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Dear Thom,

Response to the North Ayrshire Evidence Report for local development plan 3

Scottish Renewables (SR) is the voice of Scotland's renewable energy industry. Our vision is for Scotland to lead the world in renewable energy. We work to grow Scotland's renewable energy sector and sustain its position at the forefront of the global clean energy industry. We represent over 360 organisations that deliver investment, jobs, social benefit and reduce the carbon emissions which cause climate change.

Our members work across all renewable technologies, in Scotland, the UK, Europe and around the world, ranging from energy suppliers, operators and manufacturers to small developers, installers, and community groups, as well as companies throughout the supply chain. In representing them, we aim to lead and inform the debate on how the growth of renewable energy can provide solutions to help sustainably heat and power Scotland's homes and businesses.

SR appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on North Ayrshire's evidence report for its local development plan 3 and the effort North Ayrshire has made to consult with SR on this. This evidence report is well developed and aligns well with NPF4's focus on balancing the twin crises of climate and nature. We have only two minor points of feedback:

1. We recommend tweaking the description of uses supported by the Hunterston Strategic Asset National Development to also include wider facilities for marine energy generation, technology fabrication, and decommissioning and facilities for marine energy servicing as per the NPF4 National Development Statement of Need.
2. We would caution against using a landscape capacity study as a constraint for renewable energy planning applications. NPF4 does not support the use of landscape capacity studies in this way.

Please let me know if you have any questions about our feedback.

Sincerely,

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Megan Amundson

Head of Onshore & Consenting
Scottish Renewables