

## MELGARVE CLUSTER PROJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### APPENDIX 5.1: EIA TEAM DETAILS

Person	Role	Expertise	Qualifications
Andrew Curds ASH Design + Assessment Ltd.	EIA Project Director	<p>Over 18 years' experience leading and undertaking EIA's for energy generation, transmission and grid connection projects, predominantly in Scotland.</p> <p>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.</p>	BSc (Hons) Geography and Environmental Management, MA Environmental Impact Assessment. PIEMA.
Hannah Lane ASH Design + Assessment Ltd.	Senior Environmental Consultant	<p>Over 4 years' experience undertaking EIA's for for a wide range of projects in the energy and transmission sectors in Scotland.</p> <p>This has involved project management and co-ordination of specialist consultants, undertaking discussions with statutory and non-statutory consultees on the scope and methodology of surveys, and the production of EIA Reports and Environmental Appraisal documentation.</p>	MSc Sustainaibly and Environmental Studies
Eilidh Mackenzie ASH Design + Assessment Ltd.	Landscape and Visual Lead	<p>Over 18 years' experience working in Scotland, specialising in Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment in the energy and transmission sectors. Also expert in the design, and implementation of hard and soft landscape proposals for a variety of developments, and the production of strategic and detailed design solutions for landscape reinstatement and mitigation works for a variety of projects.</p>	MA (hons) Landscape Architecture  Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute (CMLI)
Deirdre Thom Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL)	Associate Director (Planning)	<p>Deirdre is a Chartered Town Planner with over 13 years' experience of planning and development practice in the private sector, advising on a range of developments in the UK. Advising on energy and infrastructure projects including onshore wind, solar, battery storage developments and overhead line projects and substations. Deirdre advises on feasibility studies, due diligence, preparation of EIA planning and energy policy chapters and Planning Statement across both planning and section 36 and 37 applications.</p>	BA (Hons)  MSc  MRTPI

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Leah Watton Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL)	Senior Planner	Leah is a Chartered Town Planner with 8 years' experience of planning and development practice in both the public and private sector. Leah advises on a range of developments in the UK including energy and infrastructure projects such as onshore wind, solar, battery storage developments and overhead line projects and substations. Leah has worked on planning and section 36 and 37 applications supporting applications through the preparation of EIA Planning and Energy Policy Chapters and Planning Statements as well as provision of planning policy advice, due diligence and feasibility studies.	BSc MSc MRTPI
Kate Hobbs MacArthur Green	Ecology Senior Consultant	Kate is a Chartered Environmentalist and Full Member of the of the Chartered Institute for Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM). Kate is a Senior Ecologist with MacArthur Green and has diverse project experience, with robust survey skills gained through many years of field surveys and having authored and contributed to numerous Ecological Impact Assessments, Habitat Regulations Appraisals, and other technical reports and deliverables for projects based in the UK and worldwide, including contributing to the delivery of major infrastructure schemes.	BSc (Hons) Zoology, CIEEM.
Brian Henry MacArthur Green	Ecology BNG Lead	Brian is a Full Member of the Chartered Institute for Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM). Brian is Principal Ecologist at MacArthur Green and has been a professional ecologist for over 12 years with a wide range of experience in terrestrial ecology, and specialising in habitat surveys and assessments. He has been involved in delivering the ecological elements of many large scale projects (e.g. wind energy, solar energy, networks, roads). His experience covers managing ecological surveys, undertaking Ecological Impact Assessments and Habitat Regulations Appraisals, and developing and implementing Habitat Management Plans for a variety of nationally important species and habitats.	MA (Hons) Physical Geography, MSc River Basin Management CIEEM.

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Flora Veitch MacArthur Green	Ecology Consultant	Flora is a Consultant Ecologist with MacArthur Green, with a wide range of ecological survey skills gained over the past four years professionally. Her experience covers managing ecological surveys, undertaking numerous technical reports, and developing and implementing Habitat Management Plans for a variety of nationally important species and habitats.	BSc (Hons) Animal Biology
Matthew Sullivan EnviroCentre Ltd	Principal Ornithology Consultant	Matt Sullivan is a Principal Consultant at EnviroCentre, with over 17 years of experience undertaking surveys and assessments, including EIAs, for renewables (wind farms and hydro schemes) and infrastructure (OHL and substation) projects in Scotland.	BSc (Hons) Zoology, MSc Wildlife Conservation and Management  ACIEEM
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	BSc (Hons) Geology and Physical Geography, FGS, MCIWEM

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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
Mark Kummerer	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 utherland, 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 Framework since 2021.</p> <p>Mark has led the socio-economic impact assessment for a range of SSE renewable investments including Coire Glas PSH, Skye OHL Replacement and various wind farms. Mark has completed more 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>
Catherine Dagg	Archeologist	Catherine Dagg has over 20 years' experience of producing EIAs for renewable energy and infrastructure developments throughout the Highlands and Islands, including the cultural heritage assessment for Stronelaig Wind Farm grid connection and Melgarve substation.	<p>BA (Hons) Prehistory and Archaeology</p> <p>Associate member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA)</p>