

Dear sir/madam

I write in response to the consultation on the above project. I would like to register my objection to the proposed interconnector. Having seen the cost and "success" of a similar project which links the west of Scotland to Wales, I think a cable running along the sea bed of one of the most hostile stretches of water in the world is asking for trouble. Shetland needs a power supply which is contained in the islands to ensure a safe, secure and cost effective supply locally.

I also do not believe Shetland should be covered with enormous wind turbines, which will now be of very limited benefit to the community given SSE have now taken the vast majority of control of Viking Energy going forward. Recent announcements by the Crown Estate on the leasing of the sea bed for off shore wind farms should mean we do not have to go down this route. I would suspect this will reduce the chances of Viking Energy being successful in the next round of Contract for Difference contracts, after failing in 2019.

In summary, I do not believe an interconnector is the best way forward to provide power to Shetland.

Regards