





# MAKE IT BUCKIE FOR OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



# **OVERVIEW**

Buckie Harbour is located on the south side of the Moray Firth coastline. The Beatrice Demonstrator turbines are currently serviced from the Harbour which is home to successful engineering and fabrication manufacturing businesses.

#### LOCAL BUSINESSES

Moray is the natural location to establish a business within the renewable energy sector. Our area has an established and sophisticated engineering and fabrication manufacturing base born from traditional land based industries and sectors evolving in to oil and gas across the last three decades. This base today boasts 2nd and 3rd tier subcontraction across the whole of that supply chain with renewable energy now rapidly developing as their next and natural sector of interest and capability. A number of our businesses have the necessary prequalifications to feature on preferred sub-contractor lists for procurement and all have a multi-skilled workforce which can transit from one sector to the next with relative ease.

# **MORAY FIRTH OFFSHORE WINDFARMS**

Two adjacent offshore windfarms located in the Moray Firth were granted consent by the Scottish Government in March 2014. Moray Offshore Renewables Ltd (MORL) and the Beatice Offshore Windfarm Ltd (BOWL) will together be the world's third largest offshore wind farm, with up to 326 wind turbines. The developments will be capable of generating up to 1,866 MW of electricity, enough to power over one million homes. The wind farms will generate up to 4,600 jobs during peak construction and up to 580 jobs once in operation.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Local BT Exchange

*VHF Communication:* Contact harbour office on VHF channel 16, working channel 12.

Broadband: Buckie is the first location in Scotland to become superfast broadband enabled as part of a £410m publicly-funded project. Broadband speeds are up to 20 Megabits per second (Mbps), more than double the maximum speeds available to the majority of UK homes and businesses. More than 5300 premises in Buckie can now order fibre services.



#### TRANSPORT LINKS

Buckie (population: 8,023) is located on the A98 trunk road between Inverness (56 miles) and Aberdeen (63 miles). Both Inverness and Aberdeen can be reached by road in around one hour and Edinburgh and Glasgow within 3 hours.

From Buckie, every major UK town and city is within a legal day HGV driving, reaching 90% of the total UK population.

Buckie is well linked to air services in Aberdeen (Dyce) and Inverness. Within one hour's drive of Buckie, there are 138 flights per week including 35 flights to London airports and a daily connection into the international hub at Amsterdam. Aberdeen Airport at Dyce currently serves 57 international locations.

# **ONSHORE INFRASTRUCTURE**

It is recognised that berthing, pontoons, bunkering services, office accommodation and storage are key requirements – both long and short-term. Plans are in place to meet this provision both on the quayside and within the local harbour environment. Please let us know your requirement.

# **DEVELOPMENT**

# **INDUSTRIAL LAND**

A number of existing buildings are available at the quayside for use together with vacant land. The harbour is identified in the Moray Local Plan 2008 (MLP 2008) for industrial purposes and as such, there is a presumption in favour of industrial uses, including offices.

The March Road Industrial Estate is in close proximity to the harbour. There are buildings and land within the industrial estate available for employment generating uses. Land immediately adjacent the existing industrial estate is identified in the MLP 2008 for the expansion of industrial land and a business park is identified on the northern edge of the town.

#### **DEVELOPABLE AREAS**

Various buildings at the harbour include the former fish market which has direct quay and roadside access, and former museum (Buckie Drifter) which is in good condition and has large flexible spaces capable of conversion, canteen facilities, large glazed elevations providing excellent views across the harbour and Moray Firth beyond, and parking.

Vacant land in public ownership includes the cleared former railway station site directly opposite the harbour and cleared former boatyard with a waterside location provide possibilities for external laydown areas. There are a number of other large sites within private ownership in the immediate harbour vicinity.



#### **LENGTH OF USABLE QUAY**

Basin 1: 330 metres

Basin 2: 250 metres

Basin 3: 250 metres

Basin 4: 300 metres

## **TIDAL RANGE**

Tidal range is 4.8 metres max.

#### VESSEL SIZE & ACCESS

Maximum vessel length: 86 metres Maximum beam: 15 metres Maximum draught: 4.5 metres

#### **OPERATION**

The harbour office is open 24 hours, 7 days per week throughout the year.

#### CRANEAGE

Stevendore facilities are available from North East Stevedoring Ltd who also operates bulk cargo sheds at the West Basin totalling 1350 sq metres in area.

#### **PLANNING**

The port is owned and managed by the Moray Council (Transportation Services) and has permitted development rights for harbour related activities.

# UTILITIES

- Sheltered harbour entrance very rarely closed due to bad weather
- Public weighbridge at harbour office
- Bunkering available by road tanker from local suppliers, 24 hours, delivering gas oil, marine diesel, petrol and marine lubricants. Waste oil collection service available.
- Electric power and mains water available on main working quays.
- Compliant with ISPS
- Fire station located on Fast Cathcart Street
- RNLI Lifeboat berthed in Basin 4

#### **HELICOPTER FACILITIES**

Aberdeen Airport at Dyce is located 60 miles from Buckie where Bond Offshore Helicopter Headquarters and Bristow European Operations are based. Inverness Airport (Dalcross) is 48 miles west with direct links to Gatwick, Luton, Manchester, Birmingham, Northern Isles, Netherlands and Germany.

Nether Dallachy former airfield is located 5 miles west of Buckie. Lossiemouth Airbase is located 20 miles west of Buckie. There may be other opportunities within the town or in the immediate vicinity of Buckie for helicopter landing or helipad facilities.

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