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Dear Sir/Madam

**The Grangemouth Flood Protection Scheme (the “Scheme”)
Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009
The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994
Consultation on Final Habitats Regulation Appraisal (HRA)**

Ref: ENQ/2025/1101

Thank you for consulting us on the final version of the HRA for the Grangemouth Flood Protection Scheme.

As you are aware we have commented on previous versions of the HRA over a number of years, with our advice on the final draft (submitted in September 2024) confirming that *“we are now satisfied with the updated HRA and agree with its conclusions, including the sufficiency of the compensation proposals.”* This advice was based on the understanding that the final HRA report would be updated to reflect agreed revisions to a number of sections, and in particular:

- the “In-Combination Effects” section to be updated with further detail of consideration of the Musselburgh Flood Protection Scheme.
- inclusion of the most recent bird data (2022/23) in the compensation assessment and other sections (noted that the project team had already reflected that data in the compensation assessment).
- clarification that the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) will be prepared and made available prior to the confirmation of the scheme.

We note that all of our advised revisions have been incorporated into the final HRA report and with that in mind we can confirm that our advice remains the same as for the final draft of the HRA:

Loch Leven SPA/Ramsar Site

We agree with the conclusion of No Adverse Effect on Site Integrity.

Firth of Forth SPA/Ramsar Site

We agree with the conclusion that there is the potential for an Adverse Effect on Site Integrity through disturbance of roosting birds. With regards to the required compensation, we also agree that the proposed measures are likely to be sufficient to compensate for the impacts on the roosting birds.

I trust the above is helpful and, as stated before, we are happy to continue to advise on other aspects of the Scheme through the process, as and where required.

Kind regards

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