

Attn: James Norman.

HVDC Link to Shetland.

Hello , [REDACTED]. I am a Shetland resident, a shareholder in some renewable related companies (including Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd.) and an ardent supporter of continuing development / expansion of the renewables industry, including wind and tidal power.

I am strongly in favour of an HVDC Link to Shetland.

After discussing this with my colleagues , I am very concerned that 600 MW will not be adequate given the number and size of projects presently being brought forward.

I understand that present day estimates for Shetland exceed 800 MW.

In my opinion it would make sense to provide a larger cable with scope for the future , and I consider , inevitable expansion of all types of renewables.

Shetland has world class resources in both wind and tidal , although , sadly , we cant claim that for solar.

It makes good business sense to fully exploit the available resources in Shetland but , obviously, within planning constraints.

I have limited knowledge of the cost involved but from my experience as a Surveyor, a larger cable will cost less per MW than a 600 MW cable.

In summary I strongly support the HVDC Link to Shetland but have a concern that 600 MW will quickly be inadequate and that Ofgem should recommend a larger cable.

I also consider that this issue must be resolved as soon as possible.

I am sure my colleagues will provide better and more in depth responses but I wanted to add my own views.

Regards,