at large, including disabled people. It may be appropriate for the public event to take place over a number of dates, times and places. Applicants should ensure that individuals and community groups can submit written comments in response to the newspaper advertisement.

There is a need to emphasise to communities that the plans presented to them for a proposed planning application may alter in some way before the final proposal is submitted as a planning application to the planning authority. Even after PAC, and once a planning application has been submitted to the planning authority, communities should ensure that any representations they wish to make on the proposal are submitted to that authority as part of the process of considering the planning application.

Any personal data that you may be asked to provide on this form will be held and processed in accordance with the requirements of the 1998 Data Protection Act.

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Proposal	Installation of Underground HVDC Cables & 1.4GW HVDC Interconnector Cables
Status	Awaiting decision
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available

There are 3 documents associated with this application.

There are 0 cases associated with this application.

There are 0 properties associated with this application.



29 March 2018

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Dear Commissioners

NorthConnect Marine Licensing Pre-Application Consultation

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Appendix 2: Newsletters

The NorthConnect Legacy Fund

NorthConnect is working with Foundation Scotland, one of Scotland's leading organisations in the distribution and management of community funding, to provide the local area with a Legacy Fund to support the community to bring lasting benefits to the local area.

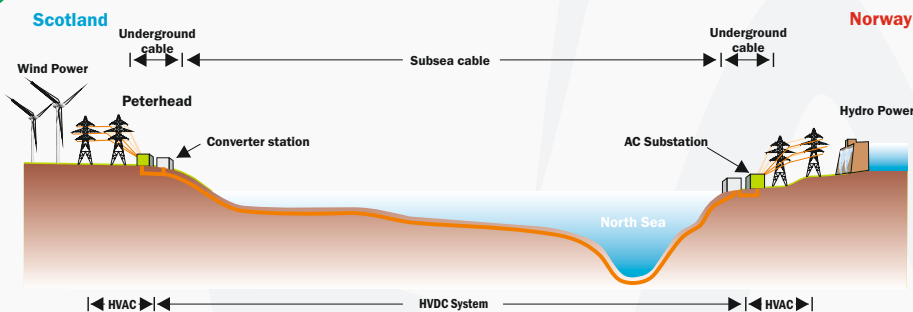
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- >> To support sustainability, energy, environment, health and wellbeing education;
- >> To increase participation in, and access to, contemporary culture, events and recreational activities in an environmentally sensitive manner; and
- >> To preserve and enhance the natural environment for residents and visitors to the area.

To find out more about how the fund will work please visit:

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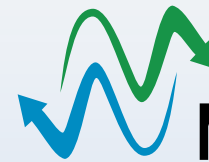


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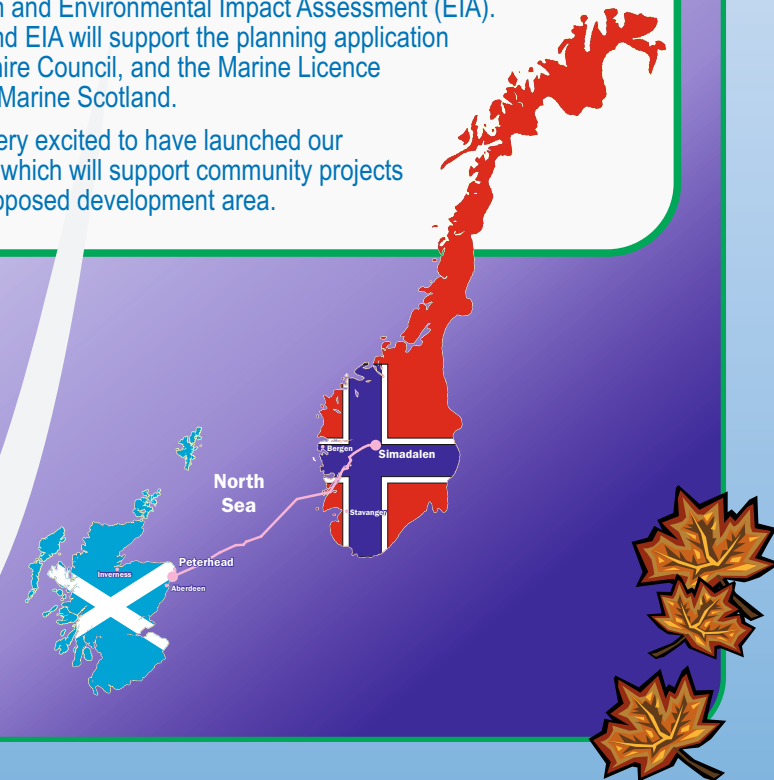
NorthConnect Update

The NorthConnect Interconnector project, linking the UK and Norwegian energy grids at Peterhead and Simadalen, Norway, has had a busy year so far.

In our previous update, we let you know we are working on planning consent and marine license applications for the High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) cables. These will transmit the power to and from the previously consented Converter Station at Fourfields, near Boddam.

Surveys in the water and on land are required to help the Project Design and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The Design and EIA will support the planning application to Aberdeenshire Council, and the Marine Licence application to Marine Scotland.

We are also very excited to have launched our Legacy Fund, which will support community projects around the proposed development area.



Subsea Surveys

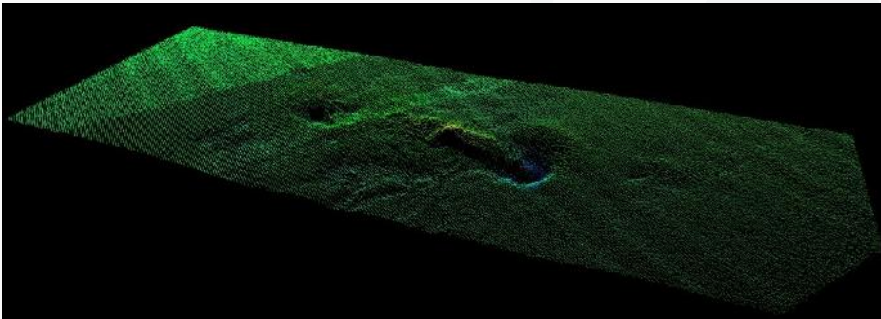
Marine projects require detailed survey work to develop the best possible design, whilst minimising potential impacts on the environment. The proposed cable route is around 655km long. The same distance as between Peterhead and London. The marine survey corridor is approximately 500m wide, the length of 10 football pitches.

Survey work began last winter and is due to conclude by the end of 2017 including:

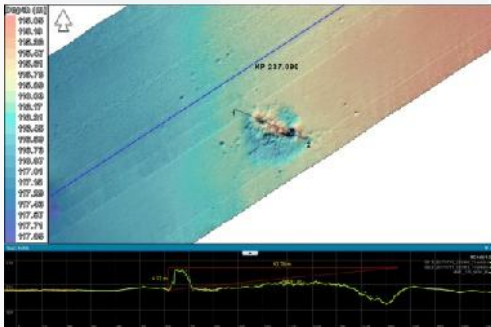
- >> UK Nearshore Survey off the Boddam coast was completed last December (to avoid the bird breeding season);
- >> The North Sea Geophysical Survey was conducted this summer to understand the depths, geology, and other submarine features along the corridor; and
- >> Underwater cameras and seabed samples used to provide an understanding of the habitats and creatures living there, known as the 'benthic ecology'.

The North Sea Geophysical Survey identified six potential sites of archaeological interest, including three confirmed and three possible shipwrecks (two of the confirmed sites correlate to previously charted wreck sites). All six sites will be investigated utilising a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) during the ongoing geotechnical and subsea infrastructure crossings survey, to better understand their significance.

The survey results will be used to help identify the best possible route and installation techniques for the subsea cables. This involves ensuring that the cable route and installation will not interfere with other seabed infrastructure, will minimise environmental impact and, once installed, that the cables will not affect fishing.



Multi beam echo sounder profiles of a confirmed wreck identified within the NorthConnect marine survey corridor

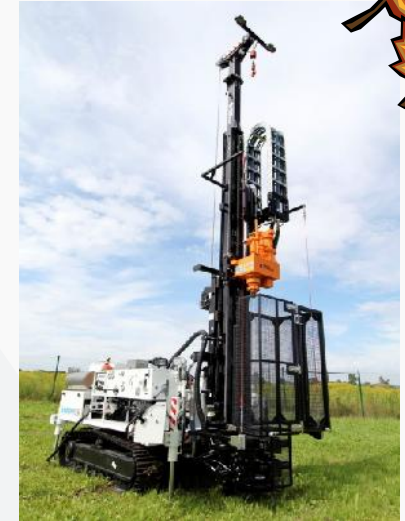


Onshore Surveys

A detailed vegetation survey is underway, to add to our understanding of the onshore ecology gained through bird, otter, badger and water vole surveys. The vegetation survey will focus on the coastline around the HVDC landfall near Longhaven Bay, an area designated for vegetated sea cliffs as part of the Buchan Ness to Collieston Special Area of Conservation.

Archaeological walkovers are also ongoing and base line noise surveys are planned for the construction noise assessment.

Ground Investigations to understand the local geology and hydrogeology will be undertaken in the coming weeks. This will help us plan the onshore cable route and the best location for drilling ducts under the cliffs and out to sea.



Rotary Drilling Rig that may be utilised for Ground Investigations

Converter Station Construction – Access Management

NorthConnect recognises that access to the Fourfields converter station site and the surrounding area is of great value to the local area, and that there may be concerns regarding restriction to this access during and after the construction works. NorthConnect has addressed these concerns in the project design and incorporated the planning feedback received during the consultation process.

Between now and construction, due to commence in 2019, survey work will continue on site. This will not affect access to the Stirlinghill Path Network.

The safety of all users, especially during construction periods, is of paramount importance to us. To ensure safety, access during periods of construction work will be managed in line with the relevant Health & Safety and Access legislation, through consultation with Aberdeenshire Council and local user groups. The 450m path that bisects the Fourfields site will be closed for the majority of the construction works (30 months). It will then be rerouted around the converter station prior to reopening for use by walkers. Access to the core paths around the site may be closed for a few hours at a time during the initial ground works if blasting is required. Short sections of paths to the south and east will be closed or locally re-routed during onshore cable laying (1-3 weeks).

All path closures and diversions will be publicised in advance and an alternate route signposted. Path closures will be minimised as much as possible.

The construction phase will see the creation of a shelter and interpretation panels, which will be maintained over the lifetime of the project, and a 540m increase to the current path network. This equates to a significant ongoing investment to local recreational amenity.

Cabling

The cables will make landfall in Scotland in Long Haven Bay, south of Peterhead. Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) will be used to provide ducted cable runs from the cliff tops of Long Haven Bay out into the North Sea, connecting the onshore and offshore cables. Survey work has identified a suitable exit point at approximately 100m offshore.

The cables will be protected from scour and fouling predominantly through burial. Where burial is not possible due to ground conditions or existing subsea infrastructure, additional protection will be installed to protect the cables, such as rock berms, mattresses or ducting. We would also like your input on their design of the additional protection measures, in order to minimise impacts on local marine users.



UK Interconnector Converter Station

Drop-In Sessions

We will be running two drop-in sessions in January to gather information and to hear the views of the marine community. Please do come and see us if you can:

Thursday 18th January, 10am – 3.30pm, Fisherman's Mission, Peterhead

Friday 19th January, 10am – 3.30pm, Fisherman's Mission, Peterhead

If you're not able to make it along on either of these days, please let us know and we can send you a link to our online questionnaire or we can arrange a phone conversation if you would prefer.

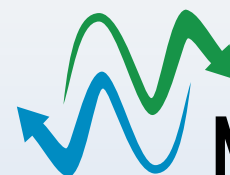
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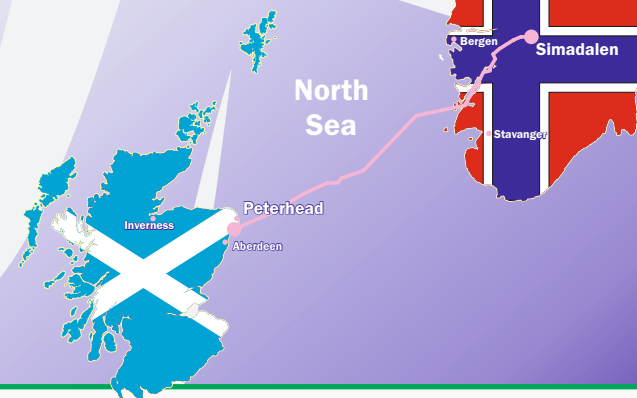
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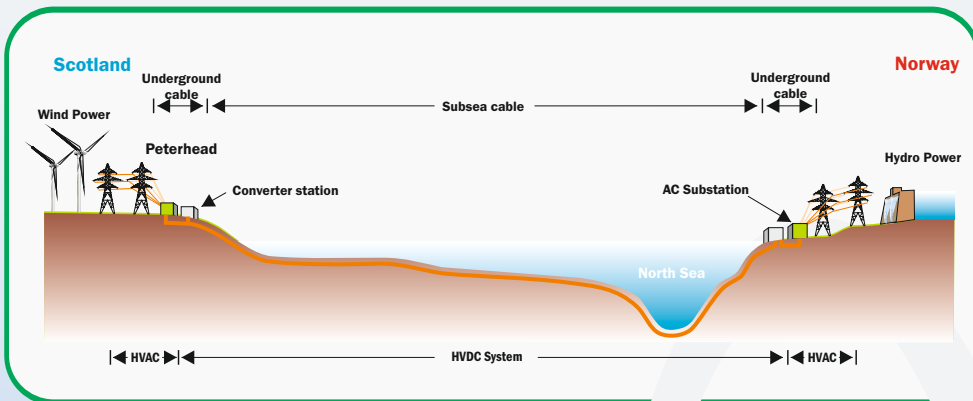
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The Interconnector will provide a 1.4 gigawatt two-way transmission link between Scotland and Norway.



Marine Users Update - January 2018

The UK nearshore marine survey operation, within the Buchan Ness to Collieston Special Protection Area, was undertaken in December 2016 to avoid the bird breeding season. The wider marine surveys across the North Sea were completed during the summer of 2017. The results from the survey operations will help inform the cable corridor design. However, we also need the input of marine users – fishermen, ferry operators, freight operators and recreational users to make sure the construction and operation of the interconnector cause as little disruption as possible. We will be running drop-in sessions later in January and we do hope to see you there.



Project Status - January 2018

NorthConnect received planning permission in September 2015 for the Interconnector Converter Station on the 'Fourfields' site near Boddam, Peterhead and the link to the Peterhead substation. Since then, survey work has been ongoing to inform the planning and marine licensing process for the cables that will transmit electricity between Scotland and Norway, under the North Sea.

Planning permission will be sought from Aberdeenshire Council for the onshore cable corridor to the converter station, and a Marine Licence will be sought from Marine Scotland for the cable corridor in UK Waters. As part of this process we will be undertaking a programme of public consultation and completing an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

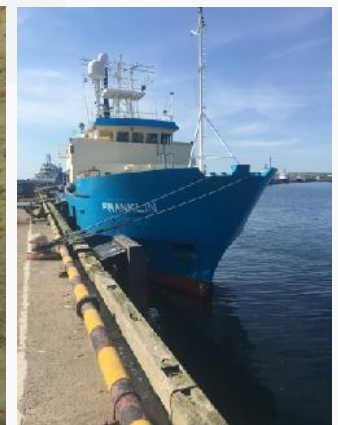
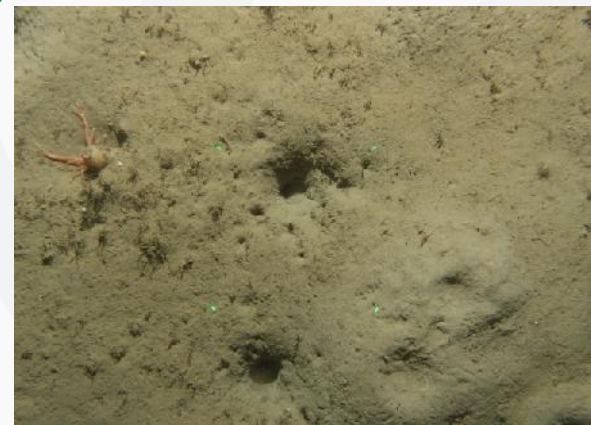
This consultation will begin in January with a series of 'drop-in' sessions for marine users which will feature a questionnaire to help inform the cable corridor design. Subsequent community open days will take place for anyone who wishes to find out more about the project and discuss it in more detail.



Subsea Surveys

The marine survey included geophysical, geotechnical, and benthic ecology investigations along a 500m wide corridor. The geophysical investigations utilised multi-beam echo-sounders, side scan sonar, magnetometer, sub-bottom profiling and underwater cameras. The geotechnical investigations incorporated vibro coring, and cone penetration tests, while grab samples were taken for the benthic and chemical analysis. All survey operations were conducted using specialised offshore survey vessels, and included the use of remotely operated vehicles and towed equipment.

The marine survey results are now being interpreted and will provide information to support the assessment of marine effects on commercial fisheries, ecology, seabed and water quality, and archaeology for inclusion in the EIA. The outputs of the survey will also aid in the identification of offshore cable protection requirements as well as assessing appropriate installation techniques.



NorthConnect Legacy Fund

The first round of awards from the NorthConnect Legacy Fund has recently been made, with thirteen out of twenty applicants being awarded funding. These include two marine based projects; the Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust and the Peterhead Sea Cadets. The Legacy fund will help Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust purchase a new outboard engine for their safety boat and the Peterhead Sea Cadets will be replacing their aging waterproof jackets, allowing both groups to continue their great work, safely introducing youngsters to the sea. The next round of funding, expected once again to be a sum of £10,000, will open in the Autumn of 2018.

The NorthConnect Legacy Fund

The first round of funding through the NorthConnect Legacy Fund was awarded in December. Twenty applications to the fund were received in total, and thirteen of those were successful this time round, including Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust, Peterhead Sea Cadets and Boddam & District Community Council. A second round of funding will be open to applications later this year, so if you have a project that matches the aims below, please get in touch.

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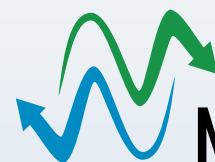
Date for your Diary

We'll be holding a Community Open Day on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 from 2-8pm at the Buchan Braes Hotel, Boddam where you'll be able to view and discuss the plans for the HVDC cables with the project team. We hope to see you there.

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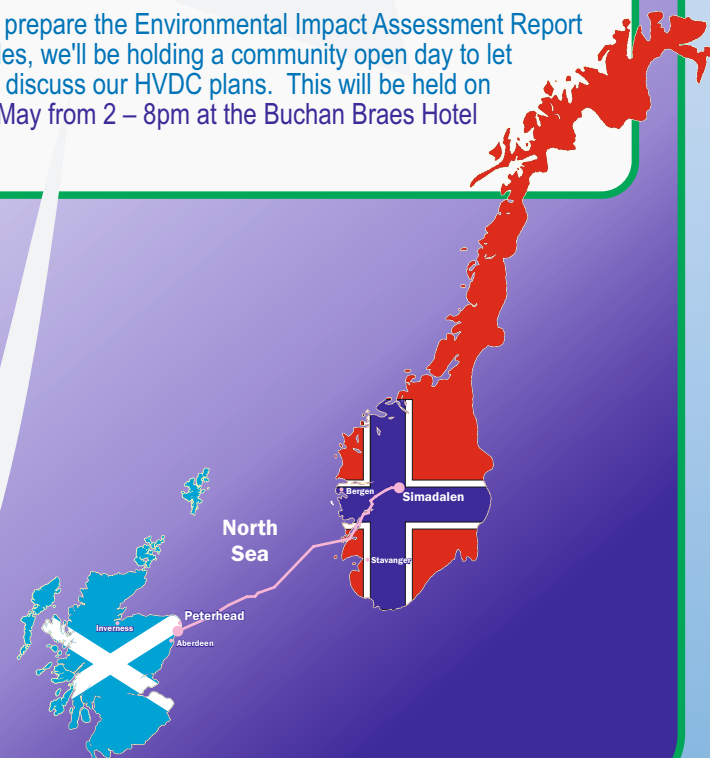
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NorthConnect Update

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We've also been out and about talking to fishermen locally in Boddam and Peterhead as well as further afield in Fraserburgh, Banff and Macduff.

As we continue to prepare the Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the HVDC cables, we'll be holding a community open day to let everyone see and discuss our HVDC plans. This will be held on Wednesday 23rd May from 2 – 8pm at the Buchan Braes Hotel In Boddam.



Onshore Surveys

Ground Investigations to understand the local geology and hydrogeology have been happening at both the Fourfields site and at landfall on the cliffs above Long Haven Bay. This will inform the onshore cable route and the location of where tunnels can be drilled under the cliffs, to link the on and offshore cables.

We had hoped that this work would be complete before Christmas, however the East Coast winter weather was not kind to the teams working on site and so it carried on for an additional few months. We know that this caused disruption around the Fourfields site in particular and we're now working hard to tidy the site up, returning it to its former state.

The work at Long Haven Bay has also now finished and site restoration has been undertaken.



Converter Station Site Access

NorthConnect recognises that access to the Fourfields converter station site and the surrounding area is of great value to the local area, and that there may be concerns regarding restriction to this access during and after the construction works. NorthConnect has taken on board feedback received during the consultation process, and taken account of this in planning the construction programme.

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Marine Cable Installation

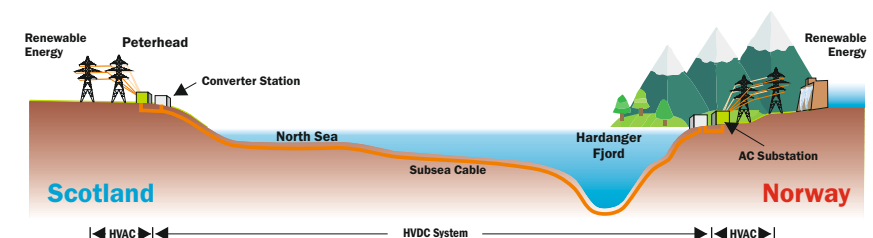
Marine projects require detailed survey work to help develop the best possible design whilst minimising any potential impacts. The proposed cable route is around 665km long; that's equivalent to the distance between Peterhead and London.

Laying a cable over such a distance will require us to work closely with all those who have the North Sea as their place of work, as well as their playground, and one of those key groups of people is the UK's fishing fleet, particularly those based in and around Peterhead.

In order to understand the types of fishing activity undertaken, as well as the species caught and the amount of time spent in the area where we are seeking consent for the cables, we undertook two days of drop-in sessions in Peterhead's Fishermen's Mission at the end of January. In addition to those days we have been busy visiting harbours and gathering information from skippers directly, which will continue. If you happen to know of someone we have not yet managed to speak to, please direct them to:

www.northconnect.no/consultation/uk.

We have also been asking fishermen about their experience of cable protection – that's what is required in areas where the cable can't be trenched into the seabed, for example at a pipeline crossing or where the sea bed is very hard.



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Appendix 3:

Drop in Day Questionnaire and Maps

1 QUESTIONNAIRE

Please note that any information provided on this questionnaire is confidential, and any content that is discussed in the context of the NorthConnect project will remain anonymous.

1.1 Vessel and Crew Overview

Vessel name	
Registration Number	
Captain	
Home Port	
Crew Size (full time)	
Crew Size (part time)	
Vessel Length	
Details on fishing gear (e.g. number of creels)	

1.2 Fishing Activities

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 - a. Within 6 nautical miles
 - b. Beyond 12 nautical miles

- 4.) Please provide an estimate of time spent fishing within 250 m of the proposed (500 m) cable corridor as a percentage (%) per year (total width of 1,000 m)
- 5.) Please list the months of the year which you spend fishing (and specify which species are targeted in each month).
- 6.) Please provide an estimate of the seasonal variation in time spent fishing within 250 m of the proposed (500 m) cable corridor as a percentage (%) per season
- a. Winter:
 - b. Spring:
 - c. Summer:
 - d. Autumn:
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3.) Would you like NorthConnect to keep in touch with you directly during the consultation phase?
Yes / No

a. If yes, how would you like to be contacted?

- i. E-mail
- ii. Text Message
- iii. WhatsApp

b. Please provide contact details below (e-mail address or mobile number)

Please feel free to return completed questionnaires in person to a member of the NorthConnect team, by email to FLO@northconnect.no or by post using out Freepost address:

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Thank you very much for your feedback, and taking the time to answer our questions.

1 QUESTIONNAIRE

Please note that any information provided on this questionnaire is confidential, and any content that is discussed in the context of the NorthConnect project will remain anonymous.

1.1 Vessel and Crew Overview

Vessel name	
Registration Number	
Captain	
Home Port	
Crew Size (full time)	
Crew Size (part time)	
Vessel Length	
Fishing Gear Length (from vessel to toe of net)	

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 - a. Within 12 nautical miles
 - b. From 12 nautical miles to UK EEZ Limit (200 nautical miles)
 - c. Norwegian EEZ

- 4.) Please provide an estimate of time spent intersecting with the proposed cable corridor per year (please define if alternative time period used)
- 5.) Please provide an estimate of the seasonal variation in time spent fishing in areas which intersect with the proposed cable corridor as a percentage (%) per season
- a. Winter:
 - b. Spring:
 - c. Summer:
 - d. Autumn:
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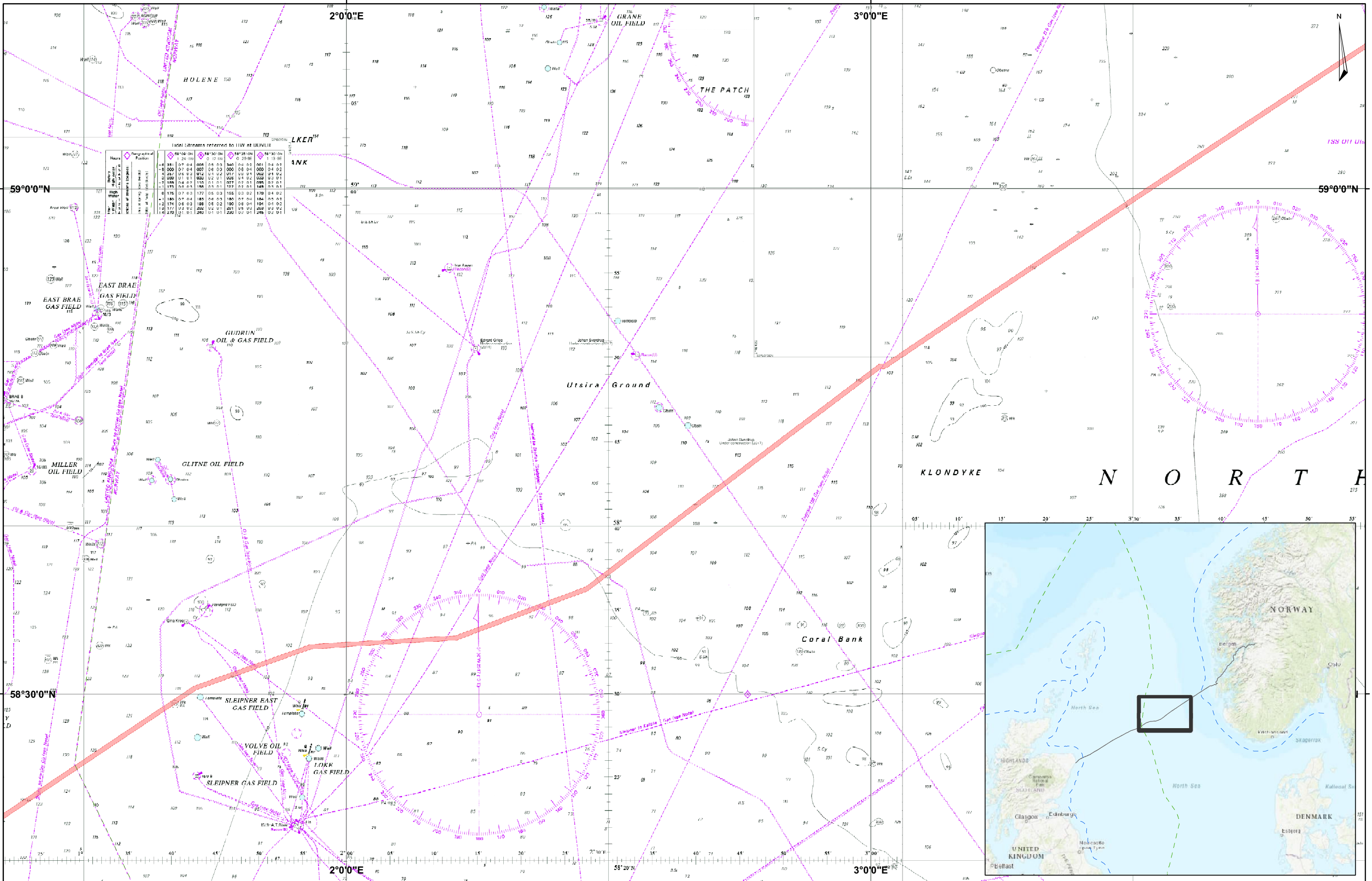
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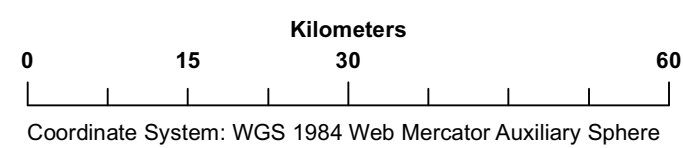
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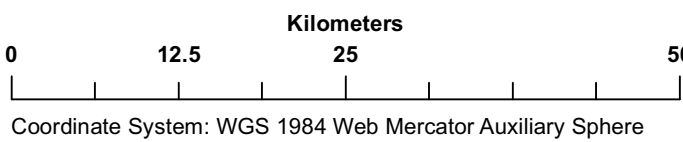
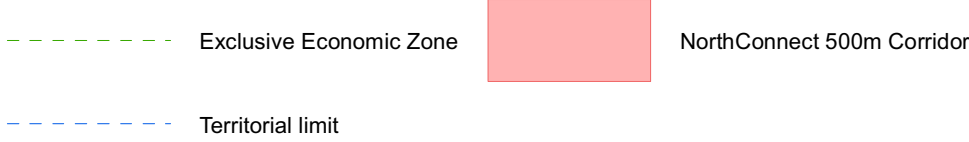
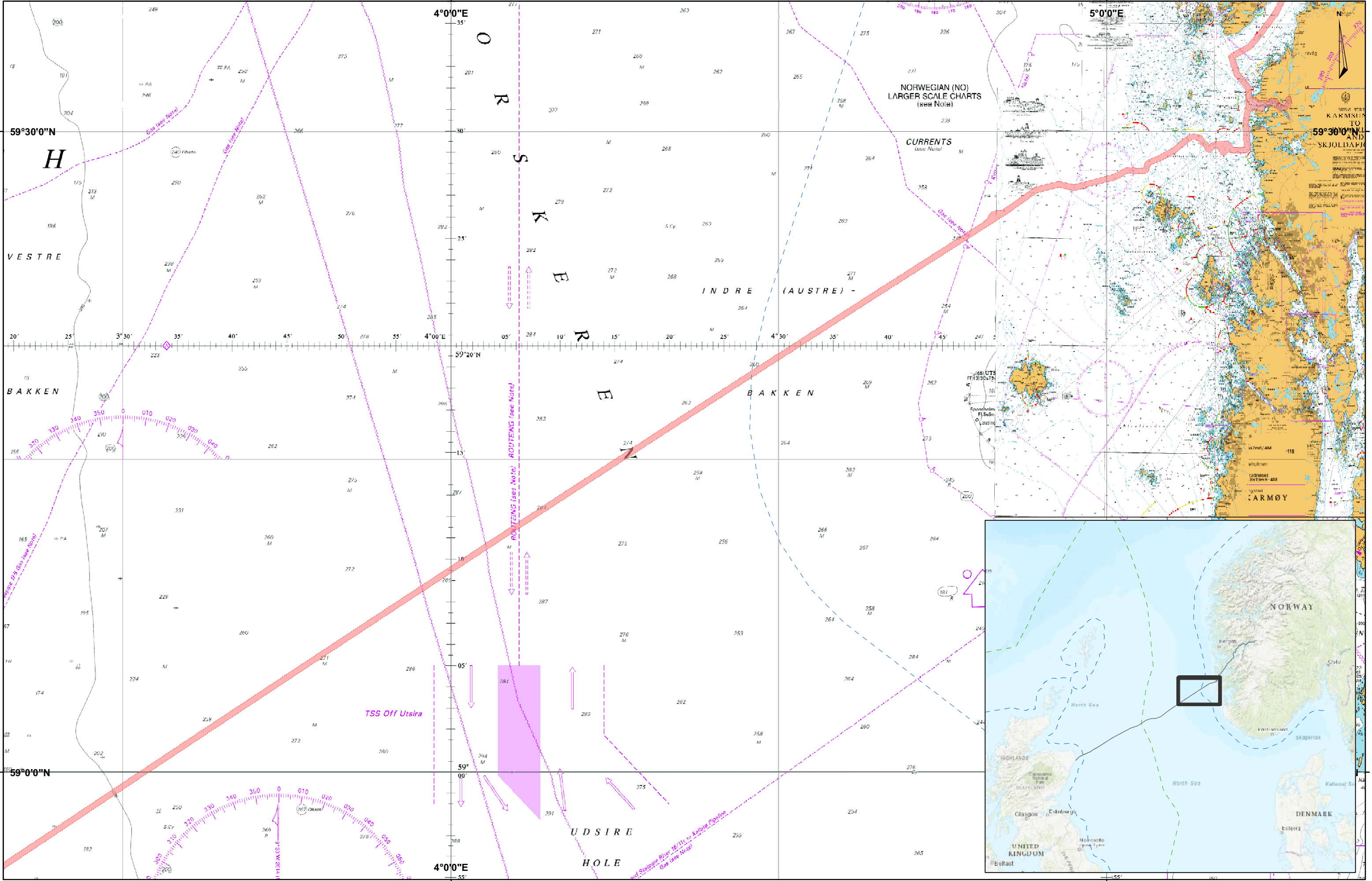


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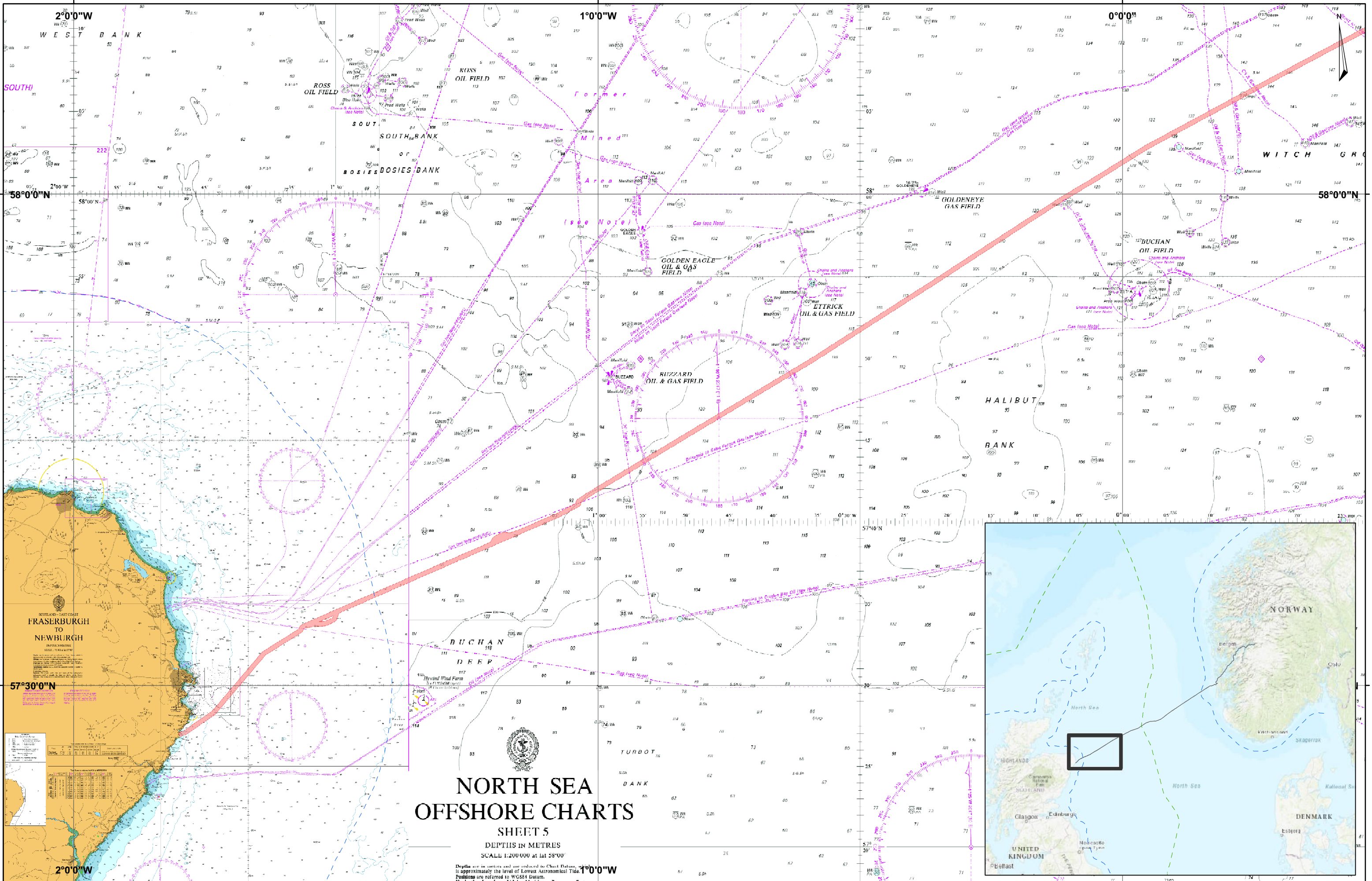
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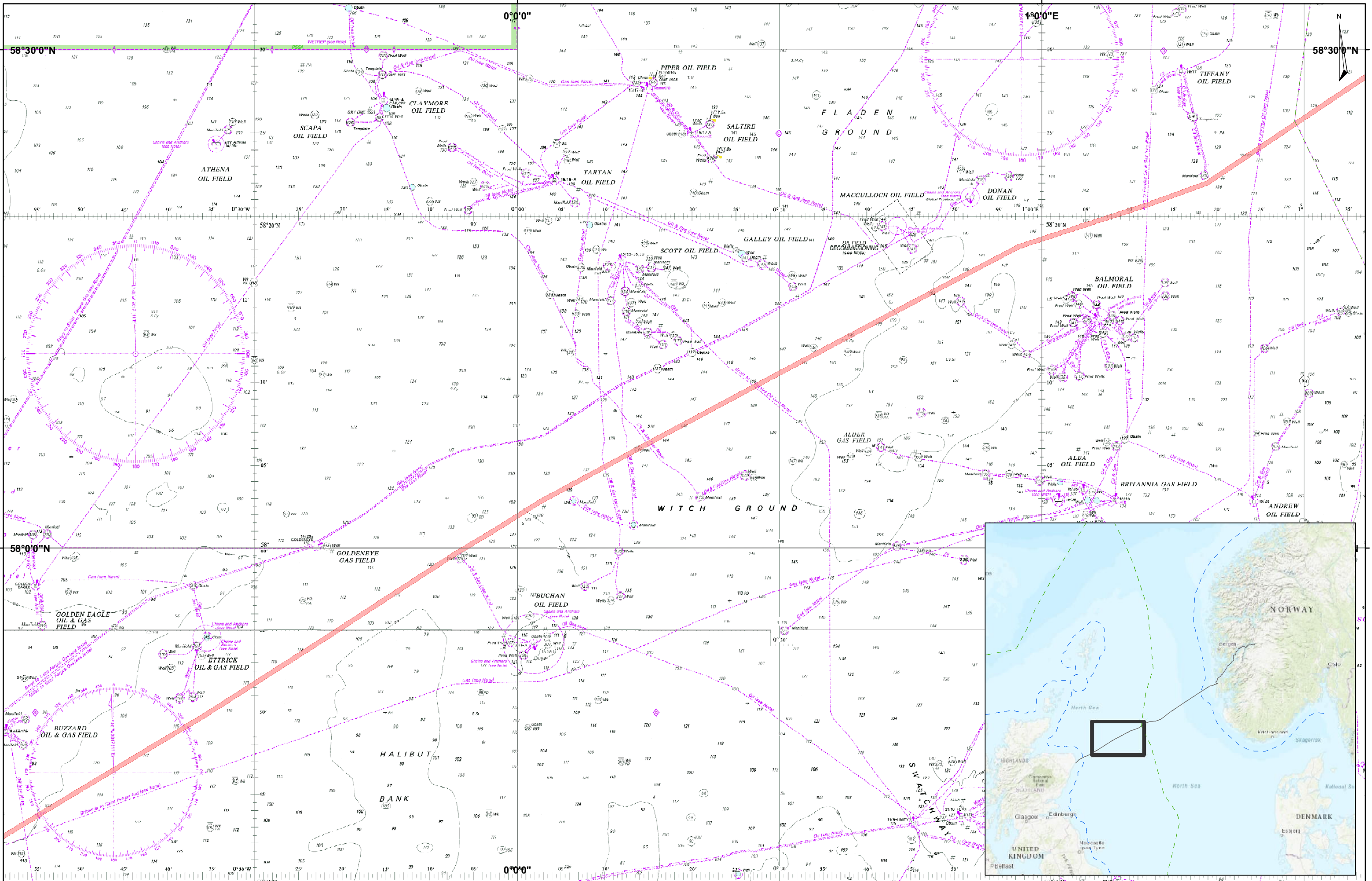
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Response Number	Home Port	Crew Size (Full Time)	Crew Size (Part Time)	Vessel Length (m)	Fishing Gear Details (e.g.number of creels)	Fishing methods and gears utilised	Species Targetted	Proportion of time spent in: within 12 nm from 12 NM to UK EEZ (200 NM) Norwegian EEZ	Time spent intersecting with proposed cable corridor per year	Fishing Activities				Shellfish Licence
										Months of the year spent fishing	Seasonal Variation in time spent fishing in areas which intersect with the cable corridor	Other vessels active in the area		
1		1		1 9.7 m	Creels (120 in winter, 240 in summer) Jigging - 40 hooks x 2		Brown crab, velvet crab, lobster, mackerel	100% within 6 NM (almost all within 3 NM)	30% in winter	All year targetting shellfish Mackerel - late May to mid October (peak from June to July)	Winter - December in particular in East Spoil ground	Some boats come from Wick and Ullapool come to land in Peterhead, NI boat Newry used to land in Peterhead	No	
2	Peterhead	0		1 5 m	Creels and mackerel	Creels and mackerel	Mackerel, lobster, velvet crab and a few brown crab	100% within 6 NM (almost all within 1 NM)	Active from March to September, time spent in cable corridor depends on where mackerel are found	Mainly from April to September		A lot of vessels fish around Longhaven Bay	Yes	
3	Peterhead	0		1 6 m	100 creels	Creels and mackerel	lobster, velvet crabs, a few brown crabs and green crabs	100% within 6 NM (almost all within 1 NM)	Active all year round	All year round		As above		
4	Boddam	0		1 5.7 m	70 creels Mackerel jigging, 25 hooks	Creels and mackerel jigging	Lobster, velvet crabs and mackerel	100% within 6 NM Range extends from Rattery Head in the north to Coliston in the south	Only likely to target mackerel in the cable corridor	March to December, 3 days per week	March to December - lobster and velvet crabs close to the cliff June to September- as above as well as mackerel up to 2 miles offshore	Leah, David Buchan, Tern, Albatross,m Dianne, Ryandon, Aurora, Prosperity, Dandy	Yes	
5	Peterhead	1		1 9 m	250 creels, mackerel jigging device	Creels and mackerel jigging	Mackerel, lobster, brown crab	Operates from Cruden Bay to Buchaness with creels; further north for mackerel	Doesn't use creels in the cable corridor	Creels - All Year Round Mackerel - May to October	No seasonal variation except for mackerel	A lot of Boddam boats use the area for creels	Yes	
6	Boddam	1		0 6 m	50 creels, mackerel handlines	Creels, handlines machine: 30 hooks on each line of jugging machine (60 hooks in total)	Mackerel, lobsters, velvet crabs	Creels laid north to south across cable corridor	All year round, mainly in the cable corridor in December, January and February especially if winds are easterly.	May to October for mackerel, all year round for creels	More time spent fishing in summer		Yes	
7	Peterhead	0		1 6 m	Creels, lobster nets, hand lines and jigging machine	20 hooks on hand lines 60 creels lobster nets	Mackerel, lobster, velvet crab	100%; majority within 1-2 miles of the coast		Generally from March to September, using lobster nets in Longhaven Bay; found mackerel further south than in previous years Mostly in summer; occasionally put creels out in winter but not very often Mackerel mainly targetted in June and July, more likely to move out of the cable corridor during these months while tracking the mackerel	Offshore on trawler for 2 weeks at a time; will leave creels out during this time and check them when back 'onshore'	Progress, Onward, Hopefull, Lady S, Fertility, Stately Some fishermen target the Spoil grounds and further south		
8	Peterhead	2		0 10 m	1000 creels, mackerel jigging gear		mackerel, lobsters, velvet crab, brown crab	Up to 7NM, usually within 6 NM	All year round, majority of fishing activity is in the cable route corridor	Fish more in summer, especially when targetting mackerel as well as using creels	5 vessels use the route corridor all year round. There may be some smaller boats that use the area sometimes.		Yes	
9	Peterhead	1		6 m	100 creels 2 mackerel jigging machines		lobsters and velvet crabs, mackerel	100% (most within 3 NM)	Fishing grounds from Cruden Bay to longhaven Bay, ~30% spent in cable corridor. Proportion spent there depends on where the good fishing is.	No fishing in winter; May, June and July are main months for fishing, some in August	4-5 boats use Cruden Bay plus 10 in Boddam; no foreign vessels seen.			
10	Peterhead	2		0 9 m	1000 creels 4 mackerel jigging machines and hand lines		velvet crabs, lobster, brown crab and mackerel	100% within 6 NM		All year round for creels Mackerel - June to October July is the busiest month, especially by the cliffs	Not much fishing in winter Inside the corridor quite a bit in spring and summer, especially in the summer for mackerel	Over 20 boats use the area from Buccan Ness lighthouse to Cruden Bay, creels by the cliff. No foreign vessels observed in the area (within 6 NM)	Yes	
11	Peterhead	1		0 12 m	Creels, mackerel		Velvet crabs, brown crabs, lobster	100% within 6 NM (although palnning to extend range out to (Hywind) turbines this year)	All gear within cable corridor; planning to head out to turbines to fish in the future	All year round	All year round	No comment	Yes	
12	Boddam	0		2 7.3 m	Jigging machine, 40 hooks Handlines, 20 hooks 300 creels		Mainly brown crab and lobster but also mackerel	50% of creeling time spent in the cable route corridor 50% spent jigging for mackerel from March to November	Currently fishing from March to December but hoping to start fishing all year round soon	Mackerel tragetted from March to November	Mostly out in spring, summer nad autumn, spending about 50% of time in the cable corridor	Albatross, Prosperity B and Leah operate south of Buccan Ness Hopefull and Vichana ave been seenaround the pilot station Other small vessels that use the areatoo although no foregn vessles have been seen in the area	No	

Vessel Crew and Overview										Fishing Activities			The Project				
Response Number	Vessel Name	Registration Number	Captain	Home Port	Crew Size (Full Time)	Crew Size (Part Time)	Vessel Length (m)	Fishing Gear Details (e.g. length from vessel to toe of net)	Fishing methods and gears utilised	Species Targetted	Proportion of time spent in: within 12 nm from 12 NM to UK EEZ (200 NM) Norwegian EEZ	Time spent intersecting with proposed cable corridor per year	Seasonal Variation in time spent fishing in areas which intersect with the cable corridor	Other vessels active in the area	Types of cable protection that have worked well in the past	Any questions, comments or requirements you would like NorthConnect to address	North-Connect to keep in touch Directly?
1				Fraserburgh	7	1	20	0.25 mile when twin trawling	Twin Trawling	Cod, haddock, whiting, saithe, hake, monkfish, squid and	Depends on migrations, weather, moon phases and seasons. Approximately 100 days per year from 12 NM to UK EEZ.	Between 4 and 8	Winter - 20% Spring - 40% Summer - 40% Autumn - 20%	Can be up to 20 prawn trawlers working and crossing the buried cables.	There are no real benefits to towing on cables whereas pipelines can be productive. We can cross over at any angle as cables should be buried at required depths. Where the cable is not buried the fishermen keep well clear of any exposed cable until it has been swept by chain ants and we are given the all clear that we can tow over. The preferred cable crossing is the stone mat types that are user friendly on fishing gears.		Yes
2				Peterhead	6	0	23 m	2.5 mile trawl	Twin trawls	Cod, haddock, hake, whiting, prawns (Nephrops), monkfish etc	100% from 12 NM to EEZ 270 days at sea per year	Prawns all season. Cable corridor intersects with the entire prawn fishing area. During trawling they will intersect it several times. Prawns are in seasonal runs.	Intersects with cable during spring, summer and autumn	95% of twin rig trawlers operate in the 12 NM UK EEZ. There are normally about 15 prawn vessels in an area when the prawn run is on and a few pelagic guys might come to the area too. There can be around 30 vessels in a group because of the prawns.	Chain mat: aware of one crossing where there is a "gate" of chain matting - he doesn't like this data because it means there is a bottleneck as everyone piles through the one specific place in order to cross over a pipe. Concerns about torry straps holding pipes as he knows of people who have had bad experiences with these. Rock dumping would show up on the charts as hard ground which they avoid, although he is aware of one crossing where there is 'too much rock' which annoyed the fishermen. Bury and backfill is the best way; he would expect it to be buried to at least 1 m. He has identified on the photo locations where there are still issues with the crossings as they were trenched and never backfilled and lots of mud piles were left, fishermen are still angry about these crossings. He wants the seabed to be left as it was found. He has experience of having to cross crossings at 90° angles.	Wants to know about timescales; Concern that only one is being laid and then the second one being laid. Would rather just the two be laid together "surely better to do it at once" Buffer zone - make sure the whole 160km isn't all closed off at once. Need more people told - the Fraserburgh guys too not just the Peterhead guys. He only found out about the drop-in session because his dad phoned him and told him to come down. Wants to make sure the cable goes onto FishSafe - a device which shows you where the cable is. Has worked with seismic boats because and has managed to cope with that before. Doesn't think there should be too much problem providing that some fishing can still occur either north or south of the corridor as it's being installed. Wants it noted that there will be disruption due to the corridor chosen because the corridor bisects the prawn travelling route. Definitely concerned about the proposal but is very happy that Alan is involved and is "on their side".	Yes
3				Peterhead	6	0	20 m	Fully automated scallop dredger	Scallops, queen scallops		Work from inside 6 NM out to 12 NM most of the time; in Peterhead works out as far as the Buchan Deep; doesn't go beyond 40-50 fathom water depth. Has an agreement with creels on fishing areas; typically does not fish on the inside of the 1'40' line as far south as 27° latitude. Also operational in the English Channel, Isle of Man and from Bell Rock up to Peterhead.	Up to 5 months of the year in the Peterhead area	Fishes all year round, no particular time of the year more or less likely to be spent off the coast of Peterhead	There are about 20-30 UK scalloping vessels	Rock placement is no good for scallop dredgers; dredgers are comprised on 6.5 inch teeth which sink 2-3 inches into the sediment (length of teeth depends on the kind of ground that is being dredged). As little rock placement as possible along the corridor would be the best scenario for dredgers.	Based on discussions about the project it is unlikely he will be affected by the areas of rock placement that are anticipated for the corridor. The area of rock placement needs to be clearly marked so fishermen know not to dredge over the top of it. Usually get this information (the coordinates of unavailable fishing areas) from Femka, who works for the Scottish White Fish Producers Organisation (SWFPA). It is useful to get information from the SWFPA directly in addition to the notice to mariners.	Yes
4				Peterhead	4	0	16.5 m	Scallop dredger	Scallops	As above		As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above
5				Peterhead	6	0	24 m	Pair trawl 0.75 m from boat to net, 14 inch hoppers 0.2-0.3 miles between vessels during trawling	Cod, haddock, hake, saithe, all whitefish	45% from 12 NM to 200 NM mainly around Shetland 55% in the Norwegian sector		Approximately 1 month per year (20% of activity) in area of cable route, usually in cable route during the winter months	Fishing is done all year round, usually in cable route during the winter months	In his experience cable protection is always overtrawlable in Norway to the point that the exact location of cables are not provided as it is not notified as a fishing hazard. If using rock placement the size of stones makes a difference; if trenching the time to cover the trenches is important as no fishing can take place until they are covered. If possible to do what Norwegians usually do that would be best.	Will the guard vessels be British in the UK portion of the cable corridor? The distance that trawlers have to stay away from construction works makes a difference- 2 miles is a lot, 500 m is manageable. Query regarding whether the pipeline will generate any heat. A lot of fishing vessels steam through the cable corridor to get to fishing grounds.	Yes	

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Appendix 4: **Note of meeting with SFF, email requests to** **members of SFF and SWFPA**

Fiona Milligan

From: Fiona Milligan
Sent: 21 June 2018 10:57
To: Fiona Milligan
Subject: FW: Cable between Scotland and Norway
Attachments: Flyer.pdf

On Friday, 5 January 2018, 16:07, Lianne Morenc < > wrote:

Members,

There are plans (at an early stage) for a cable between Scotland and Norway. See attached leaflet for a map. The proposed cable will obviously cross fishing grounds, so North Connect is currently gathering information on fisheries activities as well bury-techniques for the cables which will allow fishermen to tow over it.

Please note that the exact location isn't set yet and that all information might help to put the cable in a more favourable location.

They are requesting fishermen to come along to their drop-in sessions on:
Thursday 18th January, 10am – 3.30pm, Fisherman's Mission, Peterhead
Friday 19th January, 10am – 3.30pm, Fisherman's Mission, Peterhead

I would recommend to go if you have information that might be relevant for them. Online surveys will also be sent out at a later stage for any additional information.

Please let me know if you have any comments or questions.

Kind regards,
Femke de Boer
Inshore Policy Officer

Scottish White Fish Producers Association Limited
Fraserburgh Business Centre
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Meeting Note: NorthConnect (NC) meeting with Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF)

9th February 2018, 2pm, SFF Office, Aberdeen

Present:

Fiona Milligan (FMI) Communications Manager, NC
Jon Ashburner (JAS) Senior Marine and Environmental Specialist, NC
Alan Addison (AWA) Fisheries Liaison Officer, NC
Malcolm Morrison (MMO) Fisheries Policy Officer, SFF
Raymond Hall (RHA) Industry Advisor, SFF
Steven Alexander (SAL) Offshore Liaison, SFF

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Project update
3. Consultation objectives
4. Potential opportunities
5. AOB

1 Introductions

FMI thanked SFF for hosting the meeting and each member of the NC team introduced themselves and explained their role. **SAL** explained that in addition to Offshore Liaison, he was responsible for the commercial aspects of SFF (SFF Services). **RHA** explained his background as Industry Advisor and **MMO** noted that he would be responding to Marine Scotland on behalf of the SFF.

2 Project Update

FMI thanked the SFF for responding to the Scoping Request and explained that NC was now at the point where consultation with statutory and non-statutory consultees would really kick off, in advance of the submission of applications to both Marine Scotland and Aberdeenshire Council in respect of the HVDC cables. **MMO** noted that the SFF responded to the Scoping Request in June 2016 and was disappointed that this was the first contact since then.

JAS outlined the need for the project and explained how the site locations had been assessed and the ultimate decision made to locate the landfall near Peterhead including the assessment of baseline geology, existing assets and likely availability of grid. Having decided on the Peterhead area, a desktop exercise was conducted to identify a route with the highest level of potential burial through a 5km corridor whilst minimising infrastructure crossings. The 5km corridor was further reduced to a 500m wide corridor, through a final detailed desk top study, with specific consideration of the existing seabed infrastructure. Marine surveys of the 500m corridor were conducted over 3 campaigns between December 2016 and October 2017.

MMO asked if we could now say that the cable can be buried. **JAS** outlined that the survey results were still being analysed, to ascertain how and where the cable can be buried, and calculate the depth of lowering that will give sufficient levels of protection, and mitigate risks to/from fishing activity. **RHA** asked what an acceptable depth for this type of cable is, given that oil pipelines are 0.6m. **JAS** advised that this is currently being calculated, but for UK waters will likely be between 0.5m and 1m.

JAS confirmed that NC is working on the assumption that the HVDC cables will be installed in 2 trenches.

RHA noted that jet trenching was the SFF's preferred method of burial, as the berms which result from ploughs can be problematic for certain fisheries. **JAS** stated that jet trenching is definitely a preferred option for NorthConnect, but that this tool will likely be one option in within a 'toolbox' designed to maximise the probability of achieving successful burial.

JAS stated that NC seek to maximise burial, and minimise rock placement, and where rock placement is required (crossings, hard ground etc), NC want to achieve trawl friendly rock berms. **JAS** then asked whether SFF could provide advice on how to ensure rock berms are trawl friendly. **RHA** noted that a 1 in 3 gradient, developed for use over oil pipelines, is the most effective gradient and that smaller gauge rocks were being trialled in rock berms for the Hywind landfall cable. **JAS** stated that NC would be interested to hear the results of the Hywind trial.

RHA stated that SFF's priorities are the safety of fishermen; minimising disruption to fishing activity; and ensuring that fishermen can return to the area with no fear of damage to gear. **JAS** advised that from a safety point of view, notices to mariners will be published for all marine works. In addition, details of all works will be made available in the Kingfisher Bulletin, Guard Vessels will be in place, and navigation warnings published as required.

JAS stated that due to restrictions in cable production, the cables cannot be installed in one campaign, instead it will be installed in sections (of approximately 160km) and work will start concurrently from both the UK and Norway, ultimately meeting in the middle. In the UK we will start at the UK landfall where the cable will be pulled up through HDD pipes. The cable will then be laid on the sea bed, and 7 days later the trenching operation will commence. Exposed cable between the laying and trenching vessels will be protected by an exclusion zone. After the trenching vessel has passed the cable will be inspected to ensure it is properly buried. As soon as it has been confirmed that the cable is properly protected, the exclusion zone will be lifted, and normal fishing operations can resume. Exclusion zones will remain over areas of cable which are not adequately protected (hard ground, asset crossings etc), until additional protection is provided. NC is committed to ensuring that the fishing exclusion zones are lifted on a phased basis as soon as practicably possible, and hope to ensure that each 160km length is fully protected and over trawlable within 4 months.

RHA asked how many crossings out to the Norwegian Line and whether he could have the WGS84 positions of the survey corridor.

JAS advised that there are 18 crossings in total out to the Norwegian Line, 4 cable and 14 pipeline, but that some are bundled which reduces the actual number of physical crossings required. There are 15 in the Norwegian sector.

ACTION: JAS to provide WGS84 positions of RPL 9 – Note, these must be kept confidential.

3 Consultation Objectives

FMI explained that the reason for the delay between scoping and the current consultation is because the marine surveys were required in order to inform design, so as to have something tangible to consult on. However, this was now the right point in the process to be speaking to appropriate bodies such as SFF.

JAS and **AWA** outlined the consultation work that has been undertaken to date in order to facilitate the marine survey operations:

- It was necessary to clear a 1km corridor (survey corridor + 250m buffer) of static gear for the 3 phases of the survey within the UK 12nm waters.
- **AWA** was appointed to identify and ensure we were working closely with those fishermen who would be impacted directly – particularly the Buchan Inshore Fishery Association (BIFA).

- Consultation and negotiations were held with the fishermen that would be affected, in order to develop a communication and compensation strategy to minimise the impact of the corridor clearances.
- A contract was developed between NorthConnect and each of the affected fishing vessels, for each phase of the survey operations. This included a 7 day notification from NorthConnect of the start of operations, a lump sum for the clearance of gear from the 1km corridor for a period of up to 7 days, an additional day rate if survey operations in the corridor exceeded 7 days, and a 30 day payment term after cessation of survey works.
- Notices to Mariners were also widely published through the Kingfisher Bulletin, national navigation authorities, local ports and harbours, and local fishing bodies.

JAS stated that NC decided to proceed with such a direct and focussed approach to the survey consultation, following our initial discussions with the fishery. NC were advised that previous surveys had consulted very widely, which had led to many spurious claims or vessels moving into the area in order to place a claim. This had resulted in problems for both the developers, and the vessels which were genuinely affected by operations; something which both NC and the fishing vessels were keen to avoid.

AWA stated that NC's approach to the consultation, negotiations, and compensation contracts was very well received by all of the affected vessels. The process ran very smoothly on each of the 3 phases of the survey operations, and there were no instances of gear remaining within the corridor, or damage to gear resulting from the survey works. **AWA** went on to state that as a result of this direct and focussed approach, NC have developed a very good reputation within the Peterhead fishing community.

SAL noted that whilst having a FLO in place negotiating this kind of agreement was fine, they didn't always have the authority to agree to levels of compensation and later found that what they'd agreed was not authorised by management. **JAS** and **AWA** assured **SAL** that in this case, the FLO was assisted by **JAS** and that financial authority was there.

MMO asked for the notices to mariners to be forwarded to SFF in future. **JAS** agreed.

JAS stated that in terms of current fisheries consultation, NC had recently hosted a 2 day drop in session at the Peterhead Fishermen's Mission. This was intended to identify and establish communications with fishing vessels that may be affected by the installation of the NorthConnect cables. The event was also designed to inform the 'Commercial Fisheries' chapter of the Environmental Statement by identifying the target species, types of gear used, key fishing grounds, as well as information on catches, and effort in the vicinity of the NorthConnect 500m corridor. Whilst there was a reasonably good turnout, further work is being done in relation to prawn and white fish boats. **AWA** elaborated on his numerous trips to Peterhead and Fraserburgh to speak with the local fleet, as well as the dialogue which has been started with the Scottish White Fish Producers Association.

AWA went on to state that feedback from the fishing to date has been very positive, and all parties have appreciated NC's direct and personal approach to consultation, as well as a clear commitment to minimising impacts on the fishing industry. **JAS** stated that we are keen to keep on developing relations with the fishing industry, and continue our communications, in order to ensure the industry stays on board with the project.

MMO said that whilst going directly to the fishermen was part of the process, NC should have used SFF to inform its members regarding the project as they are the umbrella organisation for the other Scottish fishing groups. **JAS** stated that while this may be the more conventional method; having had such positive feedback regarding our more directed and personal approach to fisheries liaison so far, we are now keen to continue this approach. **FMI** also noted that as well as continuing to develop the relationships already built with the local fishermen, NC are working hard to liaise with our stakeholders and consultees as per the scoping response of Marine Scotland.

JAS went on to state that while NC were keen to continue with our direct and personal approach to the fisheries consultation, and so would rather avoid conducting our consultations through the SFF, we would greatly value the SFF's input. NC are very keen for SFF to attend future fisheries consultation events, and would be grateful if they could review our fisheries contact list, to ensure we haven't missed any key parties. SFF agreed to review the list and will speak to its own members.

RHA asked what was to be consented and **JAS** advised that it would be the 500m route corridor which will allow the EPCI contractor to devise the final route design. **MMO** asked for an assurance of burial and **JAS** advised that maximising burial is critical to NC. NC will use lessons learned from other projects to ensure that the cable is buried wherever possible, and there is minimum disruption to fishing activity going forwards.

4 Potential Opportunities

FMI outlined that one of the key opportunities for SFF Services would be in tendering for Guard Vessel services. **SAL** noted that they try and share opportunities amongst the fleet and ideally the work should go to those locally who are being disrupted. **RHA** noted that there have been issues with the guard vessels used on the Caithness-Moray cable project, which NKT is involved with. **FMI** said that procurement of guard vessels will be the responsibility of the EPCI contractor, however NC will be doing all we can to bring local contractors into contact with the EPCI contractor. No guarantees can be given as to who the guard vessel work is awarded to, as all contracts of this size will be awarded through a competitive tender process, in line with regulations. However, SFF can demonstrate the added value of working with local fishermen.

Both **SAL** and **RHA** sit on the Fisheries Legacy Trust Company's (FLTC) Technical Group which looks at how other industries subsea infrastructure is shown/displayed to fishermen. The FishSAFE unit information now works alongside a companion app 'Fish Safe' which shows animations of what wellheads and other assets etc actually look like on the sea bed. Currently only oil and gas assets are shown on the FishSAFE unit and companion app (as it was funded by the O&G sector), but it is planned look at how to add renewables assets too, however there will be a cost involved in that.

RHA asked if NC would be undertaking debris clearance right along the corridor and if so, would a cheaper option be of interest? **JAS** noted that boulder clearance, removal of out of service cables, and grapnel runs are likely to be required. **RHA** asked whether a trawler could be used for the grapnel run, but **JAS** stated this would complicate the consenting process, as the boulders would be removed, and not just moved to one side. **JAS** said he was unsure, usually anchor handlers are used for this task, and it would depend on the bollard pull capacity of the trawler, the ability to deploy/recover the grapnel, and the accuracy of the positioning systems.

5 AOB

JAS noted that an indicative installation timeline would be provided to SFF, once it is available – however this will only be indicative, as the final timeline will depend on the specific installation techniques employed by the EPCI contractor.

FMI thanked everyone for their time and the meeting closed at 4.05pm.

Signed: I certify that these minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting:

Company	Representative	Signature	Date
NorthConnect	Fiona Milligan		
Scottish Fisheries Federation	Malcolm Morrison		



Malcolm Morrison

Fisheries Policy Officer

Scottish Fishermen's Federation

Fiona Milligan

From: Fiona Milligan
Sent: 21 June 2018 10:55
To: Fiona Milligan
Subject: FW: Norway to Peterhead cable
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On Thursday, 1 March 2018, 11:07, Lianne Morenc < > wrote:

All,

Take note of the email below and attached from the SFF.

Regards
Lianne

Lianne Morenc

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We met with Fiona Millican (Liaison Manager) J Ashbourn(Consent/Survey design) and A Addisison (FLO) for this project – North Connect. For some reason they have chosen to do things in a different order to other projects, by speaking first to creelers then working their way up to the federation

The project intends to have 2 X 650km cables, 20-30m apart between Longhaven and Norway to enable sharing of Scottish renewable power and Norwegian Hydro power.
They got planning consent for the land based works in 2014, have done some of the offshore surveys and are now looking to define the cable route to apply for the licence.

The project will start one cable from each coast in 160km lengths, with rolling closures, with the intention to bury as much as possible, rock dumping only when absolutely necessary, finishing off with an ROV survey.
There are 18 crossings in UK waters and 15 in Norwegian, which will require rock or other protection

As you would expect they assure us there will be little inconvenience to fishing, and the FLO tells us that he has already got the support of the Buchan Inshore Fishermens Association, the scallopers who work the area and prawn men on the route.
Ahead of the application it would be helpful if anyone who fishes the route gave us their views, charts enclosed
Best regards

Malcolm

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Fiona Milligan

From: Fiona Milligan
Sent: 21 June 2018 11:08
To: Fiona Milligan
Subject: FW: Important -- NorthConnect Cable
Attachments: NC_UK_Consenting_Corridor_Marine.xlsx

From: [Lianne Morenc](#)
Sent: 17 May 2018 14:40
To: [Lianne Morenc](#)
Subject: FW: Important -- NorthConnect Cable

Dear Members,

Please find attached the coordinates of the Northconnect cable between Scotland and Norway.

On **Tuesday 22nd of May, from 10:30 to ±noon** they will be available for feedback from all SWFPA skippers at the Fraserburgh Leisure Centre.

This is one of the last possibilities to give our feedback, so I would strongly encourage you to come visit.

Kind regards,

Femke de Boer
Inshore Policy Officer

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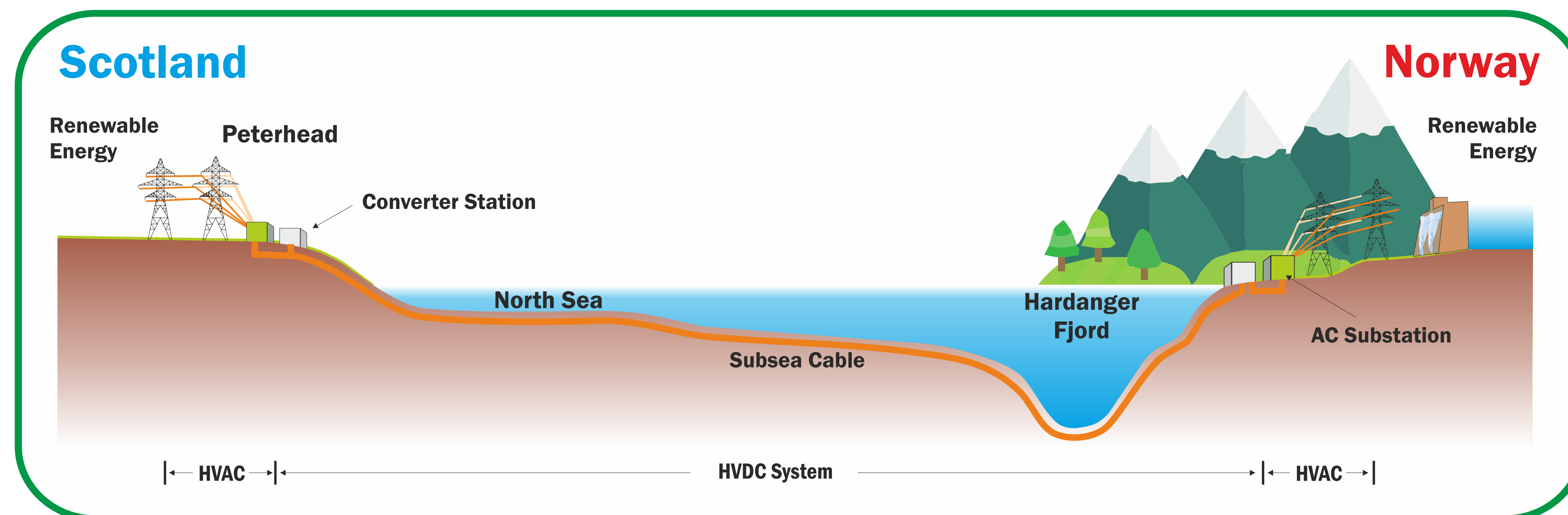
Appendix 5: **Community Open Day Information Panels**

What is NorthConnect?

Welcome to our latest Community Open Days for the NorthConnect project

NorthConnect has been set up to develop, consent, build and operate a High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) electrical interconnector between Peterhead in Scotland and Simadalen in Norway. The 665km long, 1400MW interconnector will provide an electricity transmission link allowing the two nations to exchange power and increase use of renewable energy. The intention is for the HVDC interconnector to be operational by 2023.

NorthConnect is a Joint Venture (JV) project company owned by four community and state-owned partners from Norway and Sweden: Agder Energi AS, E-CO Energi AS, Lyse Produksjon AS, and Vattenfall AB. The partnership was established on 1st February 2011.



Project Benefits

Security of Supply

By tapping into the Nordic Region's hydro-power the UK will be able to import power when required, during planned shut-downs of generation plant, in periods of low wind, and in emergencies (un-planned shut-downs). Similarly, in periods of low rain fall and unplanned shutdowns in Norway, the UK will be able to export power to Norway to help secure their supply.

Green Battery

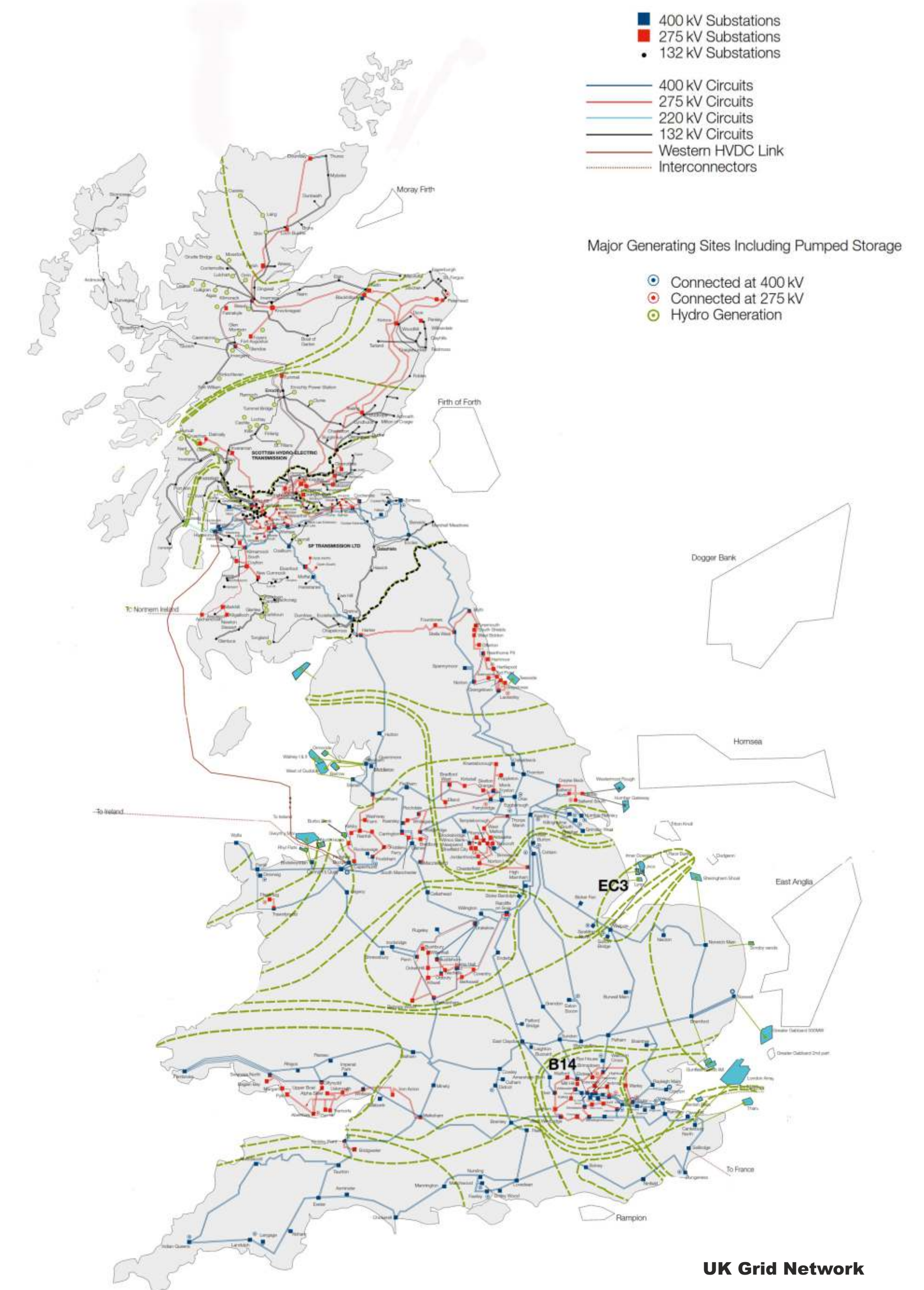
The south-west area of Norway contains 90% of the hydro-power plants in the country and is known as the 'green battery'. Tapping into this storage facility will help us meet our targets of increasing renewable energy production and reducing CO2 emissions.

Reduced Price Fluctuations

The price of electricity changes constantly in the UK depending on a number of factors. Having access to a wider electricity market will help to reduce the fluctuation in wholesale electricity prices which will help reduce the overall price we pay for electricity.

Balancing Mechanism

Additional security of supply benefit comes from being able help 'balance' the grid in Scotland which has a highly fluctuating, wind dominated system. It also helps relieve grid constraints at the border between Scotland and England, as our current grid system was not designed to support Scotland's new and increasing renewable energy production. The fast reacting converter station design coupled with hydro plants in Norway enables the interconnector to be used to support the Scottish system. It could also be used to re-start the grid in Scotland in a very short space of time following a 'Black-Out' scenario.



The Story So Far

NorthConnect is a large and complex project with a variety of different elements. Because of this, it has been split into different phases of development.

Early on in the process, NorthConnect completed a detailed site selection and route option assessment, particularly focussing on the alternatives in relation to location of the converter station site, location of the landfall and routing of the onshore cables and subsea cables. A second options assessment was then undertaken covering the specific locations for the converter station, landfall point and onshore cable routing.



Converter Station



Plan of Converter Station

Phase one of the development planning dealt with the Converter Station at Fourfields and the High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) cable connecting it with the substation near Peterhead Power Station. Full planning permission for this phase was granted by Aberdeenshire Council on the 27th August 2015. This planning permission is valid for a period of seven years.

A similar process is ongoing in Norway for their converter station.

HVDC Cable Consenting Process

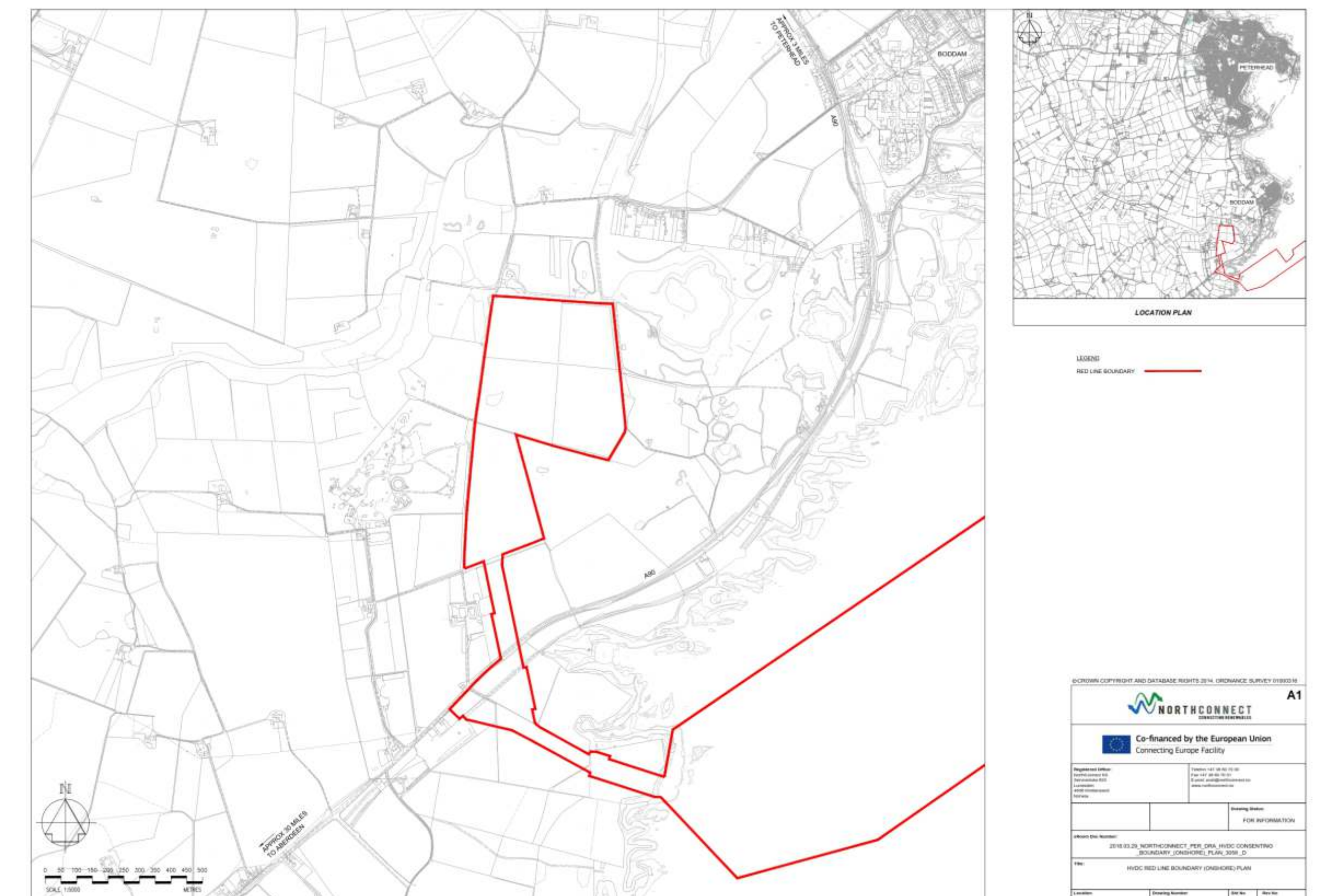
The High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) cable will run from the Converter Station at Fourfields underground to Long Haven Bay and out into the North Sea on its way to Norway. This means that applications must be made to both Aberdeenshire Council and Marine Scotland, who are the consenting bodies involved in this development. A single Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be submitted to both authorities to support the applications.

This consultation process is specific to the scope of the planning and marine licence applications for the HVDC cables to connect to the interconnector converter station in Scotland.

The project consists of two High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) cables and a fibre optic control cable to be laid along the bed of the North Sea between Simadalen in Norway and Long Haven Bay, south of Peterhead in Scotland. The fibre optic cable will be bundled with one of the HVDC cables resulting in 2 cable trenches.

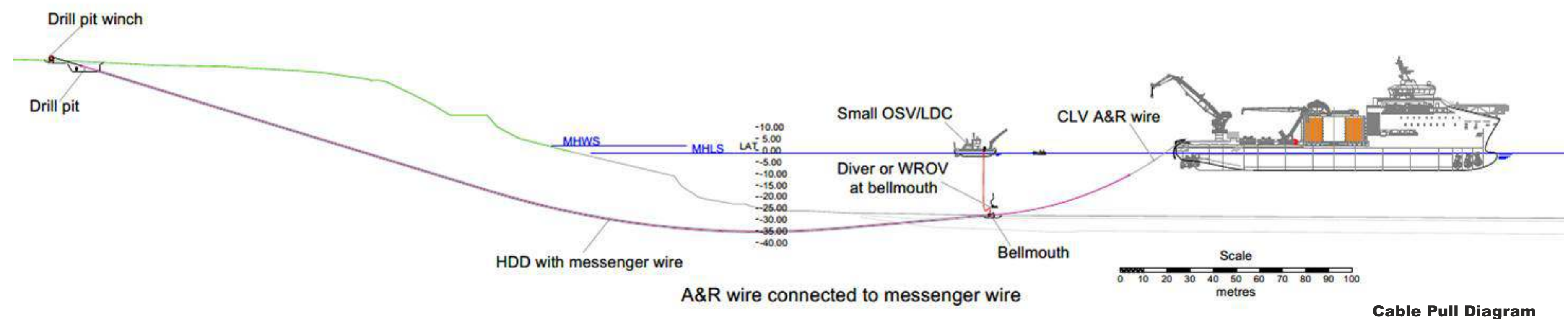
At each end of the cables, a Converter Station will transform the energy from HVDC to HVAC (alternating current) in order for it to pass into the National Grid Network. In Scotland this is via the substation near Peterhead Power Station.

The Converter Station in Scotland is situated south of Peterhead at Stirling Hill, in an area called 'Fourfields'. Core paths are routed around three sides of the Fourfield site and the cables will pass under the southern section of the path. To minimise inconvenience to walkers, the proposal is to lay ducts under the path during enabling works, while access to the Stirling Hill Path which bisects the Fourfields site is open. The path will then be reinstated for use from then on. Cables will be pulled through the ducts at the appropriate point in the installation works.

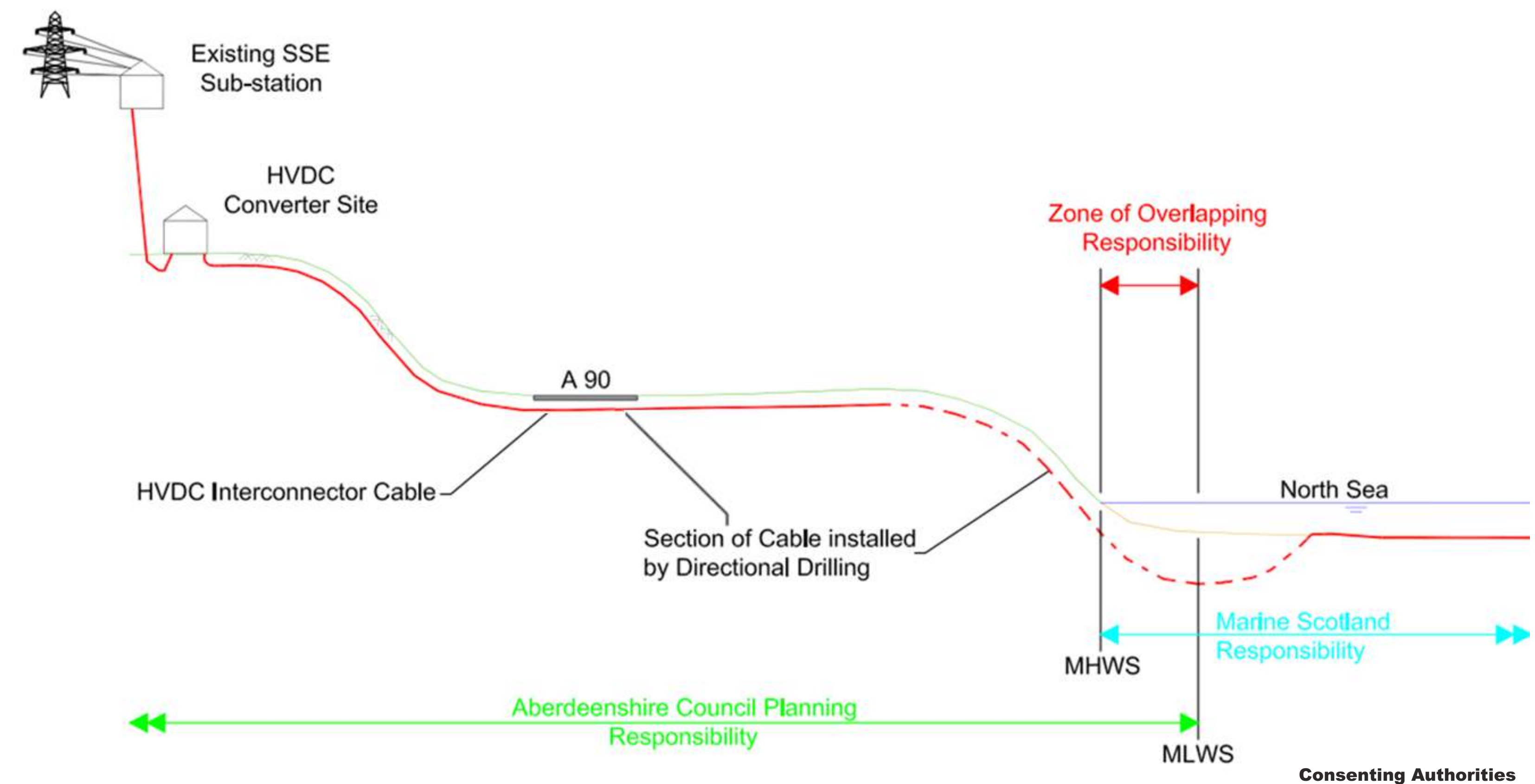


Project Description

The HVDC cables' landfall works will involve horizontal directional drilling (HDD) at Long Haven Bay of three cable ducts in order that the cables can be pulled from offshore to onshore. There will be a buried joint bay between the landfall and the A90 to change to land cables, which have a slightly different design.



The HVDC onshore cables will be laid from there through further HDD works beneath the A90 trunk road, and then in a buried cable trench into the Fourfields Converter Station.



Marine Cable Installation

To protect the cable from damage, it will be installed below the seabed wherever practicable. This will be achieved by post-lay jet trenching, mechanical trenching or pre-trenching. This shall be attempted along all the specified sections of the cable routes except at:

- Crossings of pipelines and cables where protection shall be carried out according to individual crossing agreements;
- On seabed with bedrock or exceptionally hard soils; or
- Where special features obstruct trenching.



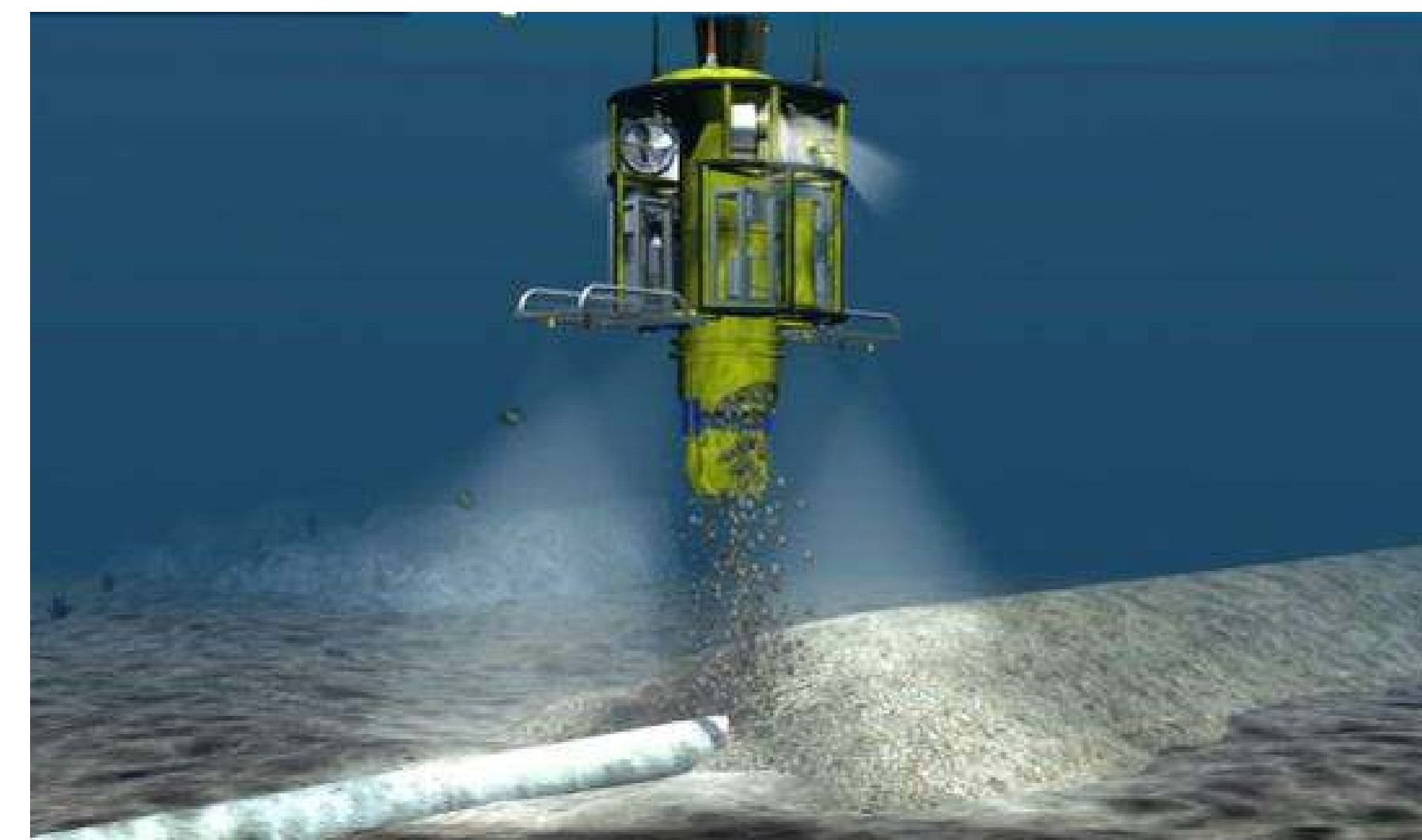
Cable Trenching



Cable Trenching

Cable Protection by Rock Placement

Rock placement will be the primary protection method used where the detailed engineering has demonstrated that trenching is not feasible, or if trenching has been unsuccessful or does not provide adequate protection. This is typically on hard seabed, boulder fields and at crossings. The total route across the North Sea has 105 cable and pipeline crossings to be managed.



Rock Placement



Rock Placement

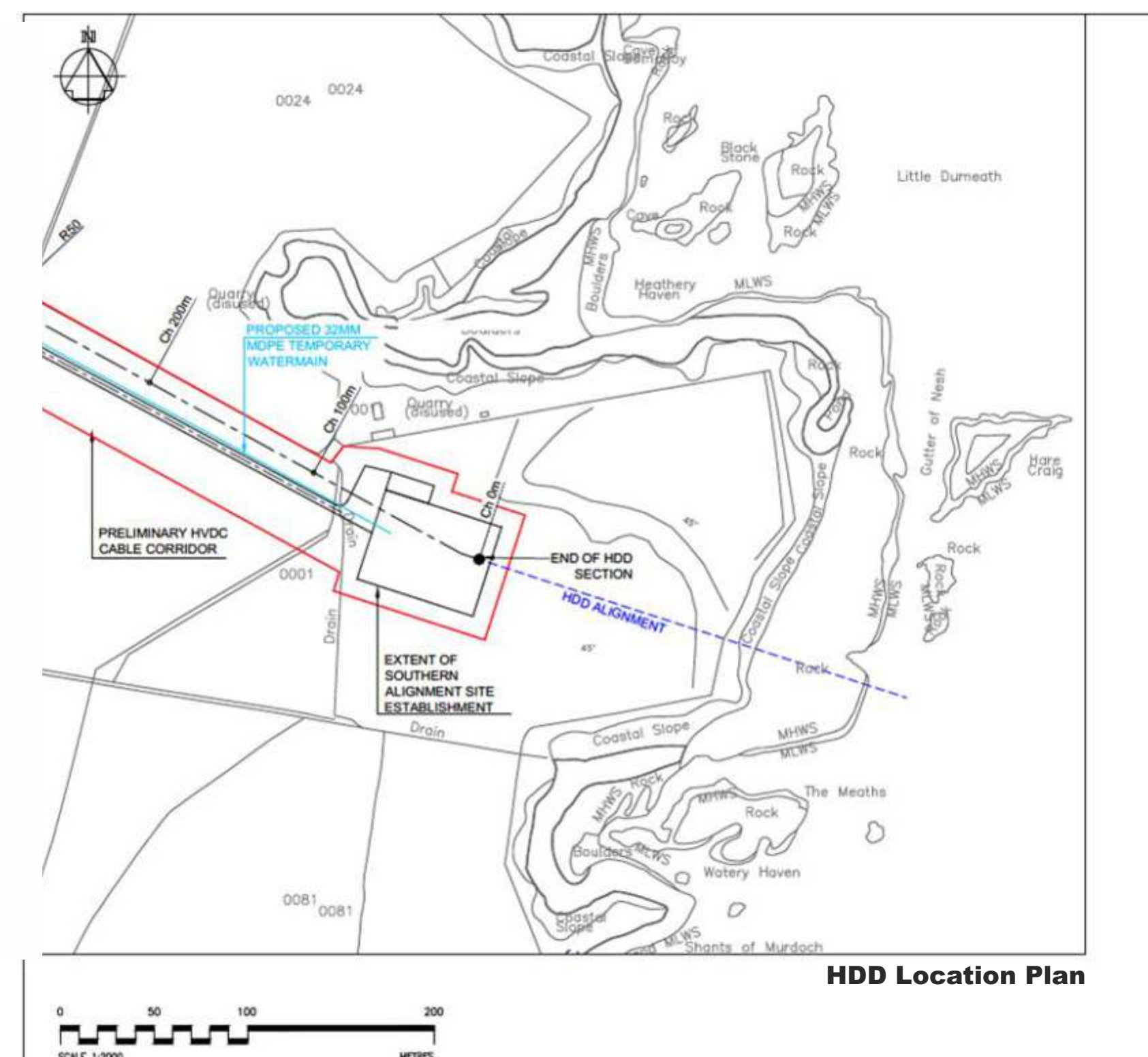
Onshore Development

Ground Investigation

Ground Investigations (GI) to understand the local geology and hydrogeology have taken place at both the Fourfields site and at landfall on the cliffs above Long Haven Bay as well as along the HVDC cable corridor route. This was to inform the onshore cable route and the location of where ducts can be drilled under the cliffs, to link the on and offshore cables. Further GI is being undertaken along the HVAC cable route, to be completed shortly, and from the Scottish Water reservoir to the Fourfields site.



GI investigations at Long Haven Bay



Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD)

Horizontal Directional Drilling will be used to drill the ducts under the cliffs at Long Haven Bay where the HVDC cables will come ashore. The site set up has been specifically designed with seabirds in mind to maximise distances from the loudest noise sources to the cliffs.



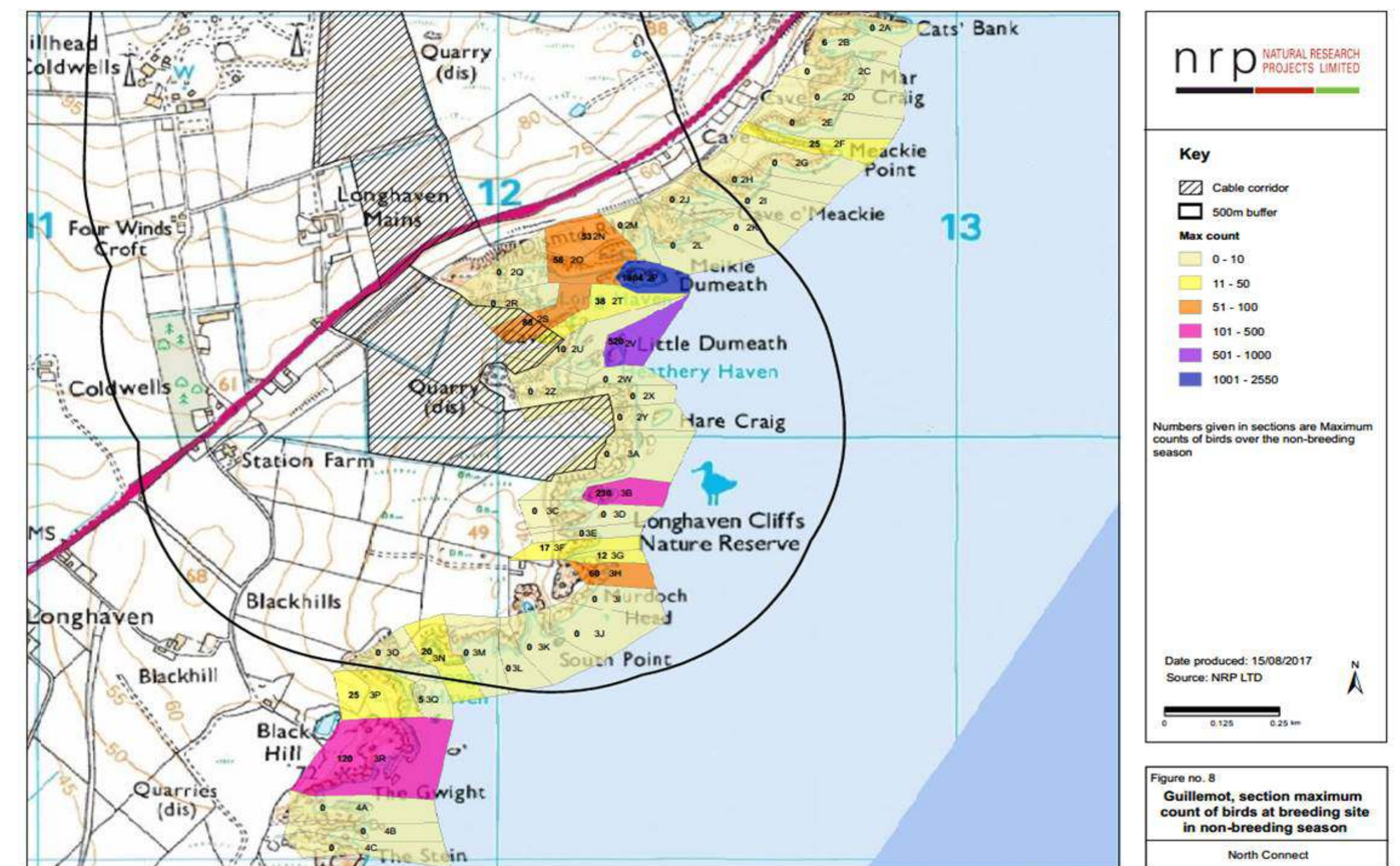
Northern Fulmar

Extensive ecological assessments have taken place, looking at a variety of species identified in the initial habitat surveys. These include surveys relating to vegetation, birds, otters, badgers and water voles. The vegetation survey focused on the coastline around the HVDC landfall, in the vicinity of Long Haven Bay; an area designated for vegetated sea cliffs as part of the Buchan Ness to Collieston Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

The bird surveys have focussed on the Buchan Ness to Collieston Special Protected Area (SPA) and the Bullers of Buchan Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) around Long Haven Bay. These sites are important breeding area for seabirds such as common guillemot, kittiwake and herring gull.

This survey work has led to the decision to carry out the major onshore work at Long Haven Bay outwith the main bird breeding seasons.

Pre-construction surveys will be carried out to ensure that the information is up to date for the protected mammal species, such as otters and badgers, and if need be the cable routing will be moved within the planning red line boundary to avoid damage and minimise disturbance. Additional precautions to minimise disturbance will be implemented such as directional lighting and restrictions on construction access.



Archaeological walkovers along with desk top surveys have taken place to inform the route of the HVDC cables.

Key points of interest include the remains of a farm steading settlement in a corner of the Fourfields site. This area will be avoided during construction.

More recent archaeology includes a former railway line which is a section of the former Boddam Branch of the Great North of Scotland Railway; a 24 km single track branch line running from the Formatine & Buchan Railway at Ellon to Boddam. Opened in August 1897 the branch carried freight (predominantly from local quarries) and passenger traffic. Longhaven Station formed part of the disused branch line as did the goods siding to the southeast of the station. The HVDC cable will be routed underneath the route of the former line using HDD.



Former Railway Line near Long Haven Bay

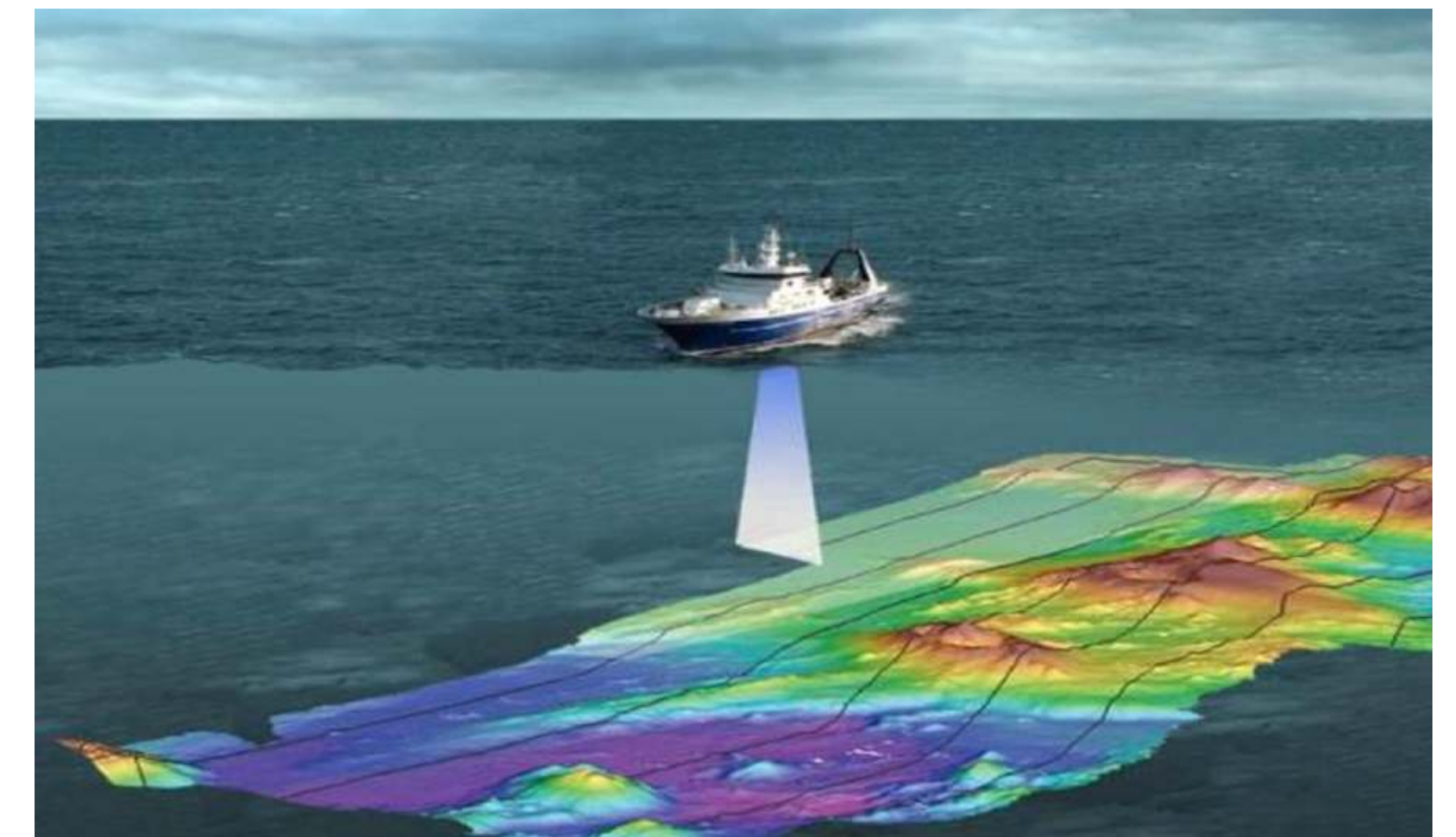
Offshore Corridor Development

Marine Survey

Marine projects require detailed survey work to help develop the best possible design, while minimising any potential impacts. The proposed marine cable route is around 665km long; that's equivalent to the distance between Peterhead and London. The marine survey corridor was approximately 500m wide.

Survey work began in the winter of 2016 and took around a year to conclude. The UK Nearshore Survey off the Boddam coast was undertaken in the winter months to avoid the bird breeding season. In the summer of 2017, the North Sea geophysical surveys, geotechnical surveys, and Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) inspections were conducted, to understand the bathymetry, geology, and other submarine features along the corridor.

The survey results will be used to inform the best possible route and installation techniques for the subsea cables. This involves ensuring that the cable burial and installation works will not interfere with other seabed infrastructure; will minimise environmental impact, and will have a minimal effect on fishing activities.



Example Survey Vessel



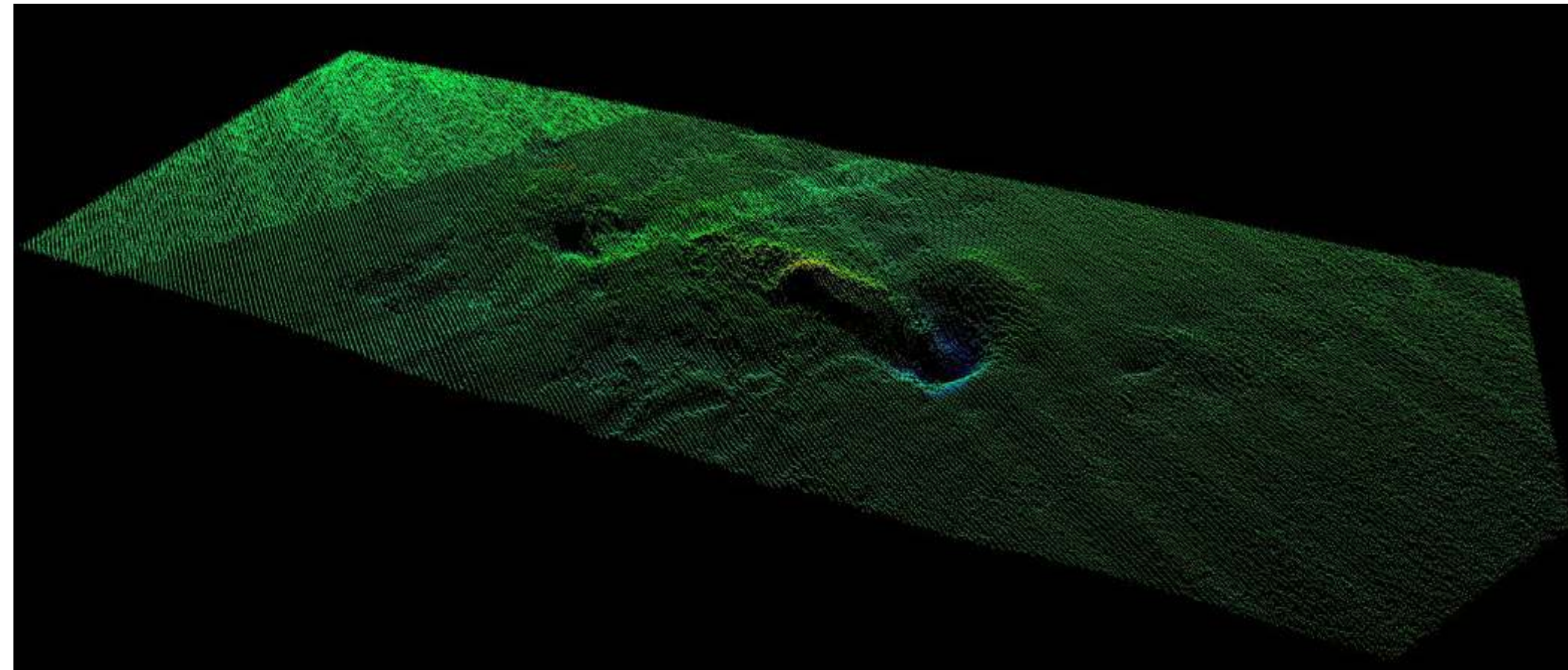
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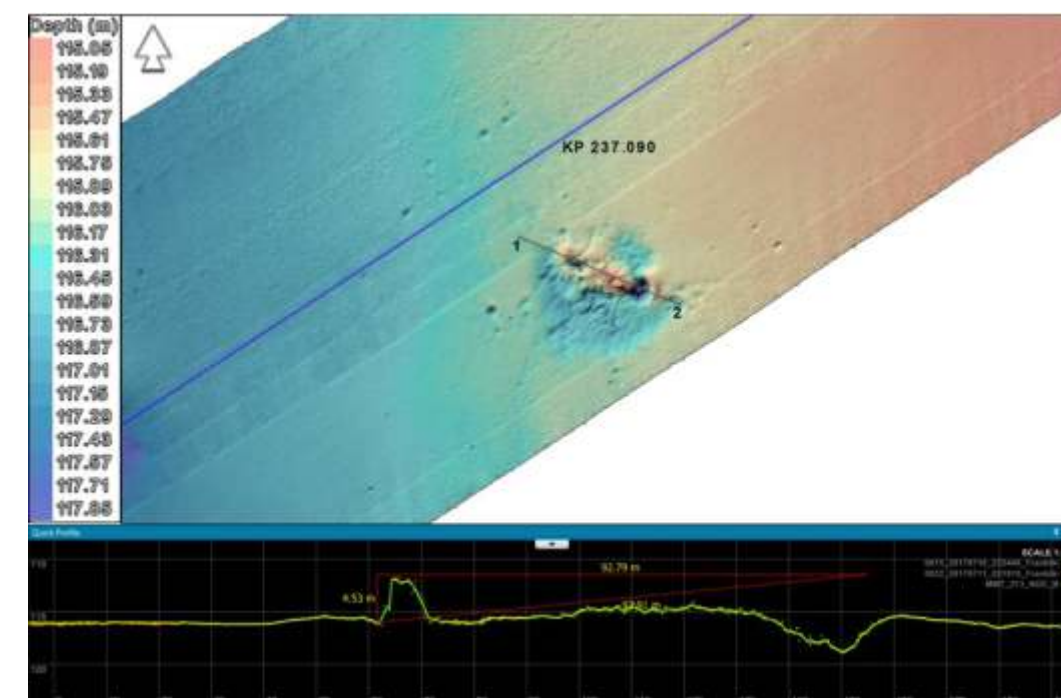
The geophysical survey data were used to predict the types of seabed habitat that might be present within the survey corridor in order to gain an understanding of what creatures might be living in the area, known as 'benthic ecology'. Video surveys of the benthic habitats were also undertaken, together with grab samples of the sea bed, which provided a more detailed understanding.

Some areas featuring sensitive benthic habitats were identified close to the UK coast. These were small pockets of biogenic reef, formed by a species of tube building worm called the 'Ross worm'. These areas are designated as Annex 1 habitats, and are protected by UK legislation. A 50m buffer has been added around the sensitive benthic habitat types, in order to ensure they are not damaged or disturbed during the cable installation and burial works.

Offshore Corridor Development



Multi beam echo sounder profiles of a confirmed wreck identified within the NorthConnect marine survey corridor



Offshore Archaeology

One of the objectives of the North Sea geophysical survey was to identify features of potential archaeological interest within the survey corridor. A total of 6 sites were identified as being of possible archaeological interests, and these were later visually inspected using an ROV. The ROV inspections confirmed that 4 of the 6 possible sites were wrecks. The other 2 features were man made, but were not wrecks and did not have any archaeological value.

The wrecks included 2 known wrecks; the Egenaes, a fishing boat sunk by a German U-Boat in 1917, and M/V Margareta Nyborg, a Danish fishing vessel. The positions of the other two wrecks did not correlate with any known or reported vessel loss sites, and no name plates were found, so these remain unidentified. A 50m wide buffer zone has been placed around all the wreck sites, to ensure that these features are not damaged or disturbed during the cable installation and burial works.

The Consenting Corridor

The survey work has informed the identification of a corridor which we will now be seeking consent for. The corridor encompasses the survey corridor minus benthic and archaeological features and associated buffer zones. The cable contractor will select the final cable routes, based on the information provided by NorthConnect and additional surveys they may wish to complete. The cables in the first 12 nautical miles will be laid within a 60m wide corridor within the consenting corridor. A lease from Crown Estates Scotland will be obtained for the cables laid in this area.

Assessing the Impacts

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report is currently being produced to fully understand all the effects of the HVDC installation and operations. This will allow appropriate mitigation to be incorporated into the design and installation stages of the project and inform the planning and marine licence decisions. Aspects being assessed include:

- **Sea users including: Fishing, oil and gas, and recreational users;**
- **Noise effects on local resident, birds and marine mammals;**
- **Traffic and Navigation;**
- **Ecology;**
- **Archaeology;**
- **Socio-economic;**
- **Water Quality;**
- **Geology and Hydrogeology;**
- **Archaeology and Cultural Heritage;**
- **Materials and Waste; and**
- **Air Quality and Climate Change.**

Next Steps

Once we have gathered feedback from this open day and other consultation activities, such as the fishermen's drop in sessions and meetings with the various statutory stakeholders, we will finalise the Environmental Impact Assessment Report which will support both the planning application to Aberdeenshire Council and the Marine Licence applications to Marine Scotland.

Proposed Timeline

Submission – Summer 2018

Consultation period – Late Summer 2018

Expected decision – By end of 2018

Expected Construction Start – Spring/Summer 2019

Legacy Fund

NorthConnect is working with Foundation Scotland, one of Scotland's leading organisations in the distribution and management of community funding, to provide the local area with a Legacy Fund to help create a strong, sustainable and resilient community in the years ahead.

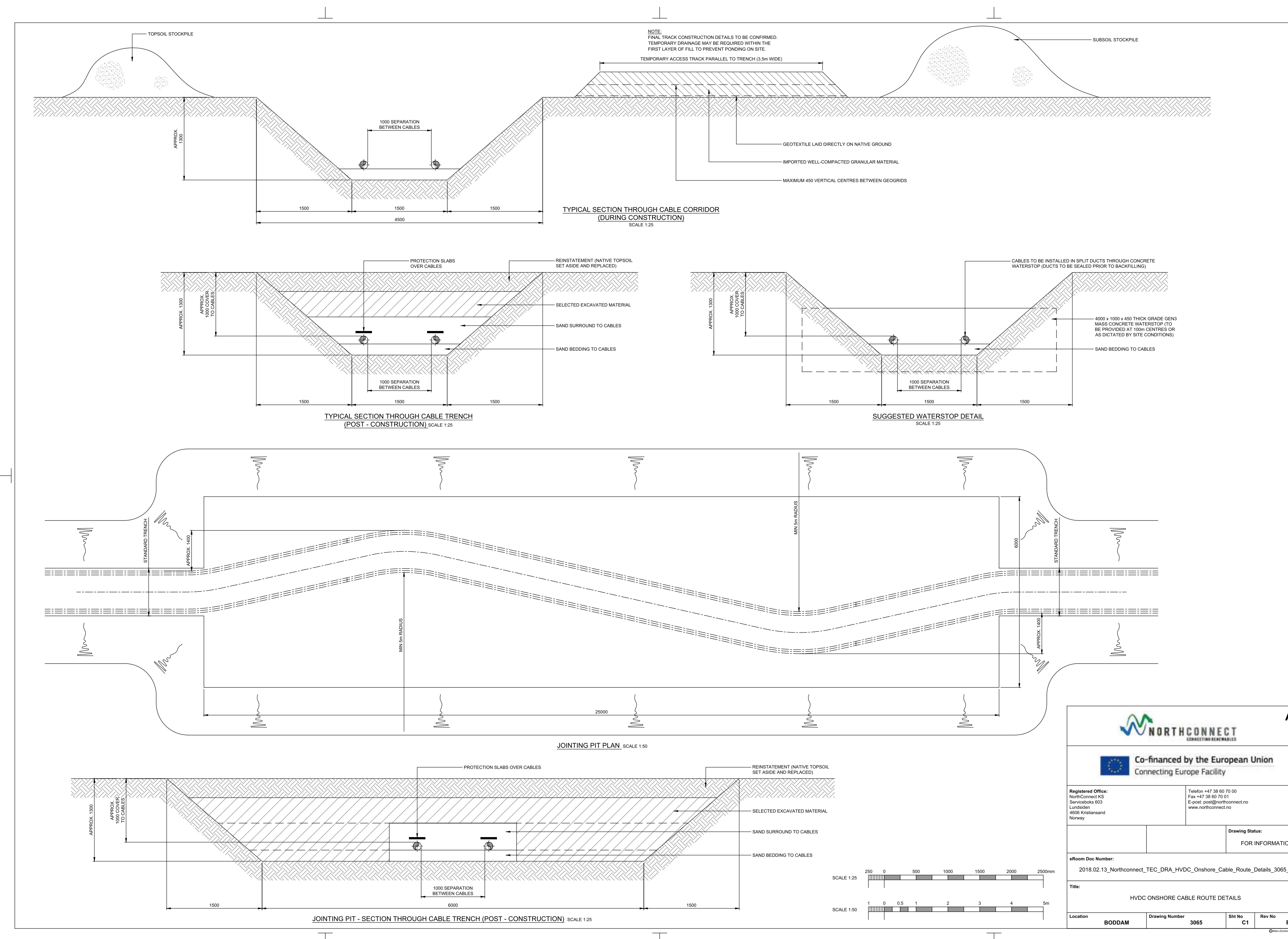
The area of support encompasses a 10 mile radius around the NorthConnect project; the aims of the fund include:

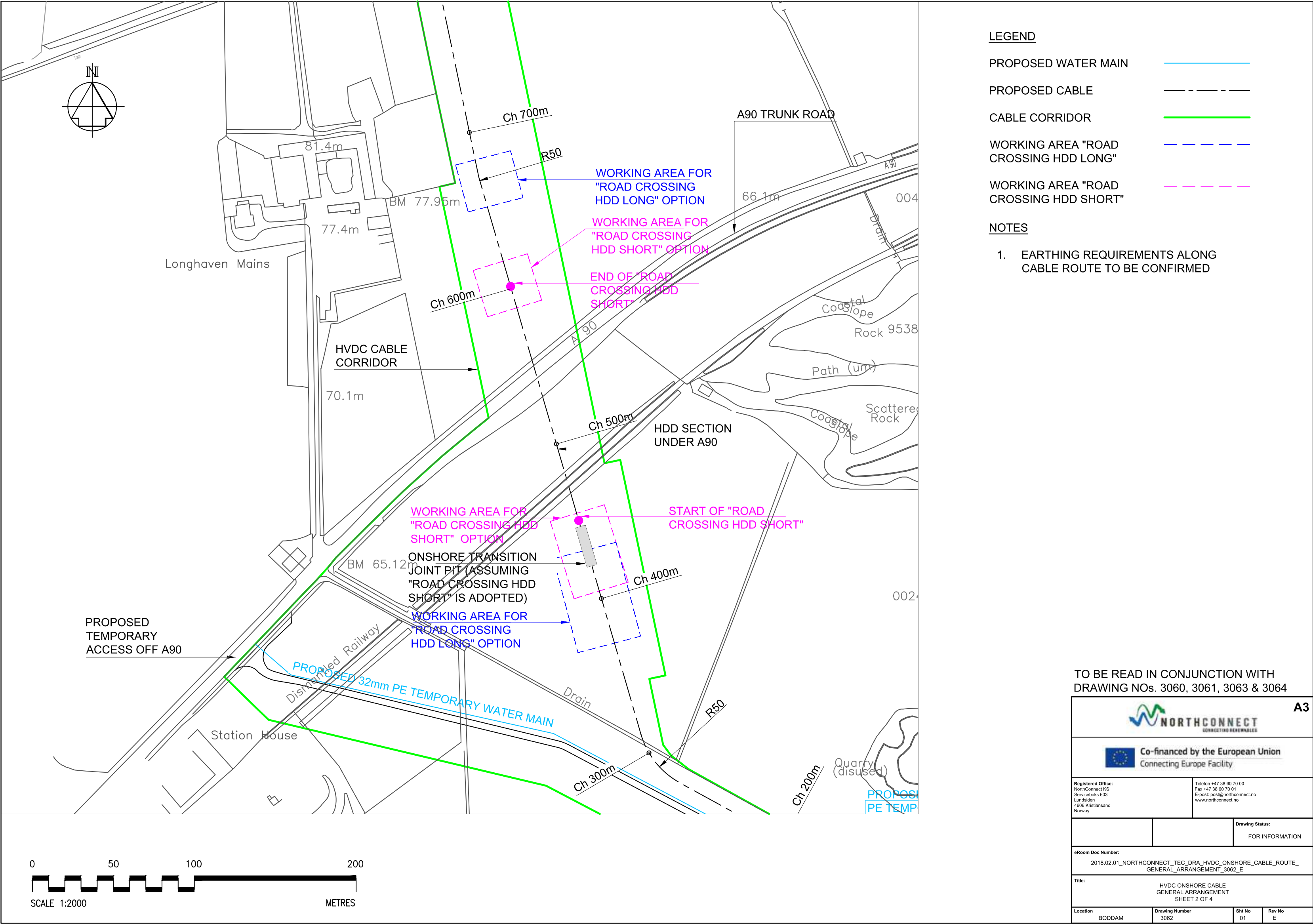
- **To provide sustainable support to the communities living, working and playing in the vicinity of the NorthConnect infrastructure , including: the converter station, HVAC and HVDC cabling both on and offshore;**
- **To support sustainable energy use and production;**
- **To support sustainability, energy, environment, health and wellbeing education;**
- **To increase participation in and access to contemporary culture, events and recreational activities in an environmentally sensitive manner;**
- **To preserve and enhance the natural environment for residents and visitors to the area.**

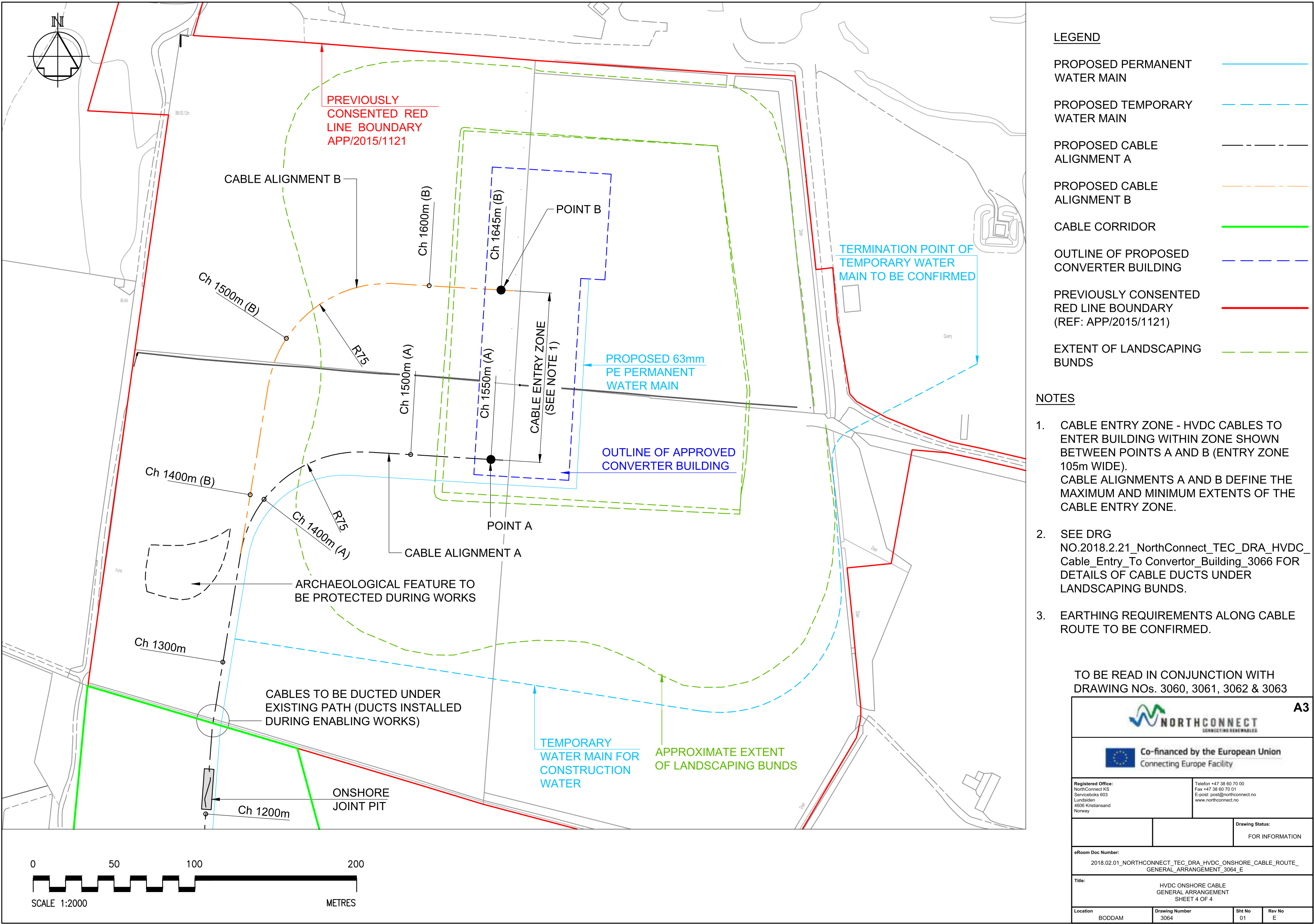
The first round of funding through the NorthConnect Legacy Fund was awarded in December 2017. Twenty applications to the fund were received in total, and thirteen of those were successful, including Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust, Peterhead Sea Cadets and Boddam & District Community Council. A second round of funding will be open to applications later this year, so if you have a project that matches the aims above, please get in touch.

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Appendix 6:

Note of Meeting with SWFPA

NorthConnect (NC) meeting with Scottish White Fish Producers Association (SWFPA)

22nd May 2018, 2pm, Leisure Centre, Fraserburgh

Present:

Fiona Milligan (FMI) Communications Manager, NC
Jon Ashburner (JAS) Senior Marine and Environmental Specialist, NC
Femke de Boer (FdB) Policy Officer, SWFPA

George West – Silverwave
Graham Buchan – Elloram Shalanna BF843
Alan Taylor/Mark Taylor – Ocean Challenge

Apologies:

Alan Wood Addison (AWA) Fisheries Liaison Office, NC

KEY POINTS

1. JA provided an overview of the project, and talked through the location of the consenting corridor in UK waters. SWFPA confirmed NC's understanding that the consenting corridor runs through key prawn grounds, between the UK 12NM limit and the UK EEZ boundary.
2. SWFPA asked how long areas closures are expected to last. NC stated that the cables in UK waters will be installed during 4 campaigns over 4 years. NC are committed to ensuring that for each campaign, cable burial works commence no later than 7 days after the start of laying operations, and that the section of cable is fully protected within 3 months of laying.
3. SWFPA asked how the cable would be protected. NC explained that in the area of the prawn grounds seabed sediments are relatively soft, so the cable will likely be buried using post-lay jet trenching and remedial rock placement is not expected. However rock berms will be required for infrastructure crossings:
 - a. All rock berms will be designed to be trawl friendly, with suitably graded material and slopes not exceeding 1:2.5; and
 - b. There will be 18 crossings within the UK EEZ, although several of these are closely grouped, so will be passed with single rock berms.
4. SWFPA stated that all trenches would need to be overtrawlable (both perpendicular and parallel to the trench) once work completed, without risk of trawl doors falling into the trenches and getting snagged.
5. SWFPA stated that in other projects, understanding from fishermen is that cables are protected by Crown Estate, and fishermen have been liable for any damage. **ACTION** FMI to check this.
6. SWFPA advised that large mounds of spoil either side of trenches are a real problem, as they cause nets to become fouled with mud.
7. SWFPA need to be provided with greater detail from cable contractor on timings of closures, once these details are available.
8. A discussion followed about whether there are any benefits to the prawn fleet, which will mitigate the inconvenience caused by the installation of the NC cables. FdB suggested support of a project that supports fishing directly, such as the MSC accreditation project, would be the best way forward. All

participants agreed. **ACTION** FdB to provide more information to NorthConnect, **ACTION** FMI to discuss feasibility with NC.

9. SWFPA stated that previously seabed infrastructure which has claimed to be trawl friendly has been suitable for larger vessels, but smaller vessels have struggled. The trenches/rock berms also need to be overtrawlable by vessels with smaller engines/nets.
10. SWFPA asked for further detail of the exclusion zones around the installation vessels, and indicated that their previous experiences of other projects is that the exclusion zones are unreasonably big. NC stated that the safety exclusion zone around installation and cable protection vessels is likely to be in the region of 500m either side, but larger safety zones behind and ahead of cable lay vessels maybe required:
 - a. NC is committed to keeping the safety zone as small as practicable, but must ensure it provides sufficient protection to vessels and the cable.
11. SWFPA asked whether local boats will be used as guard vessels. NC explained that the guard vessel contract will be of a scale that requires a competitive tender. The appointment of guard vessels will be the responsibility of the tier 1 contractor. SFF will be invited to tender, but must be competitive:
 - a. NC cannot influence the selection of the guard vessel contractor, as this would violate procurement laws.
12. NC are advised to ensure that Pilipino speaking crew are available on guard vessels.

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Appendix 7:

Community Open Day Press Adverts

Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

The Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013

Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Notice of Public Event

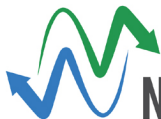
NorthConnect KS, the prospective applicant, hereby gives notice of a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) to be undertaken in advance of the submission of an application for Marine Licences to the Scottish Ministers for a prospective development of underground HVDC cables and associated protection from Mean High Water at Long Haven Bay to UK territorial waters boundary.

Further information in respect of the prospective development may be obtained by visiting www.northconnect.no

A public event which will include a presentation of the prospective development and opportunity for public discussion with the prospective applicant is to be held at Buchan Braes Hotel, Boddam on Thursday 23rd May 2018 between the hours of 2pm and 8pm.

Any persons wishing to submit comments should submit these to the prospective applicant at FREEPOST RTKY-CSZT-UXGY, NorthConnect, Lochview of Duntelchaig, Farr, Inverness IV2 6AW before 4th June 2018.

Persons submitting comments in response to Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) are advised that comments submitted to the prospective applicant at this time are not representations to the Scottish Ministers; once the prospective applicant submits a formal application for marine licence then there will be an opportunity to submit representations to the Scottish Ministers as the licensing authority at that time.



NORTHCONNECT

CONNECTING RENEWABLES

Community Open Days

To find out more about our proposals for High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) cables to connect Scotland and Norway, the NorthConnect project team invite you to our:

**Community Open Day:
Buchan Braes Hotel, Boddam
Wednesday 23rd May, 2-8pm**

**Fishermen's Drop-in Day:
Peterhead Fishermen's Mission
Thursday 24th May, 10am-4pm**

The open days will give you the chance to view and comment on the proposals. The project team will be on hand to listen to comments and answer questions.

For more information, contact Fiona Milligan:
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www.northconnect.no

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Appendix 8: **Community Open Day News Release**

PRESS RELEASE 16 May 2018

Plans for north east electrical link to Norway continue

Public views on infrastructure of strategic power cable sought ahead of latest planning and marine licence applications for NorthConnect

Consultation with local people continues in the north east of Scotland next week on the power cables which will connect the electricity markets of Scotland and Norway.

The feedback from local people will help the project team finalise plans for the High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) cables to connect the consented converter station near Peterhead to a similar converter station at Simadalen in Norway, ahead of submitting a planning application to Aberdeenshire Council and Marine Licence applications to Marine Scotland this summer.

NorthConnect wants to lay a 665km, 1.4GW power cable connection which, if given the go-ahead, will enable power to be transmitted between Great Britain and Scandinavia. The link promises to benefit the Scottish consumer by helping keep prices down as well as enabling renewable electricity generation in Scotland and Norway to be maximised. It will help support the flexible, smart energy system the Scottish Government is striving for and facilitate even greater deployment of cost-effective low-carbon renewable energy solutions.

NorthConnect is now asking for feedback from local people on the HVDC cable route which will feed into the converter station on a site at Fourfields, west of Stirling Hill quarry. The building, which was consented in 2015, will house the components required to convert electricity from direct to alternating current and vice versa to allow connection on to the National Grid.

Richard Blanchfield, the NorthConnect Permitting manager in the UK, said: "To connect the two converter stations, two cables measuring around 665 km will be needed - that's approximately the distance from Peterhead to London. The cables, which include a fibre optic control cable, will be able to transport energy both ways; monitor and respond instantaneously to meet the demands of either market and, crucially, be able to come to our aid in the event of a 'black start' situation, ensuring our lights stay on."

"NorthConnect is looking towards operation in 2023 so we are now continuing the permitting process. Our objective is to keep the impact of the project to an absolute minimum, on land and at sea. That's why we want feedback from people in the area ahead of a planning and marine licence application submission".





On 23rd May from 2pm – 8pm NorthConnect will hold a community open day at the Buchan Braes Hotel in Boddam where the public can meet the project team and also provide feedback by completing a questionnaire. The following day, the team will hold a drop-in session for local fishermen at the Peterhead Fishermen's Mission from 10am – 4pm.

The following week, on 29th and 30th May, NorthConnect is hosting two 'Meet the Buyer' days, one in Aberdeen and one in Boddam, which will allow local suppliers the chance to meet the team involved in procurement for each of the different packages of work involved in the project. Booking can be made via the NorthConnect website at www.northconnect.no/northconnect-meet-the-buyer-days

Ends

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About NorthConnect

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Appendix 9:

Community Open Day Media Coverage

NorthConnect Community Open Day Press Coverage

May 2018

The Press and Journal

The Buchan Observer

THE PRESS AND JOURNAL
Thursday, May 24, 2018

Consultation on clean energy plans

A consultation event on a multi-million-pound clean energy project will take place today at the Fishermen's Mission in Peterhead.

Energy consortium NorthConnect is planning to land a cable from Norway at Boddam for the scheme and is asking the community for its thoughts.

The event at the mission is open to all and runs from 10am to 4pm.

Final days for air exhibition

An exhibition detailing the RAF's history

NEWS

Technology

Plans for north east electrical link to Norway continue

NorthConnect will host two community open events later this week to give local residents the chance to share their views.

The feedback will help the project team finalise plans for the High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) cables to connect the consented converter station near Peterhead to a

similar converter station at Simadalen in Norway, ahead of submitting a planning application to Aberdeenshire Council and Marine Licence applications to Marine Scotland this summer.

NorthConnect wants to lay a 665km, 1.4GW power cable connection which, if given the go-ahead, will en-

able power to be transmitted between Great Britain and Scandinavia.

A community open day will be held at the Buchan Braes Hotel on Thursday, May 24 from 2-8pm, and a drop in session will be held at the Peterhead Fishermen's Mission the following day from 10am to 4pm.

Fishing

Fishermen invited to take part in sea safety trials

Fishermen from Peterhead and Fraserburgh are being invited to take part in research

into roll measurement and is now at the end stage of its development and is undergoing

discuss SeaWise and set up a trial for interested fishermen.

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Appendix 10:

Community Open Day Questionnaire Sample

Your views on the potential NorthConnect Interconnector HVDC Cables

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This survey will remain anonymous with the results being summarised and used to inform the proposed development, together with the findings from other engagement activities.

Overall, how would you describe your reaction to the proposal?

Support ☐

Neither support nor oppose ☐

Opposed ☐

Do you have any specific comments or questions regarding the potential Interconnector HVDC Cables?

To ensure we include the views of people from across the community, please can you tell us about yourself.

Where do you live?

Postcode:

Are you

Male? ☐

Female? ☐

How old are you?

Under 16 yrs ☐

16-24 yrs ☐

25 – 39 yrs ☐

40 – 59 yrs ☐

60 yrs plus ☐

Are you?

Employed ☐ Student ☐ Retired ☐
Self employed ☐ Other ☐

To what extent do you feel we have given you an increased understanding of the potential Interconnector HVDC Cable through the community information day, on a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 is an excellent opportunity and 1 is a very poor opportunity?

In the future how would you like us to keep you updated on the progress of the potential NorthConnect Interconnector?

Newsletter ☐

Website ☐

Email ☐

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

By entering your details we will include your details on our contact database and retain them in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and will keep you updated on developments regarding the potential Interconnector.

If you do not wish to receive these updates, please tick this box ☐

If you would like us to include your comments in the planning and marine licence submissions, please tick here ☐

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please hand it in to a member of our team or send to:

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Appendix 11: **Returned Community Open Day Questionnaires**

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Overall, how would you describe your reaction to the proposal?

Support ☒

Neither support nor oppose ☐

Opposed ☐

Do you have any specific comments or questions regarding the potential Interconnector HVDC Cables?

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INFORMATIVE AND EXPLAINED THE PROPOSAL.

To ensure we include the views of people from across the community, please can you tell us about yourself.

Where do you live?

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Are you

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How old are you?

Under 16 yrs ☐

16-24 yrs ☐

25 – 39 yrs ☐

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60 yrs plus ☒

Are you?

Employed ☐

Student ☐

Retired ☒

Self employed ☐

Other ☐

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Website ☐

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Overall, how would you describe your reaction to the proposal?

Support ☐

Neither support nor oppose ☐

Opposed ☐

Do you have any specific comments or questions regarding the potential Interconnector HVDC Cables?

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Overall, how would you describe your reaction to the proposal?

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Neither support nor oppose ☐

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Do you have any specific comments or questions regarding the potential Interconnector HVDC Cables?

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Overall, how would you describe your reaction to the proposal?

Support ☒

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Opposed ☐

Do you have any specific comments or questions regarding the potential Interconnector HVDC Cables? *No*

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Overall, how would you describe your reaction to the proposal?

Support ☒

Neither support nor oppose ☐

Opposed ☐

Do you have any specific comments or questions regarding the potential Interconnector HVDC Cables?

Any initial concerns have been addressed.

To ensure we include the views of people from across the community, please can you tell us about yourself.

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Are you

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Overall, how would you describe your reaction to the proposal?Support ☒Neither support nor oppose ☐Opposed ☐**Do you have any specific comments or questions regarding the potential Interconnector HVDC Cables?**

USE OF LOCAL BOATS IN GUARD WORK

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Appendix 12:

Community Open Day Attendance Thank You Letter

14 June 2018

Address

Dear

NorthConnect Community Open Days

On behalf of the team at NorthConnect, I would like to thank you for attending our recent open day. I hope you found them interesting and informative.

Applications to both Marine Scotland and the Aberdeenshire Council will be made in due course and we will include a link to the documents on our website www.northconnect.no. A copy of the full Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be made available for public viewing locally and details of this will also be advertised along with information on how to make a formal submission to the consenting authorities.

In the meantime, if there is anything further you'd like to know about the project or if you have any further concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Milligan
Communications Manager
For and on behalf of NorthConnect KS