

Reviewer response to manuscript nhess-2023-22 'Return levels of extreme European windstorms, their dependency on the NAO, and potential future risks' by Matthew D. K. Priestley, David B. Stephenson, Adam A. Scaife, Daniel Bannister, Christopher J. T. Allen, and David Wilkie

Editor Comments

We thank the editor for their continued consideration of our manuscript. Below we detail our response to your raised point and changes made to the manuscript.

1. When you write that 20 years of historical data is (are) required to reduce errors in 200-year return level estimates, it is not clear what is the reference used for assessing this reduction. Please add this information both in the abstract and in the conclusions.

We thank the editor for this comment. In the work the reduced errors in 200-year return level are compared to the subsequent, and independent, 10-year period. We have updated the abstract and also the 3rd key point of the conclusions to state this.