

APPENDIX V1-5.1: EIA TEAM

Person	Role	Expertise	Qualifications
Andrew Curds ASH Design + Assessment Ltd.	EIA Project Director	Over 17 years' experience leading and undertaking EIA's for energy generation, transmission and grid connection projects, predominantly in Scotland. This has involved the project management and co-ordination of technical specialists and internal teams, discussions with stakeholders, and the production of EIA Reports and Environmental Appraisal documentation.	BSc (Hons) Geography and Environmental Management, MA Environmental Impact Assessment. PIEMA.
Louise Smith ASH Design + Assessment Ltd.	EIA Project Manager	Over 12 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 specialist consultants, undertaking discussions with statutory and non-statutory consultees on the scope and methodology of surveys, and production and review of chapters.	MSc Environmental Monitoring, Modelling and Reconstruction, BSc (Hons) Geography and Geology. PIEMA
Jennifer Skrynka ASH Design + Assessment Ltd.	Landscape and Visual Director	Over 35 years' experience working on a broad range of projects across many aspects of the landscape profession, including in LVIA, EIA, landscape planning and design. Jennifer has been Project Director for several wind farm, OHL and substation project LVIAs and has prepared and presented evidence as an expert witness at Public Inquiry.	Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute (CMLI), BA Landscape Architecture, Post Graduate Diploma Landscape Architecture
Eilidh Mackenzie ASH Design + Assessment Ltd.	Landscape and Visual Lead	Over 17 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.	MA (hons) Landscape Architecture Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute (CMLI)
Nicola Sukatorn	Landscape and Visual Senior Consultant	Over 9 years' experience working in Scotland, Specialising in in Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment across a variety	MA (Hons) Geography, MLA

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ASH Design + Assessment Ltd.		of sectors, including grid connection and infrastructure, transport, wind energy, residential and commercial and marine and coastal.	Landscape Architecture, Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute (CMLI)
David MacArthur MacArthur Green	Ecology Director	David is a Full Member of the Chartered Institute for Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM). He is a Director of MacArthur Green and has been involved in delivering the ecological elements of large scale projects (e.g. wind energy, networks, roads) for over 20 years. His experience covers managing ecological and ornithological 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.	BSc (Hons) Ecology: Wildlife and Fisheries Management, MSc Economics, CIEEM.
Brian Henry MacArthur Green	Ecology 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.
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	BSc (Hons) Zoology, CIEEM.

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		technical reports and deliverables for projects based in the UK and worldwide, including contributing to the delivery of major infrastructure schemes.	
Blair Urquhart Natural Research Projects	Ornithology	Blair Urquhart is Director of Operations at Natural Research (Projects) Ltd and has over 26 years' experience of working with birds and their conservation and has managed a range of projects within the energy and conservation sectors. Blair joined NRP from Scottish Natural Heritage where he worked as SNH's lead for certain complex, contentious or novel renewable energy casework. He has an excellent knowledge and working experience of UK and European laws relating to wildlife and the countryside, he also contributed to the development of SNH casework guidance in relation to birds, their interaction with wind energy and powerline developments and impact assessment. Blair has prepared and written numerous Technical Reports and EIA Report chapters and provided ornithological management advice for a number of renewable energy and OHL transmission developments.	Diploma in Conservation Management
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.
Colin Duncan SLR Consulting	Geology and Soils	Colin Duncan is a Technical Director (Land Quality and Geology) at SLR Consulting Limited and has over thirty years' experience	BSc Geology, MSc Environmental

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	Environment Technical Lead	in environmental consulting and geology. He is based in Scotland and specialises in engineering geological assessments in the renewables and electrical transmission sector. He has much experience, in infrastructure design, geological assessment, peat slide risk assessments, and the preparation of peat management plans. He has planning hearing experience on matters relating to peat, geology and mining.	Technology and Engineering.
George Mudie CFA Archaeology Ltd.	Cultural Heritage Project Manager	George Mudie is the Principal Heritage Consultant with CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA), based in their head office in Musselburgh, East Lothian. He has 26 years' post graduate experience in commercial archaeology and more than 20 years full-time experience as an archaeological consultant, producing EIAs for a range of projects and clients in both Scotland and England. George has extensive experience of wind farm and electricity transmission projects. He also has considerable experience in acting as an expert witness for Planning Appeals and Public Local Inquiries for renewables projects. George acted as the project manager for the cultural heritage assessment inputs for this project.	MA (Hons) FSA Scot MCIfA
Tom Janes CFA Archaeology Ltd.	Cultural Heritage Senior Consultant	Tom Janes MA (Hons) MCIfA of CFA Archaeology (CFA) is a Consultant with CFA Archaeology Ltd and a Member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (MCIfA). He has over 23 years full-time experience in archaeological project management, fieldwork and consultancy, the last ten of which have been spent mainly producing EIAs for renewable energy, infrastructural, residential, industrial and commercial developments across the UK and in the Republic of Ireland.	MA (Hons) Medieval History and Archaeology
Louise Alexander CKD Galbraiths	Forestry Lead	Louise is a Chartered Forester and Professional Tree Surveyor. Louise has worked in the forestry industry for over 15 years, and has been responsible for private estate woodland management, woodland creation, commercial planning advice, carrying out BS: 5837:2012 tree surveys,	Chartered Forester (MICFor)

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		submission and management of Woodland and Peatland Carbon Code projects.	
Elaine Moran Pell Frischmann	Transport Planning	Elaine is a highly experienced transport planner, having worked for over six years on projects across the United Kingdom, including several major power generation and distribution projects.	BEng (Hons), MSc, MCIHT
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 MKA Economics Ltd	Socio-economics Lead	<p>Mark has over 24 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 onshore wind farms across Scotland.</p> <p>Mark has been an expert witness role at the Public Inquiry, including the recent Scottish Land Court Public Inquiry for a new Space Hub in Sutherland, approved in August 2021. Mark has been retained on HIE's Economic Impact Assessment Framework Panel since 2013 and employed by Planning Authorities to appraise other consultant's socio-economic, tourism and recreation assessments.</p>	<p>BA (Hons) Economics, MA Economics</p> <p>Member of the Economic Development Association Scotland (EDAS)</p>
David Bell David Bell Associates	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.	BSc (Hons) Dip UD MCIHT MRTPI

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		David's experience covers practice in Scotland, England and Wales.	
Pippa Gardiner David Bell Associates	Planning Senior Consultant	Pippa Gardner is a Chartered Town Planner with over 20 years' experience of planning and development practice in the private sectors advising on a range of developments across the UK. Pippa has wide-ranging experience managing energy and infrastructure projects including solar, transmission projects, onshore and offshore wind and battery storage. She also has extensive experience on urban mixed use development projects. Pippa also regularly advises on feasibility and planning strategy for a range of projects including Town and Country Planning applications, section 36 and 37 applications and Appeals.	DipTCP, BLE (Hons) MRTPI