

APPENDIX 5.1: EIA TEAM DETAILS

Table 1: EIA Team Details

Person	Role	Expertise	Qualifications
Andrew Curds ASH Design + Assessment Ltd.	EIA Project Director	Andrew is a Chartered Environmentalist and a Full Member of Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals with over twenty years' experience leading and undertaking EIA's for energy generation, transmission and grid connection projects, predominantly in Scotland. Andrew has led and managed multi-disciplinary teams on all stages of the environmental impact assessment process.	BSc (Hons), MA Environmental Impact Assessment CEnv, FISEP
Chelsea Gibb ASH Design + Assessment Ltd.	EIA Project Manager	Chelsea is a Practitioner Member of the Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals and has over 3 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, consultations with statutory and non-statutory consultees on the scope and methodology of surveys, and production and review of EIA Report chapters.	BSc (Hons), MSc PISEP REnvP
Tatiana White ASH Design + Assessment Ltd.	Landscape and Visual Lead	Tatiana is a Director at ASH and a Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute, with over a decade of experience working on Landscape and Visual Impact Assessments and Appraisals, feasibility studies, optioneering and landscape design projects. Tatiana has extensive experience in undertaking and directing LVIAs for renewable energy and electricity transmission infrastructure projects.	BSc, Master of Landscape Architecture CMLI
Alison Hood SLR Consulting	Technical Director of Ecology	Alison has over ten years' experience working in the consultancy sector. Alison is an experienced project manager and team leader and has managed the ecological input on a variety of. Alison is experienced in producing technical outputs and has completed numerous Preliminary Ecological Appraisals, Ecological Impact Assessments, Habitat Regulations Assessments, mitigation and enhancement plans and habitat management plans. Alison also holds a number of protected species licenses and is skilled in	BSc MSc MCIEEM

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		undertaking a variety of habitat and protected species surveys.	
Kristie Watkin Borne SLR Consulting	Senior Ecologist	Kristie is a Senior Ecologist with over six years ecological consultancy experience, with expertise encompassing both terrestrial and freshwater ecology for habitat and site appraisals, protected species surveys and monitoring. Kristie is experienced in the preparation of Shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) and Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA) for large infrastructure projects across the UK and Republic of Ireland.	BSc, MSc CIEEM
Rowan Smith SLR Consulting	Senior Ecologist	Rowan has over 6 years' experience in ecology, in both ecological consultancy and research sectors. She has a broad environmental science background and expertise in terrestrial and aquatic ecology. Her experience includes undertaking and contributing to EIA/EclA and HRA assessments for a range of energy generation projects including pumped storage hydro schemes, windfarms, solar and linear infrastructure projects.	BSc (Hons) MSc. QCIEEM
Richard King SLR Consulting	Ornithology Lead	Richard is a Technical Director with over 15 years of experience in environmental consultancy. Richard is an experienced project manager as well as a field ecologist, and his role ranges from undertaking or coordinating baseline ecological and ornithological surveys, data analysis and technical reporting duties, to the production of Ecological Impact Assessments (EclA) and Habitat Regulations Appraisals (HRA). He has taken projects through from conception and feasibility stages to post construction works, including survey design, project management, data analysis and modelling, technical reporting, impact assessments, and post-construction monitoring.	BSc, MSc MCIEEM
Mike Austin SLR Consulting	Ornithologist	Mike has over 30 years experience working within conservation and more recently consultancy. Mike is a leading ornithology team member in Scotland for SLR with technical expertise in a wide range of onshore	MCIEEM

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		survey techniques - in lowland, upland and inter-tidal environments. He undertakes technical reporting and assessment, including Collision Risk Modelling, Ecological Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment screening. He holds a Schedule 1 licence for survey work in Scotland, under which other SLR surveyors working in Scotland act as agents.	
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.	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
Matt Brooks CFA Archaeology Ltd	Archaeologist	Matt Brooks is an Archaeological Consultant with 7 years' experience in consultancy across England, Scotland, and Ireland. Matt specialises in delivering heritage input for a variety of planning and development projects, contributing to Environmental Impact Assessments, Environmental Statement chapters, and Desk-Based Assessments. His	BA, Hons, ACIfA

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		project portfolio spans a broad range of sectors, including energy, infrastructure, residential, regeneration, urban realm and commercial developments.	
Mhairi Hastie CFA Archaeology Ltd	Archeologist	Mhairi Hastie is a Senior Consultant Archaeologist with 25 years post-graduate experience in commercial archaeology and over 18 years' experience of producing Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) for renewable energy developments, and for other industrial and commercial developments. She has been the lead archaeologist for many major OHL projects, carrying out the baseline research, leading the large-scale field survey, and preparing the Cultural Heritage EIARs. She has provided detailed cultural heritage advice at all stages, including route selection, corridor appraisal and substation site selection.	BSc (Hons), MSc, MCIfA
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	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 and electrical transmission developments across Scotland.	BA (Hons) Economics, MA Economics Member of the Economic Development

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			Association Scotland (EDAS)
David Bell Planning	Planning Director	David Bell is a Chartered Town Planner with over 30 years' experience of planning and development practice in the private sector, advising on a range of developments in the UK and overseas. David is a recognised leading expert in energy and infrastructure planning specialising in onshore and offshore wind, solar, battery storage developments and overhead line projects and substations. He advises on feasibility studies, planning and section 36 and 37 applications and planning Appeals and frequently acts in the capacity of expert witness in Public Inquiries. David's experience covers practice in Scotland, England and Wales.	BSc (Hons) Dip UD MCIHT MRTPI