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Acronyms

Acronym	Description
CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan
CTMP	Construction Traffic Management Plan
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMF	Electromagnetic Fields
OHL	Overhead Lines
PAC	Pre-Application Consultation
PAN	Planning Advice Notice
PAN 3/2010	Planning Advice Note 3/2010: community engagement'
PC 3/2013	Planning Circular 3/2013
POAN	Proposal of Application Notice
SP=EED	Successful Planning = Effective Engagement and Delivery

Glossary

Term	Description
Applicant	Green Volt Offshore Windfarm Ltd.
Cable Route Corridor	The cable route corridor is the area within which the cable trench, haul road and all ancillary infrastructure will be. The working width of this corridor will be up to 80m in some locations will be required to allow access for excavating cable and drainage trenches, storage of topsoil and excavated soil, delivery of materials, transportation of personnel, and the presence of excavation and cable installation machinery and equipment
Landfall	The area where the subsea cables from the Green Volt Offshore Windfarm will make landfall. This area will contain the Trenchless Compound and any other ancillary infrastructure required.
Offshore EIA Report	The EIA for the Green Volt Offshore Windfarm submitted to Marine Scotland in January 2023.
Offshore Project	Refers solely to the offshore element of the Project, which is being consented separately. This includes the Offshore windfarm and offshore export cable corridor.
Onshore Cables	The cables which will take power to and from the Proposed Substation south-west of New Deer and Green Volt Offshore windfarm.
Onshore EIA Report	The EIA Report for the Green Volt Onshore Infrastructure (Proposed Development).
Project	Green Volt Offshore Windfarm project as a whole, including associated onshore and offshore infrastructure development.
Proposed Development	Green Volt Onshore Infrastructure development including; the Landfall, the Cable Route Corridor, and the Substation Compound. Including all ancillary infrastructure.
Proposed Substation	The new Proposed Substation at the grid connection point located approximately 5.5km from New Deer and 0.45km south-east of the existing National Grid New Deer Substation.
Site	The area within the Application Site Boundary within which the Proposed Development lies.
Substation Compound	Part of the Proposed Development consisting of substation (grid transformers and HVAC switchgear and associated electrical equipment), temporary construction compound, drainage, and the proposed route of the connection to the SSE/National Grid Substation.
Trenchless Compound	A trenchless mechanism for the installation underground utilities such as cables.

Pre-Application Consultation Report

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Overview

1. This Pre-application Consultation (PAC) Report has been prepared by the Applicant, who are seeking planning permission to construct and operate the Proposed Development. The Proposed Development is an onshore cable route that will connect the Offshore Project to the National Grid. The Proposed Development commences at the Landfall location north of Peterhead and crosses Aberdeenshire for approximately 35km to the connection point at the Proposed Substation. Details of the Proposed Development can be found in **Chapter 5 - Project Description** of the **Onshore Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report**.

1.1.2 Legislation

2. This PAC Report is submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended¹ and the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 as amended². This PAC Report also follows the requirements of Regulations 4-7b to ensure that the Proposed Development meets the regulatory requirements for all pre-application consultation activities.

1.1.3 Guidance

1.1.3.1 Planning Advice Notes 3/2010 (PAN 3/2010)

3. This PAC has been guided by the Scottish Government's 'Planning Advice Note 3/2010: community engagement' (PAN 3/2010)³. This guidance document provides useful advice on effective engagement mechanisms for Applicants by encouraging open, trustworthy, and positive working relationships between the Applicant and the local community.
4. PAN 3/2010 sets out guidance to improve community engagement within the planning system and discusses how 'effective engagement with the public can lead to better plans, better decisions, and more satisfactory outcomes and can help to avoid delays in the planning system'. As such, the Applicant has followed the best practice principles endorsed by this Planning Advice Note through:
 - Widely publicising the event in the local press across a range of platforms;
 - Engaging with communities at an early stage to increase participation;
 - Maximising attendance rates by avoiding consultation events within the main holiday periods; and
 - Utilising web-based resources such as websites to widely publicise the proposed development and the consultation events.

1.1.3.2 Planning Circular 3/2013 (PC 3/2013)

5. This PAC has also been guided by the Scottish Government's 'Planning Circular 3/2013: Development management procedures' (PC 3/2013)⁴. PC 3/2013 sets out guidance to aid the development management process in line with the Town and Country Planning Development (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 as amended. This has guided the content of the PAC in order to ensure all statutory

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¹ Scottish Government (2021) The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended.

² Scottish Government (2021) The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 as amended.

³ Scottish Government (2010) Planning Advice Note 3/2010: community engagement.

⁴ Scottish Government (2013) Planning Circular 3/2013: Development management procedures.

requirements are met. It is also worth noting that PC 3/2013 states that while engagement should be meaningful, there is no obligation for the developer to take on board community views or refer to them in subsequent applications. However, PC 3/2013 emphasises the benefits – addressing misunderstandings, mitigating negative impacts, addressing community issues – that can be received by consulting the local community of the proposed development. As such, views raised throughout the consultation process will be used to tailor the Proposed Development within the local community.

1.1.3.3 Aberdeenshire Council Planning Advice

- The PAC Report was also developed in line with Aberdeenshire Council Successful Planning = Effective Engagement and Delivery (SP=EED) Planning advice PA2023-15⁵ (January 2023), following written advice⁶ that our proposal constitutes a national development as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Development) (Scotland) Regulations 2008.

1.1.4 Structure

- The PAC Report details:

- The Proposal of Application Notice (POAN) and who was consulted;
- The steps taken to ensure that all PAC activities met the required statutory minimum;
- Details of the public consultation events;
- Feedback and outcomes of the public consultation events;
- Consideration given to the feedback from the local community, the planning authority, and statutory and non-statutory consultees.

1.2 Public Consultation

1.2.1 Proposal of Application Notice (POAN)

- POAN was submitted on 2 December 2022 to inform Aberdeenshire Council of our intention to submit a national application for the Installation of the Underground Cable Route Corridor between Landfall and the Proposed Substation, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire. The POAN was accepted on 12 January 2023.

1.2.1.1 Who Has Been Consulted?

- To enable people who live and work near the Proposed Development who wished to share their thoughts around:

- Environmental or community constraints to onshore cable routes or substation locations;
- Information that could help us plan for construction.

- The Applicant wanted to ensure that there were a number of ways to get involved and remove barriers to participation. These included participants being able to:

- Submit feedback using our online feedback form or complete the same form at the event.
- Send an email to hello@greenvoltoffshorewind.com
- View the online exhibition <https://greenvoltoffshorewind.com/exhibitions> to understand the project in their own time.
- Join live chat events on:
 - Monday 23 January 2023, 6:30-7:30 pm
 - Monday 27 February 2023, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Attend in-person exhibitions, staffed by key members of the project team to enable questions to be answered on the day, at:
 - New Deer St Kane's Parish Church Hall, Church Crescent, New Deer, AB53 6WD;
 - Wednesday 25 January 2023, 2-4 pm and 5:30-7:30 pm

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⁵Aberdeenshire Council (2018) Planning Advice SP=EED (Successful Planning = Effective Engagement and Delivery)

⁶ ENQ/2022/1845

- Wednesday 1 March 2023, 2-4pm and 5:30-7:30 pm
 - Longside Parish Church, 12 Cooper's Brae, Longside AB42 4TN;
 - Thursday 26 January 2023, 2-4pm and 5:30-7:30 pm
 - Thursday 2 March 2023, 2-4pm and 5:30-7:30 pm
- An information leaflet was shared to allow attendees to follow up after the event with subject matter experts.

11. To ensure that the consultation was publicised to encourage engagement the following methods were used:

- Flyers were shared with all properties in the vicinity of the Proposed Development;
- Land agents working on behalf of the Applicant, contacted all landowners and tenants along the Northern and Southern Cable Route Corridors;
- Ahead of the March event, flyers were emailed to elected members (MPs, local councillors) whose constituencies may be impacted by the Proposed Development, and secretaries of the impacted community councils. This followed feedback from the January events.

1.2.1.2 Advertisements

12. Adverts were placed in:

- Aberdeen Press and Journal on 9 January 2023 and 28 February 2023⁷
- Buchan Observer on the 9 January 2023 and 28 February 2023⁸
- On the Green Volt website⁹
- On Flotation Energy LinkedIn page¹⁰
- Flyers were shared with owners and tenants on and within the vicinity of the project as well as elected members and the community council secretariat.¹¹

1.2.2 Public Consultation Materials

13. Exhibition materials were used at the public event both online and in-person in January¹².

14. The boards were updated for the second round of consultation to detail where the route had changed as a result of feedback to show the preferred cable route, and how the cable will be installed¹³.

1.2.3 Notification of Consultation

15. Within statutory notices and the flyer¹⁴, the following text was used:

16. *"Please note that all comments must be sent to the above and are NOT representations to Aberdeenshire Council. There will be an opportunity to make formal representations to the Council when the application is made."*

17. Additionally at all public meetings and individual meetings with landowners, tenants and nearby properties it was made very clear that we were consulting to inform our application; and that there would be an opportunity to make formal representations to Aberdeenshire Council when the application is made.

1.3 Feedback and Outcomes

18. During the consultation period which ran between 23 January 2023 and 30 March 2023 the project team met with:

- 130 people at the in-person consultation events (96 in January attended by 96 and 34 in March);
- 66 Landowners/tenants/occupiers some of whom have numerous land titles.

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⁷ Appendix A - Figure 1 Copies of Statutory Notices

⁸ Appendix A - Figure 1 Copies of Statutory Notices

⁹ Appendix B - Figure 2 Green Volt website

¹⁰ Appendix C - Figure 3 Flotation Energy LinkedIn

¹¹ Appendix D - Figure 4 Flyer

¹² Appendix E – Figure 5 Exhibition material used online and at in-person public events.

¹³ Appendix F – Figure 6 Additional boards presented at the March online and in-person events in response to feedback.

¹⁴ This is evidenced in Figures 1 and 4

19. The online exhibition was visited by 463 users however nobody engaged with the team via live chat.
20. In total 31 feedback forms were returned (18 feedback from January events; and 13 from the March events.)¹⁵. The remaining feedback was recorded by the team at the events and through meetings with landowners, tenants/occupiers, and homeowners.
21. **Table 1** below summarises details of the comments made by the community and the extent to which the proposals have changed as a result of the pre-application consultation.

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¹⁵ Appendix G - Figure 7 Feedback form used at the January and March events

Table 1 - Details of the comments made by the community and whether the extent to which the proposals have changed as a result of the preapplication consultation.

Question	Comments recorded on Feedback Forms and by the team at events and through meetings	How the feedback has been considered in our application
<p>How did you hear about the consultation?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Based on feedback recorded on the form, most people heard about the consultation by word of mouth (13); social media (5); other methods (2 with one stating that they saw a notice at the venue); local newspaper (1); community website (1) and letter/email (2). ▪ Most participants who attended stated that they had heard about the events from the local land agent or the environmental survey team and had been encouraged to attend. ▪ There was a request for mail drop to every household. 	<p>The project team took a personal approach to inviting people to the events and encouraging them to bring along friends, family and colleagues.</p>
<p>Are there any impacts around our proposals that you would like us to consider?</p>	<p>Respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recounted their negative experience of previous developers which included: heavy traffic, light and noise pollution during construction. There was also significant dissatisfaction that roads had not been reinstated post-construction, and that visual screening did not match that which was conditioned via the planning permission. This experience with previous projects meant that they wanted us to consider these considerations in the design of our project; ▪ Worried about the impact on drainage (including field drainage); ▪ Worried about the impact on their private water supply; ▪ Worried about the impact on watercourses and ponds; ▪ Worried about the impact on services; ▪ Worried about the impact on fencing; ▪ Worried about the reinstatement of private roads; ▪ Worried about the proximity of the development to their property, some sites are in the planning process and need to be considered; ▪ Noted lots of electricity companies are requiring infrastructure – how is this coordinated? ▪ Asked how will the project interface with Fraserburgh Harbour? 	<p>In response to this feedback we have submitted as part of the planning application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) is outlined in Section 13.7 of Chapter 13 – Traffic and Transport. ▪ An Outline Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) which considers site access, traffic, light, noise, visual impact, water courses, private water supplies, drainage, and reinstatement of land, fences and roads. The outline CEMP is included as Appendix 5.2 of the Onshore EIA Report. <p>Additionally, landowner/tenant agreements will consider individuals’ concerns relating to the timing of works and access to their property.</p> <p>The Applicant is unable to comment on other development projects in the area.</p> <p>It is too early in the process to state how we will interact with Fraserburgh Harbour.</p>

Question	Comments recorded on Feedback Forms and by the team at events and through meetings	How the feedback has been considered in our application
<p>Do you have any comments on our cable route proposals?</p>	<p>Respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stated that they did not want the cable route to be above ground on pylons; ▪ Questioned why the route did not follow the existing pylons; ▪ Had concerns that the route is close to their property; ▪ Had concerns about the distance from existing pylons; ▪ At the January event asked why the route did not kink (near the quarry); ▪ At the January event asked for more details about the route; ▪ At the January event preferred the north route; ▪ At the March event one respondent said that concerns around this aspect were addressed and well explained; ▪ At the March event a few people commented that we hadn't changed very much and that we hadn't reduced the width of the corridor. 	<p>In response to this feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chapter 5 - Project Description states that the Onshore Cables will be underground and not strung on pylons. This was also detailed on the information boards used for online and public exhibitions. In response to the request for further information on the cable route and construction method, two additional boards were added to the March event with additional information; ▪ Any machinery or vehicles used in the development of the Cable Route Corridor must stay a set safety distance from the pylons and cables strung between them. The onshore Cable Route Corridor has been designed to allow the installation of cable, access tracks/haul roads and storage of soil and equipment. This was included in the additional March event information board. The Proposed Development has a maximum Cable Route Corridor width of 80m and the final Cable Route Corridor will be 50m during construction.
<p>Do you have any comments on our substation location proposals?</p>	<p>Respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Were concerned about the permanent loss of agricultural land; ▪ Stated they would like more details of the Proposed Substation in relation to visual, light and noise impacts; ▪ Supported co-locating the Proposed Substation near the existing substation but would like more information; ▪ Discussed the SSE substation that is being proposed near Inverugie and generally folks were concerned with all the other projects that are being proposed in the area. 	<p>In response to this feedback we have submitted as part of the planning application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) is outlined in Section 13.7 of Chapter 13 – Traffic and Transport. ▪ An Outline Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) which considers site access, traffic, light, noise, visual impact, water courses, private water supplies, drainage, and reinstatement of land, fences

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		<p>and roads. The outline CEMP is included as Appendix 5.2 of the Onshore EIA Report.</p> <p>Additionally, landowner/tenant agreements will consider individuals' concerns relating to the timing of works and access to their property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Applicant is unable to comment on other projects.
<p>Do you have any other feedback on the development?</p>	<p>In terms of wider feedback on the proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are the impacts of the Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) from both the Overhead Lines (OHL) and underground cable? ▪ What are construction durations? ▪ What is the diameter of the cable? ▪ What will the voltage of the cable be? ▪ Timings of work are crucial in an agricultural area and forward planning of rotations; ▪ Praise for the project team that they were aware of other proposals in the area and for understanding community concerns of unrelated projects that residents/landowners/tenants have experienced. 	<p>In response to this feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Project Description considers EMF impacts in section 5.8.2 and a detailed report is included as Appendix 5.4 ▪ A Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) is outlined in section 13.7 of Chapter 13 – Traffic and Transport. ▪ An outline CEMP which considers site access, traffic, light, noise, visual impact, water courses, private water supplies, drainage, and reinstatement of land, fences and roads. The outline CEMP is included as Appendix 5.2 of the Onshore EIA Report. <p>Additionally, landowner/tenant agreements will consider individuals' concerns relating to the timing of works and access to their property.</p>
<p>What capacity did you visit our exhibition in?</p>	<p>The capacity in which people attended was recorded via feedback forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member of the public (3) ▪ Landowner or tenant (17) ▪ Other (supply chain 3, local councillor 1) 	<p>The project has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Set up an “opt-in email distribution list” and will communicate with participants on this as the project develops. ▪ An information leaflet was developed to support the project and was shared at the March event.¹⁶

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¹⁶ Appendix H – Figure 8 Information leaflet which was created in response to feedback from the January Events.

Question	Comments recorded on Feedback Forms and by the team at events and through meetings	How the feedback has been considered in our application
	<p>The majority of those who met with the team at the events and in meetings described themselves as landowners or tenants who lived along the Northern and Southern Cable Route Options.</p> <p>Several attendees asked that we keep them informed about the project.</p>	

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New, proposed onshore infrastructure to facilitate the connection of the proposed Green Volt Offshore Wind Farm to the grid. The connection of this offshore windfarm aims to generate up to 300MW of renewable energy for Buzzard Oil Field and the UK grid network as part of the North Sea Transmission Deal.

The onshore element of the proposed development will consist of up to 35km buried, export cable and substation, located near New Deer, Aberdeenshire.

In-person consultation events will be held, where members of the project team representing the applicant and developer, Flotation Energy, and the agent, Green Cat Renewables, will be available for a drop-in. The dates, times and locations of these events will be:

- 25 January and 1 March 2023, 2-4pm and 5:30-7:30pm, at New Deer St Kane's Parish Church Hall, Church Crescent, New Deer, AB53 6WD; and
- 26 January and 2 March 2023, 2-4pm and 5:30-7:30pm, at Longside Parish Church 12 Cooper's Brae, Longside, AB42 4TN.

Online events will also be held 6:30-7:30pm on the 23 January 2023 and the 27 February 2023. This online event will provide a virtual version of the in-person consultation event and a member of the project team from Flotation Energy will be available to answer any questions. To access the online event, please visit <https://greenvoltoffshorewind.com/exhibitions/onshore-2022/>

If you wish to make comments on the proposal, you may do so at the above events, or by contacting the project team via email at hello@greenvoltoffshorewind.com by no later than the 30th of March 2023.

You can find more information on the scoping of the Proposed Development on the project website at <https://greenvoltoffshorewind.com/exhibitions/onshore-2022/>

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<p>Thank You</p> <p><i>Thank you</i></p> <p>JIM DANIEL</p> <p>I would like to sincerely thank my family, neighbours and many friends for their help and support during Jim's long illness, also the numerous cards, flowers, calls and visits I received on his sad death.</p> <p>We were both blessed with wonderful friends and colleagues, and now these memories will live on forever. (I know you will all be missing his stories!) Many thanks again.</p> <p>Liz Macdonald.</p>	<p>Public Notices</p> <p>GLABZ LIMITED</p> <p>On 22 February 2023, a petition was presented to Aberdeen Sheriff Court by the Advocate General for Scotland for and on behalf of the Commissioners for His Majesty's Revenue and Customs craving the Court inter alia to order, in terms of section 1021 of the Companies Act 2006, the name of Glabz Limited, formerly registered under SC539196, previously having its registered office at 81 Abergele Road, Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, AB10 6EL, to be restored to the register of companies. Any person who intends to appear in the petition must lodge Answers with the Sheriff Clerk at Sheriff Clerk's Office, Aberdeen Sheriff Court, Queen Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1WP within 8 days of this advertisement.</p> <p>Thomas Redpath Office of the Advocate General for Scotland Queen Elizabeth House Edinburgh EH8 8FT Tel: 07564 048 063 Solicitor for the Petitioner</p>	<p>Church Notices</p> <p>Aberdeen World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd March, 2023</p> <p>The service this year is from Taiwan, and is based on the text: 'I have heard about your faith'. We are asked to consider how we live out our faith by supporting and caring for others. You will be welcome at any of these B ecumenical / interdenominational services.</p> <p>2:00pm St Mark's Church, Rosemount Viaduct, AB25 1JY Queen's Cross Church, Albyn Place, AB10 1YN South St Nicholas, Kinross Circle, AB12 5NX Torry St Patrick's Church, Walker Road, AB11 8DL</p> <p>2:30pm St Machar's Cathedral, The Chanony, AB24 1RQ Northfield United Free Church, Kettlehills Rd, AB16 5SU</p> <p>7:00pm St Machar's Episcopal, Old Meldrum Road, AB21 9OU Oldmarcher Church, Ashwood Park, AB22 8PR RDF Scottish Committee is Scottish charity no. SC202448</p>	<p>Home Improvement</p> <p>TAYBUILD HOME IMPROVEMENTS</p> <p>• 5* REVIEWS • 0% FINANCE OPTIONS • FREE DESIGN APPOINTMENT • 10 YEAR GUARANTEE • A-RATED UPVC WINDOWS & DOORS • COMPOSITE, FRENCH & PATIO DOORS</p> <p>01382 739763 www.taybuild.co.uk</p>
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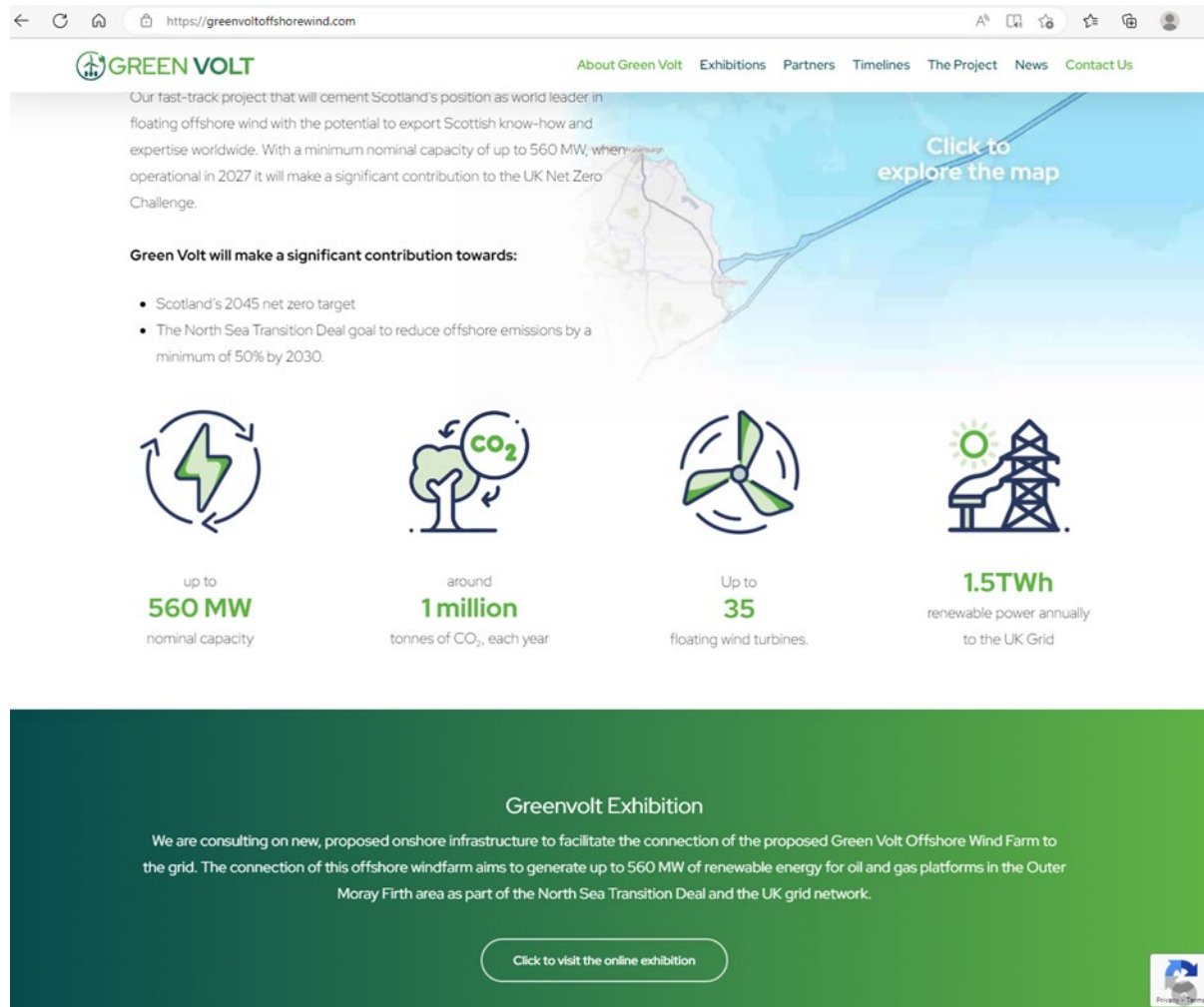
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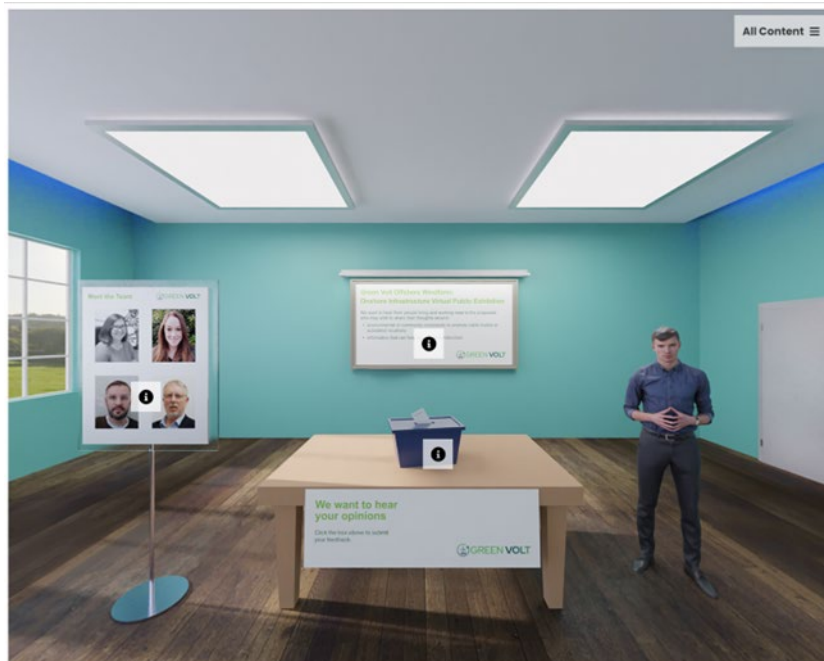


3 Appendix B

Figure 2 - Green Volt Website



Current and Past Exhibitions



4 Appendix C

Figure 3 - Flotation Energy LinkedIn



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In-person pre-application consultation events for our Green Volt Offshore Windfarm, a project by Flotation Energy and **Vågrønn**, are being held today and tomorrow in New Deer and Longside, Aberdeenshire.

Members of our project team and our agent **Green Cat Renewables Ltd**, will be available to answer any questions regarding the project. The events will have a particular focus on the impact of the onshore element of the proposed development, consisting of up to 35km buried, export cable and substation infrastructure located near New Deer, Aberdeenshire, which is required to facilitate the connection of Windfarm to the grid.

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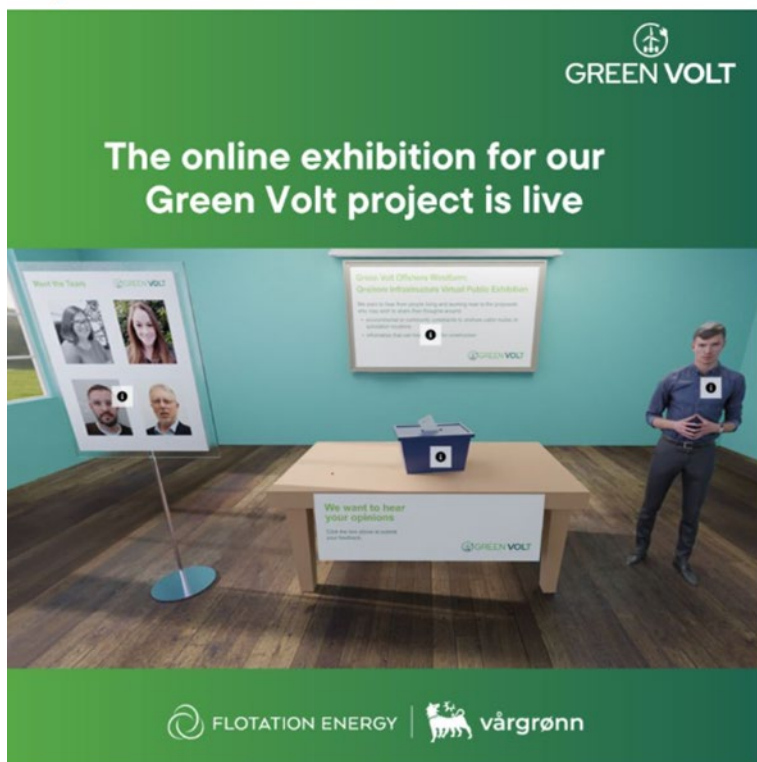
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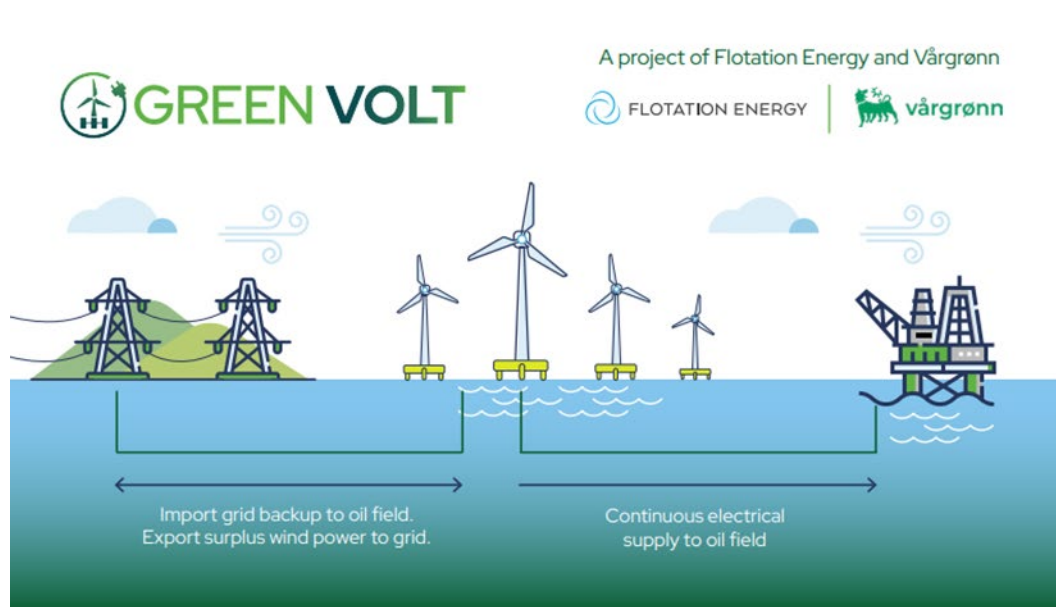


The Online exhibition for our Green Volt Pre-application Consultation is now live and we're looking forward to hearing from individuals and community groups on all aspects of this pioneering project. To find out more about Green Volt and its aim to decarbonise oil and gas platforms with renewable energy from floating offshore wind, please visit: <https://buff.ly/3kE5svJ> #Decarbonisation #FlotatingOffshoreWind Vågrønn



5 Appendix D

Figure 4 - Flyer



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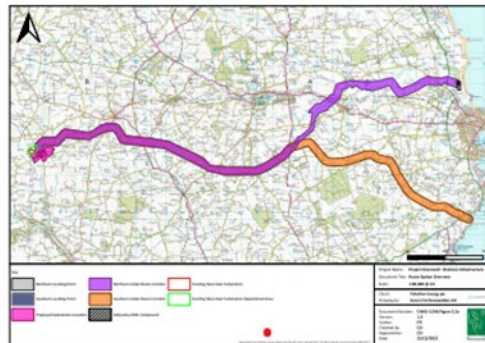
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6 Appendix E

Figure 5 - Exhibition material used online and at in-person public events.



About the project

Green Volt floating offshore windfarm will help decarbonise oil and gas platforms by powering them with renewable energy.

Our fast-track project will cement Scotland's position as world leader in floating offshore wind with the potential to export Scottish know-how and expertise worldwide. With a minimum nominal capacity of 300MW and potential to reach circa 500MW, when operational in 2027 it will make a significant contribution to the UK Net Zero Challenge.

Green Volt will make a significant contribution towards:

- Scotland's 2045 net zero target
- The North Sea Transition Deal goal to reduce offshore emissions by a minimum of 50% by 2030
- Developing Scottish supply chain and boosting local job opportunities

The project will connect to the national grid network which delivers electricity to homes and businesses around the UK - helping improve energy security. This connection will also facilitate the supply of power to offshore platforms during periods of down time or reduced output from the windfarm.

This exhibition focuses on the assets which will connect the offshore windfarm to the National Grid substation at New Deer.

Meet the developers

The project is being developed by **Joint Venture Partners:**


FLOTATION ENERGY

Flotation Energy has a growing project pipeline of offshore wind projects with more than 13 GW in the UK, Ireland, Taiwan, Japan and Australia, and plans to expand into many more key markets. The expertise of the Flotation Energy team lies in the project and engineering management of large infrastructure projects.



Vargrønn is an agile, Norway-based offshore wind company powering the energy transition through development, construction, operation, and ownership of renewable energy generation and green infrastructure. Vargrønn is a joint venture between the energy company Plenitude (Eni) and the Norwegian energy entrepreneur and investor HitecVision. Both companies have a long history in the offshore energy sector and are strongly committed to contributing to the energy transition.



Why is this development needed?

The Green Volt offshore windfarm will connect into the National Grid substation at New Deer.

The onshore substation
To connect to the national grid electricity transmission network we will need to construct a new substation. The new substation will allow us to transform the power supplied from the windfarms to connect into the National Grid substation at New Deer. The site selection process considers factors such as proximity to homes, environmental constraints and technical constraints. We have identified substation locations based on these factors.

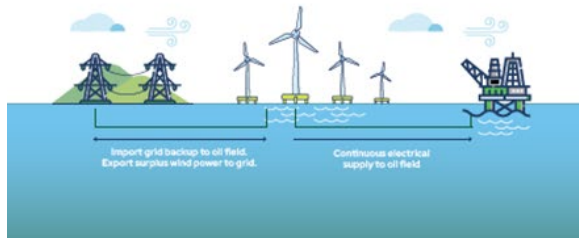
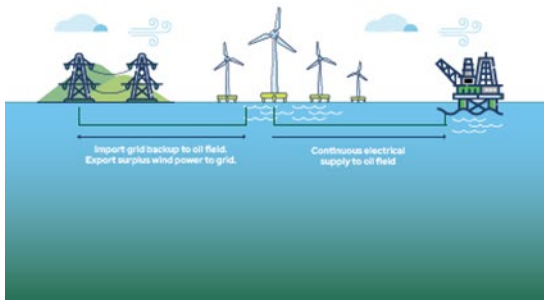
How energy reaches homes and businesses
Electricity generated from the offshore wind farms is transported to the existing national electrical transmission network - which is usually called the National Grid - using export cables.

When they are offshore, these export cables typically run under the seabed wherever possible and once they reach the shore they are usually buried underground. The point where offshore cables and onshore cables meet is called the landing point.

Next, there needs to be a connection to the national grid. Above ground infrastructure in the form of onshore substation(s) will be required to allow the energy to feed into the grid. The power that Green Volt generates, which is not used by the oil and gas platforms, will go directly into the national grid; the large 'pot' of energy that is then distributed to our homes and businesses across the UK.

When the windfarm is inactive, it will also allow for the power to be drawn from the grid and used on the platforms.

Green Volt will also offer a supply of electricity to neighbouring oil and gas platforms
Green Volt will allow the full retirement of existing offshore power generators and use a grid-connected wind farm to deliver reliable, renewable electricity, significantly reducing the carbon emissions of the platform's power demand.



How do you choose where to locate the cables and substation?

The route planning and site selection process for the offshore cable corridor and substation involves the identification of a range of engineering, commercial, environmental, land interest and community related principles and constraints. These are then used to identify potential offshore cable corridor route options for consideration.

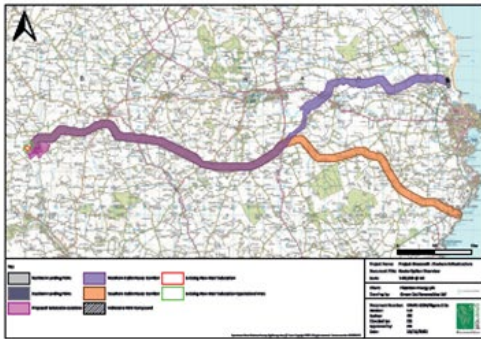
Our engineers think about aspects such as technical feasibility and the identification of the shortest and most direct route, wherever practicable. We also factor in designated sites, protected species, landscape and cultural considerations. Other constraints include the location of existing utilities and infrastructure.

Views from bodies such as Aberdeenshire Council and regulators, including NatureScot and SEPA who shared their Scoping Opinion, have also helped us refine our proposals in relation to impacts on landscape and visual factors, ecology, birds, cultural heritage, water courses, noise and other considerations like public rights of way, traffic and agriculture. Working with land agents we are gaining a picture of land use and ownership in the area.

Following the identification of the Area of Search a list of potential cable routes was examined. Technical, economic and environmental constraints were considered and balanced. Each route was then assessed and compared to identify any key risks.

The two shortlisted options, shown in the map, were identified as suitable landing points for the offshore cable and associated infrastructure. The cable route corridors which facilitate the cable connection from the two proposed landing points back to the proposed substation location at New Deer are also shown.

Works will be planned to minimise any disruption to the environment and land uses. Continued refinement of the preferred cable route corridors will continue, and micro-siting will be used to avoid specific constraints where possible.



What is actually being developed

The Proposed Development consists of electrical cables and a new substation to be installed as well as a small number of temporary work elements required as part of the installation process. The elements of the Proposed Development are as follows:

1. Electrical cables installed in a single trench

At the landing point a temporary construction compound will be required to enable us to drill seaward and install the ducts for the marine cable. The cables will be pulled inland from a marine vessel which will be located offshore as close to land as possible. The marine cables will be connected to the land cables in a joining bay buried in the ground.

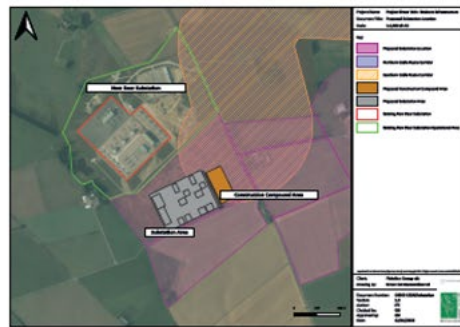
Onshore the cable will be buried for the entire length of the route in a trench excavated to approximately 1.5m depth and 3m in width, except where they are ducted under watercourses or roads.

The cable installation works will likely take place within a 50m wide excavation corridor accommodating working area, excavated soils and the cable trenches. The cables will be installed using methodology suited to the existing land use although it is anticipated at this stage that open cut trenching will be used for the majority of the cable length. Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) can be used to cross significant constraints such as watercourses and roads.

Once the cables are installed, the ground will be reinstated.

2. Temporary storage and welfare compounds that move along the cable route

During construction temporary compounds housing a skip container, welfare unit and around 20 cable drums will be needed. Following completion of the cable route the facilities will be removed and the area returned to its original use. Additionally, temporary compounds to enable HDD will move along the route to allow ducting under watercourses and roads and at the landing point.



3. A new substation with temporary storage and welfare compound.

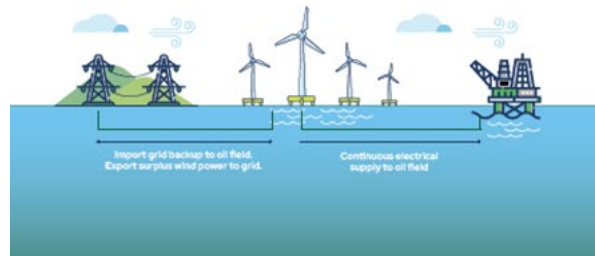
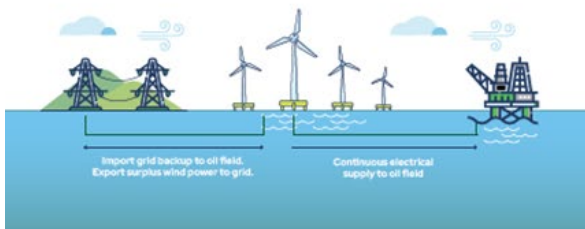
The proposed substation will be located in agricultural land approximately 6km southwest of the settlement of New Deer and proposed on land nearby the New Deer substation. The substation will be around 250m by 180m.

Following completion of the works, the substation will be unmanned and will be visited intermittently for monitoring and maintenance. Maintenance works will be required during the lifetime of the substation. The underground cables will be routinely assessed to ensure safety clearances are maintained.

Decommissioning of the cables and substation at the end of their operational life

The lifespan of a substation is approximately 50 years although there is the potential to extend this with maintenance. Once expired, the materials would be recycled and it is anticipated that foundations would be removed and shallow soils reinstated.

Similarly, underground cables have a life expectancy of approximately 50 years at which point they would remain buried in the ground.





Your views

Early consultation with local communities and consumers is a key part of this process, so that feedback on potential social and environmental impacts, opportunities and potential mitigation measures can be considered in advance of an application being made.

This consultation represents the first opportunity for local communities and other stakeholders to share their views on the land based aspects of our project. To help us develop our proposals further we're asking for your feedback on our plans.

We're carrying out lots of our own technical and environmental assessments but people living near to the proposals have local knowledge we would really value.

How we use your feedback

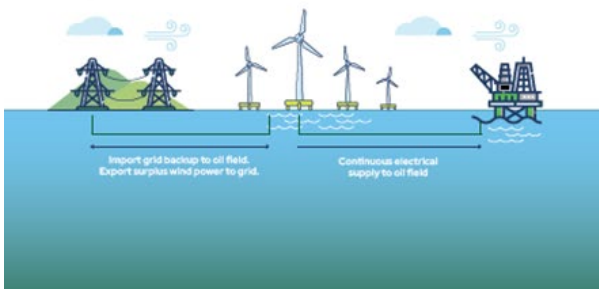
Following the conclusion of this first stage of consultation, we will analyse the feedback we have received, along with conducting further technical impact assessments and design work to develop our proposals ahead of further public consultation.

Comments we receive from future consultations will also be used to develop our final proposals.

All the comments we receive during these consultations will be reviewed so the subjects raised – and our responses – can be included in our Consultation Reports. These reports will form part of our applications for development consent.

- ❓ Are there any impacts that you would like us to consider?
- ❓ Do you have any comments on our cable route proposals?
- ❓ Do you have any comments on our substation location proposals?
- ❓ Do you have any other feedback on the development?

Indicative Project Timeline



7 Appendix F

Figure 6 - Additional boards presented at the March online and in-person events in response to feedback.

The preferred cable route

Following the feedback from our first round of consultation we have:

- selected the northern route as our preferred cable corridor. This is because it would be difficult to route around the residential properties, peat habitats and private water supplies on the southern corridor. While there are residential properties and private water supplies on the northern corridor, we feel these can be avoided completely or mitigated
- carried out micro-routing along the northern route to accommodate views we heard during our face-to-face events and following discussions with landowners
- continued with ecology and hydrology surveys, breeding bird surveys
- completed technical engineering and feasibility studies



Map of preferred cable route

What is actually being developed

What is being proposed?

Approval is being sought for the onshore infrastructure. This will include export cables and a new substation which will take power to and from the Green Volt windfarm.

Temporary compounds, housing skip containers, welfare units, drilling rigs and cable drums will be needed. Following completion of the cable route these facilities will be removed and the area returned to its original use.

How the cables will come ashore

At the landing point, we will drill seaward to install plastic ducts for the cables. The marine cables will be threaded through the ducts from the cable lay vessel. A transition joint pit will be created so that the marine cables can be jointed with the land cables.

How the land cables are installed

The land cables will be buried along the whole route. The cables will be contained in ducts which are 1.2m below ground level (except where they are going under watercourses or roads). Each duct will be held in a trench.

Cables come in lengths of between 800m and 1500m which means that there will be a series of joint pits along the route to allow the cables to be jointed together. This is done so that joints in watercourses or under roads can be avoided.

The use of ducts allows the trenches to be backfilled before the cables are pulled in, minimising impact to land users.

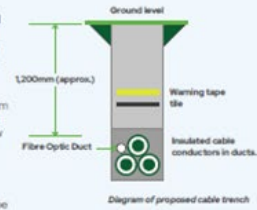


Diagram of proposed cable trench

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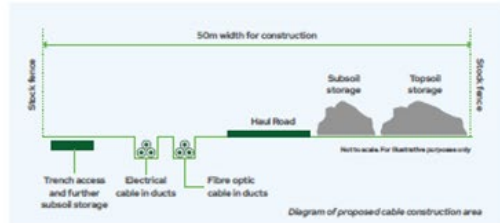
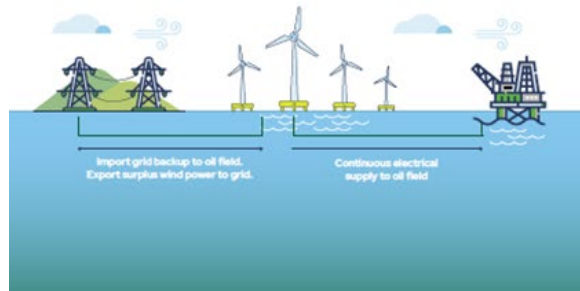
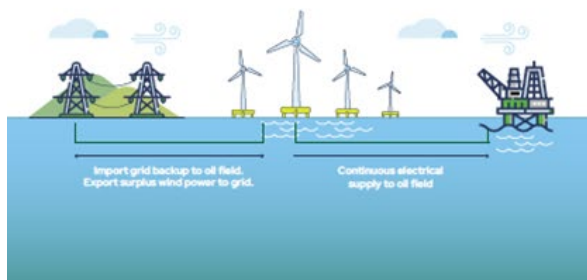


Diagram of proposed cable construction area

Once the cabling is complete in an area the site will be returned to its original state with all fences removed. The underground cables will be routinely assessed to ensure that safety clearances are maintained.



What is actually being developed

Constructing the Substation

A new substation will be in agricultural land and approximately 6km southwest of the settlement of New Deer close to the existing New Deer substation. The substation will be approximately 250m by 150m.

Once complete, the substation will be unmanned and will be visited intermittently for monitoring and maintenance. A maintenance programme for the substation will be carried out throughout its life.

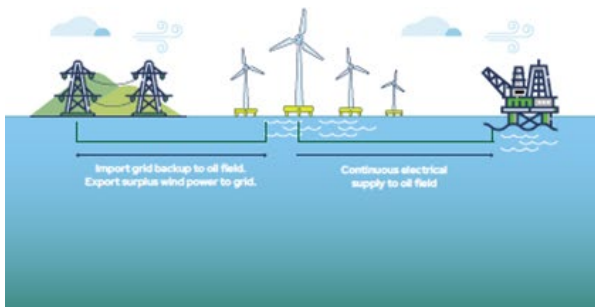
Decommissioning

Decommissioning of the cables and substation at the end of their operational life. The life span of the substation is approximately 50 years. Although there is a potential to extend this with maintenance. Where possible materials would be recycled. It is anticipated that the foundations would be removed, and shallow soils reinstated.

Cables also have an expected life of around 50 years. These may remain in the ground or be recycled in accordance with legislation at the time.



Proposed location of Green Volt substation near the existing New Deer substation



8 Appendix G

Figure 7 - Feedback form used at the January and March events.



About this consultation

1. How did you hear about the event?

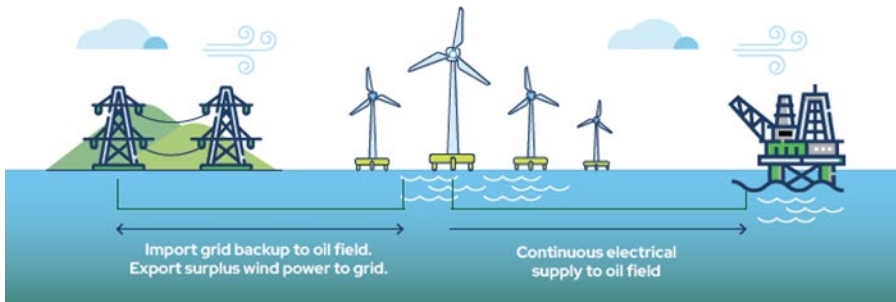
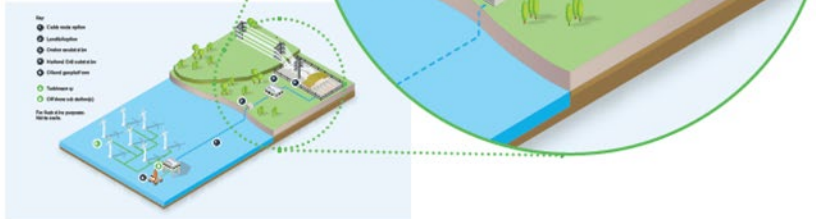
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Volt website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community website | <input type="checkbox"/> Social media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state in box below) |

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These questions relate to how the land-based assets which will connect the windfarm to the National Grid substation at New Deer as shown in the diagram.



2. Are there any impacts around our proposals that you would like us to consider?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

3. Do you have any comments on our cable route proposals?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

4. Do you have any comments on our substation location proposals?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

5. Do you have any other feedback on the development?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

6. Please tell us what capacity you visited our exhibition in?

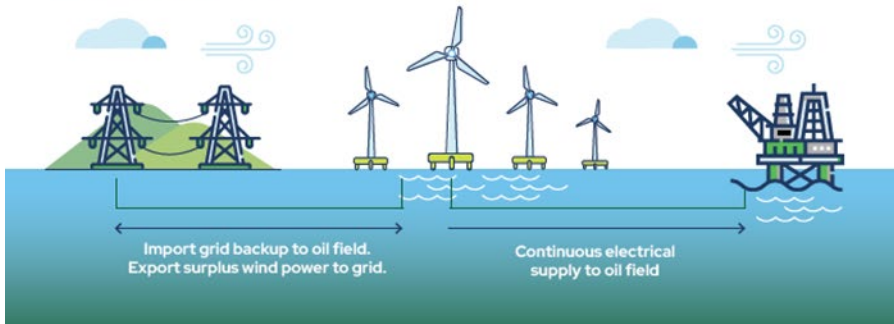
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Oil and Gas sector | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state below) |

Keeping in touch

If you would like to be kept informed about progress on the Green Volt project, please leave your details below.

Name:

Email address:



9 Appendix H

Figure 8 - Information leaflet which was created in response to feedback from the January events.



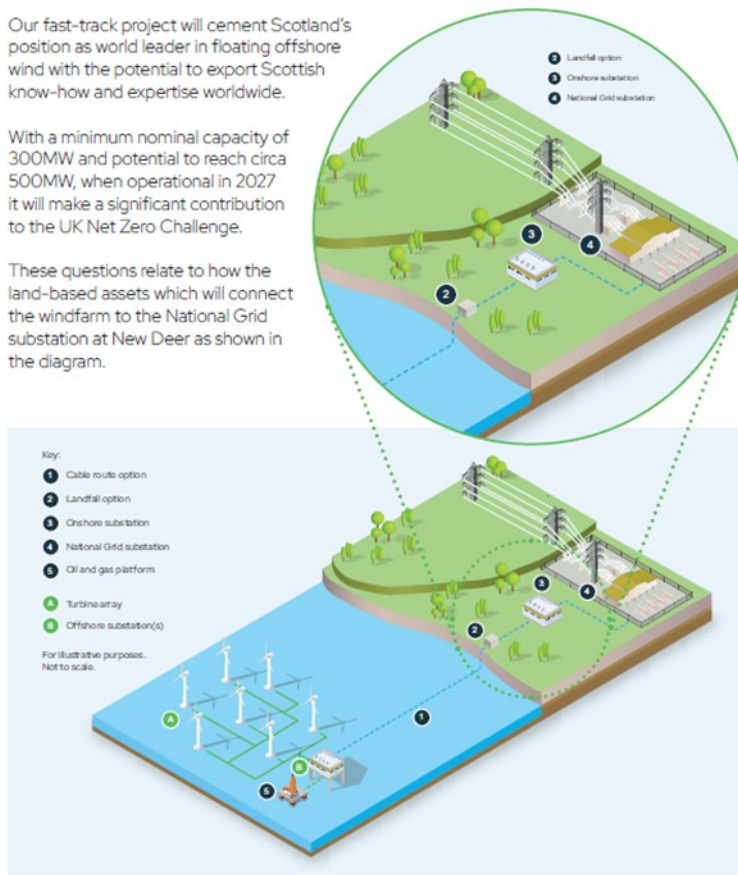
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What's happening just now?

Carrying out Surveys

We have commissioned Green Cat Renewables to undertake environmental baseline surveys which will inform the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report. These include:

- Protected species surveys, looking for signs of species such as badger, water vole, otter, red squirrel, pine marten, bats etc. We are also carrying out surveys which will look for scarce or rare plants. Three breeding bird surveys will be carried out between April and June this year.
- Visually inspecting watercourses and ground conditions along the corridor and confirming source locations of any active private water supplies. We are also consulting with Salmon Fishery Boards and Fisheries Trusts for advice on any potential watercourse crossings.
- Photography of the proposed substation location so that we can produce photomontages of the proposed substation location to show what it will look like in the landscape.
- Background noise surveys which will feed into noise modelling that will be used to inform our application.
- Archaeological surveys.

If you have any questions, please contact:

- Green Volt EIA Lead: Corey Simpson (Green Cat Renewables), 0131 541 0060 or info@greencatrenewables.co.uk
- Green Volt Hydrology Lead: Kirsten Henderson (Green Cat Renewables), 0131 541 0060 or info@greencatrenewables.co.uk
- Gary Mortimer (GLM Ecology), 07737844494 or glmortimer@hotmail.com

Talking to Landowners

We have employed Blackhall & Powis, a Scottish firm who specialise in securing land rights for energy and infrastructure projects, to support the Greenvolt project. We have asked them to make contact with all landowners and occupiers on the route to:

- secure agreement with all parties initially for the survey of the corridor.
- negotiate and agree the commercial terms for the accommodation of the cable works and any associated compensation with any affected party.

They are being supported by Morven Sivewright.

If you have any questions please contact:

- Nigel Fraser, 07951 224 926 or nigel@blackhallpowis.com
- Jen Campbell, 07766 256740 or jen.campbell@blackhallpowis.com
- Morven Sivewright, 07919 490672 or morven@buchanfarm.co.uk

Any other questions?

If you have any more general questions about the project you can find out more at:

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- hello@greenvoltoffshorewind.com





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