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Your ref: 18/00189/PPM  
Our ref: CIN-ELN-001  
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Dear Ms McLair

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997  
APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION IN PRINCIPLE FOR ONSHORE  
TRANSMISSION WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCH CAPE OFFSHORE WIND  
FARM COMPRISING THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND DECOMMISSIONING OF  
AN ONSHORE SUBSTATION, ELECTRICITY CABLES AND ASSOCIATED  
INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED TO EXPORT ELECTRICITY FROM THE INCH CAPE  
OFFSHORE WIND FARM TO THE NATIONAL ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION SYSTEM.  
FORMER COCKENZIE POWER STATION SITE, PRESTONPANS, EAST LOTHIAN**

Scottish Ministers have decided to require the planning application noted above to be referred to them for determination in terms of Section 46 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. Accordingly a Direction to that effect is enclosed at Annex A.

Scottish Ministers have given this Direction as it is considered that the application raises matters which are potentially of national importance in the context of expectations set out in National Planning Framework 3 for the site of the former Cockenzie power station and the need for an enhanced high voltage energy transmission network.

Regulation 35 of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 requires the planning authority to serve notice on the applicant for planning permission of the terms of the Direction, of the reasons for issuing it, that the application has been referred to Scottish Ministers and that the decision of Scottish Ministers will be final. In connection with the service of notice, your attention is drawn to section 271

of the 1997 Act. I should be glad if your Council would serve the required notice and let me have a copy.

In terms of the Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, the application will be submitted to Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA), for an examination by a Reporter of all the evidence submitted. I would be grateful if you would prepare all the application documentation and send it to David Henderson, Head of Performance and Administration, DPEA, 4 The Courtyard, Callendar Business Park, Callendar Road, Falkirk, FK1 1XR who will make arrangements for processing the case. Information can also be sent electronically via DPEA's ePlanning and SharePoint Sites by contacting the DPEA office mailbox, [dpea@gov.scot](mailto:dpea@gov.scot), for access and advice on use. Thereafter, the appointed Reporter will submit a report, with recommendations, to Scottish Ministers for their consideration and determination.

Any queries relating to the future handling of the case should be directed to DPEA.

Yours sincerely

**HELEN WOOD**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997  
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY (REFERENCE OF APPLICATION) (EAST LOTHIAN  
COUNCIL) (APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION IN PRINCIPLE FOR  
ONSHORE TRANSMISSION WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCH CAPE OFFSHORE  
WIND FARM COMPRISING THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND  
DECOMMISSIONING OF AN ONSHORE SUBSTATION, ELECTRICITY CABLES AND  
ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED TO EXPORT ELECTRICITY FROM THE  
INCH CAPE OFFSHORE WIND FARM TO THE NATIONAL ELECTRICITY  
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM. FORMER COCKENZIE POWER STATION SITE,  
PRESTONPANS, EAST LOTHIAN) DIRECTION 2018**

Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 46 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby direct that East Lothian Council refer to them for determination the application for planning permission in principle under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 received by them from Savills on behalf of Inch Cape Offshore Limited, for planning permission in principle for proposed onshore transmission works associated with the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm comprising the construction, operation and decommissioning of an onshore substation, electricity cables and associated infrastructure required to export electricity from the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm to the National Electricity Transmission System Former Cockenzie Power Station Site Prestonpans, East Lothian.

This Direction is given in view of the proposed development raising matters which are potentially of national importance in the context of expectations set out in National Planning Framework 3 for the site of the former Cockenzie power station and the need for an enhanced high voltage energy transmission network. .

This Direction may be cited as the Town and Country Planning (Reference of Application) (East Lothian Council) (planning permission in principle for proposed onshore transmission works associated with the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm comprising the construction, operation and decommissioning of an onshore substation, electricity cables and associated infrastructure required to export electricity from the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm to the National Electricity Transmission System Former Cockenzie Power Station Site Prestonpans, East Lothian) Direction 2018.

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