



Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited

**Non-Material Change Application
Consultation and Publicity Statement**



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Consultation and Publicity Statement

SECTION 153 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY STATEMENT UNDER REGULATION 7A OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (CHANGES TO, AND REVOCATION OF, DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2011 ("THE 2011 REGULATIONS")

THE HORNSEA FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER 2023 (SI 2023/800) AS CORRECTED BY THE HORNSEA FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM (CORRECTION) ORDER 2024 (SI 2024/117) AND AMENDED BY THE HORNSEA FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2024 (SI 2024/800) ("THE ORDER")

1. Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited ("**Orsted**") (company number 08584182) of registered office 5 Howick Place, London, England, SW1P 1WG applied to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the "**SoS**") for consent to make a non-material change to the Order under Section 153 and paragraph 2 of Schedule 6 to the Planning Act 2008 (the "**PA 2008**") on 13 February 2025 (the "**Application**").
2. This document constitutes Orsted's consultation and publicity statement pursuant to Regulation 7A of the 2011 Regulations.
3. A copy of the notice published under Regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations (the "**Notice**") is enclosed at Appendix A.
4. Orsted confirms that:
 - 4.1. As required under Regulation 6(1) of the 2011 Regulations, it published the Notice in each of the Yorkshire Post, the London Gazette, the Lloyd's List and the Fishing News on the following dates:
 - 13 February 2025; and
 - 20 February 2025.
 - 4.2. Copies of extracts from each of the Yorkshire Post, the London Gazette, the Lloyd's List and the Fishing News are enclosed at Appendix B. Please note that due to an administrative error at the Fishing News, the second newspaper notice was published without the date of the notice itself being updated from 13 February 2025 to 20 February 2025. However, the extracts from the Fishing News publications in Appendix B clearly show that the notice was published separately on both dates, so the Applicant has complied with Regulation 6(1) of the 2011 Regulations. The deadline for responses remained 11.59pm on 24 March 2025 for all notices.
5. Regulation 7(2) of the 2011 Regulations requires Orsted to notify and consult those persons specified in the 2011 Regulations, this being all those who were notified (in accordance with section 56 of the PA 2008) when the application for the Order was accepted by the SoS, as well as any other person who may be directly affected by the changes proposed in the Application. However, Regulation 7(3) of the 2011 Regulations also provides that Orsted need not consult a person or authority specified in the 2011 Regulations if they have the written consent of the SoS not to do so. Following the appropriate request from Orsted on 14 January 2025, the SoS confirmed on 29 January 2025 that the list of consultees for the Application could be narrowed to those listed in Appendix C (the "**Consultees**").
6. Orsted sent the Notice to the Consultees by post and email on 13 February 2025. Appendix D provides the covering letters and the Notice as sent to the Consultees.



7. The deadline specified for representations to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate was 11.59pm on 24 March 2025.
8. The Application documents have been made available to view on the Planning Inspectorate's website (<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010098/documents>). The Notice also invited recipients unable to access the website to request hard copies of the documents at the cost of £20 per copy.



Appendix A Copy of the published Regulation 6 Notice

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Any representation about the NMC Application must be made by email to:

HornseaProjectFour@planninginspectorate.gov.uk, or in writing to:

National Infrastructure Planning, the Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN.

Please quote reference EN010098 on any correspondence. Consultation responses will be published on the relevant project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by **11.59pm** on **24 March 2025**.

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13 February 2025



Appendix B Copies of the published Regulation 6 Notice in the various newspapers

Yorkshire Post (13 February 2025)

Villages are preserving beauty of the night against light pollution

POSTSCRIPT, P9



Bridget Jones is at a crossroads

PEOPLE, P13



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'Disease allowed to cross UK border'

Defra refutes claims by MPs on foot-and-mouth outbreak

Ralph Blackburn
WESTMINSTER CORRESPONDENT

"ALARMING" evidence has found meat and dairy products at risk of foot-and-mouth disease could have potentially crossed the border up to a week after an outbreak was identified in Germany, MPs have warned.

The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Efra) Committee of MPs is currently conducting an inquiry into biosecurity at the UK border, amid a foot-and-mouth outbreak amongst water buffalo in Brandenburg on January 10.

Chair Alistair Carmichael said he felt compelled to write to Baroness Hayman, the Biosecurity Minister, as the evidence that MPs had heard from experts was so "alarming".

On January 10, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) was notified of the foot-and-mouth cases in Germany, and told port health authorities and councils to hold impacted consignments.

The Government also says it notified traders about the outbreak and "restrictions were immediately brought in on animals coming from Germany".

However, in his letter, Mr Carmichael, *inset*, said: "We have heard that it took six or seven days for controls on commercial imports to take effect due to failings in Defra's communication and IT systems."

The committee chair said this was particularly the case with the Import of products, animals, food and feed system, which alerts import agents to what is allowed into the country, and was not updated until January 15.

The head of port health and public protection at the Dover Port Health Authority, Lucy Manzano, told the MPs: "We are aware that for at least six days German products were able to autoclear the very systems to detect them and remove them."

"Products within scope of the foot-and-mouth disease controls were able to autoclear the system."

While Helen Buckingham, a

chartered environmental health practitioner with 30 years experience, claimed the IT system took seven days to update and "in that time things got through and that was rather remarkable".

The expert said she fielded calls from inland health authorities asking for help when German products had turned up.

Mr Carmichael said: "This is a highly concerning development; we know all too well the devastation this disease can cause for our farmers, rural communities and economy."

Defra completely refuted this to *The Yorkshire Post* and said that the Efra Committee claims were incorrect.

A spokesperson said: "The Government will do whatever it takes to protect our nation's farmers from the risk posed by foot-and-mouth disease."

"That is why restrictions were immediately brought in on animal products from Germany to prevent an outbreak."

"We ensured that auto-clearance facilities were superseded by robust biosecurity controls which were implemented at pace following confirmation of the outbreak."

Committee member Charlie Dewhurst, the Bridlington and Wolds MP, told *The Yorkshire Post*: "The current foot-and-mouth outbreak seems to have been localised and contained."

"What it has revealed is that our systems did not respond immediately to prevent a potential spread. We've been lucky this time, but it's a warning."

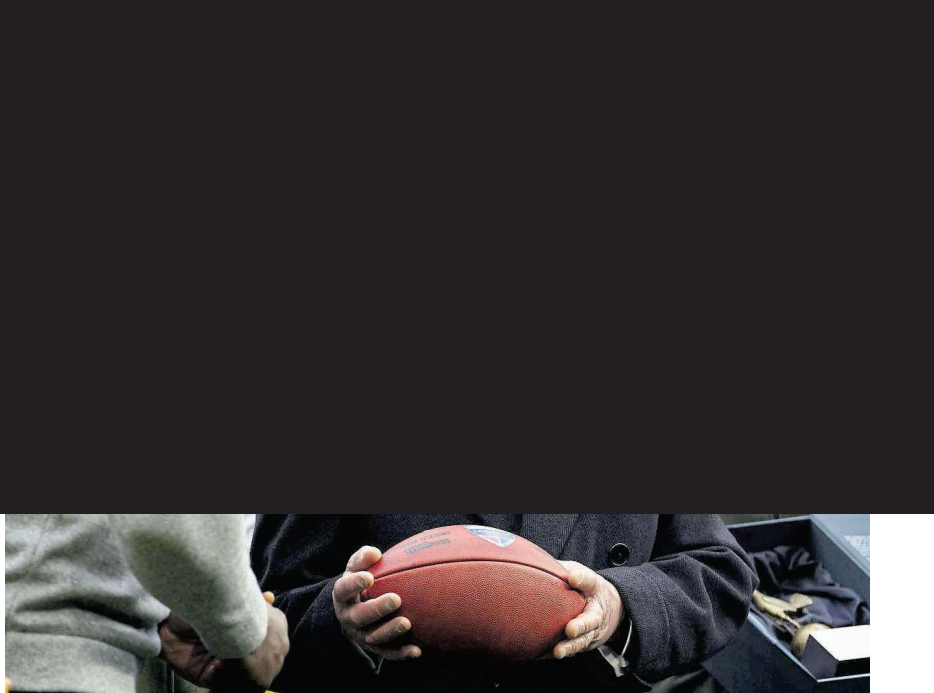
Shadow Environment Minister Dr Neil Hudson worked as a vet during the foot-and-mouth outbreak in 2001 and supervised some of the animal culls.

He said he "witnessed sights I never want to see again in my lifetime."

More than six million animals were slaughtered in response to the disease in 2001, and it cost the economy £12.8bn.

Comment: Page 10.

Visiting King is 'bigger than Beyoncé'



The King is pictured during a visit to Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, north London, to celebrate positive charitable work being done within the local community. The King was told he was "bigger than Beyoncé" at the stadium where the US superstar is staging her UK concerts. Prince's trip: Page 5.

Government funds for new homes

FUNDING to build housing developments in Bradford and North Yorkshire have been given millions of pounds in Government funds, as Sir Keir Starmer promised "the largest housebuilding programme since the post-war era".

These are part of the New Homes Accelerator project which hopes to reignite stalled housing projects. The Prime Minister said it has already unlocked 20,000 homes.

"We're urgently using all levers available to build the homes we need so more families can get on the housing ladder," Sir Keir claimed.

The Government said a further three sites – including the area south of Cayton in North Yorkshire

– will receive support from the scheme.

As part of efforts to regenerate areas and use brownfield land, £30m will go to Bradford to transform old brownfield sites into a vibrant residential area with 1,000 new homes and three community parks, as well as shops, cafés, restaurants and offices.

The Prime Minister also announced that more than 100 potential locations have been suggested for new towns across England, including in Yorkshire.

Each new town will have the potential for 10,000 or more homes as the Government promised to sweep away red tape and overcome envi-

ronmental objections to get housing built.

The New Towns Taskforce is currently scoping locations and will submit a shortlist to Housing Secretary Angela Rayner before July.

The potential sites have not been revealed, however two think-tanks have put together reports on the ideal places for new towns, with four areas in Yorkshire identified.

These included the village of Poppleton, on the outskirts of York, and around the proposed tram system between Leeds and Bradford.

The Sheffield Supertram stations to the south of the city were also identified, as well as a new town around Weeton, in North Yorkshire.

Love of greens starts in womb, study finds

MOTHERS who want their toddlers to eat their greens should consume these food items during the late stages of pregnancy, researchers have said.

It follows a study which found that new-born babies showed a positive response to the smell of foods they were exposed to in the womb.

The research, led by Durham University, studied the facial expressions of three-week-old babies whose mothers had regularly taken either kale or carrot powder.

Infants who had been exposed to carrot capsules ingested by their mothers were noted to react favourably to the smell of carrot.

Similarly, those whose mothers had taken kale powder capsules while pregnant reacted positively to that vegetable's scent.

Professor Nadja Reissland, a lead author on this study, said: "Our analysis of the babies' facial expressions suggests that they appear to react more favourably towards the smell of foods their mothers ate during the last months of pregnancy."

£20m earmarked for airport reopening

MAYOR of Doncaster Ros Jones has reiterated her belief that the city's airport can still reopen next spring despite a "challenging timeline" as millions of pounds in extra funding was approved for the project.

It comes after £20m of public funding was approved towards "mobilisation" activities for reopening Doncaster Sheffield Airport under plans which will see a City of Doncaster Council-owned company called FlyDoncaster take charge of the site.

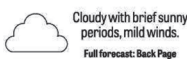
It is intended that more than £100m will be loaned by the council to Fly Doncaster using its share of devolution funding overseen by South Yorkshire mayor Oliver Coppard.

However, a decision on whether the money will be provided has been delayed until summer with the mayor's office seeking independent advice on whether to proceed due to concerns about the "significant risks" to public money.

Earlier this week, the mayor's office agreed to provide £10m in the interim towards "essential costs" of working towards a spring 2026 reopening date while Doncaster Council's cabinet approved a further £10m of funding itself towards the same goal yesterday morning.

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Rail museum call

THE planned expansion of York's National Railway Museum could be in jeopardy without a £15m cash injection from the Government, the council leader and mayor have warned.

Labour's York and North Yorkshire Mayor David Skith and York Council leader Coun Claire Douglas have called on Ministers for extra funding.
Full story: Page 2.

British steel plea

ALL major public works projects carried out must use British steel, the union Unite has said, as it called for the material to be classified as "critical national infrastructure".

It comes as Donald Trump said that a 25 per cent tariff on all steel and aluminium products being imported into the USA will be imposed March 12.
Full story: Page 4.

Crosswords & Puzzles

See pages 2 and 16.



Homes privatised

KIRKLEES Council's cabinet has agreed to transfer its dementia care homes to the private sector, despite pleas from across the chamber.

Members met to make a final decision on the future of Castle Grange, Newsome, and Claremont House, Heckmondwike, after objections from members of the public and councillors.
Full story: Page 6.

Lender's warning

CLOSE Brothers has warned it expects to set aside up to £165m in its first half to cover possible legal and compensation costs following developments in the car loans commission scandal.

The lender said the estimate follows a "thorough assessment" of developments in the saga, but warned there remains "significant uncertainty".
Full story: Page 17.

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Water Resources Act 1991 (as amended by the Water Act 2003)

Notice of application for a full licence to abstract (take) water

Vind Construction Limited has applied to the Environment Agency for a licence.

The Environment Agency is giving notice of this application, in accordance with Section 27 of the Water Resources Act 1991 and Regulation 6 of the Water Resources (Abstraction and Impounding) Regulations 2006.

The application is for a full licence to abstract water from the groundwater within the Pennine Middle Coal Measures at Sheffield Forgemasters, Sheffield, in the area marked by a red dot on the map.

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SECTION 153 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND REGULATION 6 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (CHANGES TO, AND REVOCATION OF, DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO MAKE A NON-MATERIAL CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER:

THE HORNSEA FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER 2023 (SI 2023/800) AS CORRECTED BY THE HORNSEA FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM (CORRECTION) ORDER 2024 (SI 2024/117) AND AS AMENDED BY THE HORNSEA FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2024 (SI 2024/800)

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)

(Weesley Road, Armley, Leeds) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because sewer connection works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the under mentioned highway(s), Leeds City Council has today made an Order, the effect of which is that: No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to travel along Weesley Road, Armley, Leeds in the area marked by a red dot on the map.

A diversionary route for vehicles affected by the closure will be available via: Tong Road, Carr Crofts, Town Street, Weesley Road and vice versa. The Order shall come into operation on Monday 24th February 2025 and will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works are completed if earlier. The works are expected to be completed by Monday 10th March 2025. The closure will be in place 24 hrs per day. M Green, Ref: RC131253

(Southgate Crescent, Beeston, Leeds) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because gas mains replacement works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the under mentioned highway(s), Leeds City Council intends (in not less than 7 days) to make an Order, the effect of which will be that: No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to travel along Southgate Crescent, Beeston, Leeds in the area marked by a red dot on the map.

A diversionary route for vehicles affected by the closure will be available via: Southgate Road, Gipsy Lane and vice versa. Essential access to and from premises and for emergency vehicles will be maintained. The Order is intended to come into operation on Monday 24th February 2025 and will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works are completed if earlier. The works are expected to be completed by Monday 10th March 2025. A Couteau, Ref: RC131195

(Portage Avenue, Temple Newsam, Leeds) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because Gas Mains Replacement works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the under mentioned highway(s), Leeds City Council has today made an Order, the effect of which is that: No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to travel along Portage Avenue, Temple Newsam, Leeds in the area marked by a red dot on the map.

A diversionary route for vehicles affected by the closure will be available via: Portage Avenue, Oak Road, Oak Crescent, Temple Newsam Road and also via Portage Avenue, Oak Road, Oak Crescent, Temple Newsam Road, Iwin Approach, Selby Road, Essential access to and from premises and for emergency vehicles will be maintained. The Order shall come into operation on Sunday 23rd February 2025 and will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works are completed if earlier. The works are expected to be completed by Tuesday 11th March 2025. The closure will be in place 24 hrs on each day. G Pugh, Ref: RC131195

(Spring Avenue, Gildersome, Leeds) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because sewer installation works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the under mentioned highway(s), Leeds City Council has today made an Order, the effect of which is that: No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to travel along Spring Avenue, Gildersome, Leeds in the area marked by a red dot on the map.

A diversionary route for vehicles affected by the closure will be available via: Spring Avenue, Gildersome, Leeds in the area marked by a red dot on the map. The Order shall come into operation on Thursday 13th February 2025 and will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works are completed if earlier. The works are expected to be completed by Friday 22nd March 2025. The closure will be in place 24 hrs per day. M Green, Ref: RC131195

(Temple Newsam, Leeds) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because the likelihood of danger to the public due to development works, Leeds City Council has today made an Order, the effect of which is to introduce: 1. No Waiting, Loading or Unloading at any time on sections of Vernon Street, 2. Parking Bays on Vernon Street, for 10m along the southern carriageway edge, at a point 55m west of the junction with Moorhouse Lane. The Order shall come into operation on Monday 18th February 2025 and remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months. Mr C. H. Green, Ref: RC131195

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around the world, including the US,
Canada and New Zealand.

Andrew Carter, chief executive
of Centre for Cities, said: "The
Government is right to put
housebuilding at the centre
of its plan to raise
prosperity."

"Its willingness to
consider all the tools to
reach its housebuilding
target is hugely wel
come, given the scale o
Britain's housing shortage.

"As we await the Planning
and Infrastructure Bill, the Gov
ernment is considering making the
planning system more rules-based."

"Other countries including New
Zealand and many of our Europe

an neighbours already have a rules
based zoning system for planning
and have far better housebuilding
outcomes.

"To move toward a rules-based
system, we recommend the
Government limits the use
of discretion in individ
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makes changes to estab
lish a national rulebook for
planning."

"Creating a more certain and stable
planning system will make the
UK a much easier place to build
homes and for businesses to invest."

Ms Reeves has already indi

cated that some form of zoning
system around transport hubs, which
would ensure a "presumption
in favour of building", could be part
of the Planning and Infrastructure
Bill.

The Centre for Cities wants the
Government to go further, and also
give the powers to mayors.

Henri Murison, chief executive
of the Northern Powerhouse Part
nership, said: "The value of making
plans across our major city regions
is that we can start to plan hous
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velopment in a joined up way with
transport and energy infrastructure
for instance."

"The current system isn't work
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right thing to do."

Comment: Page 10.

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William Hague during his inauguration as the Chancellor of Oxford University in Oxford.

Small firms
in dread of
Labour Bill
cutting jobs

SMALL firms are tightening their
belts on jobs and are particularly
fearful of changes in Labour's
Employment Rights Bill, research
from the Federation of Small
Businesses has found.

New data from the FSB shows
that in the last quarter of 2024, 33
per cent of small employers said
they expect to reduce staff, up
from 17 per cent in the previous
quarter.

Fewer businesses are also look
ing to hire – with only 10 per cent
of small employers planning to
take on more staff.

The FSB said that in particu
lar the upcoming Employment
Rights Bill is also causing dread
among its members.

This would give employees
rights from day one over unfair
dismissal and statutory sick pay
(SSP). Two-thirds of small busi
nesses said the proposals in the
bill would make them curb hiring.

FSB policy chair Tina McKen
zie said: "The figures speak for
themselves – plans to allow em
ployees to sue their employers
on their first day on the job will
wreak havoc on our already frag
ile economy, while changes to SSP
will make employers think twice
about their hiring plans."

"Of course, existing protections
against unfair dismissal for pro
tected characteristics from day
one are essential and should re
main. But extending these rights
to any and all cases from day one
risks opening the door to frivol
ous claims."

Small businesses have been hit
by a triple whammy of employer
national insurance being hiked,
the minimum wage rising and the
Employment Rights Bill.

More and more independent
businesses across Yorkshire have
announced they are closing in re
cent weeks.

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HSBC UK jobs cuts

BANKING giant HSBC has re
vealed it is kicking off a round of
jobs cuts in the UK and world
wide as it seeks to slash costs
by \$1.5bn (£1.2bn) by the end of
2026.

Senior managers and those
in its newly merged wholesale
corporate and institutional arm
are said to be at greatest risk of
redundancy.

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(Springbank Road, Gildersleepe, Leeds)

(Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2025

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(Easterly Road, Gipton, Leeds) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because gas main replacement works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the under mentioned highways, Leeds City Council has today made an Order, the effect of which is that: No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to travel along Easterly Road, Gipton, Leeds in the Killingbeck & Seacroft Ward at its junction with Oakwood Lane and at its junction with Holm Park Mount. Diversionary routes for vehicles affected by the closure will be available via: Wetherby Road, Roundhay Road, Easterly Road for westbound traffic, and Roundhay Road, Wetherby Road, Easterly Road for eastbound traffic. A diversionary route for vehicles affected by the closure will be available via: Easterly Road, Roundhay Road, Easterly Road for westbound traffic, and Roundhay Road, Wetherby Road, Easterly Road for eastbound traffic. The Order shall come into operation on Saturday 15th March 2025 and will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works are completed if earlier. The works are expected to be completed by Sunday 23rd March 2025. The closure will be in place during weekdays only from 07:00 hours each Saturday until 19:00 hours each Sunday. K Krawczyk. Ref: EC0308698

(Eastgate, Temple Street, Temple Bridge Street & Lydia Street, Leeds) (Temporary Traffic Management Measures) Order 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because cycle route works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the under mentioned highways, Leeds City Council has today made an Order the effect of which is that: 1. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to travel along Vehicles will be permitted to travel only along Temple Street other than in the West to East direction, in the Little London & Woodhouse Ward from Edward Street to Bridge Street, 2. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to travel along Bridge Street from 27m north of Temple Street to the Gwy Way line at Temple Street other than in a North to South direction, 3. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to travel along Temple Street, Leeds between its junctions with Lady Lane and Temple Street, 4. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to travel along Temple Street, Leeds between its junctions with Lady Lane and Temple Street, 5. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to load or unload in the whole length in front of No.33 Eastgate, 6. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to travel in excess of 15mph along Temple Street, Eastgate, Leeds between its junctions with Lady Lane and Temple Street, 7. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to park in on-street bays on Bridge Street, from Lady Lane to Temple Street. A diversionary route for vehicles affected by the closure will be available via: Temple Street, Eastgate Street, Lady Lane, Lady Street, Eastgate, New York Road, Regent Street, Gower Street. Essential access to and from premises and for emergency vehicles will be maintained. The Order shall come into operation on Monday 31st March 2025 and will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works are completed if earlier. The works are expected to be completed by Friday 30th May 2025. The restrictions will be in place 24hrs on each day, with work taking place between 07:00 and 19:00 hrs on each day. A Coutelet Ref: EC02500093

(Rockwood Gardens, Osmonthorpe, Leeds) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because water main and service transfer works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the under mentioned highways, Leeds City Council has today made an Order, the effect of which is that: No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to travel along Rockwood Gardens, Leeds in the Burnthorpe & Richmond Hill Ward from its junction with Rockwood Street to outside number 36 Rockwood Gardens. Essential access to and from premises and for emergency vehicles will be maintained. The Order shall come into operation on Tuesday 4th March 2025 and will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works are completed if earlier. The works are expected to be completed by Tuesday 18th April 2025. The closure will be in place 24 hrs on each day. G Pugh Ref: EC02500021

(St Paul's Street, Leeds) (Temporary Prohibition of Parking) Order 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because drainage works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the under mentioned highways, Leeds City Council has today made an Order, the effect of which is that: No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to travel along St Paul's Street, Leeds in the Little London & Woodhouse wards between its junctions with Little Queen Street and Queen Street. The Order shall come into operation on Thursday 20th February 2025. The works are expected to take place between 08:00 and 16:00 hours on Thursday 20th February 2025. A Coutelet. Ref: EC02500166

(Harehills Road, Gipton, Leeds) (Temporary Prohibition of Parking) Order 2025

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(York Road, Killingbeck, Leeds) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic & 20 mph Speed Limit) Order 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because resurfacing works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the under mentioned highways, Leeds City Council intends (in not less than 7 days) to make an Order, the effect of which will be that: 1. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to travel along York Road, Killingbeck, Leeds from the St. Peter's Church to the junction with Thorne Road, outside number 148 Middleton Park Grove. A diversionary route for vehicles affected by the closure will be available via: Thorne Road, Middleton Park Crescent and vice versa. Essential access to and from premises and for emergency vehicles will be maintained. The Order is intended to come into operation on Tuesday 18th March 2025 and will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works are completed if earlier. Ref: 07766 763934. M Green / A Coutelet. Ref: EC02500035

(Midleton Park Grove, Middleton Park, Leeds) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2025

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SECTION 153 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND REGULATION 6 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (CHANGES TO, AND REVOCATION OF, DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO MAKE A NON-MATERIAL CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER:

THE HORNSEA FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER 2023 (SI 2023/800) AS CORRECTED BY THE HORNSEA FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM (CORRECTION) ORDER 2024 (SI 2024/117) AND AS AMENDED BY THE HORNSEA FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2024 (SI 2024/800)

Notice is hereby given that an application has been made by Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited (company number 08584182) of 5 Howick Place, London, England, SW1P 1WG (the "**Applicant**") to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero to make a non-material change to the Hornsea Four Offshore Wind Farm Order 2023 (as corrected by the Hornsea Four Offshore Wind Farm (Correction) Order 2024) and as amended by the Hornsea Four Offshore Wind Farm (Amendment) Order 2024) (the "**Amended Order**") under the Planning Act 2008 (the "**NMC Application**").

The Amended Order includes provision authorising the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Hornsea Project Four offshore wind farm together with associated offshore and onshore infrastructure and all associated development ("**Hornsea Four**"), on land approximately 69 kilometres from the East Riding of Yorkshire in the Southern North Sea, covering an area of approximately 470 square kilometres. Hornsea Four comprises the following key elements: up to 180 wind turbine generators; offshore transformer substations; offshore convertor substations (High Voltage Direct Current system only); up to one offshore accommodation platform to house operations and maintenance staff; booster stations (High Voltage Alternating Current system only); subsea inter-array cables linking wind turbines to each other and to offshore substations; subsea interconnector cables linking the offshore substations to one another; subsea export cables to connect the wind farm to landfall; and cable protection.

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Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by **11.59pm** on **24 March 2025**.

ORSTED HORNSEA PROJECT FOUR LIMITED

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Tankers with unknown flags help Russia navigate post-sanctions shipments to China and India



A UK-SANCTIONED tanker with an unknown flag and insurance twice called at Chinese ports since January 20 to discharge Russian crude loaded from Kozmino, signalling the level of maritime regulatory oversight now being exercised in both countries to keep trade flowing.

The International Maritime Organization database has suezmax tanker *Lahar* (IMO: 9321691) showing an unknown flag since January 1, after leaving the Djibouti registry.

The dark fleet* tanker, formerly known as *Sai Baba*, was sanctioned by the UK government on December 17, and changed its name on January 12, according to shipping databases.

Lahar's continued trading despite flag registry opacity is just one example of how EU and UK-sanctioned tonnage kept shipping Russian oil over January, as fresh tankers were sought to replace those sidelined by the US designation of 160 ships on January 10.

Last month 21% of all oil was shipped on 45 Western-sanctioned tankers, according to figures compiled from Lloyd's List Intelligence and Vortexa data, tracking ships calling at Russian ports that month. Of the 45 tankers, 13 were US-sanctioned and loaded after January 10.

One US-sanctioned tanker, *Yuri Senkevich* (IMO: 9301419), was tracked discharging its cargo at a Chinese port after loading post-January 10.

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LEAD STORY

Four tanker explosions in two months as Seajewel becomes second Thenamaris tanker hit

WHAT TO WATCH

Thenamaris incident 'looks like pattern of deliberate action', underwriters contend

ANALYSIS

How 'Maximum Pressure 2.0' could play out in VLGC market

Shipping stocks are trading far closer to 52-week lows than highs

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Opportunity seen in India-Europe container trade

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US naval forces rescue crew from sinking Iranian cargo vessel in Middle East Gulf

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Tanker *Seajewel* at port

AN APPARENT attack on a Thenamaris tanker in Italy at the weekend was the second such incident suffered by the company in the past few weeks, it has emerged.

The Greece-based owner has confirmed that Italian authorities are investigating a "suspected security incident" involving its aframax tanker *Seajewel* (IMO: 9388807).

The incident forced a halt to the tanker's routine cargo operations last Saturday in the port of Savona.

But another Thenamaris-managed tanker suffered an explosion in the eastern Mediterranean one month ago, according to sources informed of the incident, which has not previously been reported.

In that case, another aframax — the 2018-built *Seacharm* (IMO: 9773765) — suffered an explosion while sailing off the Turkish coast between January 17 and 18.

The incident is said to have punched a hole in the tanker's side plating.

Following the blast, pieces of debris were collected and sent for examination by the security services, according to one source briefed on the matter.

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THE ELECTRICITY (OFFSHORE GENERATING STATIONS) (SAFETY ZONES) (APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND CONTROL OF ACCESS) REGULATIONS 2007 – STATUTORY INSTRUMENT 2007 NO 1948

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Full details of the safety zone application are available to download on the TEPNSUK website at <https://totalenergies.co.uk/culzeanwindturbine> and will be published on Marine Scotland at <https://marine.gov.scot/ml/culzean-floating-offshore-wind-turbine-pilot-project>. Alternatively, a request to receive a hard copy may be made via email to cfwp@totalenergies.com. Any person wishing to make representations to the Secretary of State about the application should do so in writing to the Scottish Ministers, c/o Marine Directorate – Licensing Operations Team, Marine Laboratory, PO Box 101, Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB (MD. MarineRenewables@gov.scot), stating the name of the proposal and nature of their representations, not later than 28 days from the date, or latest date of this notice.

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Appendix C Consultee List

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Joint Nature Conservation Committee	s.42(1)(a) and s.56(2)(a)
Natural England	s.42(1)(a) and s.56(2)(a)
The Crown Estate	s.42(1)(a) and s.56(2)(a)
Marine Management Organisation	s.42(1)(aa) and s.56(2)(aa)
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	N/A (non-prescribed consultee)
Alderney Wildlife Trust	N/A (non-prescribed consultee)



Appendix D Covering Letters and Regulation 6 Notice issued to Consultees



BY RECORDED DELIVERY AND EMAIL

Joint Nature Conservation Committee
Quay House
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Dear Karema

HORNSEA FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER 2023 – NON-MATERIAL CHANGE APPLICATION

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13 February 2025



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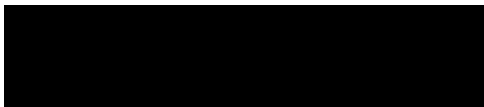
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Yours sincerely,



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Dear Louise, Giles

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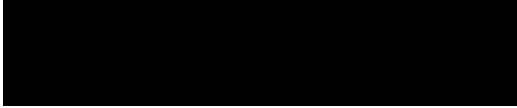
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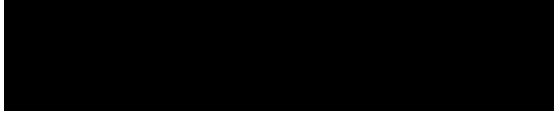
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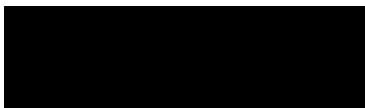
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