

Denny to Wishaw Network Upgrade

Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Volume 3 Appendices

Appendix 8.15 MD-SEDD Checklist

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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.
A map outlining the proposed development area and the proposed location of: the towers/poles, permanent and temporary access tracks (including watercourse crossings), buildings (including substations), permanent and temporary construction compounds, all watercourses, and contour line	Yes	Volume 2, Figure 4.2 - Projects Works Plan	
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	No		Not provided as SACs are all over 2km from the Project and separated from the by roads and other infrastructure, with no hydrological connectivity.
An outline of the potential impacts on fish populations and water quality within and downstream of the proposed development area	Yes	Volume 1, Chapter 8 – Biodiversity – Section 8.4.9 Impacts to fish are limited to temporary water crossings that will be designed in accordance with SEPA guidance and will not act as a barrier to fish movement. Water quality is discussed Volume 1, Chapter 9 Water Environment	
Any potential cumulative impacts on the water quality and fish populations	No		No impacts to fish populations or watercourses identified.

associated with adjacent (operational and consented) developments including wind farms, hydro schemes, aquaculture and mining

Any proposed site specific mitigation measures as outlined in MD-SEDD generic scoping guidelines and the joint publication “Good Practice during Wind Farm Construction”	Yes	Volume 1, Chapter 8 – Biodiversity – Section 8.4 sets out embedded mitigation measures to be implemented. Volume 1, Chapter 9 – Water Environment – Section 9.5 sets out embedded mitigation measures to be implemented.	
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 infrastructure. At least 12 months of baseline pre-construction data should be included. The monitoring programme can be secured using suitable wording in a condition.	No		Not necessary as no significant impacts on watercourses have been identified.
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		No decommissioning required.

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 the EIA Report ES- please signpost to relevant chapter of the EIA Report	If not provided or provided different to MD-SEDD advice, please set out reasons
Any designated area (e.g. SAC), for which fish is a qualifying feature within and/or downstream of the proposed development area;	No		None present.
The presence of a large density of watercourses;	Yes	Details on watercourses are provided in Volume 1, Chapter 9 – Water Environment	
The presence of large areas of deep peat deposits;	No		Not known at this time. Peat probing is currently underway as detailed in Volume 1, Chapter 10 Ground Conditions and this will be reviewed once results are known.
Known acidification problems and/or other existing pressures on fish populations in the area; and	No		Not considered as no impacts to fisheries have been identified.
Proposed felling operations.	Yes	The potential impacts and mitigation measures associated with felling operations are addressed in Volume 1, Chapter 14 Forestry	