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Hi 11(2)-Personal Data,

No problem. It took us a while to review so sorry for the delay. Whilst I have suggested some text changes, those were mostly to add clarity to a couple of points. Our main concern is the way the areas for option agreements are presented and demonstrating that you are aligned with the draft Plan. You might be able to add clarity when the documents are published, emphasising the different stages?

Happy to discuss once you have had a chat with the team.

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Thanks 11(2)-Personal Data – I'm going to have to just pass this by the team and see what we can do. We're currently in the very last stages of getting the final, designed-up documents approved, so getting any substantial changes in to the content will be quite tricky just now.

Can I come back to you either later today/tomorrow with a proposed way forward with this?

Thanks again

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Hi 11(2)-Personal Data,

Thank you for sending on that extract and apologies for the delay in getting back to you. We have had a chance to review and have a couple of concerns we would like to raise.

I have some small comments about the text such as adding some clarification around assessment scenarios i.e.

“...The Draft SMP sets out detail about how offshore wind capacity might be distributed across the Plan Option Areas by defining “realistic maximum development scenarios”, which establish a total GW cap for each Draft Plan Option Area **based on the assessment scenarios carried out on the draft Plan.**“

I have other concerns around the representation of the figures in the table and the clarifications provided. Particularly the fact that 16/17 DPO show the full extent as the maximum area for Option Agreements

- The 8,600 KM² figure was arrived at by CES looking at attrition rates, the challenging environment in Scotland and allowing developers flexibility to locate a project within the option agreement. It was also stated in the plan that these were combined with an assessment density of 5 MW/KM² to reach 8,571.4 KM². As provided by CES. The second paragraph in your document states that the draft Plan establishes a “ratio that relates **installed** operating capacity with the area of seabed under option agreement: 1MW per 0.86 KM².” Whilst I understand how that ratio is calculated based on 8,600 KM², the draft Plan assumes an installed operating capacity of 5MW per 1 KM², not the ratio outlined above. We agree that at Option Agreement stage the capacity density will be lower but this was not part of the assessment process and as stated in the draft Plan:
 - the total generating capacity **installed in leased** areas of seabed arising from option agreements awarded in the first cycle of ScotWind Leasing should not exceed 10 GW and the parameters of any proposed developments within a DPO should not exceed the maximum realistic development scenario assessed for that DPO in the Sustainability Appraisal
- Using 8,600 KM² will always result in larger areas being available during Option Agreement stages but the draft Plan is quite clear that it expects these to reduce at the later Lease stage. As you state in the last paragraph, that will likely happen through attrition etc. but the language around the different stages in leasing could be clearer to emphasise that the option agreement is not equal to the final Lease area.
 - We would anticipate quite strong criticism from other sectors, particularly fishing, if it is not clear how Scotwind tallies with the draft Plan. The draft Plan explains the realistic development areas in terms of 5 MW/1KM² and this has been emphasised to these sectors.
 - Could you include the same figures calculated at 5 MW in the table to indicate the assumed Lease area?
- The language of the last paragraph could be stronger in setting out the progress to a Lease from CES and the reduction necessary to comply with the plan. Dealing with the issue at site specific-consenting stages is a last resort

Happy to discuss if that helps.

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Hi 11(2)-Personal Data and 11(2)-Personal Data – hope all's well.

Just following up on an action from our catch up last week. The attached is taken from the current working version of the Offer Document (part of the launch pack). This extract includes the table below – but it's been beefed up a bit since we last shared it with you. I hope this clears up your questions re leasing caps, but let me know if not.

The extract also touches on the post-adoption addendum I mentioned we have now committed to producing once the SMP is finalised and adopted. The purpose of this new doc is to capture any changes to the leasing docs that would be required as a result of changes between the draft and final SMP.

Let me know if the attached makes sense, or prompts any further questions!

Thanks

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Maybe no bad thing that you haven't got to this yet, because the table you received below had a couple of gremlins in it (we were working from the areas we calculated from the shapefiles, not the areas listed in the consultation draft of the SMP so were a few km² out here and there; we had intended our table to show the lower of (i) the actual area of the DPO and (ii) the area which corresponded to $[(8,600 \text{ km}^2) \times (\text{max realistic GW for DPO}) / (10 \text{ GW})]$, but had failed to apply that to N1 and N3 correctly so they were further out).

Updated table below:

DPO	Seabed Leasing Limit
E1	2580
E2	1287
E3	474
NE1	776
NE2	464
NE3	339
NE4	440
NE5	496
NE6	699
NE7	1027
NE8	401
N1	1163
N2	560
N3	1106
N4	200
W1	1107
SW1	292

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