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Subject: FW: Submission via SEPA Website

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Sent: 14 July 2021 15:46
To: Karen Aldridge <karen.aldridge@nevisenvironmental.com>
Subject: RE: Submission via SEPA Website

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Hi Karen,

Did anyone get back to you regarding this query? We only recently got back up and running after the December cyber attack, and there have been a few glitches in our filing system! I am only now seeing that it appears your email was not actioned – really very sorry about this!

I think what you are proposing is fine so long as enough peat probing is done to inform the location of any permanent infrastructure – i.e. if you encounter deep peat, are their viable alternatives supported by the peat probing information? The peat probing should inform the location of infrastructure as much as is reasonably practicable.

Again, very sorry for the error here and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at Planning.North@sepa.org.uk.

Kind regards,
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Comment/query: Morning,

We are working on behalf of our client on a non-EIA development of an overhead grid connection.

The grid route is approximately 5.82 km in length and will start at NH 33237 68922 (Lochluichart II Wind Farm Extension) and end at NH 34441 63890. It is estimated that the average span between the poles will be between 90 to 110 metres.

Peat

We are proposing to undertake peat probing on a linear transect along the proposed route, within three peat point depths at 10 m intervals at the potential pole locations and an additional peat depth approximately mid way between the poles. The peat depth sampling will be undertaken in line with standard guidance and the results will be used to assess whether a Peat Management Plan is required.

Flood Risk

We are also aware of the 1:200 year flood event which occurred in 2017 and any potential new effects arising from the construction will be considered.

We trust the above information is satisfactory for you to be able to indicate whether it your opinion the proposed level of survey effort would be sufficient to support a section 37 application for the overhead line as described.

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