

APPENDIX 5.1 - EIA TEAM DETAILS

Table 1: EIA Team Details

Person	Role	Expertise	Qualifications
Andrew Curds ASH Design + Assessment Ltd.	EIA Project Director	Over 18 years' experience leading and undertaking EIA's for energy generation, transmission and grid connection projects, predominantly in Scotland. This has involved project management and co-ordination of technical specialists and internal teams, discussions with stakeholders, and the production and review of EIA Reports and Environmental Appraisal documentation.	BSc (Hons) Geography and Environmental Management MA Environmental Impact Assessment FIEMA
Louise Smith ASH Design + Assessment Ltd.	EIA Project Manager	Over 14 years' experience undertaking EIA's for a wide range of projects in the energy and transmission sectors, predominantly in Scotland. This has involved co-ordination of technical specialists, undertaking discussions with statutory and non-statutory consultees on the scope and methodology of surveys, and production and review of chapters.	BSc (Hons) Geography and Geology MSc Environmental Monitoring, Modelling and Reconstruction PIEMA
Roz MacIennan horner + macIennan	Landscape and Visual Lead	Roz is a partner in horner + macIennan landscape architects and has 40 years' experience of undertaking landscape and visual assessments in a variety of sectors including renewable energy developments and energy distribution projects in Scotland. She has also undertaken casework on behalf of NatureScot as part of a term commission over the last 22 years.	BA (Hons) Landscape Architecture CMLI Design Division
Stephen Lockwood RPS Consulting Services Ltd.	Ecology and BNG Lead	Stephen is the Director of Ecology for Scotland and northern England at RPS Consulting Services Ltd with over 20 years experience of working in the environmental sector both nationally and internationally. Stephen specialises in renewable developments and their associated linear infrastructure in the upland environment and delivers the technical aspects for ecology and biodiversity net gain for such large scale developments. This includes the coordination and delivery of assessments of their effects to ecological receptors and the design and implementation of landscape scale compensation and enhancement plans in	BSc (Hons) Zoology, MSc Biodiversity and Conservation CEcol, MCIEEM

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		consultation with statutory and non-statutory bodies.	
Lisette Coiffait RPS Consulting Services Ltd.	Ornithology Lead	Associate Ornithologist at RPS Consulting Services Ltd with 14 years' experience as a professional consultant. Has worked on a wide range of projects across Scotland and England, predominantly in the renewable energy and energy transmission sectors. This has included completion of numerous ornithological impact assessments, EIA Report chapters and mitigation plans.	BSc (Hons) Zoology, PhD, MCIEEM
Gordon Robb SLR Consulting	Water Environment Technical Lead	Gordon Robb is a Technical Director (Hydrology and Hydrogeology) at SLR Consulting Limited and has over thirty years' experience assessing renewable energy and electrical infrastructure projects and specifically their potential effects on the water environment, including public and private water supplies, and designated water dependent habitat. He is based in Scotland and has worked throughout Scotland, including sites in similar settings to the Proposed Development. He has also prepared and given expert witness evidence relating to electrical infrastructure and renewable energy projects. Prior to completing this assessment, he has visited the Proposed Development and study area.	BSc Geography, MSc Engineering Hydrology, MBA, C.WEM, FCIWEM.
Katy Rainford SLR Consulting	Senior Hydrologist	Katy Rainford is a Senior Hydrologist at SLR Consulting Limited who has over 5 years' experience completing a variety of geological, hydrological and hydrogeological assessments. This includes a multitude of renewable energy and electrical infrastructure projects assessing their potential impact on geological, hydrological and hydrogeological receptors including water dependent habitats, GWDTEs, public and private water supplies, flood risk assessments and outline drainage assessments. She has worked across Scotland including sites in similar settings to the Proposed Development.	BSc (Hons) Geology and Physical Geography, FGS, MCIWEM
Catherine Dagg	Archeologist	Catherine Dagg has over 20 years' experience of producing EIAs for renewable energy and infrastructure developments	BA (Hons) Prehistory and Archaeology

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		throughout the Highlands and Islands, including the cultural heritage assessment for Strath Halladale to Dallangwell 132 kV OHL and Connagill Substation.	Associate member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA)
Gordon Buchan Pell Frischmann	Transport Planning	Gordon has over 25 years' experience of undertaking the transport assessments associated with new developments and has worked on renewable energy and energy distribution projects across the UK, Ireland and Northern Europe	BEng (Hons), MSc, FCIHT, CMILT
Neil McKay Neil McKay Forestry	Forestry Lead	Neil McKay has more than 35 years' professional forestry experience throughout UK and Ireland. A chartered forester since 1994. Since 2010 Neil has provided forestry advice and support to several onshore renewables developers and operators in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Over the past three years Neil has provided forestry chapters for more than 40 EIA Reports or technical appendices for onshore wind farm, substation and grid connections.	National Diploma in Forestry. A professional member of the Institute of Chartered Foresters.
Mark Kummerer MKA Economics	Socio-economics Lead	<p>Mark has over 25 years' economic development consultancy experience managing a variety of economic initiatives, including advising on appraisal, business planning, delivery and implementation, evaluation and impact assessment for renewable developments across Scotland.</p> <p>Mark has been an expert witness at Public Inquiries, including the Scottish Land Court Inquiry for a new Space Hub in sutherland, approved in August 2021. MKA Economics has been retained on HIE's Economic Impact Assessment Framework Panel since 2013 and SSE's Environmental Service Economic Impact Frameowrk since 2021.</p> <p>Mark has led the socio-economic imapct assessment for a range of SSE renewable investments including Coire Glas PSH, Skye Reinforcement Project and various wind farms. Mark has completed mroe than 50 socio-economic assessments of renewable projects over the last ten years.</p>	<p>BA (Hons) Economics, MA Economics</p> <p>Member of the Economic Development Association Scotland (EDAS)</p>

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Pippa Gardner David Bell Planning	Planning Lead	Pippa has 25 years experience within the planning and development sector with specific expertise in renewable energy and transmission projects providing advice from feasibility stage through to consenting and appeals.	Batchelor Land Economy (Hons) Diploma in Town and Country Planning (DipTCP) Member Royal Town Planning Institute (MRTPI)