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Dear Ms Campbell

### **Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) - UK Offshore Energy**

Thank you for consulting Historic Environment Scotland on the DECC's UK Offshore Energy Strategic Environmental Assessment 3 (OESEA3), received via the Scottish Government's SEA Gateway on 3 March 2016. I have reviewed the report on behalf of Historic Environment Scotland and should make clear that this response is in the context of the SEA Regulations and our role as a Consultation Authority. Please note that our view is based on our main area of interest for the historic environment.

We welcome that our comments on the proposed scope of the assessment (dated 3 September 2015) have been taken into account in the preparation of the assessment.

The assessment clearly sets out the relevant areas to which the various components of the offshore energy programme relate in terms of the Scottish Renewable Energy Zone and territorial waters. We welcome the assessment provided for the potential effects of Oil and gas, gas storage, carbon dioxide storage and tidal range and the high level conclusions presented. As the assessment notes, in order to meet the environmental objectives much weight is on preparatory survey which should aid both in the protection of cultural heritage resources and the identification of previously unrecorded sites. We are therefore content to agree with the findings of the assessment.

None of the comments in this letter should be taken as constituting legal interpretation of the requirements of the above Regulations. They are intended rather as helpful advice, as part of Historic Scotland's commitment to capacity building in SEA.

Please feel welcome to contact me should you wish to discuss this response.

Yours sincerely

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