

## Consents

Plans for MarramWind are still being developed, your feedback on our proposals will help refine the design of the project.

Under the Scottish Government's National Planning Framework 4, MarramWind is classified as a National Development. This means that whilst the need for the project has been established through Government policy, planning permission, marine licences and other consents or licences are still required for construction and operation activities. We will therefore need to make separate applications for the following key consents for both the onshore and offshore elements of the project:

- **Section 36 consent**, under the Electricity Act 1989 (S36) is required for the development. Permission is granted by the Marine Directorate (on behalf of Scottish Ministers);
- **Marine Licences** are required for works undertaken below the average level of high tide (known as Mean High Water Springs (MHWS)) to undertake marine licensable activities, e.g. cables installation or other infrastructure on or within the seabed. Permission is granted by the Marine Directorate (on behalf of Scottish Ministers);
- **Onshore planning permission**, under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (TCPA) is required for all infrastructure located above the average level of low tide (known as Mean Low Water Springs (MLWS)) and is granted by the local planning authority, Aberdeenshire Council.

Some consents and licences overlap between the MHWS and MLWS – this area is known as the intertidal zone.

This consultation presents the project as a whole, including onshore, intertidal and offshore infrastructure. This consultation, and the events we are hosting, are being delivered in line with the specific consultation requirements for the onshore planning application under the TCPA and S36 consenting requirements. We will be holding a second consultation later this year that will further fulfil the consultation requirements set out by the TCPA and S36, as well as the consultation requirements for the relevant Marine Licences. The second consultation will be another opportunity for you to view our updated proposals and comment on a more refined project design.

We will also be undertaking an EIA, which is the process of assessing the likely significant effects the project could have on the environment. In addition, we will prepare reporting to support a Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA). Further information can be found on the 'Environmental Impact Assessment' and 'Habitats Regulations Appraisal' banners.

The diagram below shows the infrastructure required for the onshore and offshore elements of MarramWind, as well as which sections of the project are related to the different consents we need to apply for.

