ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Reply Address: The Cottage, Kirktown of Alvah, Banff AB45 3US

9 April 2018

Dear Mr. Murison,

APP/2018/0623 – Moray Offshore Windfarm (East)

Alvah and Forglen Community Council has considered the subject planning application.

The community council has met with the contractors to discuss their plans and in particular the protection of trees in the Alvah Area. We were particularly concerned that the wood at Stonieley should not be damaged. The contractors assured us that the cable rote would skirt round the wood and that no trees would be removed. We were very pleased to see that the submission includes that assurance in the Cable Route Landscape Plan mitigation measure ID No Ex 47.

As the cable route is across Alvah and the Deveron Valley, we believe that Alvah and Forglen Community Council should be designated a consultee.

The community council was pleased to note the contents of the CEMP particularly in relation to working hours and noise. However, it is inevitable that there will be some loss of amenity to residents living closest to the cable route and as a gesture of good will the developer might wish to consider some compensation to these residents or the affected community.

Overall, Alvah and Forglen Community Council believes that Moray Offshore and Aberdeenshire Council are to be congratulated on finding an affordable underground route for the entire length of the cable run. This is a major achievement which respects the designated Special Landscape Area status of the beautiful Deveron Valley, and will have minimum impact on this and the other areas of the route across Aberdeenshire.

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