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**Subject:** FAO Kay Sully - SNH response to Planning Inspectorate consultation re. Wylfa Newedd RIES

Hello,

I am responding on behalf of Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) in relation to the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) for the Wylfa Newedd nuclear power station project.

We are content with:

- The conclusion of LSE for the gannet qualifier of Ailsa Craig SPA.
- The implicit conclusion of no LSE for other Scottish European sites – we previously had an explanation for why there was no LSE concluded for the Scottish Inner Hebrides and the Minches cSAC for Harbour Porpoise from Matthew Bowell who is the Horizon Nuclear Power HRA lead.
- The conclusion of no adverse effect on site integrity (no AESI) for Ailsa Craig SPA as set out in Table 4.1 and Annex 2 of the RIES for the Proposed Wylfa Newydd Project conducted by the Examining Authority of March 27<sup>th</sup> 2019. This is based on the distance between the SPA and the project and the core ranging distance for breeding gannets which means that very few gannets from Ailsa Craig SPA will ever forage in the area near to the project.

If you have any comments about this response or any other elements related to Scottish Protected Areas. Please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Crispin

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