

Appendix 5: Marine Directorate – Science Evidence Data and Digital (MD-SEDD) – EIA Checklist

MD-SEDD Standard EIA Report Requirements	Provided in application YES/NO	If YES – please signpost to relevant chapter of EIA Report	If not provided or provided different to MD-SEDD advice, please set out reasons.
1. A map outlining the proposed development area and the proposed location of: • the turbines, • associated crane hard • standing areas, • borrow pits, • permanent • meteorological masts, • access tracks including • watercourse crossings, • all buildings including • substation, battery • storage; • permanent and • temporary construction • compounds; • all watercourses; and • contour lines;	YES	Volume 2 – Figure 1.3: Proposed Varied Development Layout Volume 2 – Figure 9.1: Surface Water Receptors Peat landslide Hazard Risk Assessment – Figure 4 - Topography	

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2. A description and results of the site characterisation surveys for fish (including fully quantitative electrofishing surveys) and water quality including the location of the electrofishing and fish habitat survey sites and water quality sampling sites on the map outlining the proposed turbines and associated infrastructure. This should be carried out where a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) is present and where salmon are a qualifying feature, and in exceptional cases when required in the scoping advice for other reasons. In other cases, developers can assume that fish populations are present;	Yes	Vol 2 - Chapter 7 - Ecology and Nature Conservation	
3. An outline of the potential impacts on fish populations and water quality within and downstream of the proposed development area;	Yes	Vol 2 - Chapter 7 - Ecology and Nature Conservation	

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4. Any potential cumulative impacts on the water quality and fish populations associated with adjacent (operational and consented) developments including wind farms, hydro schemes, aquaculture and mining;	Yes	Vol 2 - Chapter 7 - Ecology and Nature Conservation	See above.
5. Any proposed site specific mitigation measures as outlined in MD-SEDD generic scoping guidelines and the joint publication “Good Practice during Wind Farm Construction” (https://www.nature.scot/guidancegood-practice-during-wind-farm-construction);	YES	Site-specific mitigation measures can be found in Volume 2 – Chapter 16: Schedule of Mitigation, and Vol 4 - Technical Appendix 3.7a - Construction Environment Management Plan, and its associated Appendix 6 Water Quality and Fish Monitoring Plan These documents may be further updated post-consent.	
6. Full details of proposed monitoring programmes using guidelines issued by MD-SEDD and accompanied by a map outlining the proposed sampling and control sites in addition to the location of all turbines and associated	Yes	Vol 2 - Chapter 7 - Ecology and Nature Conservation Vol 2 - Chapter 16 - Summary of Impacts and Schedule of Mitigation	

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infrastructure. At least 12 months of baseline preconstruction data should be included. The monitoring programme can be secured using suitable wording in a condition.		Vol 4 - Technical Appendix 3.7a - Construction Environment Management Plan, and its associated Appendix 6 Water Quality and Fish Monitoring Plan	
7. A decommissioning and restoration plan outlining proposed mitigation/monitoring for water quality and fish populations. This can be secured using suitable wording in a condition.	NO		Is secured through condition 8 of the S36 Consent and the variation does not seek to change this condition, although an updated decommissioning and restoration plan would be provided should the Proposed Varied Development receive consent
Developers should specifically discuss and assess potential impacts and appropriate mitigation measures associated with the following:	Provided in application YES/NO	If YES – please signpost to relevant chapter of EIA Report	If not provided or provided different to MD-SEDD advice, please set out reasons.
1. Any designated area (e.g. SAC), for which fish is a qualifying feature, within and/or downstream of the proposed development area;	YES	Vol 2 - Chapter 7 - Ecology and Nature Conservation	

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2. The presence of a large density of watercourses;	NO		Not present
3. The presence of large areas of deep peat deposits;	YES	Vol 2 - Chapter 7 - Ecology and Nature Conservation Vol 2 - Chapter 8 - Geology, Soils and Peat	
4. Known acidification problems and/or other existing pressures on fish populations in the area; and	NO		Not present
5. Proposed felling operations.	Yes	Vol 2 - Chapter 13 - Land Use, Socio-Economics and Recreation 2018 EIA report for Consented Development - Volume 2 – Chapter 16 – Land Use, Socio Economics, and Recreation	