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**Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm Limited (NnGOWL) have completed Phase 1 of the horizontal directional drill (HDD) campaign from the landfall location at Thorntonloch. The dive team have completed an inspection of the drill exit pit in the nearshore area of Thorntonloch Beach, however some further supporting marine works remain and are due to take place in mid-January 2021.**

As such, mariners are advised that the team of divers supported by two vessels, the *Teal of Wick (ZQXM9)* and *Shuna (VQBP3)*, have temporarily demobilised from the nearshore area of Thorntonloch until approximately mid-January. A subsequent notice will be issued prior to the work restarting.

In order to facilitate the team of divers, the vessel has been stabilised on a mooring spread, marked by buoys. The exit pit is also marked temporarily by a surface marker buoy. The as-laid position of these marker buoys are provided in Table 1. These buoys remain in position and will be removed following the completion of the work.

**Area of Operations**

Mariners are advised that the nearshore exclusion zone shown in Figure 1 is no longer in place. The remaining marker buoy locations are shown in Figure 1 and Table 1.

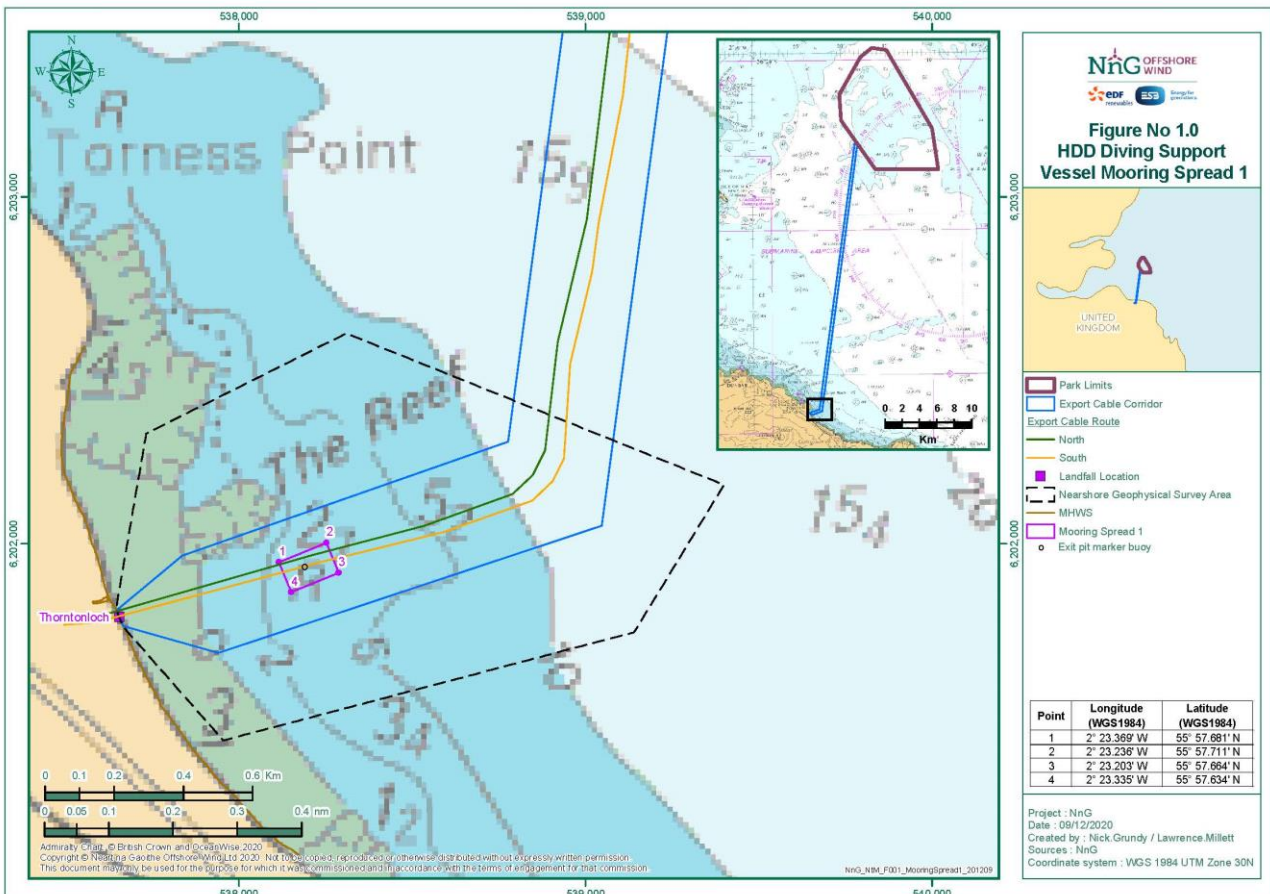


Figure 1 - Teal of Wick Mooring Point Coordinates & HDD Exit Pit

*Table 1 – Teal of Wick Mooring Point Coordinates & HDD Exit Pit*

Mooring Point	Longitude (DDM)	Latitude (DDM)
1 - NW Mooring	002° 23.369' W	55° 57.681' N
2 - NE Mooring	002° 23.236' W	55° 57.710' N
3 - SE Mooring	002° 23.202' W	55° 57.656' N
4 - SW Mooring	002° 23.306' W	55° 57.626' N
Exit Pit Marker buoy	002° 23.296' W	55° 57.676' N

### **Schedule**

The HDD work will be undertaken in two phases, one for each cable, between early December 2020 and mid-March 2021. The first phase of works commenced on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 at has temporarily demobilised on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020. It is anticipated that the works will remobilise in mid-January 2021 to enable completion by mid-February 2021. It is currently anticipated that the second phase will take place between mid-February 2021 and mid-March 2021.

For updates on the progress of the works, information will be provided in the Weekly Notice of Operations available on the NnG project website: <https://nngoffshorewind.com/downloads/>.

### **General Safety Advice**

Construction activities are ongoing within the boundaries of the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm. Mariners are advised to refer to the NnG Weekly Notice of Operations where up to date information regarding activities on site is broadcast. A copy of this notice and the Weekly Notice of Operations can also be found at <https://nngoffshorewind.com/downloads/>

### **Marine Coordination Contact Details**

The following contact can provide more information if required. Please note that specific queries can also be addressed to the relevant vessel or shore-based representative.

*Table 2 - Marine Coordination Contact Details*

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### **Fisheries Liaison**

Fisheries liaison associated with the activity will be co-ordinated by Natural Power. For any commercial fishery queries please contact the NnG company Fisheries Liaison Officer (CFLO) Peter Berney, telephone: +44 (0)7391 402387 or email: [NnG.FLO@naturalpower.com](mailto:NnG.FLO@naturalpower.com). An Offshore Fisheries Liaison Officers (OFLO) is present on the *Shuna* and can be contacted via VHF Channel 16.

### **Distribution List**

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