Project Green Blade



Enabling radar friendly wind energy Farnborough July 2018

UK clean growth & industrial agenda

UK Clean Growth & Industrial Strategies

"Clean Growth means growing our national income while cutting greenhouse gas emissions ... ensuring an affordable energy supply for businesses and consumers ..."

Clean Growth Grand Challenge: "We will maximise the advantages for UK industry for the global shift to clean growth – through leading the world in the development, manufacture and use of low carbon technologies, systems and services ..."



Scottish Government's energy ambitions

Scottish Government Energy Strategy and Onshore Wind Policy Statement

"Champion Scotland's renewable energy potential, creating new jobs and supply chain opportunities"

Sets 2030 Target of "the equivalent of 50% of energy for Scotland's heat, transport and electricity consumption to be supplied from renewable sources"

Acknowledging windfarms "are an established part of Scotland's landscape"



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European Union Revised Renewable Energy Directive

Binding EU-wide renewable energy target for 2030 of 32%, clause for upwards revision by 2023

"Member States shall collectively ensure that the share of energy from renewable sources in the Union's gross final consumption of energy in 2030 is at least 32%."

Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy Miguel Arias Cañete, 14 June 2018:

"This new ambition will help us meet our Paris Agreement goals and will translate into more jobs, lower energy bills for consumers and less energy imports... The hinding nature of the target will also provide





What the offshore wind industry believes it can deliver



Offshore Wind Sector Deal

30GW by 2030 50GW by 2050 UK infrastructure investment, exports, jobs, lower energy bills



Future offshore wind opportunities

The Crown Estate and Crown Estate Scotland pursuing additional leasing rounds to secure UK's clean energy future

The Power of Onshore Wind

Onshore wind

- cheapest form of low carbon & lowest cost form of new-build electricity generation available in UK today
- forecast to be cheaper than wholesale energy price from 2023
- delivering the Industrial Strategy's five foundations of productivity, including significant UK content of c70%

- 13GW of onshore wind currently operational in UK
- With appropriate Contract for Difference support, additional 5GW by 2025, >20GW by 2030
- Life extension and repowering opportunities of 8GW from 2027 – taller turbines on existing sites



What is the problem?

Radars & WTGs

In short, primary radars think WTGs are aircraft – designed to detect moving targets – turbine blades move at equivalent speed to aircraft, having similar / greater radar cross sections as aircraft

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Applies to all rotating radar

Limited time on target results in insufficient target data to characterise targets Also, desensitisation and shadowing reducing aircraft detection

Military & Civil, AD & ATC

Current ATC PSR are 2-D so cannot distinguish elevation of target (WTG or aircraft?) AD radar is 3D – less impact – but track seduction concerns remain at low altitudes



MoD blocking upwards of 10GW

2017 RenewableUK/AIFCL Aviation Survey indicates >10GW offshore wind with MoD AD concerns, >5GW offshore & 1.2GW onshore in Scotland with MoD ATC concerns

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Why is this a problem?



MoD objections

Unacceptable impact on AD and ATC



Map of impacted areas

AD and key ATC MoD radar line of sight at 300m amsl shown



Ministerial statements in 2006/7

It is now 2018 – little progress to date



MoD still thinks WTGs are a "new" addition to the environment

Cross Government co-ordination required

MoD approach to date fails to align with flagship Government policies of Clean Growth Strategy and Industrial Strategy



And the answer is ...



Evolution of Aveillant Theia



Aveillant Theia integrated with Prestwick PSR for Hare Hill Windfarm





Aveillant Theia integrated with Prestwick PSR for Windfarms near Knockendon







Project Green Blade assists in delivering this plan



- Offers a sector wide opportunity to meet government & industry objectives
- Aveillant Theia is the solution



- Technology, industry & government collaboration sought for Phase 2 (Product Qualification in presence of WTGs)
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- MoD / RAF input & engagement critical to success of Project Green Blade & delivery of UK Government's Clean Growth & Industrial Strategies



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