

CHAPTER 5: ENERGY AND PLANNING POLICY

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A.5. ENERGY AND PLANNING POLICY

A.5.1 Introduction

A.5.1.1 Chapter 5: Energy and Planning Policy of the EIA Report (January 2019) identified the relevant energy and planning policy considerations for the Proposed Varied Development, including reference to national, regional and local policies as well as other material considerations.

A.5.1.2 Chapter 5 of the EIA Report (January 2019) remains relevant and should be referred to. The sub-headings of the Chapter are repeated here for reference purposes.

A.5.1.3 A separate Planning Statement (January 2019), which did not form part of the EIA Report (January 2019), provides a detailed assessment of the proposal against the planning policy context to provide an independent assessment of the planning issues relevant to the Proposed Varied Development. This remains unchanged.

A.5.2 Legislative Framework

A.5.2.1 Unchanged, please refer to Section 5.2 of the EIA Report (January 2019).

A.5.3 Energy Policy

A.5.3.1 Unchanged, please refer to Section 5.3 of the EIA Report (January 2019).

A.5.3.2 Reference is additionally made to the declaration by the First Minister on the 28th April 2019 to a climate emergency. Following this declaration, the Scottish Government has indicated its intent to amend the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) Bill to adopt the target proposed by the Committee on Climate Change (CCC)'s on 2nd May 2019 of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045, and increase the staged targets for 2030 and 2040.

A.5.4 Planning Framework

A.5.4.1 Unchanged, please refer to Section 5.4 of the EIA Report (January 2019).

A.5.5 National Planning Policy

A.5.5.1 Unchanged, please refer to Section 5.5 of the EIA Report (January 2019).

A.5.6 Regional and Local Planning Policy

A.5.6.1 Unchanged, please refer to Section 5.6 of the EIA Report (January 2019).

A.5.7 Conclusions

A.5.7.1 Unchanged, please refer to Section 5.7 of the EIA Report (January 2019).