

Whilst the information submitted does not strictly comply with the wording of the planning condition is considered that given curlew were confirmed as breeding during the first year of survey effort the need for a second year of survey to be completed before development could commence is somewhat unnecessary – 2 years of completed survey would be required if the applicant wished to demonstrate that there was no curlew breeding attempts on the site.

The confirmation and identification of locations of breeding attempts by curlew at the site during the survey completed so far combined with the detailed monitoring and mitigation strategy that has been identified as well as the requirements of condition 49 are considered to be appropriate and sufficient to protect breeding curlew and their breeding efforts during the construction of the windfarm

Recommendation

This updated report should be read in conjunction with the previous report. It is considered that sufficient information has therefore been submitted to discharge conditions 9, 33, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 56 & 60 of planning consent P/2014/1102.

Environmental information has been taken into consideration when determining this application (DIS/2016/0258).

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