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1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 In accordance with regulation 5(5) of the EIA Regulations, the EIAR has been prepared by ‘competent experts’.
- 1.1.2 **Chapter 1: Introduction (EIAR Volume 2), Table 1.1** presents the project team and **Table 1.3.1** below presents the technical leads within the project team and their relevant qualifications and experience.

Table 1.2.1: Technical Team Experience				
Company Name	Roles & Responsibility	Team Lead	Qualifications & Professional Memberships	Experience
Ramboll UK Limited	EIA Project Director	Peter Bruce	- MSc Environmental Protection and Management - BSc (Hons) Geography - Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) - Member of Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals (formerly Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment)	Peter Bruce is a Principal (Director) and Chartered Environmentalist with over 19 years’ experience in environmental consultancy. Peter has taken a lead role in the co-ordination and management of numerous complex environmental impact assessments (EIA) in the power, renewables, transmission, urban development and oil and gas decommissioning sectors, guiding a wide range of clients through the consenting process. Peter has extensive experience of facilitating workshops, liaising and leading discussions with statutory bodies and other stakeholders, and in engaging with local communities through public consultation events. Peter also has deep experience in construction environmental management and sustainability strategy.
	EIA Project Manager	Catherine Mackenzie	- MSc Environment and Development - MA (Hons) International Relations and German - Practitioner member of Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals (formerly Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment)	Catherine MacKenzie is a Managing Consultant at Ramboll and has over 18 years’ experience in environmental consulting, with a particular focus on EIA for renewable energy projects. She has project managed and coordinated EIAs for a number of complex wind energy projects in Scotland, as well as electricity transmission infrastructure projects. She is skilled in managing diverse project teams, ensuring design input and reporting is provided in a timely manner. She has also gained extensive experience in stakeholder engagement, via involvement in steering groups and public consultation events.
	Hydrology and Hydrogeology	Jo Thorp	- Member of the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management - BAEd Education, MSc Sustainable Environmental Management	Jo has eight years’ experience of hydrological environmental assessment for renewables projects including proposed wind farms, solar farms, hydrogen production and energy infrastructure sites. Jo has carried out field data collection, stakeholder consultation and preparation of written and visual material for planning and EIA submissions. Jo is experienced in the use of geospatial data collection methods and GIS in carrying out hydrological assessment for EIA submissions. He also provides advice to clients on the implementation statutory guidance, planning guidance and best practice measures for drainage and pollution prevention to meet regulatory standards and the requirements of international funding bodies.
	Peat	Jeff Turner	- Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) - Member of the Society for the Environment (MIEnvSc) - Member of the Institute of Environmental Science - Member of the Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals (formerly Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment) (PIEMA) - BSc (Hons) Marine and Freshwater/Aquatic Biology	Jeff Turner is a Senior Managing Consultant and Director at Ramboll. Jeff is a Chartered Environmentalist and member of the Society for the Environment, Institute of Environmental Science, and Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals (formerly Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment) (CEnv, MIEnvSc, PIEMA, BSc (Hons)). Jeff has over 25 years’ experience in the co-ordination and management of Environmental Impact Assessments, including those for renewable energy developments. As part of this experience, Jeff has been responsible for managing the potential effects of wind farm infrastructure on peat and carbon rich soils, including the identification of suitable mitigation measures to minimise the effects from development.
David Bell Planning Ltd	Planning	David Bell	- BSc (Hons) Town & Country Planning - Dip Urban Design - Member Royal Town Planning Institute - Member Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation	David Bell is a Chartered Town Planner with over 30 years’ experience of planning and development practice in the private sector, advising on a range of developments in the UK and overseas. David is a recognised leading expert in energy and infrastructure planning specialising in onshore and offshore wind, solar, battery storage developments and overhead line projects and substations. He advises on feasibility studies, planning and section 36 and 37 applications and planning Appeals and frequently acts in the capacity of expert witness in Public Inquiries. David’s experience covers practice in Scotland, England and Wales.
MVGLA Ltd	Landscape and Visual	Marc van Grieken	- MSc Landscape Architecture - Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute (CMLI)	Marc van Grieken, is a Fellow of the Landscape Institute, with more than 37 years’ experience in LVIA and giving evidence as an expert witness at public inquiries. Marc who founded MVGLA in 2015, was a member of the Landscape Institute advisory panel which oversaw the drafting and publication of the “Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment” (3rd edition). He also drafted the LI guidance on Residential Visual Amenity Assessment and contributed to LI guidance on visualisations. Marc has expertise in the design and assessment of wind farms, having advised clients on in the order of 200 sites.
CFA Archaeology Ltd	Cultural Heritage	Linn Glancy	- MA Archaeological Survey - MA (Hons) Archaeology - Associate of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (ACIfA)	Linn Glancy is a Consultant with over 25 years post-graduate experience as an Archaeologist, 19 years of which as a Consultant, and is an Associate of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (ACIfA). Linn has been the lead archaeologist for numerous planning projects carrying out the baseline research, field surveys, setting assessments, consultation with consultees, and preparing the Cultural Heritage EIARs.

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SLR	Ecology	Brian Henry	- MASocSci Physical Geography - MSc River Basin Management - Full member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (MCIEEM)	Brian is a Technical Director in Ecology & Biodiversity with over 16 years ecology consultancy experience. Extensive experience of undertaking and leading on ecological impact assessments for onshore renewables, grid connections and strategic infrastructure developments, Habitats Regulations Appraisals (HRAs), and development of Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plans (BEMPs).
SLR	Ornithology	Sarah Sanders	BSc (Hons) Zoology	Sarah is a Principal Ornithologist in Ecology & Biodiversity with over 14 years’ experience in consultancy with a focus on renewables and large infrastructure projects. Extensive experience of undertaking and leading on ornithological impact assessments, collision risk modelling, Habitats Regulations Appraisals (HRAs) and input into Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plans (BEMPs).
Pell Frischmann	Traffic and Transport Assessment	Gordon Buchan	- B.Eng. (Hons) Civil & Transport Engineering - MSc Transport Engineering & Planning - Chartered Engineer - Fellowship of Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (FCIHT) - Chartered Member of the Institution of Logistics and Transport (CMILT)	Gordon Buchan is Sector Director for Pell Frischmann and has 30 years’ experience in the transport planning of energy projects and has provided abnormal load route survey, Transport Assessment and traffic impact review advice on over 700 wind farm sites across the UK, Ireland and Scandinavia.
Hoare Lea	Noise	Matthew Cand	- Engineering degree (Dipl. Eng) - PhD Mechanical Engineering (acoustics specialism) - Full member of the Institute of Acoustics (MIOA)	Matthew is an Associate Director in Hoare Lea, leading the Energy Infrastructure specialist noise team, which has a focus on EIAs. He has over 20 years’ experience in the assessment of environmental acoustics and has conducted more than 90 wind farm noise assessments for EIA.
Mackenzie Renewables	Aviation	Anne Mackenzie	LLM (Lon); BCL (Oxon); BA (Hons), LLB (Hons) (Syd)	Anne Mackenzie, the founder and principal of Mackenzie Renewables, is an industry expert on the aviation and renewable energy interface with over twenty years' experience from both aviation and renewable energy perspectives. Anne has previously been employed by Infratil Airports Europe to safeguard its airports in respect of windfarms (Glasgow Prestwick and Manston airports, including leading the airport teams at the 2007 Kyle and 2009 Enifer Downs planning inquires and implementing the first offshore transponder mandatory zone for windfarm mitigation) and by ScottishPower Renewables as its senior aviation manager during which time Anne inter alia chaired RenewableUK’s aviation working group, was an industry representative on the UK Government’s Aviation Management Board and the Joint OWIC MOD Air Defence Task Force, and lead the SPR aviation team in the Clauchrie public inquiry. Since 2022, Anne has been providing strategic consultancy services to onshore and offshore clients (UK and beyond), advising on routes to resolution of aviation stakeholder objections to wind developments, including external affairs and regulatory engagement.