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APPENDIX B

B.1

*DCO land referencing methodology
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DCO Land Referencing Methodology

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Introduction

This document sets out the technical guidelines to ensure the process of land referencing is consistent route wide.

Purpose and Objectives of the Technical Guidelines

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance and ensure consistency in the preparation of recording all interests in land required or affected by the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Project ("North Falls").

Responsibilities/deliverables

Dalcour McLaren's ("DM") land referencing service:

- i. ensures a thorough process of land referencing; and
- ii. delivers consistent and accurate data based on diligent and professional inquiry with affected parties

The DM land referencing team will work alongside the DM Geographical Information System ("GIS") mapping team, the DM surveyor team and any DM contracted solicitors or other third parties to ensure the data is collated with the required diligence.

Land Referencing

North Falls has statutory obligations under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act") for diligent inquiry to identify all persons with relevant interests in land for the purpose of consultation and subsequent inclusion in a Book of Reference ("BoR") to support an application for compulsory acquisition powers within a Development Consent Order ("DCO").

A land referencing programme is required to assist with the preparation of the BoR as one of the key components of the submitted DCO application. The BoR sets out all interests in land and the reputed owners which have been established throughout the land referencing activities.

As required by the Act, North Falls must identify individuals falling into one or more categories outlined in sections 44 and 57 of the Act. This identification is essential for consultation and notification purposes under sections 42 and 56 of the Act. The process involves conducting "diligent inquiry" to identify parties with an interest in land within Categories 1, 2, and 3 as set out within section 44 of the Act.

- Category 1 includes interests who are an owner, lessee, tenant (whatever the tenancy period) or occupier of the land.
- Category 2 includes those that have an interest in the land or who have the power to sell, convey or release the land within the DCO boundary limits
- Category 3 includes interests that North Falls believes that if the order sought by the proposed application were to be made and fully implemented, the interest would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim for compensation under section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 and/or Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 and/or section 152(3) of the Act.

Project Initiation and Data Transfer

In order to start the land referencing process, the land referencing boundary in digital format should be provided to DM by North Falls. This land referencing boundary will encapsulate all land that North Falls believes could potentially be affected by the project either directly (BoR category 1 & 2 interests through the acquisition of land) or indirectly (BoR category 3 interests through ability to make a potential claim).

Best Practice: *the land referencing boundary is the greatest extent that BoR category 1, 2 & 3 interests specified above can be identified within. Once the Section 42 and DCO boundary extents have been decided, these should fall within the land referencing boundary in their entirety. If this is not the case, the land referencing process will need to be conducted for these additional areas and additional time will be needed to complete this.*

Once the digital land referencing boundary is received, a new project on our in-house database system, CONNECT, and associated GIS database, ESRI, will be created. OS mapping and raster mapping will be sourced and used as the background mapping for any land plans required during the land referencing process. Using the digital land referencing boundary, the DM GIS mapping team will spatially query His Majesty's Land Registry ("HMLR") National Polygon Service ("NPS") dataset to identify all the HMLR titles located within the land referencing boundary.

Initial HMLR Data Processing

A request is made to HMLR to provide a proprietor data spreadsheet, or those titles identified as within the land referencing boundary. This proprietor spreadsheet provides the associated tenure, names, and addresses of the proprietors and the names and addresses of any mortgagees for these proprietors.

The data provided by HMLR will then be checked and cleansed to ensure the addresses are formatted correctly to match the official Royal Mail address, this is done using the Loqate software. To ensure all organisations listed have the current organisation name and registered address checks are done using the UK Companies House website. For any organisations that are registered outside of the UK, foreign Companies House websites are used to identify their registered addresses. For unregistered organisations, desktop research is used to define the most appropriate address to which to send correspondence to.

Once the data is checked and cleansed, this spreadsheet is sent to the DM GIS mapping team to add this data to the appropriate HMLR title on CONNECT and ESRI. The land parcels are also created and populated with the respective proprietors and mortgagees. Multiple parcels may be assigned to a single title if the areas within the title are non-contiguous.

For any land within the land referencing boundary that is unregistered, land parcels are created by the DM GIS mapping team for these areas to ensure all land within the land referencing boundary is covered by an associated land parcel.

The title descriptions listed on the HMLR registers will be used as parcel descriptions and reviewed to ensure the land has been described appropriately. All unregistered parcels are also given a parcel description using satellite imagery available on Google Maps and Bing Maps+.

Initial Contact & Survey Access Request Letter

Once the above is complete, a list of all landowners and their addresses will be exported from CONNECT.

DM will provide North Falls with the first draft of the initial contact cover letter, landowner questionnaire ("LOQ"), landowner questionnaire reminder letter and unknown owner site notice templates. North Falls will then make any necessary amends to the templates prior to approval for use.

Best Practice: *Initial contact cover letter, LOQ and survey access licence templates to be approved for use a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the correspondence being sent out in the post to ensure there is enough time to create these letters.*

This correspondence will be sent via First Class post to all landowners within the current land referencing boundary to make all landowners aware of the project and request access to their land for the purposes of conducting surveys.

In the first instance, LOQs will be sent to ascertain that the landowners identified in the HMLR register are still the legal owners and any additional information provided on the LOQ, such as tenants on the land or their land agent, will be added to CONNECT. Whether a landowner has given or declined consent to access to their land and if they require prior contact before surveys being carried out will be recorded on CONNECT. This information is shared with those conducting the surveys to allow them to arrange access for landowners who have given consent.

For unregistered land within the land referencing boundary, TracelQ is used, and desktop research is conducted in the first instance for these parcels to identify potential interests and these are recorded on CONNECT. TracelQ is a powerful people search tool used to quickly locate individuals and ascertain their contact details and background information such as addresses. Site visits will also be conducted if required to those who own the adjacent parcels to attempt to ascertain who owns the unregistered parcels. If the site visit is unsuccessful in obtaining this information a site notice will be erected asking for those that do have any ownership information to contact DM. We also use Environmental Stewardship data to identify tenants of land and further research can then be conducted to obtain address and contact information.

Reminder letters will be sent, and site visits will be made to those that have not responded to the initial letter to encourage further responses. TracelQ will be used to source any phone numbers and/or email addresses so that those that have not responded to the initial letter can be contacted to chase a response.

Once the LOQ process has been completed, survey access licences will be sent to those for which access is required to their land for surveys. Any signed survey access licences received will be recorded and notification of completion will be provided to those conducting the surveys to arrange a suitable time and date for the survey to take place.

The surveys to be conducted will help inform changes to the Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR") boundary prior to conducting the tasks listed below.

Further HMLR Data Processing

A review of the HMLR title plans will identify any discrepancies between the HMLR NPS polygon dataset and the actual extent of the titles shown on the HMLR title plans. Any required amends will be made to the existing parcels on ESRI to match the title plan extent where necessary.

Each of the registers that relate to an HMLR title located within the PEIR boundary will be reviewed to ensure any beneficiaries, rights, easements, covenants, provisions and restrictions are also listed under the appropriate parcels. Any interests identified that relate to only part of the parcel will require the DM GIS mapping team to create a spatial layer on ESRI to identify the part of the parcel to which the interest specifically relates.

Best Practice: *HMLR title interrogation to be carried out once North Falls has finalised the PEIR boundary since this is an extremely time-consuming process and any unnecessary interpretation of HMLR titles will lead to a large amount of abortive work which is not beneficial for DM or North Falls.*

Desk Based Interest Gap Identification and Filling

All unregistered parcels will be populated with an unknown freeholder occupier and unknown rights interest. Desktop research will be conducted and TraceIQ will be used to identify any occupying interests that are missing from the relevant parcels. Any assumed owners will also be added to these unregistered parcels. These interests include adjacent landowners, frontage (ad medium filum) interests, watercourse interests, railway interests and rights of access interests.

A utility search will be conducted by DM using a third-party company called Atkins, this is done as utility information needs to be refreshed periodically.

Best Practice: *Atkins offers a variety of time periods for receiving utility information. The smaller the time period for utility information, the more expensive it is to acquire. Also, the longer the period the more comprehensive the information received is. Best practice is to order the utility information as soon as possible once the PEIR boundary is confirmed as this ensures the utility information is more likely to be complete and the costs to North Falls reduced.*

A request for location of adopted highways, public rights of way (PROW), common land and pending planning applications within the PEIR boundary will be made to the relevant local authority/authorities. Any request for payment will be sent to North Falls for approval before commencing the local authority searches.

Desktop research will be undertaken to identify land which could be classed as Special Category Land using Natural England environmental data. Aerial imagery of land within the PEIR boundary will be reviewed to identify any further potential Special Category Land. Any Special Category Land identified will be recorded on the relevant parcels on CONNECT.

Best Practice: *To ensure a full review and identification of and Special Category Land within the PEIR, presumptions will be made as to what constitutes Special Category Land. Any ambiguity as to what constitutes Special Category Land will be investigated further to confirm presence of such land.*

Desktop research will be undertaken to identify and record any further interests in land using Environmental Stewardship, National Highways, Crown Estate, Environment Agency, Canal & River Trust and Internal Drainage Board data available online. Any further interests identified will be recorded on the relevant parcels on CONNECT.

Land Interest Questionnaires (“LIQ”)

Prior to sending out LIQs, a cover letter, questionnaire, and land interest plan template will be provided to North Falls for approval.

The DM land referencing team will send an LIQ to relevant interests along with a land interest plan once all non-contact referencing has been conducted. This form asks landowners and other interested parties to clarify contact information and confirmation of ownership, occupiers, tenants, and any other party with an interest in their land such as rights of way or option agreements.

The other purpose of LIQs is to ensure that land ownership boundaries of occupation are correctly identified. Recipients of LIQs are able to identify if this boundary is incorrect and can amend the LIQ land plan. Any amendments to the land interest plan will be made to the parcels and reflected within CONNECT and ESRI.

For any interests identified as being clients of DM, contact will be made with the appropriate DM client lead using conflict of interest forms prior to sending out LIQs, to establish the best method for sending LIQs to a particular individual via post or email.

Best Practice: *The LIQ cover letter should provide contact details for North Falls should anyone have a query regarding the project itself and contact details for DM who can field any queries relating to the LIQ itself. A deadline for response is recommended to be at least three weeks. Any queries received by DM regarding the project that DM are unable to answer will be forwarded to North Falls.*

Best Practice: *The LIQ will list details of how to return the LIQ to DM. Options provided should be via email, via post and via online form. A unique online code is to be provided for each LIQ so that recipients can complete the questionnaire online.*

LIQs will then be created for all interests (other than unknown interests) pre-populating the information that DM have already identified through desktop referencing and from LIQs. DM GIS mapping team will create all the necessary land interest plans showing the extent of each of the titles that individuals have an interest in.

Best Practice: *Once the LIQs have been created, a sense check is to be conducted to ensure the correct information is pulling through into the LIQ and has been printed in the correct format. A sample check of 10% of the LIQs and a check of all LIQs to ensure they are present is recommended. LIQs to be sent in the post First class and a freepost return envelope is enclosed to encourage response.*

LIQ responses and any additional information provided will be added and logged on to CONNECT. Any additional interests identified in an LIQ response for which we have not sent an LIQ will require DM to send an LIQ to the new interest identified.

Best Practice: *If any information received on the LIQ is missing or ambiguous, contact is to be made with the interest to confirm the missing or ambiguous information either via email or phone call.*

LIQ reminder letters are to be sent to all interests that have not returned all their LIQs after the deadline for responses stated on the LIQ cover letter. This is to encourage response from the recipient, for recipients to make DM aware if they did not receive the original correspondence or to let us know if the recipient is no longer at the address.

Further LIQs will be issued to any interests identified within any additional land identified that falls within an updated boundary that previously was located outside of the PEIR boundary. For those additional interests who have previously returned LIQs regarding other interests, subsequent LIQs are issued to their preferred contact method (e.g., email address, a preferred contact, or an agent). To those interests who have not returned any correspondence, we ensure that we adhere to the procedures above mentioned for due diligence and consistency.

Unregistered Site Notice Erection & Monitoring

Where interests are identified through desktop referencing but we are unable to ascertain who the interest relates to, a schedule of those unknown interests will be prepopulated on the LIQs sent to landowners.

For unregistered land, a site notice will be erected. A site notice template will be sent to North Falls for approval for use prior to erection. Unregistered land site notices will be accompanied by a plan showing the extent of the unregistered land. The notice will also provide full contact details for DM's land referencing team. A reference number will be shown on the plan and notice to ensure any data received is processed accurately on CONNECT.

The notice shall request that any party with an interest in the land to come forward and make claim to their interest and provide contact details. The DM land referencing team will then collate a LIQ letter to send to the claimant to confirm their interest and any further information that may not have been gathered on initial contact, these interests will then be able to receive formal notification of the DCO Application.

The ESRI Field Maps App is used by the DM GIS mapping team that shows the unregistered parcels on a phone app and allows the ability to log; the notice number, date/time of check, who checked the notices, action taken (erection, checked, replaced, removed), a photograph of the notice for each check and any relevant additional comments.

Best Practice: *Unregistered Site Notices are to be printed on waterproof paper and erected in publicly accessible areas nearest to the relevant parcel to ensure the highest visibility to the public. They are to be erected on street furniture or on wooden stakes as close to the unknown landed interest as possible. They are not to be erected on private roads, private fences, or gates.*

Best Practice: *Unregistered Site Notices are to be monitored weekly for six weeks and replaced if either weather damaged or removed.*

At the end of the monitoring period, all notices shall be removed from site and materials recycled as far as is practical.

Contact Site Referencing

An analysis of interests that are yet to return their LIQ(s) is conducted. Following-up of LIQ responses will be conducted either through phone calls, emails, further reminder letters sent in the post or site visits dependent on contact details sourced through desktop referencing. All attempts at contacting interests will be logged on CONNECT.

Best Practice: *A minimum of three attempts (by letter, phone call, email) will be made to contact all interests within the PEIR boundary that have not responded to the LIQ. A combination of reminder letters, phone calls and emails will be used (where possible) to follow-up a single party to ensure all methods have been explored to obtain a response.*

Identification of Category 3 Interests

Under Section 44 of the Act, Category 3 interests include those who may have a relevant claim under:

- 1) Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 where a claim would relate to the operation or use of the Project with some physical factor produced by the operation or use that results in a loss in value of the claimant's property. Physical factors are defined within the Land Compensation Act 1973 as being: noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, artificial lighting, discharge on to land of any solid or liquid substance.
- 2) Section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 provides an entitlement to compensation, subject to meeting certain criteria, to the owners of a land interest who suffer damage to their property interest as a result of the execution of works. This entitlement arises where no land is acquired from the owner and equates to a restricted form of nuisance claim. Claimants can include those whose rights or easements over land are interfered with as a result of the works (for example, a right of way over land being occupied for the Project).
- 3) Section 158 of the Act gives the applicant a statutory defence for nuisance. Section 152, however, allows for injurious affection claims, subject to "McCarthy rules", as a remedy for any party who would otherwise be able to make a claim for loss in the value of the claimant's property caused as a result of nuisance and Section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 then applies.

The "McCarthy rules" for injurious affection claims are:

- Works must be pursuant to statutory powers.
- Claim must arise from "works" which would give rise to a nuisance claim but for the statutory defence.
- Works must directly affect the value of claimant's land/interest.
- Applies only in the execution of works not to their use or operation.

It is possible for temporary interference to be enough to substantiate a Category 3 injurious affection claim, however, not where the works are limited in duration or where operations were a normal and usual use of land in the locality. There is no cause of action in any event unless the scale of interference is more than it is reasonable to expect an interest to suffer.

A multidisciplinary approach to the initial identification of potential claimants is undertaken with a precautionary approach adopted. This identification is refined using a quantitative approach based on noise modelling data identifying potential noise receptor locations that could be affected by noise from the works (impacts of low, moderate and major magnitude).

As noise is likely to travel the furthest out of the listed named factors under The Land Compensation Act 1973, noise is used as the basis for the assessment as this is likely to capture and exceed disturbance caused by other factors e.g. dust or light.

In addition to this quantitative assessment, a qualitative assessment is undertaken to review the list of potential claimants to those that North Falls believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim, as defined by section 44 and section 57 of the Act.

Section 42 Consultation

Once the referencing tasks explained above have been completed, preparative work in conjunction with the Section 42 consultation is undertaken.

A refresh of the HMLR data will be conducted to ensure that any updates since sourcing the original HMLR data and documents are reflected in CONNECT. A request is made to HMLR to provide a current edition date spreadsheet for those titles identified as within the PEIR boundary. Once received, DM will compare the current edition dates against the edition dates of the HMLR document originally sourced. For any with a new edition date identified the corresponding HMLR register will be ordered to identify the update and, if relevant, will be reflected in CONNECT.

UK Companies House and foreign Company House websites will be checked again to ensure that the registered address for organisations is current and correct.

Section 42 notice templates will be sent to DM for use. This will include a template for the Section 42 cover letter, the Section 48 notice and any plans to be enclosed within the letter.

A recipient list of all individuals and organisations that have an interest within the PEIR boundary will be provided to North Falls including names and addresses.

North Falls is to provide any additional consultees beyond those provided by DM to collate a final recipients list for which DM can create, check and print the Section 42 notices. DM will confirm with North Falls if there are any additional Category 3 consultees to which they would like to send a Section 42 notice to those that fall outside the PEIR boundary.

Best Practice: *Section 42 notices to be sent to all recipients within one week before consultation commences. Any additional Section 42 notices to be sent will need to be sent within 28 days before the end of the consultation period. If not, the consultation period is to be extended for these recipients that receive the Section 42 notice after this 28-day window.*

Best Practice: *Section 42 notices are statutory notices and therefore a check needs to be done to ensure every recipient receives a Section 42 notice and that it is complete with all necessary information enclosed.*

If any new interests have been revealed after the initial Section 42 notices have been served, they will receive a LIQ and Section 42 notice. If they have been identified early into the consultation period they will receive the original Section 42 notice. If they have been identified late an extended consultation may be provided for them.

Section 42 Unregistered Site Notices

A Section 42 Unregistered site notice template will be sent to North Falls for approval prior to erection.

A Section 42 Unregistered site notice is to be erected for unregistered land identified in the PEIR boundary. The unregistered site notice will be erected within the vicinity of these parcels and for a cluster of unregistered parcels a single site notice may be erected for all those within the cluster.

The ESRI Field Maps App is used by the DM GIS mapping team that shows the unregistered site notice locations on a phone app and allows the ability to log the notice number, date/time of check, who checked the notices, action taken (erection, checked, replaced, removed), a photograph of the notice for each check and any relevant additional comments.

Best Practice: *Section 42 Unregistered Site Notices are to be printed on waterproof paper and erected in publicly accessible areas nearest to the relevant parcel to ensure the highest visibility to the public. It is advised to also erect generic Section 42 site notices throughout the length of the PEIR boundary to make as many people as possible aware of the project and encourage comments regarding the proposed development. They are to be erected on street furniture or on wooden stakes as close to the unknown landed interest as possible. They are not to be erected on private roads, private fences, or gates.*

Best Practice: *Unregistered Site Notices are to be monitored weekly for the duration of the Section 42 consultation period and replaced if either weather damaged or removed.*

At the end of the monitoring period, all notices shall be removed from site, and materials recycled as far as is practical.

Site Walkover

A site walkover is conducted following conclusion of the Section 42 consultation to identify any information not obtained from desktop research or contact site referencing. This can include any information that has recently changed or will change imminently or a change in land use.

Contact is to be made with the necessary landowners and occupiers to ensure they agree for DM to access their land prior to conducting the site walkover on land not publicly accessible within the DCO boundary. Any land where access has not been agreed will not be accessed as part of the site walkover.

The ESRI Field Maps App will be used to log any changes in land use that could result in a change of ownership or interest. Any evidence of additional interests will be recorded using the ESRI Field Maps App and incorporated on CONNECT. A photograph is to be taken for each parcel and for any features that suggest a change in land use or ownership/occupation.

The site walkover also gives DM the opportunity to review the plot descriptions for accuracy and add any finer detail required.

Confirmation Schedules

Confirmation schedules are necessary to ensure the information held by DM is still correct based on the land referencing tasks conducted above prior to DCO BoR submission.

A refresh of the HMLR data will be conducted. For those HMLR titles with a more recent edition date, the new edition of the HMLR title is to be ordered to identify the changes made to the HMLR title. Any updated information, if relevant, will be reflected within CONNECT.

A confirmation schedule template will be sent to North Falls for approval for use. Once approved, confirmation schedules will be created based on the information held by DM asking recipients to respond and update the schedule only if the information held is incorrect.

All confirmation schedule responses will be logged on CONNECT and any updated information provided will be reflected on CONNECT and if any new interests are identified an LIQ will be served on the new interest.

Book of Reference Production & Submission

North Falls is to provide a finalised DCO boundary based on the recommendations from Section 42 consultation showing the land they intend to acquire; its acquisition type and any Category 3 land that will form the DCO boundary.

A refresh of the HMLR data will be conducted. For those HMLR titles with a more recent edition date, the new edition of the HMLR title is to be ordered to identify the changes made to the HMLR title. Any updated information, if relevant, will be reflected within CONNECT.

DM GIS will use this DCO boundary and the extent of different acquisition types to split up the parcels by the DCO boundary and acquisition type to create DCO plots.

DM will provide North Falls with the BoR template for approval for use. Any comments or amends suggested by North Falls will be made to the templates.

These plots will inform the DCO BoR Land Plans that show the plots within the DCO boundary and their associated acquisition type. Any Special Category Land or Crown land identified will have corresponding land plans created to show this land.

Each plot will be given a plot description by reviewing aerial imagery and photographs taken during the site walkover. This plot description will adhere to the required format as requested by North Falls.

Each plot interest will be reviewed to ensure it is located within the extent of the plot. If this is not the case, the interest will be excluded from the plot and will not appear within the BoR. A review of the following information is to be conducted to ensure all information is correct.

- HMLR titles
- LIQ and confirmation schedule responses
- Utility data
- Council (highway and PROW) data
- Registered Company Addresses
- Frontage interests
- Duplicate interests
- Site walkover information
- Plot descriptions

A review of any gaps in the information will trigger a check of all sources of information to ensure no further information can be obtained.

Once complete, a draft BoR is to be created. This will be used for DM to conduct a plot-by-plot review to ensure the information shown is correct. CONNECT will be updated accordingly with any changes required to the data shown in the BoR.

A draft BoR will be submitted to North Falls for legal review. Any comments or amends required from North Falls' legal review will be incorporated into the BoR and another plot-by-plot review will be conducted to ensure all amends requested have been incorporated before final submission.

Post Book of Reference Submission, Section 56 and 134 Notification

Section 55 of the Act

Upon submission of the DCO application, the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) has 28 days to accept or reject the application for examination. If the application is accepted under Section 55 and the Secretary of the State outline any queries or points for clarification; should any of these relate to the BoR or the Land Plans, DM will review and confirm any changes required with North Falls.

Section 56 of the Act

If the DCO application is accepted, Section 56 notices are to be sent to all those interests listed in the BoR (unless identified as no longer having a landed interest post DCO submission) inviting them to make a representation during the DCO examination period.

In the first instance, a refresh of the HMLR data will be conducted. For those HMLR titles with a more recent edition date, the new edition of the HMLR title is to be ordered to identify the changes made to the HMLR title. Any updated information, if relevant, will be reflected within CONNECT.

A Section 56 notice template will be sent to DM for use. Section 56 notices are created, printed, and sent out via recorded First Class post.

Best Practice: *It is recommended to send the Section 56 notice by recorded delivery to ensure recipients have received the notice directly. North Falls will then receive the delivery status of each of the letters sent from DM certifying all parties have successfully received notification.*

Site notices will be erected around the application area, a general rule being that they are placed in the same locations as the Section 42 site notices. These notices shall be placed on public highways, any notices on bridleways or public footpaths will require the consent of the landowner. They will normally remain on site for a period of six weeks and be monitored using the ESRI Field Maps App.

DM will prepare a Schedule of Changes (SoC) that lists any further updates to the information to the BoR that have become apparent after submission and make the respective changes to the BoR in preparation for further requests for an updated BoR by PINS. Clean and tracked versions of the BoR reflecting any updated information received post BoR submission along with a Schedule of Changes listing the updates will be submitted when appropriate.

Section 134 of the Act

Once the order is confirmed granting development consent and the order includes provision authorising the compulsory acquisition of land, Section 134 notices can be served.

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Notices are maintained on site for a six-week statutory period and will be monitored using the ESRI Field Maps App.

Undeliverable Mail

From time to time, LOQs, LIQs, Section 42 notices, confirmation schedules, Section 56 notices and Section 134 notices do not reach the intended recipient and are returned to DM.

An analysis as to why the letter did not reach the intended recipient will be conducted and any information that needs updating in order for the letter to be successfully delivered will be updated on CONNECT. TraceIQ, HMLR register, Companies House and desktop research checks will be used to conduct this analysis.

The letter will be re-issued appropriately to ensure that the letters reach the intended recipient and if required will be hand delivered by a member of the land referencing team.

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*Press release announcing partnership between
RWE and SSE to develop the Project*

RWE and SSE Renewables sign up for extension to Greater Gabbard

- World leading offshore wind developers join forces on new offshore wind farm extension
- Equal joint venture company has Agreement for Lease from seabed managers The Crown Estate
- 150km² site in the southern North Sea adjacent to sister project, Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm



Two of the world's leading offshore wind developers have joined forces to develop an extension adjacent to the operational 504 megawatt (MW) Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, located more than 20 kilometres off the UK coast in the southern North Sea.

SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables, co-owners of the existing wind farm, have established an equal joint venture company and signed an Agreement for Lease with The Crown Estate, managers of the seabed, securing an option to develop an extension project on the site covering a total of 150 km².

The project has been named North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, after the North Falls sandbank located at the southern tip of the proposed site of the wind farm.



The Agreement for Lease with The Crown Estate has been granted to the joint venture company under an extensions application process launched in 2017. The signing of both the joint venture agreement and the Agreement for Lease means the extension project can now begin its development activity in earnest including comprehensive onshore and offshore surveys and studies to inform the Environmental Assessment.

During the coming three years, work will also include engineering design, stakeholder consultation and community engagement before the Development Consent Order application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

The joint venture company will comprise staff from both organisations and will be led by newly appointed Project Manager Martin Whyte, who comes to the project with more than 11 years' experience working in the offshore wind sector.

The North Falls Offshore Wind Farm will comprise a number of wind turbines on fixed foundations, plus dedicated offshore and onshore electrical infrastructure. The newly-signed lease agreement is for an additional capacity of up to 504MW, the same as the existing Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm. The final capacity of the project will be determined during the development and consenting process.

Project Manager Martin Whyte said: *"Signing both the joint venture agreement and the Agreement for Lease with The Crown Estate is like firing the starting gun, although we have made some early progress, we can now accelerate our activities and move properly into development."*

The development will build on the expertise and learnings from the original project, and other shareholder developments, to ensure best practice and maximise the positive benefits.

Paul Cooley, Director of Capital Projects at SSE Renewables, said: *"North Falls Offshore Wind Farm will build on the successful offshore wind legacy in the East of England. We're looking forward to working with RWE Renewables to create more clean energy, create more jobs and move towards a net zero future."*

Richard Sandford, RWE's Director Offshore Development Europe said: *"Our positive partnership with SSE Renewables on the existing Greater Gabbard Wind Farm has given us invaluable experience that will ensure the success of the extension project. It is exciting to be working together again and to be further contributing to the UK's green energy future."*

The Development Consent Order application is expected to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in 2023.

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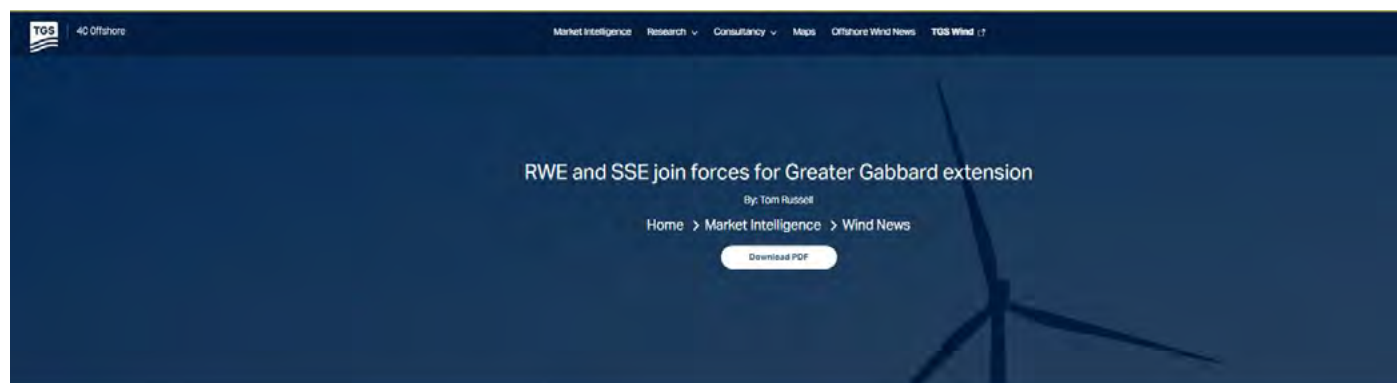
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28/09/2020 SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables



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The Development Consent Order application is expected to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in 2023.

For more information on offshore wind farms worldwide, [click here](#).



SSE and RWE to expand wind operations

By Mark Evans 28/09/2020

SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables have joined forces to develop an extension adjacent to the operational 504MW Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, located more than 20Km off the UK coast in the southern North Sea.

Both companies currently own the existing wind farm, having established an equal joint venture company and signed an Agreement for Lease with The Crown Estate, managers of the seabed. The project has been named North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, after the North Falls sandbank located at the southern tip of the proposed site of the wind farm.

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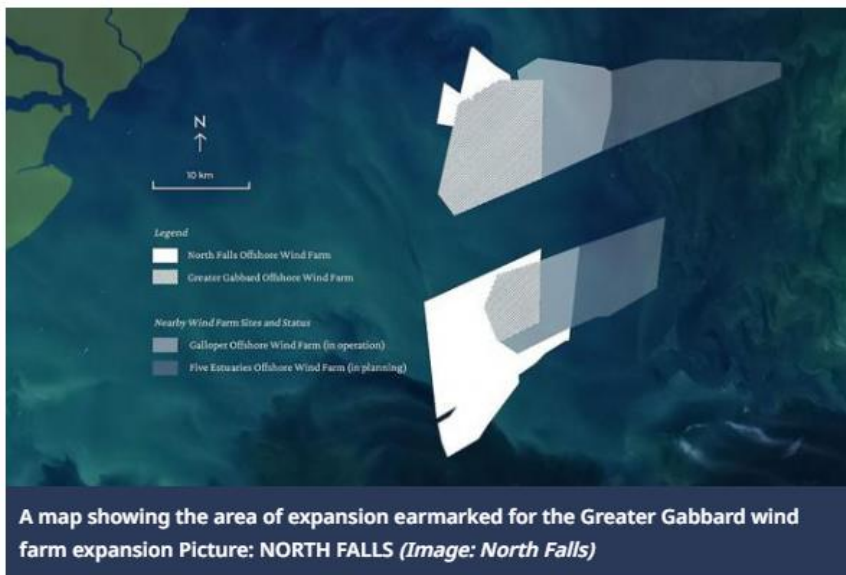
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Giant wind farm set to be extended as two developers join forces

28th September 2020

A huge wind farm off the East Anglian coast is set to get bigger still – as two offshore developers join forces yet again.



SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables – who are co-owners of the existing Greater Gabbard wind farm off Felixstowe and Harwich ports – are set to lease another area of seabed from The Crown Estate to build a wind farm extension covering a massive 150m sq.

The existing wind farm – which lies 20km off the coast – is already able to produce about 504 megawatts (MW) of electricity.

MORE – Southern North Sea ‘could jump-start green recovery’ The proposed new North Falls Offshore Wind Farm – named after the North Falls sandbank located at the southern tip of the planned site – could produce an additional 504MW – mirroring the currently output.

The joint venture company will include staff from both organisations and will be led by project manager Martin Whyte, who has more than 11 years’ experience of working in the offshore wind sector.

RWE and SSE said the proposed North Falls Offshore Wind Farm would comprise “a number” of wind turbines on fixed foundations as well as offshore and onshore electrical infrastructure.

Mr Whyte said signing the joint venture agreement and the Agreement for Lease with The Crown Estate was “like firing the starting gun” on the project, plans for which are expected to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in 2023.

“Although we have made some early progress, we can now accelerate our activities and move properly into development,” he said.

“The development will build on the expertise and learnings from the original project, and other shareholder developments, to ensure best practice and maximise the positive benefits.

Paul Cooley, director of capital projects at SSE Renewables, said the new project would “build on the successful offshore wind legacy in the East of England”. “We’re looking forward to working with RWE Renewables to create more clean energy, create more jobs and move towards a net zero future,” he added.

Richard Sandford, RWE’s director of offshore development Europe said the firm’s “positive” partnership with SSE Renewables on the existing Greater Gabbard Wind Farm had given them “invaluable experience that will ensure the success of the extension project”. “It is exciting to be working together again and to be further contributing to the UK’s green energy future,” he said.

Hornsea Two construction underway; North Falls and Dogger Bank to follow

While the government increases its target for offshore wind, three new and proposed North Sea wind farms are moving forward, with construction of Hornsea Two getting started, an extension to Greater Gabbard on the cards and Dogger Bank A and B deciding on which turbines to use.

First, developer Ørsted's Hornsea Two offshore wind farm has seen the start of significant infrastructure installed offshore. In August, a 5,000-tonne steel framework for the wind farm's offshore substation jackets sailed from Batam in Indonesia to the UK – it has now been installed into its final position. Since then, the first of 165 turbine foundations has been installed on location, by a team working onboard DEME Group's Innovation vessel, travelling from Emshaven port in the Netherlands.

Ørsted expects that Innovation will complete 40–50 foundations, before handing over to the Pacific Orca, which is chartered by DEME.

Located 89 km off the Yorkshire Coast, Hornsea Two will have a capacity of 1.4 GW and cover an offshore area of 460 km² when complete.

Second, SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables have joined forces to develop an extension to the operational 504 MW Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, located more than 20 km off the UK coast in the southern North Sea. The co-owners of the existing wind farm have established a joint venture company and signed an agreement for lease with the Crown Estate, securing an option to develop an extension project on the site covering a total of 150 km².

The project has been named North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, after the North Falls sandbank located at the southern tip of the proposed site.

The agreement for lease means the extension project can now begin its development activity in earnest, including onshore and offshore surveys and studies to inform the environmental assessment. The North Falls Offshore Wind Farm will comprise wind turbines on fixed foundations, plus dedicated offshore and onshore electrical infrastructure.

Last, Dogger Bank Wind Farm and GE Renewable Energy have announced contracts confirming use of the 13 MW Haliade-X turbine for the Dogger Bank A and Dogger Bank B phases of what will be the world's largest offshore wind farm – subject to the proposed wind farms reaching financial close.

The contract award includes an order for 190 offshore wind turbines to be installed off the north-east coast of England, split evenly at 95 turbines for each of the first two phases of Dogger Bank Wind Farm.

This will be the first time a giant, 13 MW Haliade-X is installed in the world. According to GE, one spin of the turbine can generate enough electricity to power a UK household for more than two days.

As part of the agreement, GE will establish its marshalling harbour activities at Able Seaton Port in Hartlepool, which will serve as the base for turbine service equipment, installation and commissioning activities for Dogger Bank. This will see delivery of component parts for each of the turbines to the port, including the nacelle, three tower sections and three 107 m long blades, for pre-assembly on-site prior to transport out to the North Sea for installation. Turbine installation is expected to commence in 2023 at Dogger Bank A.



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Press release on appointment of Barton Willmore

Barton Willmore appointed to support North Falls Offshore Wind Farm

- North Falls Offshore Wind Farm planned for 150 km² site in the southern North Sea, an extension of adjacent sister project, Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm
- Barton Willmore's appointment as DCO and planning advisors on the project offers a new approach informed by expertise across energy and infrastructure projects



With RWE and SSE Renewables joining forces for North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, an extension to the existing Greater Gabbard, Barton Willmore will play a leading role in the development consent order (DCO) consenting process.

Barton Willmore's Infrastructure & Energy Team will bring a fresh approach to the consenting of offshore wind farms which focuses on applying a planning perspective and mindset to the process.

This approach will ensure that all aspects of the technical assessment and consultation requirements can be identified, drawn together and addressed. The outcome from this mindset shift (compared to the engineering-led approaches seen on previous projects) will be to achieve a balanced resolution of all of the issues and factors, ultimately leading to a consent which is both flexible and deliverable.

Barton Willmore will be an integral part of the consenting team having oversight of, and responsibility for, the end-to-end delivery of the DCO. Barton Willmore will also work closely with the project's key consultants including those responsible for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) as well as other advisors to ensure planning is at the centre of the overall consenting process.

Ben Lewis, Infrastructure & Energy Director at Barton Willmore, says: "This is a fantastic win for us and shows the potential of our consultancy model to support DCO developers on wind farm and other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). We bring a consent-focused approach grounded in planning and EIA strategy which places the DCO at the heart of the design process. We're harnessing experience and expertise from across a wide portfolio of renewable energy and linear planning projects and packaging that into something distinctive. The combined experience of our team will bring real benefits to the project and we're tremendously excited by the opportunity to showcase what we can do to support the realisation of the North Falls Offshore Wind farm."

Daniel Harper, Consents Manager at North Falls, says: "We're assembling a bespoke team to deliver this incredibly important project and ensure that it progresses smoothly through the planning and consenting process. Barton Willmore will bring a great deal of DCO experience, which will undoubtedly add value to our project. Their skills and expertise are well-known and we're looking forward to working with them."

The three-year North Falls Offshore Wind Farm development programme will see Barton Willmore and the wider consultancy team work together to prepare the application, from initial site surveys and stakeholder consultation to finalising the application design and associated assessments. The team's work will allow the client to identify the optimum approach for the wind farm balanced with a suitable package for mitigating environmental or ecological impacts, minimising these wherever possible.

Will Spencer, Infrastructure & Environmental Planning Associate at Barton Willmore, says: "The importance of getting offshore wind farm consenting right is only increasing. The seabed is becoming busier, the criticality of the UK reaching Net Zero more obvious, and the growth opportunities for the offshore wind sector more evident. All of this means that having a team that can skillfully lead and collaborate with specialists in the consenting process is vital for wind farm developers. We're looking forward to taking this role at North Falls."

As part of the instruction, Will Spencer will be the lead DCO consultant and embedded to work within the client team. This structure will further enable Barton Willmore to instil the 'planning mindset' that the client is seeking.

The existing Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, which is located more than 70 kilometres off the UK coast in the southern North Sea, has an operational capacity of 504 megawatts (MW).

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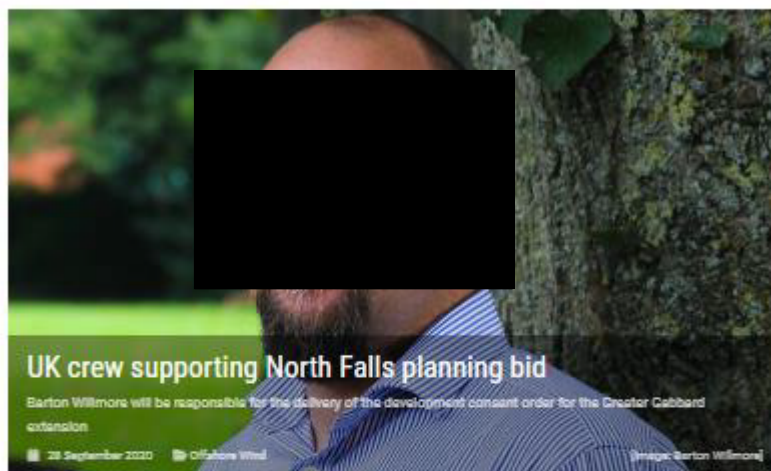
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UK crew supporting North Falls planning bid

Barton Willmore will be responsible for the delivery of the development consent order for the Greater Gabbard extension

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UK company Barton Willmore has been hired to support the planning application for RWE and SSE's North Falls offshore wind farm, which will be an extension to the existing Greater Gabbard development.

Barton Willmore's infrastructure and energy team will apply a planning perspective and mindset to the process.

This will ensure that all aspects of the technical assessment and consultation requirements can be identified, drawn together and addressed, the company said.

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Barton Willmore will have oversight of, and responsibility for, the end-to-end delivery of the development consent order (DCO).

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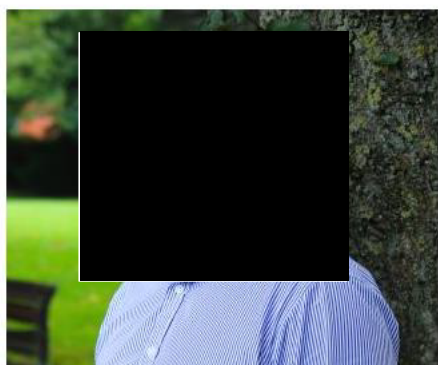
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*Press release on appointment
of Royal HaskoningDHV*

Royal HaskoningDHV Leads North Falls Offshore Wind Farm EIA and HRA in the UK



Royal HaskoningDHV is delighted to be supporting North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, a joint venture between SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables.

North Falls will provide an important contribution to the UK's ambitious target for offshore wind to provide enough electricity to power all homes in the country by 2030, as announced by the United Kingdom's Government last month.

Daniel Harper, consents manager at North Falls, said: "We welcome Royal HaskoningDHV to the team and look forward to benefitting from their significant and comprehensive expertise in the sector. Their appointment marks the kick off of our EIA process and is a tangible step forward in this early phase of North Falls' development."

Ed Frost, Royal HaskoningDHV Project Director said: "This is an exciting opportunity to continue our leading role in offshore wind consultancy. We will be advising on a range of offshore and onshore disciplines that are required to successfully deliver a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, incorporating our collective experience, having consented 12GW of offshore wind in the United Kingdom."

As part of the EIA and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), Royal HaskoningDHV will work closely with North Falls Offshore Wind and their wider team to develop management and mitigation measures to ensure the successful and sustainable development of North Falls.



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Together, the 42m *Fugro Mercator* and 12m *Fugro Seeker* will conduct geophysical surveys of the seabed, while the 27m *Curtis Marshall* will take benthic grab samples and drop-down camera photography of the seabed.

North Falls Project Manager Martin Whyte said that the surveys will enable the project team to assess local environmental conditions and identify and locate protected marine species and habitats, forming a baseline understanding of the area.

"From the environmental data and samples gathered we will be able to identify risks and impacts and develop plans for mitigation, while the survey results will also feed into the early design and engineering of the project's offshore infrastructure.

"The information will also help to determine what type of further detailed survey works are likely to be required as the project progresses."

The vessels will operate out of Harwich Port and it is expected the surveys will be completed by the late summer.

North Falls is owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables, who have established a 50/50 joint venture company to develop the project.



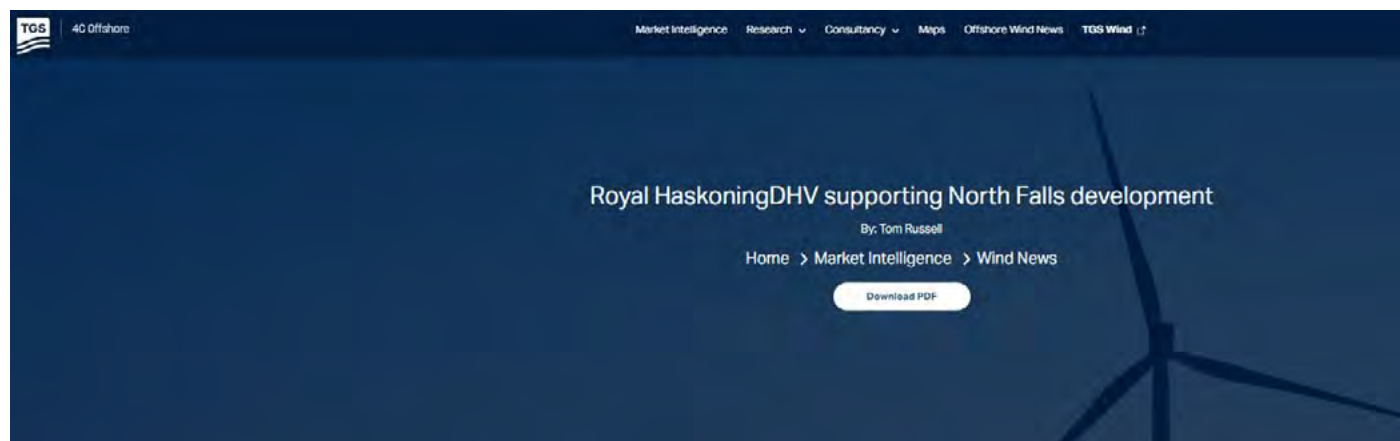
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*Coverage of press release on appointment
of Royal HaskoningDHV*



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Royal HaskoningDHV has been appointed to provide Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) services in support of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the North Falls project, a proposed extension to Greater Gabbard in the southern North Sea.

Royal HaskoningDHV is supporting North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, a joint venture between SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables. As part of the EIA and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), Royal HaskoningDHV will work closely with North Falls Offshore Wind and its wider team to develop management and mitigation measures to ensure the successful and sustainable development of North Falls.

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North Falls is being developed on a site more than 20 kilometres off the UK coast in the southern North Sea and covers a total area of 150 km². It is an extension project to the adjacent 504 megawatt Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, opened in 2013.

For more information on offshore wind farms worldwide, [click here](#). You can also view projects and associated infrastructure using 4C Offshore's [Interactive Map](#).



Consultancy supports North Falls planning bid

Royal HaskoningDHV will provide environmental impact assessment services for the Greater Gabbard extension

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[Image: SSE]

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North Falls kicks off first offshore probes

Engineering consultancy Royal HaskoningDHV has been hired to provide environmental impact assessment (EIA) services in support of the development consent order for RWE and SSE's North Falls offshore wind farm, which will be an extension to the existing Greater Gabbard project in the south North Sea.

The consultancy said it will work with the North Falls team to develop management and mitigation measures as part of the EIA and Habitats Regulations Assessment.

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Royal HaskoningDHV Joins North Falls Offshore Wind Team

ENVIRONMENT

November 13, 2020, by Adnan Durakovic

North Falls Offshore Wind has hired Royal HaskoningDHV to provide the leading Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) services in support of the Development Consent Order application for the Greater Gabbard extension project.



Royal HaskoningDHV

The up to 504 MW North Falls is one of the seven UK offshore wind farm extension projects that [secured](#) Agreements for Lease with the UK seabed manager, The Crown Estate.



Source: SSF Renewables

The North Falls project is located around 20 kilometres off the UK coast in the southern North Sea, next to the operational 504 MW [Greater Gabbard](#) offshore wind farm. The project extension is planned for an area of seabed covering a total of 150 km².

"We will be leading on a range of offshore and onshore disciplines that are required to successfully deliver a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, incorporating the collective experience, having consented 12GW of offshore wind in the UK during more than 20 years in the industry," **Ed Frost**, Royal HaskoningDHV Project Director, said.

North Falls Offshore Wind, the developer of the project, is a special purpose company and a 50:50 joint venture between SSE Renewables and RWE.

The project is being developed with a team comprising staff from both owner companies.

Daniel Harper, consents manager at North Falls, said: *"We welcome Royal HaskoningDHV to the team and look forward to benefitting from their significant and comprehensive expertise in the sector. Their appointment marks the kick off of our EIA process and is a tangible step forward in this early phase of North Falls' development."*

The Development Consent Order application for the North Falls wind farm is expected to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in 2023.



Royal HaskoningDHV to support North Falls Offshore Wind Farm

13, November, 2020



Royal HaskoningDHV has been appointed by North Falls Offshore Wind to support the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) process for the proposed extension to the Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm off the UK coast in the southern North Sea.

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North Falls Offshore Wind Farm is a joint venture between SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables. The wind farm is being developed on a site more than 20 kilometres off the UK coast and covers a total area of 150 km². It is an extension to the existing 504 MW Greater Gabbard project that became operational in 2013.

The Agreement for Lease between North Falls Offshore Wind Farm and The Crown Estate was signed in Summer 2020 and the project is now in the early stages of development.

Royal HaskoningDHV will provide the leading EIA and Project Level HRA services in support of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the project, in the southern North Sea. Royal HaskoningDHV will work closely with North Falls Offshore Wind and their wider team to develop management and mitigation measures to ensure the successful and sustainable development of North Falls.

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Ed Frost, Royal HaskoningDHV Project Director said "this is an exciting opportunity to continue our leading role in offshore wind consultancy. We will be leading on a range of offshore and onshore disciplines that are required to successfully deliver a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, incorporating the collective experience, having consented 12GW of offshore wind in the UK during more than 20 years in the industry."

EIA & HRA completion in 2023

The EIA and HRA are expected to be completed in spring 2023. The Development Consent Order and supporting Environmental Information will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in the summer of 2023.

North Falls will provide an important contribution to the UK's ambitious target for offshore wind to provide enough electricity to power all homes in the country by 2030, as announced by the UK Government last month.



Royal HaskoningDHV to provide EIA for North Falls Offshore Wind



By Anela Dokso — 13/11/2020

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Royal HaskoningDHV has been hired by North Falls Offshore Wind to provide the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) services in support of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the project, a proposed extension to Greater Gabbard in the southern North Sea.

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm is a joint venture between SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables. North Falls will provide an important contribution to the UK's target for offshore wind to provide enough electricity to power all homes in the country by 2030, as announced by the UK Government.

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— Daniel Harper, consents manager at North Falls.

“This is an exciting opportunity to continue our leading role in offshore wind consultancy. We will be leading on a range of offshore and onshore disciplines that are required to successfully deliver a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, incorporating the collective experience, having consented 12GW of offshore wind in the UK during more than 20 years in the industry.”

— Ed Frost, Royal HaskoningDHV project director.

As part of the EIA and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), Royal HaskoningDHV will work closely with North Falls Offshore Wind and its wider team to develop management and mitigation measures to ensure the successful and sustainable development of North Falls.



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*Press release on commencement of the Project's
first surveys with Fugro*

North Falls kicks off first offshore surveys

- *Three vessels undertaking seabed surveys for North Falls, extension to the existing Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm*
- *First offshore surveys for the project, located 20 kilometres off the East Anglia coast*
- *Geo-data specialist Fugro will carry out the surveys at the 150km² array site and along the proposed export cable routes*



A trio of wind farm survey vessels will be busy in the Southern North Sea for the next three months as UK extension project, North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, kicks off the first offshore environmental and geophysical surveys on its array site and along potential cable routes.

North Falls, a proposed extension to the existing Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, is located approximately 20 kilometres from the East Anglia coast on a site covering a total of 150 km². The comprehensive surveys, being carried out by marine survey contractor Fugro, will be integral to the project's environmental impact assessment, with the data collected helping the team to understand the local marine environment.

Together, the 42m *Fugro Mercator* and 12m *Fugro Seeker* will conduct geophysical surveys of the seabed, while the 27m *Curtis Marshall* and will take benthic grab samples and drop-down camera photography of the seabed.

North Falls Project Manager Martin Whyte said that the surveys will enable the project team to assess local environmental conditions and identify and locate protected marine species and habitats, forming a baseline understanding of the area.

"From the environmental data and samples gathered we will be able to identify risks and impacts and develop plans for mitigation, while the survey results will also feed into the early design and engineering of the project's offshore infrastructure.

"The information will also help to determine what type of further detailed survey works are likely to be required as the project progresses."

The vessels will operate out of Harwich Port and it is expected the surveys will be completed by the late summer.

North Falls is owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables, who have established a 50/50 joint venture company to develop the project.



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*Coverage of press release on commencement of
the Project's first surveys with Fugro*



Fugro lands Five Estuaries geophysical contract

The surveys for the Galloper extension project will kick off in August

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Fugro has been contracted to carry out geophysical exploratory works for the Five Estuaries offshore wind farm, the extension to the existing Galloper project off east England.

The multi-million pound deal is the first RWE-led offshore geophysical exploratory works that Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm have placed.

Surveys are expected to take place in the southern North Sea from August to November 2021.

Three dedicated vessels will map the characteristics of the seabed and bedrock to assess the conditions around the wind farm site and the potential cable locations.

The seafloor and geophysical information that result from the surveys will help inform the project design and consenting activities.

The data will provide critical information about the seafloor, habitat, local geological and benthic ecological conditions at the site off the Suffolk coast.

Fugro has also been commissioned to carry out offshore site investigation and geophysical works for other RWE projects including Dublin Array, Ireland and North Falls which is a 50:50 partnership project with SSE, in the southern North Sea.

This follows a successful working relationship in the investigations for Sofia and Awel y Mor offshore wind farms and a competitive tendering process.

Five Estuaries project manager Umair Patel said: "Fugro offered the most competitive proposal, programme and have demonstrated technical competence in previous projects."

"The offshore surveys are a very important aspect of the project's development and the data collected from these surveys will inform the Environmental Impact Assessment process and also help in the engineering design of the wind farm and with that in mind, we recently held our second Commercial Fisheries Working Group."

"The Southern North Sea is a busy area and our aim is to coexist peacefully with other sea users while we undertake the surveys and development work."

Fugro's country director for the UK Laura Hughes said: "We're delighted to continue our successful relationship with RWE, providing critical early insights in support of the design of the Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm."

"Our clients appreciate our reliability in the acquisition and delivery of high-quality, large-volume Geo-data, and we look forward to delivering this again for another significant energy transition project."

The Five Estuaries project team recently held the second Commercial Fisheries Working Group to discuss the planned offshore surveys.

Brown & May Marine is the Five Estuaries team's dedicated fisheries liaison officer.

The Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm is currently at a relatively early stage of development and it is anticipated that the project, if approved, will become operational around 2030.



North Falls offshore wind farm kicks off first offshore surveys

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North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, kicks off the first offshore environmental and geophysical surveys on its array site and along potential cable routes. The surveys, being carried out by marine survey contractor Fugro, will be integral to the project's environmental impact assessment, with the data collected helping the team to understand the local marine environment.



Together, the 42m Fugro Mercator and 12m Fugro Seeker will conduct geophysical surveys of the seabed, while the 27m Curtis Marshall and will take benthic grab samples and drop-down camera photography of the seabed. The vessels will operate out of Harwich Port and it is expected the surveys will be completed by the late summer. North Falls, a proposed extension to the existing Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, is located approximately 20 kilometres from the East Anglia coast on a site covering a total of 150 km². North Falls is owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables, who have established a 50/50 joint venture company to develop the project.





Seabed surveys kick off at North Falls offshore wind project

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May 20, 2021, by Nadja Skopljak

Fugro has commenced the seabed surveys at the North Falls offshore wind project, the proposed extension of the operational Greater Gabbard wind farm in the UK.



Fugro

Vessels Fugro Mercator and Fugro Seeker will conduct geophysical surveys of the seabed, while Curtis Marshall will take benthic grab samples and drop-down camera photography.

The surveys will enable the project team to assess local environmental conditions and identify and locate protected marine species and habitats, forming a baseline understanding of the area.

“From the environmental data and samples gathered we will be able to identify risks and impacts and develop plans for mitigation, while the survey results will also feed into the early design and engineering of the project’s offshore infrastructure,” said North Falls project manager **Martin Whyte**.

“The information will also help to determine what type of further detailed survey works are likely to be required as the project progresses.”

The vessels will operate out of Harwich Port and are expected to complete the surveys by the late summer.

The up to 504 MW North Falls is one of the seven UK offshore wind farm extension projects that secured Agreements for Lease with the UK seabed manager The Crown Estate last year.

The project site is located approximately 20 kilometers from the East Anglia coast on a site covering a total of 150 km².

North Falls Offshore Wind, the developer of the project, is a special purpose company and a 50:50 joint venture between SSE Renewables and RWE.

Survey Works Start at North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Site

OE Staff • May 20, 2021



Fugro Mercator is one of three vessels carrying out seabed surveys for North Falls - Credit: RWE

For the next three months, three wind farm survey vessels will be busy in the Southern North Sea at the North Falls offshore wind farm site in the UK.

North Falls, a proposed extension to the existing Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, is located approximately 20 kilometres from the East Anglia coast on a site covering a total of 150 km². North Falls is jointly owned by SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables.

The surveys, being conducted by the Dutch marine survey contractor Fugro, will be integral to the project's environmental impact assessment, with the data collected helping the team to understand the local marine environment.

The surveys at the extension project are the first offshore environmental and geophysical surveys on the project's array site and along future cable routes.

The 42-meter Fugro Mercator and 12-meter Fugro Seeker vessels will conduct geophysical surveys of the seabed, while the 27 meters long Curtis Marshall vessel will take benthic grab samples and drop-down camera photography of the seabed.

The surveys, according to North Falls Project Manager Martin Whyte, will allow the project team to evaluate local environmental conditions as well as identify and locate protected marine species and ecosystems, allowing them to form a baseline understanding of the site.

"From the environmental data and samples gathered we will be able to identify risks and impacts and develop plans for mitigation, while the survey results will also feed into the early design and engineering of the project's offshore infrastructure.

"The information will also help to determine what type of further detailed survey works are likely to be required as the project progresses."

Fugro's vessels will operate out of Harwich Port, with the surveys scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer.



RWE Taps Fugro for UK North Sea Wind Farm Site Survey

OE Staff July 29, 2021



Fugro Mercator is one of the vessels that will work at the Five Estuaries project - Credit: RWE



Dutch offshore survey specialist Fugro has secured a contract with RWE to carry out geophysical exploratory works at Five Estuaries offshore wind farm, the extension project of the existing 353MW Galloper wind farm.

Works are expected to take place in the Southern North Sea from August to November 2021.

Three dedicated vessels will map the characteristics of the seabed and bedrock to assess the conditions around the wind farm site and the potential cable locations.

The seafloor and geophysical information that result from the geophysical surveys will help inform the project design and

consenting activities. The data will provide critical information about the seafloor, habitat, local geological and benthic ecological conditions, RWE said.

Fugro has also been commissioned to carry out offshore site investigation and Geophysical works for other RWE projects including Dublin Array, Ireland, and North Falls which is a 50:50 partnership project with SSE, in the southern North Sea.

" [The Fugro contract] follows a successful working relationship in the investigations for Sofia and Awel y Môr offshore wind farms and a competitive tendering process," RWE said Wednesday.

The Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm is currently at a relatively early stage of development and it is anticipated that the project if approved, will become operational around 2030.

The project partners are the same as the operational Galloper Wind Farm and include a Macquarie-led consortium (25%), RWE (25%), Siemens' financing arm, Siemens Financial Services (25%), ESB (12.5%), and Sumitomo Corporation (12.5%). RWE is leading the development of the project.



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Regulation 11 list of prescribed consultees

PROPOSED North Falls Offshore Wind Farm**PROJECT REFERENCE: EN010119****LIST OF CONSULTATION BODIES NOTIFIED BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE UNDER REGULATION 11(1)(a) OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 ('THE EIA REGULATIONS')****26 August 2021**

This information has been provided in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(b) of the the EIA Regulations in response to a Regulation 8 notification received from North Falls Offshore Wind Limited on 16 July 2021. The table below lists the bodies that the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State has notified under Regulation 11(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations. They have been identified based on the red line boundary provided by the Applicant as a shapefile in the correspondence dated 30 June 2021.

When meeting its statutory pre-application obligations, the Applicant must make diligent inquiries, carry out its own investigations and take legal advice, as appropriate. Whilst the list of bodies identified by the Planning Inspectorate can inform the Applicant's own consultation, it should not be relied upon for that purpose. The Applicant should also have regard to the relevant guidance prepared by the Planning Inspectorate, which is available via our website¹.

Please note that the consultation bodies have been identified and notified in accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note three: EIA Notification and Consultation (version 7, August 2017), which is available on our website¹.

The consultation bodies are identified in the following tables:

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¹ <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/>

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Table 1: Prescribed Consultation Bodies²

Schedule 1 Description	Organisation	Contact
The Health and Safety Executive	Health and Safety Executive	NSIP.applications@hse.gov.uk
The National Health Service Commissioning Board	NHS England	england.contactus@nhs.net
The relevant Clinical Commissioning Group	NHS North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group	neeccg.enquiries@nhs.net
Natural England	Natural England	consultations@naturalengland.org.uk
Natural England (Offshore Wind Farms)	Natural England (Offshore Wind Farms)	Claire.Ludgate@naturalengland.org.uk Cc: Louise.Burton@naturalengland.org.uk
The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England	Historic England	Amanda.Chadburn@HistoricEngland.org.uk cc: eastofengland@historicengland.org.uk and gary.griffin@HistoricEngland.org.uk
The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (OFFSHORE ONLY)	Historic England	chris.pater@HistoricEngland.org.uk cc: Amanda.Chadburn@HistoricEngland.org.uk
The relevant fire and rescue authority	Essex County Fire and Rescue Service	southwestgroupsdp@essex-fire.gov.uk

² Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the 'APFP Regulations')

Schedule 1 Description	Organisation	Contact
The relevant police and crime commissioner	Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	pfcc@essex.police.uk
The relevant parish council(s) or, where the application relates to land [in] Wales or Scotland, the relevant community council	Thorpe-le-Soken	clerk@thorpeparishcouncil.org.uk
	Great Oakley	clerk@greatoakleypc.org.uk
	Great Bentley	clerk@greatbentleyparishcouncil.co.uk
	Little Clacton	lcpc2@btinternet.com
	Elmstead	elmsteadparish@gmail.com
	Great Bromley	clerk@gbpc.org.uk
	Ardleigh	ardleighpc@gmail.com
	Mistley	mistleyparishclerk@gmail.com
	Lawford	clerk@lawfordpc.org.uk
	Tendring	tendringpc@hotmail.com
	Beaumont-cum-Moze	kroebuckparishcouncil@gmail.com

Schedule 1 Description	Organisation	Contact
	Bradfield	clerk@bradfieldparishcouncil.org.uk
	Wix	wixparish@gmail.com
	Frating	fratingpc@hotmail.com
	Weeley	weeleypc@gmail.com
	Little Bentley	ltbentleyparish@gmail.com
	Little Bromley	littlebromleypc@gmail.com
	Frinton and Walton	fawtc@btconnect.com
	St. Osyth	clerk@stosyth.gov.uk
The Environment Agency	The Environment Agency	sally.holloway@environment-agency.gov.uk cc: planning.ipswich@environment-agency.gov.uk
The Joint Nature Conservation Committee	Joint Nature Conservation Committee	jnccadvice@jnc.gov.uk
The Maritime and Coastguard Agency	Maritime & Coastguard Agency	navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk cc: Helen.Croxson@mcga.gov.uk

Schedule 1 Description	Organisation	Contact
The Maritime and Coastguard Agency - Regional Office	The Maritime and Coastguard Agency - Colchester	colchestermo@mcga.gov.uk
The Marine Management Organisation	Marine Management Organisation (MMO)	marine.consent@marinemanagement.org.uk
The Civil Aviation Authority	Civil Aviation Authority	dco.coordination@caa.co.uk and OGCMailbox@caa.co.uk cc: airspace@caa.co.uk and windfarms@caa.co.uk
The Relevant Highways Authority	Essex County Council	Head of Highways Development.Enquiries@essex.gov.uk
The relevant strategic highways company	Highways England	planningEE@highwaysengland.co.uk
Trinity House	Trinity House	navigation.directorate@thls.org cc: Thomas.arculus@thls.org
Public Health England, an executive agency of the Department of Health	Public Health England	NSIPconsultations@PHE.gov.uk
The Crown Estate Commissioners	The Crown Estate	NSIP@thecrownestate.co.uk
The Forestry Commission	The Forestry Commission - East and East Midlands	eandem@forestrycommission.gov.uk

Schedule 1 Description	Organisation	Contact
The Secretary of State for Defence	Ministry of Defence	Onshore planning applications: DIO-Safeguarding-Statutory@mod.gov.uk Wind turbine applications: DIO-Safeguarding-Wind@mod.gov.uk Offshore planning applications: DIO-Safeguarding-Offshore@mod.gov.uk

Table 2: Relevant Statutory Undertakers

Statutory Undertaker³	Organisation	Contact
The relevant Clinical Commissioning Group	NHS North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group	neeccg.enquiries@nhs.net
The National Health Service Commissioning Board	NHS England	england.contactus@nhs.net
The relevant NHS Trust	East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust	feedback@eastamb.nhs.uk
Railways	Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd	TownPlanningAnglia@networkrail.co.uk cc: Stephen.Sprei@networkrail.co.uk
Railways	Highways England Historical Railways Estate	hreenquiries@highwaysengland.co.uk
Lighthouse	Trinity House	navigation.directorate@thls.org cc: Thomas.arculus@thls.org
Civil Aviation Authority	Civil Aviation Authority	dco.coordination@caa.co.uk and OGCMailbox@caa.co.uk cc: airspace@caa.co.uk and windfarms@caa.co.uk
Licence Holder (Chapter 1 Of Part 1 Of Transport Act 2000)	NATS En-Route Safeguarding	natssafeguarding@nats.co.uk
Universal Service Provider	Royal Mail Group	daniel.parry-jones@bnpparibas.com cc: holly.trotman@royalmail.com

³ 'Statutory Undertaker' is defined in the APFP Regulations as having the same meaning as in Section 127 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008)

Statutory Undertaker³	Organisation	Contact
Homes and Communities Agency	Homes England	enquiries@homesengland.gov.uk
The relevant Environment Agency	The Environment Agency	sally.holloway@environment-agency.gov.uk cc: planning.ipswich@environment-agency.gov.uk
The relevant water and sewage undertaker	Affinity Water	ds@affinitywater.co.uk cc: jason.forster@affinitywater.co.uk and Planning@affinitywater.co.uk
The relevant water and sewage undertaker	Anglian Water	spatialplanning@anglianwater.co.uk
The relevant public gas transporter	Cadent Gas Limited	landservices@cadentgas.com
	Last Mile Gas Ltd	info@lastmile-uk.com
	Energy Assets Pipelines Limited	info@energyassetsnetworks.co.uk
	ES Pipelines Ltd	Vaughan.Carver@espug.com cc: Operations@espug.com and CustomerServices@espug.com
	ESP Networks Ltd	Vaughan.Carver@espug.com cc: Operations@espug.com and CustomerServices@espug.com
	ESP Pipelines Ltd	Vaughan.Carver@espug.com cc: Operations@espug.com and CustomerServices@espug.com
	ESP Connections Ltd	PlantResponses@espipelines.com

Statutory Undertaker³	Organisation	Contact
	Fulcrum Pipelines Limited	FPLPlant@fulcrum.co.uk
	Harlaxton Gas Networks Limited	info@harlaxtonenergynetworks.com
	GTC Pipelines Limited	Daniel.Worman@gtc-uk.co.uk cc: Joseph.Nolan@gtc-uk.co.uk
	Independent Pipelines Limited	Daniel.Worman@gtc-uk.co.uk cc: Joseph.Nolan@gtc-uk.co.uk
	Indigo Pipelines Limited	enquiries@indigopipelines.co.uk cc: katrina.fennings@indigopipelines.co.uk
	Leep Gas Networks Limited	info@leeputilities.co.uk
	Murphy Gas Networks limited	mail@murphygroup.co.uk
	Quadrant Pipelines Limited	Daniel.Worman@gtc-uk.co.uk cc: Joseph.Nolan@gtc-uk.co.uk
	National Grid Gas Plc	box.landandacquisitions@nationalgrid.com cc: spencer.jefferies@nationalgrid.com
	Scotland Gas Networks Plc	customer@sgn.co.uk
	Southern Gas Networks Plc	customer@sgn.co.uk
The relevant electricity generator with CPO Powers	Greater Gabbard Offshore Winds Limited	Ross.Turbet@sse.com
	Galloper Wind Farm Limited	lauren.rozier@rwe.com

Statutory Undertaker ³	Organisation	Contact
	Five Esutaries Offshore Windfarm Limited	fiveestuaries@rwe.com
The relevant electricity distributor with CPO Powers	Eclipse Power Network Limited	enquiries@eclipsepower.co.uk
	Last Mile Electricity Ltd	info@lastmile-uk.com
	Energy Assets Networks Limited	info@energyassetsnetworks.co.uk
	ESP Electricity Limited	Vaughan.Carver@espug.com cc: Operations@espug.com and CustomerServices@espug.com
	Forbury Assets Limited	enquiries@sseenterprise.co.uk
	Fulcrum Electricity Assets Limited	enquiries@fulcrum.co.uk
	Harlaxton Energy Networks Limited	info@harlaxtonenergynetworks.com
	Independent Power Networks Limited	Daniel.Worman@gtc-uk.co.uk cc: Joseph.Nolan@gtc-uk.co.uk
	Indigo Power Limited	IndigoPower@indigopipelines.co.uk
	Leep Electricity Networks Limited	electricity@leeputilities.co.uk
	Murphy Power Distribution Limited	mail@murphygroup.co.uk
	The Electricity Network Company Limited	Daniel.Worman@gtc-uk.co.uk cc: Joseph.Nolan@gtc-uk.co.uk
	UK Power Distribution Limited	newconnections@ukpowerdistribution.co.uk

Statutory Undertaker³	Organisation	Contact
	Utility Assets Limited	distributionmanager@utilityassets.co.uk
	Vattenfall Networks Limited	UK-networks@vattenfall.com
	Eastern Power Networks Plc	Consents.epn@ukpowernetworks.co.uk
	UK Power Networks Limited	myconnection@ukpowernetworks.co.uk
The relevant electricity transmitter with CPO Powers	Diamond Transmission Partners Galloper Limited	contact@diamondtransmissionpartners.com
	Greater Gabbard OFTO Plc	Ross.Turbet@sse.com
	National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	box.landandacquisitions@nationalgrid.com cc: spencer.jefferies@nationalgrid.com
	TC Gunfleet Sands OFTO Ltd	office@transmissioncapital.com
The relevant electricity interconnector with CPO Powers	BritNed Development Limited	britned.info@britned.com
	NeuConnect Britain Ltd	enquiries@neuconnect.eu

Table 3: Section 43 Consultees (for the purposes of Section 42(1)(b))⁴

Local Authority⁵	Contact
Tendring District Council	Head of Planning dcadmin.planning@tendringdc.gov.uk
Essex County Council	Mark.Woodger@essex.gov.uk Nicholas.French@essex.gov.uk cc: growth&development@essex.gov.uk
Colchester Borough Council	Head of Planning planning.services@colchester.gov.uk
Babergh District Council	Head of Planning planning@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk
Medway Council	Head of Planning Planning.representations@medway.gov.uk
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	Head of Planning planningregistrationteam@southend.gov.uk
Thurrock Council	Head of Planning planning.applications@thurrock.gov.uk

⁴ Sections 43(3) and 42(b) of the PA2008

⁵ As defined in Section 43(3) of the PA2008

Local Authority ⁵	Contact
London Borough of Havering	Head of Planning planning@haverling.gov.uk
London Borough of Enfield	Head of Planning Development.control@enfield.gov.uk
London Borough of Waltham Forest	Head of Planning Planningvalidation@walthamforest.gov.uk
London Borough of Redbridge	Head of Planning planning.admin@redbridge.gov.uk
Hertfordshire County Council	Head of Planning spatialplanning@hertfordshire.gov.uk
Suffolk County Council	Head of Planning planning@suffolk.gov.uk
Cambridgeshire County Council	Head of Planning planningdc@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Table 4: Non-Prescribed Consultation Bodies

Non-prescribed consultees have been identified in accordance with Table 3 of the annexe to Advice Note three: EIA Notification and Consultation (Version 7, August 2017).

The following non-prescribed consultation bodies have been identified by the Planning Inspectorate. They are not consultation bodies for the purposes of Regulation 11(3) of the EIA Regulations (who must, if requested by the Applicant, make information relevant to the preparation of the Environmental Statement available) and these duties not apply to the non-prescribed consultees identified.

Organisation	Contact
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	Royal National Lifeboat Institution 4th Floor, William Hilary Building RNLI Headquarters West Quay Road Poole BH15 1HZ info@rnli.org.uk
Maldon District Council	Head of Planning dc.planning@maldon.gov.uk
Rochford District Council	Head of Planning planningportal@rochford.gov.uk
East Suffolk District Council	Head of Planning planning@eastsuffolk.gov.uk cc: energyprojects@eastsuffolk.gov.uk



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*Promoting EEEGR Energising Essex event
announcement on Project website*

Registrations now open for Energising Essex event featuring North Falls

Registrations are now open for the East of England Energy Group's (EEEGR) second 'Energising Essex' event and the first in-person session, featuring North Falls' Project Manager Martin Whyte and other offshore wind developers.

Energising Essex is a series of free events organised by EEEGR and supported by the North Essex Economic Board (NEEB) and major local developments and energy projects, including North Falls, to highlight the upcoming energy developments in the region, their timeframes and the range of potential economic benefits they could bring.

The first event in January showcased Sizewell C nuclear plant while the second event, set for April, will focus on offshore wind. As well as North Falls, it will feature speakers from operational Harwich-based offshore wind farm Galloper and its planned extension project Five Estuaries.

The event is being held on **Thursday 21st April 2022**, from 0800 until 11am, at The Waterfront on Lower Marine Parade in Harwich.

If you are a local supplier with an interest in learning more about the offshore wind sector in North Essex, you can register your interest to attend via [this link](#).

EEEGR says: "Whether you are already in the energy supply chain or just considering how your business might benefit from the opportunity, join us to learn more about the £122bn of investment set to take place in the region by 2050."





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Press release on OCSS decision

OCSS Decision Announcement

Joint statement from North Falls and Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farms and National Grid:

Projects welcome funding to enable opportunity to explore coordination feasibility

National Grid Electricity Transmission (Sea Link), North Falls (Offshore Wind Farm) and Five Estuaries (Offshore Wind Farm) have been working together to explore the potential for offshore coordination as part of the Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR) “Early Opportunities” workstream. The projects acting together in a consortium led by North Falls welcome the decision from the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) to provide grant funding through the Offshore Coordination Support Scheme (“OCSS”). The aim of the scheme is to develop and explore the feasibility of coordinated options for offshore transmission infrastructure.

The consortium applied for OCSS grant funding in February 2023. Following the grant announcement, the consortium will now undertake a series of studies and assessments to determine the feasibility, challenges and solutions to enable a co-ordinated offshore connection. This work will consider the economics, engineering & regulatory challenges, logistics and programme delivery aspects. The first step will be a high-level feasibility study which is expected to be available before the end of March 2024.

All three participating projects are delighted to have been awarded the grant funding. This support enables the projects to consider an alternative coordinated connection whilst, in parallel, continuing to progress existing radial proposals to ensure no delay in building the much-needed infrastructure to support the UK’s net zero targets (should the offshore coordination be determined as not deliverable). As beneficiaries of the grant, we will be required to share key learnings on how a coordinated offshore transmission approach could work.

The consortium strongly support the Government’s ambition to make the UK the world leader in offshore wind. The delivery of the UK Government’s ambition of 50GW of offshore wind by 2030 will create green skilled jobs, strengthen UK security of supply, provide clean renewable power to fight climate change and help to reduce energy bills for British consumers.



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Coverage of press release on OCSS decision

Consortium secures OCSS funding

By: Chloe Emanuel

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The Offshore Coordination Support Scheme (OCSS), aimed at advancing offshore energy projects and fostering coordinated options for offshore transmission, marks a pivotal milestone with the grant funding secured by a consortium comprising North Falls, Five Estuaries, and Sea Link.

The consortium has been granted an initial sum of up to £1.7 million, with the potential for additional funding of up to £11.7 million in the financial year 2024/2025. This funding, allocated through the OCSS, will aim to facilitate the exploration of coordination among two offshore wind farms and a bootstrap reinforcement to the GB grid. If adopted by developers, this initiative will mark a venture in the UK's offshore energy landscape.

Central to this project is the generation of invaluable insights into coordinating transmission infrastructure, offering vital lessons that can be disseminated across the sector and inform future policy endeavors. The knowledge gleaned from this initiative will significantly contribute to understanding how to deploy renewables effectively while minimizing the impact on local communities.

This initiative represents a pivotal moment in the evolution of offshore energy coordination, poised to shape the future of renewable energy deployment in the UK.

For more information about offshore wind farm projects across the globe, [click here](#).



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*Full list of Persons with an Interest in Land (PILs)
for stage 3 and stage 4 consultations*



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S44 Stakeholder List

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1. Section 44 Stakeholder List

Table 1.1 shows a list of stakeholders as defined under s44 of the Act and denotes whether they were contacted at Stage 3 (statutory) consultation and/or Stage 4 (targeted) consultation and if they have been included in the Book of Reference.

Table 1.1 Section 44 Stakeholder List

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
A Johns	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
A Lawrence & Sons	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Adam Charles Brown	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Adrian James Taylor	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Adrian Norman Tagg	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Affinity Water Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Alan Pole	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Alan William Halse	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Albert Du Plessis	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Alex Steven Youngs	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Alfie James Davies	No	Yes	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Alison Ewbank	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Alison Margaret Brown	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Allens Farm Partners	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Amanda Jayne Greenwood	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
Andrea Gibson	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Andrew Charles Furzer	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Andrew James Fairley	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Andrew Ralph	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Andrew William Bacon	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Andrew William Vagg	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Andrzej Tomasz Wiecek	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Andy Starr	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Angela Georgina Hall	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Angela Ringguth	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Anglia Maltings (Holdings) Limited	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Anglian Water Services Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Anita Higgs	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Ann Elizabeth Watkinson	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Anne Dorette Hutchby	Yes	No	Cat 1	Yes	
Anne Warner	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Annis Roberts	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Anthony Ronald Winter	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Antony Dennis Hewitt	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Apatura Ltd	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Arron	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Arron Ingram	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Arthur Philip Wallis	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Aurlius	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Aviadale Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Bank Of Scotland PLC	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Barbara Gillian Irwin	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Barclays Bank PLC	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Barclays Bank UK PLC	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Barclays Security Trustee Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Barnaby Charles Parker	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Barry Kelvin Reid	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Bellway Homes Limited	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Ben Ross	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Benjamin Furness	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Benjamin Mark Worrallo	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Bentley Photographic Directors Pension Scheme	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Bentley Photographic Limited	No	Yes	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Bernard Jameson Coverdale	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Blake Birchill	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Bobby Swift	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Brenda Jane Gibson-Wynes	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Brenda Pather	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Brenda Sanderson	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Brian Henry Jennings	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Brian Wilfred Lawrence (Decd)	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	Interest has passed away.
Brown Roofing Contractors Ltd	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Cadent Gas Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Cage Properties Limited	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Cambridge Building Society	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Carl Tarrant	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Carol Ann Chisnell	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Carol Freda White	No	Yes	Cat 3	Yes	
Carol Lesley Sinclair	No	Yes	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Carol Susan Rose	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Carole Tickner	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Caroline Kemp	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Centrica PLC	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Charles Beardmore	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Charles Crowe	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Charles Geoffrey Penfold	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Charles James Tabor (Decd)	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	Interest has passed away.
Cherie Ann Bomando	Yes	No	Cat 1	Yes	
Cheryl June Crowe	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Chris Driver	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Chris Mudd	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Chris Perry	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Christine Ellen Halstead	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Christine Hayward	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Christine Hopkins	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Christine Pamela Barrett	No	Yes	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Christine Saxena	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Christopher Burgoyne	No	Yes	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Christopher David Maestrani	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Christopher David Palmer-Tomkinson	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Christopher John Opperman	No	Yes	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Claire Jeanette Martin-Redman Smith	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Claire Shandley	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Clare Burnett-Hall	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Clare Louise Stow	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Clive Hayward	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Clydesdale Bank PLC	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Colin Batten	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Colin Lawrence	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Cooper Bros. (Wix) Limited	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
D A Phillips & Company Limited	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
D Clark	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Daphne Joyce Winter	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Daphne Patricia Calkin	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Darren Smith	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Darren Smith	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Dave Sayer	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
David Anthony White	No	Yes	Cat 3	Yes	
David Barbour	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
David Brinley Lifton	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
David Hinds	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
David Hugh Fourley Marks	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
David Irwin	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
David John Crowe	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
David Mark Hopkins	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
David Milburn Cannell	Yes	No	Cat 1	Yes	
David Philip Lewis	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
David Todd	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
David William Knappett	Yes	Yes	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
David William Rampling	Yes	No	Cat 1	Yes	
David William Salmon	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Davina Andreena Templeton	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Deborah Lawrence	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Deborah Susan Stephenson Clarke	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Delicia Maria Ransom	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Derek Robert Bursey	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Dominic Furness	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Douglas Kenneth Brown	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Eamon McDonnell	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
East Anglian Farm Rides	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Eastern Power Networks PLC	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Edward Frederick Pryde	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Edward James Fairey	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
Elderbridge Limited	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Elisabeth Roberta Turner	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Elizabeth Birgitta Harris	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Elizabeth Kathleen Reid	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Elspeth Elinor Knott	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Emma Jane Parker	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
EMT Services LTD	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Environment Agency	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Essex County Council	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Essex Hay & Straw Company Limited	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Essex Wildlife Trust Limited	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
FGH (Essex) Limited	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Fiona Garton	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Fiona Trott	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Foxes Property 3 S.A.R.L.	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Francis William Sanderson	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Frank Leach	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Frederick George Blight	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Frinton Farm Partners	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Frinton Golf Club Limited	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Gary Howard Holmes	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Gary Rodney Knight	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Gemma Marie Pike	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Geoffrey Looser	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Georgina Margaret Brown	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Georgios Tsousellis	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Geraldine Hinds	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Giles Watling	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Gillian Ann Whittle	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
Gillian Bennington	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Gillian Jessie Jefferis	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Gillian Walker	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Ginette Ann Scott	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Glen Spencer Ball	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Go-Develop (Parsonage Lane) Limited	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Graeme John Knott	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Graham Bell	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Graham Clive Gilbert	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Graham Mellor	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Graham Peter Lucas	No	Yes	Cat 3	Yes	
Graham Stevens	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Great Holland Hall Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
GTC Infrastructure Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Guinevere Anne Clark	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Hannah Louise Adam	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Helen Clare Hamer	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Helen Cole	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Helen Davina Fairley	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Helen John	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Helen Peirson	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Helen White	No	Yes	Cat 3	Yes	
Henry Fairley & Son Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Hilary Vernon	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
Holly Diment Neilson	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Holly Johnson	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
HSBC Bank PLC	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
HSBC UK Bank PLC	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Iain Alexander Quick	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Iain William Rory Colquhoun	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Ian David Paddon	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Ian Denis Clark	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Ian Douglas Garner	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Ian Martin Patch	Yes	No	Cat 2	Yes	

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Ian Watts	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Imi Strover	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Iona Elizabeth Liddle	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Ivy Patricia Moogan	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
J B Fairley & Son Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Jack Lawrence Chisnell	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Jacob Carter	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Jacqueline Eileen Mills	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Jacqueline Innes	No	Yes	Cat 3	Yes	
Jade Louise Green	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
James Andrew Clachan	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
James Burke	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
James Fairley & Sons (Farms) Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
James Hector Blyth	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
James Hendrie Fairley	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
James Leonard George Higgs	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
James Richard Sadler	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
James Roberts	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
James Thomas Shippen	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
James Tweed	No	Yes	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Jane Anson	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Jane Claire Myra Northover	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Jane Penelope Quick	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Jane Scott Dove	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Janet Manson	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Janet Margaret Macdonald	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Janet Philp	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Janette McGinn	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Janice Carroll	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Janis Susan Coverdale	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Jason Childs	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Jason Hinsin	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Jason Smith	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Jay McDermot	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Jayne Louise Hutley	No	Yes	Cat 3	Yes	
Jaynic Properties Limited	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Jean Blight	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Jean Gilbert	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Jean Karen Tabersham	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Jean Rosemary Bursey	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Jeanne Nokes	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Jemma White	No	Yes	Cat 3	Yes	
Jenna Louise Davies	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Jennifer Welsby	No	Yes	Cat 3	Yes	
Jens Gerd Thomas Duffy	No	Yes	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Jessica Ellen Ball	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Jessica Walters	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Jiggins Trust	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Jim Clifton	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Jim Storey	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Joanna Burke	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Joanna Green	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Joanna Mangham	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Joanna Marie Brown	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Joanna Riddell	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Joanne Burrell	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Joe Piggot	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
John Charles Jiggins	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
John George Bellingham	Yes	No	Cat 1	Yes	
John Harris	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
John Harvey Jiggins	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
John Hutley	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
John Jiggins Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
John Pyall	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
John Ringguth	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
John Traveller	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
John Whiten	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
John William Glover	Yes	No	Cat 1	Yes	
Jonathan Birdwood Juby	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Jonathan Clarke	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Jonathan Ewbank	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Joseph William Liddle	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Julian Furness	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Julian Horton	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Julian Royle Woods	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Julie Anne Shippen	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Julie Furzer	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Julie Louise Taylor	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Julie Wendy Thompson	Yes	No	Cat 2	Yes	
Juliet Wallis	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
June Hilda Varley	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
June Mary Fairley	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Justyna Magdalena Wiecek	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Kanye Ault	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Karen Anne Hull	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Karen Jeanette Tuckey	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Karl Moogan	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Karl Reuben Lord	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Kate Hodgkiss	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Katherine Irven	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Keith Hockridge	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Kenneth William Robinson	No	Yes	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Kerry Fletcher	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Kevin Roy Giles	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Kim Knight	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Kimberley Jane McFarlane	No	Yes	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Laura Jane Michelle Oliver	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Laura Lilian Lord	Yes	No	Cat 2	Yes	
Lawford Solar Ltd	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	No	Name changed to Apatura Ltd
Leigh Sebba	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Les Troller	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Lesley Elizabeth Mclean Smith	Yes	No	Cat 1	Yes	
Lesley Grayson Glover	Yes	No	Cat 1	Yes	

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Lesley Susan Clarke	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Leslie Francis Clarke	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Lewis Clarke	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Lewis Richard Carter	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Liana Enterprises Ltd	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Linda Ann Chapman	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Linda Maureen Clachan	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	New freehold interest identified following HMLR refresh 27/06/2024
Linda Meloney Scott	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Lisa Jiggins	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Lorna Ann Dodman	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Lorna Marion Hutley	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Louis Parker	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Louise Horton	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Louise Wood	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Luke Anthony Chandler	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Lynda Joanne Brailsford	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Lynda Mary Blackburn	No	Yes	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Lynne Butler	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
M L Kantor	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
M Scott Property Group Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Mandy Kathleen Garner	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Margaret Bernadette Knight	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Marian Sarah Reynolds	Yes	No	Cat 1	Yes	
Marie Ellis	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Mark Richard Hinde	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Mark Richard Wallis	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Mark Stuart Berry	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Mark Taylor	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Mark Timothy Borrett	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
Marks Tey Farms Ltd	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Martin Kenneth Stubbins	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Martin Paul Acres	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Martin Roy Bowers	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Martin Shaw	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Martin Terence Clary	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Martin Walker	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Mary Ann Cooper	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Mary Jane Nealon	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Mary Patricia Macaulay	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
Mattioli Woods PLC	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Maureen Grover	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Maxine Wiggins	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Melanie Jane Hull	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Melanie Jane Simmons	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Mia Suzanne Greyson	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Michael George Harris	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Michael George Robert Goosetree	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Michael Hughes	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	Interest identified as the executor for the late Charles Tabor 25/06/2024
Michael Sidney Mowle	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Michele Jacqueline Holmes	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Mick Cummins	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Mick Innis	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Mike Cavanagh	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Mimi Sofia Curran	No	Yes	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Moorhouse Farms Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Mortgage Agency Services Number Two Limited	No	Yes	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Murray Stephen Northover	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Natalie Louise Smith	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Natasha Sharon Bennett	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
National Highways Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
National Westminster Bank PLC	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Nationwide Building Society	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Neil Hassell Grover	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Nicholas David Lawrence	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Nicholas Halstead	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Nicholas Martin Watkinson	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Nicholas Paul Maestrani (Decd)	Yes	Yes	Cat 3	No	Interest has passed away.
Nicholas Peter Dundas Irvén	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Nick Bowingcoke	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Nicola Bolton	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Nicola Cullen	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Nigel Douglas Morrison	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Nigel Graham Dyson	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Openreach Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Patricia Ann Maycock	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Patricia Kathleen Hooper	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
Patricia Maestrani	No	Yes	Cat 3	Yes	
Patricia Toomey	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Paul Calkin	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Paul Chapman	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Paul Graham Stow	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Paul John Dimond	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Paul John Whittle	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
Paul Winter	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Paula Rosemary Mowle	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Pauline Jarrold	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Pauline Margaret Lifton	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Penelope Swift	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Penny Toleman	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Peter Barrat	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Peter Brian Searl	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Peter Hazell	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Peter Leslie Harris	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Peter Mills	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Philip Adcock	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Philip Douglas Reeve	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Philip John Hull	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Philip Maxey	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Prabananthan Pather	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Rachael Thackery	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Rachael Winter	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Rachel Dawn Butcher	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Rachel Dawn Edwards	No	Yes	Cat 3	Yes	
Rachel Mary Baldwin	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Raymond Peter Townsend	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Rebecca Mason	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	Interest identified as the executor for the late Charles Tabor 25/06/2024
Reedlands Farm Angling Club	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Rhiannon Wheeler	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Richard Blore	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Richard Burrell	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Richard Edward Smith	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Richard Harrison-Osborne	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Richard John Clachan	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Richard John Lord	Yes	No	Cat 1	Yes	
Richard John Pike	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Richard Louis Stephenson Clarke	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Richard Max	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Richard Noel	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Richard Waddingham	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Richard Walter Hull	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
Rickman	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Ricky Gerard Bomando	Yes	No	Cat 1	Yes	
Ricky Karl Oliver	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Robert Christmas	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Robert Church	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Robert Fairley Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Robert John Macaulay	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
Robert Max	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Robert Terence Barrett	No	Yes	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Robin Venables	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Roger Wheatley	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Roland Alan Knott	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Roland Stafford Brockman	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Ronald Pierce Traynor	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
Rosalind Potter	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Rosemary Gosnell	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Rosemary Waddingham	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Russell Gilbert	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Russell Johnson	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Ruth McAndrew	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Ruth Naomi Fernandez	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
S Smith	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Sally Anne Keegan	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Sally Gibbon	No	Yes	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Sally Jane Vagg	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Sally McAteer	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
Sam Worrallo	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Samuel William Lawrence	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Santander UK PLC	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Sara Blore	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Sara Carol Harrison-Osborne	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Sara Joan Grootenhuis	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Sarah Beckwith	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Sarah Jane Taylor	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Sarah Kate Lucas	No	Yes	Cat 3	Yes	
Sarah Sperring	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Scott Adams	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Sebastian Sperring	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Sentry Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Shane James Templeton	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Sharon Cheryl Brown	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Sharon Joy Bowers	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Sheik Kemal Kadar	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Shelley Louise Chandler	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Sheryl Janet Townsend	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Shirley Whiten	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Sidney Desmond Hutchby	Yes	No	Cat 1	Yes	
Simon Bernard Brown	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Simon Christopher Dodman	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Simon David Chidgey	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Simon David Martin-Redman	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Simon James Hutley	No	Yes	Cat 3	Yes	
Simon John Bennett	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Skipton Building Society	Yes	No	Cat 2	Yes	
South East Developments Ltd	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Spencer Leigh Brown	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Stairform	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Stanley Albert Mills	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Stephen Cole	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Stephen Frederick Charles Mills	No	Yes	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Stephen Michael Simmons	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Stephen Nigel Mangham	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Stephen William Sinclair	No	Yes	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Steven Cole	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Stewart Peter Innes	No	Yes	Cat 3	Yes	
Strutt & Parker (Farms) Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Stuart Mundy	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Stuart Southgate	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Sunny Day Homes Ltd	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Susan Beverley Patch	Yes	No	Cat 2	Yes	
Susan Carol Traynor	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
Susan Hudson	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Susan Kathleen Opperman	No	Yes	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Susan Looser	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Susanne Bowden	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
T&R Fairley	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
T. Fairley & Sons Limited	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
TC Gunfleet Sands OFTO Limited	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Tendring District Council	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Terence Arthur Manson	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Terence Harry Knight	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Tessa Christina Hinde	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
The Agricultural Mortgage Corporation PLC	Yes	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
The Churches Conservation Trust	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
The Co-Operative Bank PLC	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
The Executor Of The Estate Of The Late Brian Wilfred Lawrence	No	Yes	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
The Executor of The Estate of the Late Charles James Tabor	No	No	Cat 1	No	Charles Tabor has recently passed away. Was included within statutory consultation prior to passing away.
The Executor of the Estate of the Late Derrick Jack Lord	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
The Executor of the Estate of the Late Douglas Maitland Roberts	No	Yes	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
The Executor of the Estate of the Late Kerstin Jane Dimond	No	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
The Executor of the Estate of the Late Leonie Anne Shaw	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
The Executor of the Estate of the Late Margaret Marion Lord	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
The Executor of the Estate of the Late Marian Dorothy Burgoyne	No	Yes	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
The Executor of the Estate of the Late Nicholas Paul Maestrani	No	Yes	Cat 3	Yes	
The Executor of the Estate of the Late Stephen James McFarlane	No	Yes	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
The Frinton-On-Sea Golf Trust Limited	Yes	No	Cat 1	Yes	
The Incumbent Of The Benefice Of Ardleigh With The Bromleys In The County Of Essex In The Diocese Of Chelmsford And His Successors	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
The King's Most Excellent Majesty In Right Of His Crown	Yes	No	Cat 1	Yes	
The Occupier	No	Yes	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
The Occupier	No	Yes	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
The Occupier	No	Yes	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
The Occupier	No	Yes	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
The Woodland Trust	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Theresa Greyson	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Thorpe Park Solar Farm Limited	Yes	No	Cat 2	Yes	
Timothy David Logan	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Timothy Simon Ecott	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Timothy Wood	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Tony Robinson	No	Yes	Cat 2	Yes	
Tracey Hannah	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Tracey Jane Clary	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Tracy Jane Rampling	Yes	No	Cat 1	Yes	
Tracy-Lee Carter	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Trevor Michael Edwards	No	Yes	Cat 3	Yes	
Tri-ed and Tested Limited	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Trude Borrett	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
Tungsten Colchester Limited	Yes	No	Cat 1	Yes	
Valerie Frost	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Valerie Joan Roberts	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Veronica Helen Mellor	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Veronica Mary Patten	No	Yes	Cat 3	Yes	
Victoria Kunzer	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Victoria Maxey	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Virgin Money PLC	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Wayne Howlett	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary

Stakeholder	Stage 3 (statutory) consultation	Stage 4 (targeted) consultation	BoR Category	In Book of Reference?	Comments
Wendy Caroline Pryde	Yes	No	Cat 3	No	Removed following a refinement assessment of properties and interests the Applicant believes would or might be able to make a relevant claim.
Wendy Giles	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Wendy Harwood	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
William Francis Henry Gibbon	Yes	No	Cat 3	Yes	
William George Mitchel Hudson	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Wix Farms Poultry Ltd	Yes	Yes	Cat 1	Yes	
Yvonne Elizabeth Emily Hewitt	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Yvonne Jean Grover	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Zoe Redfearn	Yes	No	Cat 1	No	No longer within DCO boundary
Zurich Commercial Insurance	Yes	No	Cat 2	No	No longer within DCO boundary



NORTH FALLS


Offshore Wind Farm

APPENDIX C

C.9

Land Interest Questionnaire (LIQ) template

Five Estuaries OWF & North Falls OWF

Reference number: Number: Online Code: Description of land:	Title	
<p><i>Any personal data collected by Five Estuaries OWF & North Falls OWF will be dealt with in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.</i></p>		

1. Extent of the land

Does the land shown on the attached plan correctly show the area in which you have an interest? If not, please amend and return the Land Interest Plan to show the correct area:

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Your details

Please provide the details of the person(s) or organisation that have an interest in the land shown on the attached plan. Please amend/complete where necessary:

If the interest is held by you, what is your name?	Title e.g. Mr, Mrs: Full name:
Are you trading? If so, what name do you trade under?	
If the interest is held by an organisation, what is its registered name?	Registered name of organisation: Company/charity number:
Address (if you are an organisation, this should be the registered address): Alternative postal address (if applicable):	
Landline number	
Mobile number	
Email address	

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If you are an executor, trustee, partner of the person/company that has an interest in the land/property, please provide details of your name/address, and the names/addresses of any others with such an interest in the space provided below, or in the space provided in section 9 at the back of this questionnaire

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3. Your interest – The nature of the interest you hold over the land/property shown on the attached plan

Please indicate in the box below your interest in the land. If you have a joint or shared interest, please note this and add details of the other interested parties in section 6

What is the nature of your interest in the land? e.g. freehold, (shared) leasehold, tenant. If other, please give details	
Do you occupy the land/property? If you do not, please provide details of who does in section 6	

The following three questions are only applicable if you are a leaseholder. If you are not a leaseholder, please mark as N/A and move onto section 4

What is the term (length) of the lease or tenancy (if known)?	
If known, what date did the lease commence?	
What part of the overall land/property does the lease apply to? e.g. does the lease also include any additional buildings or parking spaces? If so, please describe here and identify on the attached plan	

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We are required to keep these details up to date, and land/property often changes hands. Therefore, where known and not confidential, please provide details of any prospective purchase of the land/property

- 4. Please provide details, where known, of any other individuals or organisations who might acquire an interest in the land/property over the next 6 months e.g. someone who might buy or lease it**

Full name/s:	
Address:	
Telephone number:	
Email address:	
Details of the current situation:	

Please continue onto section 9 at the back of this questionnaire if required

- 5. Please confirm what the land is used for e.g. residential, commercial etc. Please also confirm if the land is used as a common, allotment(s), a public garden, a disused burial ground or used for the purposes of public recreation in any way. Please provide details in the space below or in the space provided in section 9 at the back of this questionnaire**

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6. Other interests

Are there any other people or organisations that have an interest in the land/property? For example:

- If you pay rent, please provide the name and address of the person(s) to whom rent is paid e.g. landlord or freeholder
- If you rent out the land/property, please provide the names of these leaseholders, tenants, licence holders e.g. mooring or fishing, advertising hoardings etc
- Please provide information (including names and addresses) related to anyone with drainage rights
- Please provide the names and addresses of anyone with rights e.g. rights of access, including shared access ways, options to purchase, cautions, restrictive covenants, rent charges, peppercorn rents or easements over the land/property

Nature of interest e.g. landlord, tenant, rights of access, caution etc	
Full name:	
Address:	
Telephone number:	
Email address:	
Do they occupy the land/property?	

Please continue onto section 9 at the back of this questionnaire if required

The following section relates to mortgages or charges over the land/property. We can check this information in the registered title at HM Land Registry, but if you have recently obtained a mortgage or changed your mortgagee, this information may not be accurate or up to date

7. Is your interest subject to any mortgage or equitable interest?

Name:	
Address:	
Mortgage reference: (please DO NOT provide your bank account details)	

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SCHEDULE OF UNKNOWN INTERESTS

- 8. Please see below a schedule of unknown interests relating to this title. Please provide the name and/or address of any interests where possible**

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- 9. If the property's water supply is from a well, borehole or other source aside from a mains supply please provide details.**

- 10. Please provide details of any environmental schemes (eg: Countryside Stewardship) that the land is subject to?**

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11. Are there any details about you or the land/property that you want us to be aware of?

Additional information

[illegible]

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The information contained within this questionnaire is both complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge

Name (please print):

Signed:Dated:

Should you require any assistance completing this form, please contact a member of the Dalcour Maclaren land referencing team on 01869 352725 or ve-nf@dalcourmaclaren.com and they will be happy to assist.

You can complete and return this schedule in the following ways:

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<https://form.jotform.com/222921563624354>

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- In the post using the enclosed prepaid envelope or send to:

Land Referencing Team
Dalcour Maclaren
1 Staplehurst Farm
Weston on the Green
Oxfordshire
OX25 3QU

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Land Occupier Questionnaire (LOQ) template

LANDOWNER QUESTIONNAIRE

Our Ref:

1. Extent of the land

Does the land shown shaded red on the attached plan correctly show the area of your ownership?

☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, please amend attached plan to show correct area)

2. Your details

Please provide the details of the person(s) or organisation completing this form. Please check the details and amend if necessary:

Full name	
Do you trade under a different name?	Trading as:
If you are responding on behalf of an organisation (e.g. company, partnership or charity), what is its registered name?	
Address (if an organisation, this should be the registered address)	
Telephone	
Email address	

3. Your agents/surveyor's details

If you are proposing to instruct an agent/surveyor to act on your behalf, please provide their details:

Name and/or firm	
Address	
Telephone	
Email address	

4. Owners and occupiers of the land with the Title Number:

Who is the owner of the land? Please provide the names and addresses of all trustees and executors if applicable	
Who occupies the land? If it is not the owner, please provide the name, address and contact details of the occupier.	
Who is the primary contact in relation to this land?	

LANDOWNER QUESTIONNAIRE

5. Other interests - Are there any other people or organisations who have an interest? (including any informal agreements not in writing)

e.g. rights of access (including shared access ways), options to purchase, cautions, restrictive covenants, rent charges, public rights of way, grazing rights, shooting rights, subsoil/mineral rights, manorial rights or easements (e.g. for gas or water mains) over the land.

Please provide details of any other people or organisations with an interest in the land:

Nature of interest e.g. rights of access, easement, caution etc	
Title & full name or name of organisation	
Address	
Telephone	
Email address	

6. Land Use - Please identify on the attached plan the current land use for the fields:

Arable land/temporary grass leys with an 'A'

Woodland with 'W'

Permanent pasture with 'P'

Other uses e.g. game cover, garden, ponds etc.....

7. Survey Access

Please confirm your permission for North Falls and their contractors to carry out any non-intrusive walkover surveys. Non-intrusive walkover surveys are normally carried out on foot and include things such as Topographical surveys and Habitat Surveys.

Non-intrusive walkover survey access permitted ☐ Yes ☐ No

SMS Text Message Notification prior to surveys permitted ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you need to be notified prior to the non-intrusive walkover surveys being complete, please confirm who we should contact:

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Any special access requirements or risks to be aware of:

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8. Additional Information

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Template landowner introductory letter



«ProperOfficer»
«Addressee»
«AddressLine1»
«AddressLine2»
«AddressLine3»
«AddressLine4»
«AddressLine5»
«AddressLine6»

Our Reference: 208886_«PartyID»
Date: 12th February 2021

Dear «Salutation»

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Development Project: Introduction and Request for Title Information (Questionnaire)

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Ltd is a new joint venture company set up to develop a new offshore wind farm located off the East Anglia coast and in the southern section of the North Sea. North Falls Offshore Wind Ltd is a company owned in equal shares by SSE Renewables and RWE.

In September 2020, The Crown Estate granted North Falls Offshore Wind Farm the necessary seabed rights to investigate and to develop a new offshore wind farm (neighbouring the existing operational Greater Gabbard Wind Farm, also owned by SSE Renewables and RWE) on a site between 22 and 54 kilometres offshore and covering two separate areas of seabed totaling 150km². The North Falls Offshore Wind Farm shall be considered a National Significant Infrastructure project (NSIP) for planning purposes and shall be assessed accordingly by the planning authorities.

An onshore grid connection location has yet to be confirmed by the National Grid and we have been informed that this process could take a further 12 months to complete. In the meantime, North Falls Offshore Wind Ltd plan to commence survey work to environmentally and technically evaluate a broad area of search onshore, which we consider could be suitable to accommodate the grid connection substation and associated cable route needed to connect the windfarm to the National Grid. The assumption we have made is that an area of North Essex is potentially suitable for this purpose. Following a search of the Land Registry, we have identified you as a person with an interest in land within the area we have identified.

Over the coming months preliminary investigations into environmental, social, commercial and technical constraints will be taken into account as we determine whether or not the identified area is indeed suitable for our needs. Information and input will be sought through ongoing engagement and consultation with stakeholders, including you, which will be critical to refinement of our plans.

We would be grateful if you could confirm your land interest details in the accompanying questionnaire so we can ensure that you are kept up to date and consulted on project proposals. Dalcour Maclaren has been appointed as consultant land agents to undertake this initial consultation on behalf of North Falls Offshore Wind Ltd. Hence, Dalcour Maclaren will be your main point of contact for our project.

Enclosed you will find a plan(s) and pre-populated landowner questionnaire(s) and we would be grateful if you could return these documents to Dalcour Maclaren in the enclosed pre-paid envelope or to the email address below once you have checked and, where necessary, added any details and your preferred method of contact. Please note that although land or property you may own has been identified within our search area, this does not mean you will be directly affected by the project.

It should be noted that because National Grid have not yet confirmed our grid connection location **our plans could change** – we will of course update you if this is the case. Once we have obtained your questionnaire, we may subsequently seek your permission to undertake non-intrusive (pedestrian access only) environmental surveys on your property to identify potentially sensitive habitats/receptors, and to generally improve our understanding of the area. Such arrangements are usually administrated via a License arrangement and Dalcour Maclaren maybe back in contact with you later this month.

If you have any general questions, please contact the North Falls Project Team at Dalcour Maclaren on 01622 623025 or via e-mail: NorthFalls@DalcourMaclaren.com. Alternatively, you can write to Ellie Dakin at Dalcour Maclaren, 1 Staplehurst Farm, Weston on the Green, Oxfordshire, OX25 3QU. For further information about North Falls, please visit the project website: <https://www.northfallsoffshore.com>.

In the meantime, we look forward to receiving your completed questionnaire in the accompanied pre-paid envelope, or should you prefer, we can issue you with an electronic version that can be populated and emailed to the above address.

Yours sincerely



Daniel Harper BSc (Hons) MRICS
Consents Manager
North Falls Offshore Wind Farm



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Spring 2022 Edition 1 community newsletter



Welcome to the first newsletter for North Falls, an offshore wind project now under development

North Falls is a proposed offshore wind farm development with its offshore site in the southern North Sea and its onshore infrastructure likely to be located in North Essex. The offshore site is between 22 and 43 kilometres from the coast and is split across two zones that together total 150 km².



The location of the onshore infrastructure is dependent on a grid connection from National Grid but the location where the projects' offshore cables would come to shore is likely to be between Frinton-on-Sea and Clacton-on-Sea.

North Falls is an extension project to the existing 504MW Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm and is owned in an equal joint venture by two major energy companies: SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables.

Development started in late 2020 when the manager of the seabed, The Crown Estate, awarded the project with what is called an 'agreement for lease'. Since that time the project team has appointed consultants and contractors, carried out onshore and offshore surveys, engaged statutory consultees and held an initial introductory online consultation.

Development work will continue into 2023, with the application due to be submitted later that year.

Consultation is key

North Falls undertook an introductory consultation in late 2021, with the information and a summary of the feedback received now available to view on our website. Also on the website is a new 'frequently asked questions' page, which covers topics and issues that were brought up by numerous consultees during the consultation.

To the broad offshore wind-related questions, there was an overwhelming majority in favour of renewables, including offshore wind, and its key role in the UK's energy security and in combatting climate change. There were common queries around ecology and the environment, including birds, marine life and ancient woodlands, as well as around impacts of the project during construction and the need for ongoing consultation and the importance of being kept

informed. There was also a large interest in ensuring that jobs, skills training and supply chain opportunities have a strong local focus.

The introductory consultation was only the first of at least three consultation phases for the project, with the below programme setting out when local communities will next be able to take part in the process.

Autumn 2022

Pre-application Consultation 1

Prior to commencing the Preliminary Environmental Information Report

2023

Pre-application Consultation 2 and Final Pre-application Consultation

In between consultations, we welcome questions and insights via the contact details listed on the last page.

The Project Onshore



Scoping the project

The North Falls Scoping Report, presenting early project proposals and describing the development process, is now on the project website. Submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consultation and stakeholder feedback last year, it details the proposed approach to development including how potential impacts to the existing environment will be assessed.

Included in the report is the project’s onshore scoping area, where the onshore infrastructure is likely to be located. Since its publication, the project team has narrowed down options within the wide scoping area for the landfall location, onshore cable corridor and permanent substation site.



1

Number of onshore substations



18m

Maximum onshore substation height



Up to 70m

Estimated onshore cable route width



200m x 250m

Maximum onshore substation footprint



High voltage alternating current
Electrical connection type

Surveying the environment



Local wildlife including butterflies such as this Brown Argus will be surveyed for the project.

Onshore environmental surveys, the basis of the project’s environmental impact assessment (EIA), are well underway.

The EIA is a systematic approach to understanding the wind farm’s potential environmental, social and economic impacts and to setting out how to reduce any adverse impacts. EIAs aim to protect the environment by ensuring that planning authorities, when deciding whether or not to grant planning permission, are fully aware of potential effects and take these into account in their decision making.

Collecting data is a vital part of an EIA and over the past 18 months North Falls has carried out initial onshore bird and ecology surveys, with further surveys now underway and due to be completed by September this year. The survey data will be used to help refine the project proposals and also to identify mitigation measures, which will be included in the Environmental Statement that will be submitted with the planning application.

The Project Onshore

Locating the landfall

Identifying the location of the landfall – where the wind farm's offshore export cables would come to shore – will be a key activity for the project in 2022.

The initial landfall search area, between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea, was defined after thorough engineering and environmental reviews and surveys. These considered constraints including offshore designated sites, nature reserves, land use, historic features and technical feasibility.



Beach huts at Frinton-on-Sea.

Consultation feedback and the assessment of further data will ensure that the project team is well placed to identify the most suitable site. During construction there will be work compounds located near the landfall but there will be no visible infrastructure in the longer term.

Landowner Liaison

As a key stakeholder group, landowners potentially impacted by the onshore element of the project will receive requests for access, information and details direct from our appointed land agents, Dalcour Maclaren. If you are a landowner and would like to discuss the project, their details can be found on the last page.

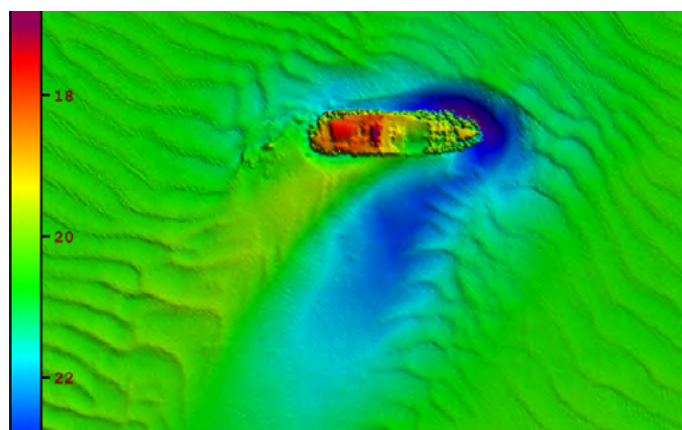
The Project Offshore



Geo-data specialist Fugro carried out seabed surveys at the array site and along the proposed export cable routes.

Offshore surveys identify wrecks

Offshore surveys have been underway since March 2019, with two years of bird and marine mammal surveys completed along with around four months of geophysical and benthic assessments. The geophysical surveys identified numerous ship and submarine wrecks that will be avoided, including the HMT Resono (pictured below), a trawler from Grimsby that was hired in 1914 as an auxiliary patrol vessel, but hit a mine and sank in 1915.



Surveys this year will include offshore vessel traffic to review the types and numbers of vessels sailing in the area near the project's proposed arrays, and the export cable route. The data will feed into the planning process to help design the offshore cable route, location of the offshore substation and turbines, and construction methodologies.

The Project Offshore

Up to 70 turbines across two sites

North Falls will comprise up to 70 offshore wind turbines located in an offshore array that is split into two separate areas taking into account existing major shipping routes. All the offshore infrastructure, including the turbines, the substation and the array cables connecting them, would be located within the boundaries of the northern site, covering approximately 21 km², and the larger southern site of 130km².

The electricity generated by North Falls will be transmitted to shore by export cables which will be located within an offshore export cable corridor that has been narrowed down to an area north of the Margate and Long Sands Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Kentish Knock East Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ), with a small overlap with the Outer Thames Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA) as it nears land.



150km²

Total area of turbine arrays



Up to 70

Maximum number of wind turbines



0.5 – 3m

Target minimum cable burial depth where buried



2

Max number of offshore substation platforms

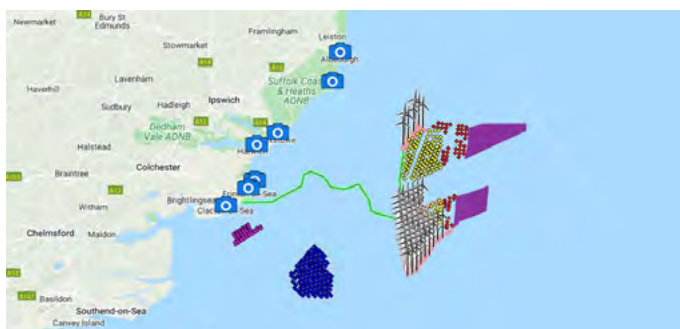


22.5km

Distance to shore (closest)

3D visualisation of the offshore wind farm

To see how the wind farm could look from various coastal viewpoints and in different weather conditions, North Falls commissioned a 3D visualisation model. To view the model visit the Development page of the project website.



Fisheries Liaison



The local fisheries industry is a key stakeholder group for the project and so the project has appointed dedicated fisheries consultants, Brown & May Marine Ltd.

Any fisheries-related stakeholders who would like to discuss the project, can contact them via the details on the last page.

North Falls The Project

Why build another offshore wind farm?

As well as helping to protect the environment and contributing to the UK’s net zero ambitions, North Falls will play a role in helping to stabilise the nation’s energy prices and improving its energy security.

By generating more electricity from offshore wind, the UK will be less reliant on international energy imports, for example oil and gas, and therefore more self-sufficient. It will also become less susceptible to global price fluctuations in such commodities, which should lead to reduced costs for consumers. The project will also bring numerous local benefits by way of jobs, skills support, use of local supply chain and community involvement.

As an extension project, North Falls would aim to emulate the initiatives of its sister project Greater Gabbard and therefore create similar, if not greater, socio-economic benefit which included:

- A total investment of around £1.5 billion and a new facility was constructed in Lowestoft, Suffolk for the project’s operations and maintenance base.
- Creation of around 100 long-term, skilled jobs to operate and maintain the wind farm, with 95% of those recruited from the local area.
- Hundreds of jobs created during construction.
- Recruitment of 10 apprentices, eight pipeline trainees and junior engineers and engagement of ex-fishermen on crew transfer vessels as part of the drive to find locally skilled people to fill roles.
- Investment of more than £250,000 in community funds and local training initiatives.



Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, operational since 2012.

Potential benefits



More than £1.5bn

Potential investment in
UK energy infrastructure



50GW by 2030

Contributing to the UK government’s
ambitions of 50GW offshore wind by 2030



400,000

Homes equivalent to be provided
with clean green energy

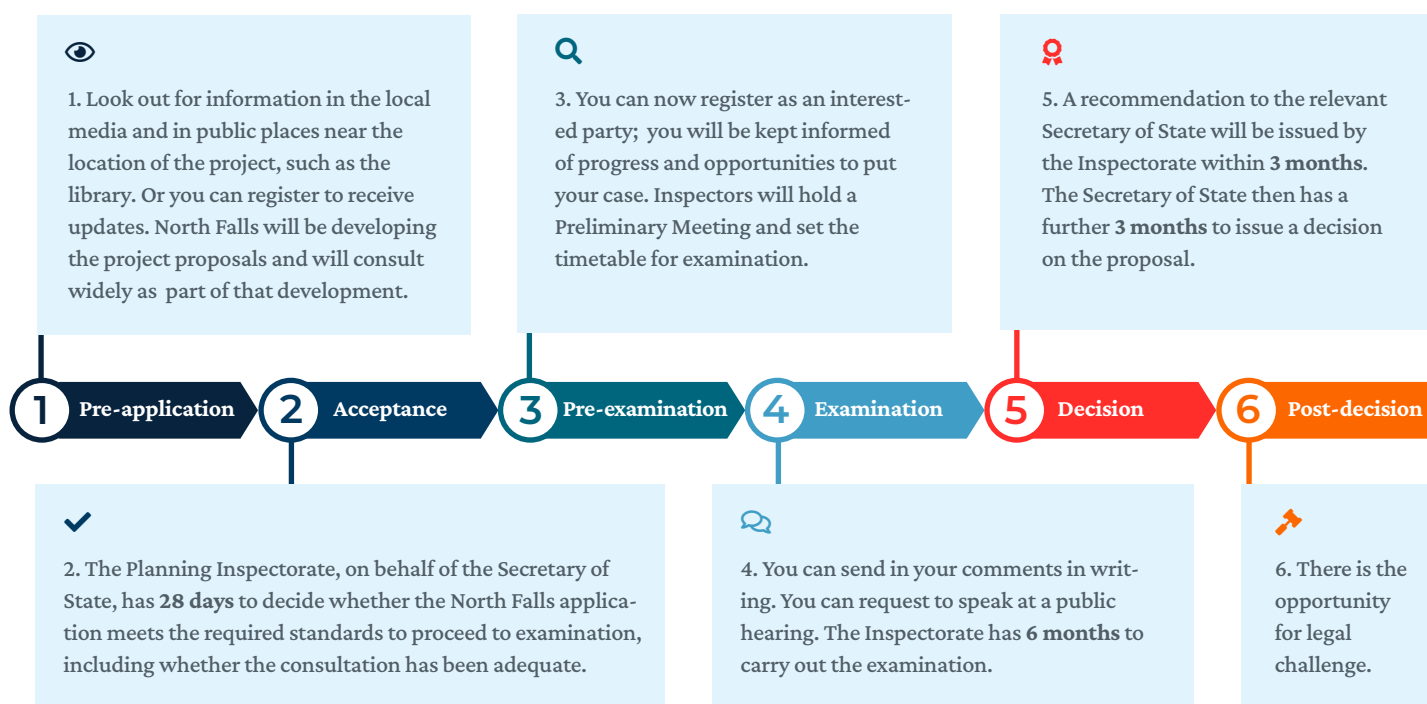
A nationally significant infrastructure project

As a large-scale energy project, North Falls is classified as a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP) which means it will need a 'development consent' under procedures governed by the Planning Act 2008. Where a development consent is granted, it is made in the form of a development consent order (DCO).

The agency responsible for operating the planning process for NSIPs is the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). PINS examines applications for development consent and will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will make the decision on whether to grant or to refuse development consent. For North Falls this will be the Secretary of State at the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

There are six steps to the NSIP planning process, with North Falls now in stage one or 'pre-application'. This will continue until the project application is submitted to, and accepted by, PINS, anticipated to be the last half of 2023.

Application Process The Six Steps



Contact North Falls

To sign up for future newsletters or email updates please email your details to contact@northfallsoffshore.com; call (24/7) **0800 254 5340** or post to: **Freepost North Falls**, indicating your preference for electronic or printed copy.

Landowners

Landowners should contact the project's land agent: Dalcour Maclaren, 20 Hollingworth Court, Turkey Mill, Ashford Road, Maidstone, Kent ME14 5PP E: northfalls@dalcourmaclaren.com T: 01622 623025

Fisheries

Fisheries related queries can be directed to our fisheries consultants: Brown & May Marine Ltd, Progress Way, Mid Suffolk Business Park, Eye, Suffolk, IP23 7HU E: northfalls@brownmay.com T: 01379 772871

For more information about North Falls visit the project website: www.northfallsoffshore.com



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*Announcement for new project director
on Project website*

North Falls welcomes new Project Director

North Falls has today welcomed new Project Director Andy Paine to lead the team as the work progresses towards submission of the project's development consent order application in 2023.

Andy is a Chartered Mechanical Engineer and Fellow of the I. Mech. E. with over 20 years' experience in the development and delivery of energy projects. Having worked on coal and gas-fired power station development, onshore wind and offshore wind he has worked with the whole range of challenges that project development can bring.

Holding senior development management positions with ALSTOM Power, RES and ESB, Andy joined Vattenfall in 2012 as the Co-Project Director for the Vattenfall/Scottish Power joint venture for the 'Round 3' East Anglia Zone. He has held various development management positions with Vattenfall including, more latterly, assessing the feasibility of multi-purpose interconnector projects between UK and Netherlands.

Andy has been a director of EEEGR and was instrumental in the formation of the East Wind Offshore Wind Cluster. He has also sat on a number of industry groups over the years including most recently National Grid Transmissions Independent User Group where he had unique insight into their plans for engagement and delivery of grid investment plans for the East coast.

He said: "I'm looking forward to joining North Falls as the independent Project Director. Both RWE and SSE are major players in the UK offshore wind sector and North Falls is a great opportunity to build on these established positions and support the UK's decarbonisation targets.

"Of course, every project will have its challenges and I'm really looking forward to working with the project team and our stakeholders to develop and deliver the project."



Andy Paine to lead the North Falls team



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*North Falls feature in Essex Careers Magazine
following a student visit to a stage 2
(pre-application) consultation event*

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Offshore wind for the next generation

With climate change, high energy costs and security of supply issues, offshore wind has moved front and centre of the UK's energy policy, with ambitions to have 50 gigawatts installed by 2030. But this won't happen without thousands of people joining the industry workforce over the coming years.

Where better to start encouraging new workers than in secondary schools? Tendring Technology College, for example, recently saw students visiting the Thorpe-le-Soken public consultation held by developing project North Falls Offshore Wind Farm.

Offshore wind is still a relatively new sector, with the first commercial project not yet 20 years old. However, it is a rapidly growing sector as anyone living in Essex can see, with a number of operating projects already off the coast and others in development.

One of these projects, North Falls, has recently completed its second community consultation on its plans. These have included five face-to-face events at locations along the proposed onshore buried cable route from Frinton-on-Sea to a proposed substation site near Ardleigh.

North Falls is an extension project to the existing 504 MW Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, and is being developed in the southern North Sea, more than 40km off the Essex coast. It is currently in planning, with its application due to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in 2023.

The project team invited a group of Year 9 students to attend its consultation to find out more about the project, offshore wind and the wide range of careers the sector offers.

Careers in offshore wind

There are more than 100 different types of job roles in the sector, each with unique entry pathways, whether it be via an apprenticeship route, technical studies, a university degree or higher qualification. These include positions as diverse as archaeologists, ecologists, engineers, wind turbine technicians, marine biologists, vessel crews, geologists and health and safety experts.

The Tendring Technology College students visiting the North Falls team were on the cusp of selecting their GCSE subjects. Design & Technology teacher Graham Higgs was keen to give them a glimpse of a sector they may not have considered when thinking about their subject choices and future careers.

He said, "With the opportunity just around the corner from the school it was perfect to show the students a real world project, happening locally in real time that represents many possibilities, and to bear this visit in mind when choosing their subject options for the coming two years."

Informed inspiration

The students were given a tour around the consultation materials which covered the project's story so far, rationale for offshore wind, the onshore and offshore elements and also how to provide feedback on the project proposals at this stage in its development. They also had the chance to 'visit' a wind farm via virtual reality headsets.

The project's onshore consents manager Jo Pickard said, "We really hope the information we provided to the students about everything that goes into planning and developing a new offshore wind farm might inspire them to at least consider the sector as one they might like to explore in the future."

Article by **Sue Vincent** of North Falls Offshore Wind Farm.

For more on the project, visit the [North Falls website](#).

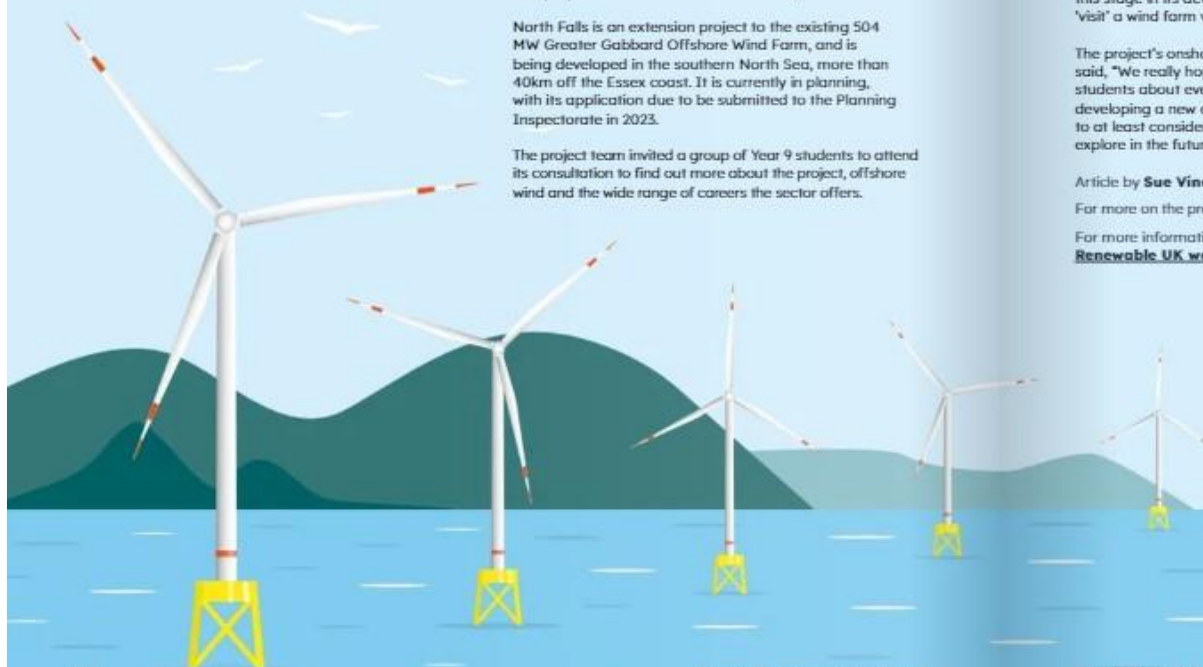
For more information on offshore wind careers, visit the [Renewable UK website](#).



Two students enjoying their virtual visit to an offshore wind farm



North Falls' Jo Pickard and Grace Hart talking with the students



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The offshore wind energy industry is set to create thousands of new jobs at existing wind farms, those under construction and projects still in planning.



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Fisheries newsletter Edition 2



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UPDATE FROM NORTH FALLS

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited (North Falls or ‘the Project’) is a 50/50 joint venture company owned by SSE Renewables and RWE.

It is a proposed extension to the southern array of the existing Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, and is being developed in the southern North Sea approximately 40 kilometres (km) off the East Anglia coast.

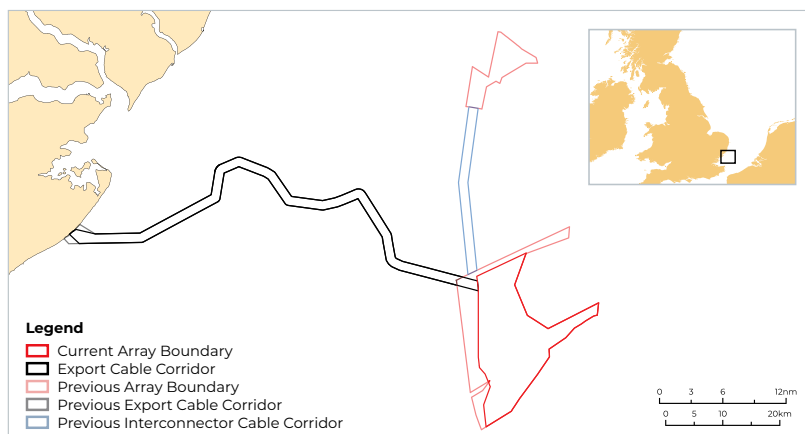
The Project has been through three previous stages of consultation: two non-statutory consultations and one statutory consultation, focused on the Project’s Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which concluded on 14 July 2023. The Project is also currently undertaking a further targeted consultation on proposed localised changes to its onshore project area.

The site previously comprised two offshore array areas (the northern and southern arrays), totalling approximately 150km. Following the Project’s 2023 statutory consultation the decision was made to remove the whole of the northern offshore array area. This decision followed consideration of consultation feedback, including that of fishers, as well as further technical, engineering and environmental work. The offshore project area now comprises one offshore array area (the southern array), which has also been refined, and totals 95km².

This decision will mitigate effects relating to landscape and visual impact, particularly on the Suffolk and Essex Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, seascape, shipping and navigation, offshore ornithology and benthic ecology.

It will also reduce the total number of turbines by approximately 20% and the spatial footprint by approximately 36%, which will minimise overall impacts on the fishing community. The removal of the northern array and reduction in size of the southern array means the offshore Project area no longer overlaps with the Kentish Knock MCZ.

North Falls’ landfall location is anticipated to be between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea. This location has been identified following thorough engineering and environmental reviews and surveys that considered offshore designated sites, nature reserves, land use, historic features and technical feasibility.



Map showing the previous PEIR offshore boundary alongside the proposed Development Consent Order (DCO) offshore boundary.

The Project’s maximum number of turbines has reduced from 72, as presented in the PEIR, to a maximum of 57. North Falls is currently reviewing three options for its grid connection point:

OPTION 1

An onshore electrical connection at a National Grid connection point within the Tendring peninsula of Essex, with a project alone onshore cable route and onshore substation infrastructure.

OPTION 2

An onshore electrical connection at a National Grid connection point within the Tendring peninsula of Essex, sharing an onshore cable route (but with separate onshore export cables) and co-locating separate project onshore substation infrastructure with Five Estuaries.

OPTION 3

An offshore electrical connection, supplied by a third-party provider. Option 3 was introduced because North Falls is committed to working with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) to explore grid connection options and as such has cooperated with the Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR) process.

Subsequently, North Falls, National Grid Electricity Transmission (Sea Link) and Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm have been working together to explore the potential for offshore coordination as part of the OTNR ‘Early Opportunities’ workstream. The aim of the scheme is to develop and explore the feasibility of coordinated options for offshore transmission infrastructure.

The consortium has completed a series of studies and assessments to determine the feasibility of a coordinated offshore connection. This work considers economics, engineering and regulatory challenges, logistics and programme delivery aspects.

While this work continues, options 1 and 2, with a connection point within the Tendring peninsula of Essex, are the only grid options provided by National Grid and currently available to North Falls.

WORKING GROUP FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

The Commercial Fisheries Working Group (CFWG), established by the Project in 2021, is a forum where information can be exchanged, and open discussions held for the mutual benefit of both the fishing industry and the Project. The group holds meetings to cover updates on the Project and to outline any future offshore activities, as well as to provide information on offshore working practices and options for coexistence and mitigation measures through discussions on consent-related documents, such as the Fisheries Liaison and Coexistence Plan (FLCP). The CFWG is run by North Falls' fisheries liaison officers, Brown & May Marine, who can be contacted via the details at the bottom of this page.

Engagement with fisheries stakeholders was reduced in 2022 and 2023 due to requests from fishers to avoid meetings when there are no material updates. The Project is keen to increase its

engagement with fishers as it progresses towards submission of its Development Consent Order (DCO) application in July 2024 and through subsequent examination.

Through increased engagement, the Project is committed to ensuring the fishing industry is aware of the Project's plans and the opportunities to engage with the Project moving forward.

This includes the run up to application submission and the Project's examination phase, which fishers will be able to participate in by submitting relevant representations for careful consideration by the Examining Authority.

At the next CFWG meeting, the Project will outline how it intends to engage with fisheries stakeholders in the coming months.

CONSULTATION WITH FISHERIES STAKEHOLDERS TO DATE

The Project has undertaken non-statutory and statutory consultation and engagement with fisheries stakeholders to date.

The Project conducted online and in-person CFWG meetings in 2021 and 2022. In 2023, fisheries stakeholders were consulted as part of the Project's statutory consultation, which included its PEIR.

The engagement and feedback received from fishers during non-statutory and statutory consultation will be documented in detail in the Project's Environmental Statement, as well as its Consultation Report. Both of which will be submitted as part of the Project's DCO application.

As noted above, however, feedback received from the fishing industry and others during the Project's statutory consultation has influenced the decision to remove the Project's entire northern array, and associated interconnector, and to reduce the size of its southern array.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

North Falls intends to submit its application to the Planning Inspectorate in July 2024. If the Project's application is successful, it's anticipated that development consent will be granted in 2025. Additionally, an Outline Fisheries Liaison and Coexistence Plan (OFLCP) is being developed, the purpose of which is to facilitate a positive approach to coexistence between the Project and the commercial fishing industry.

The OFLCP will provide an outline of the approach to fisheries liaison and coexistence during the Project's construction, operation and decommissioning phases, helping to mitigate potential effects on the fishing industry as far as possible.

North Falls will be consulting the fishing industry on the draft OFLCP in the coming months and prior to the submission of its DCO application. This document will be finalised post consent and in consultation with fisheries stakeholders.

Fisheries Enquiries

For fisheries-related enquiries, please contact our fisheries consultants:

E: northfalls@brownmay.com

T: 01379 772871

Brown & May Marine Ltd, Progress Way, Mid Suffolk Business Park, Eye, Suffolk IP23 7HU

General Enquiries

For general enquiries, please contact:

E: contact@northfallsoffshore.com

T: 0800 254 5340

For more information about North Falls, please visit the Project website: www.northfallsoffshore.com



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Scoping Report available online


DOCUMENTS

PEIR DOCUMENTS


View all documents comprising our Preliminary Environmental Impact Report:

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PINS – August 2021

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Letter requesting
Scoping Opinion – July
2021

 *14th September 2021*
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Report – July 2021

 *17th March 2021*
North Falls project
overview map (version 2)

 *4th March 2021*
North Falls offshore array
site coordinates – March
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*North Falls sister Greater Gabbard
turns 10 press release*

North Falls' sister project Greater Gabbard turns 10



Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, sister project to North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, celebrates its 10-year anniversary of generating clean energy today, Wednesday 7 September.

All 140 turbines of the joint venture between SSE Renewables (50%) and RWE (50%) have been operational since September 2012 and in the last 10 years, they have generated enough renewable energy to power the equivalent of over 400,000 UK homes each year.

Located in the North Sea, around 20km off the coast of Suffolk, the 504MW Greater Gabbard has produced over 17,487GWh so far which has helped significantly reduce carbon dioxide emissions and contribute to the UK Government's net zero ambitions.

A total of around 100 jobs have been created to support the wind farm's operation, with 95% of those recruited from the local area. This was in addition to the hundreds of jobs created during construction. Greater Gabbard has engaged 10 apprentices since the start of operation, offered junior engineer roles and employed ex-fishermen on crew transfer vessels as part of the drive to find locally skilled people to fill roles. SSE Renewables is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the wind farm, based out of the dedicated Greater Gabbard Operations and Maintenance base at Lowestoft in Suffolk.

"The wind farm was a pioneering project for the UK offshore wind industry and for many years the 140-turbine site was the largest wind farm under development world-wide.

"It not only continues to play a crucial role in achieving net zero targets, but it has provided jobs in the local area since coming into operation 10 years ago. The Lowestoft base is currently home to over 120 team members which is predominantly made up of local people, including a number of apprentices. Future plans include delivery of a five-year trainee plan which will further grow the apprentice numbers of our Greater Gabbard Operations and Maintenance Team.

"The next exciting phase to this wind farm is the Greater Gabbard extension project, known as North Falls. Also a joint venture between SSE Renewables and RWE, the extension has been awarded an Agreement for Lease for up to 504MW from The Crown Estate. North Falls has the potential to build on Greater Gabbard's already successful legacy in the East of England."

– Glynn Fereday – Operations Manager for Greater Gabbard



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Coverage of Good Neighbour Agreement

Two UK Offshore Wind Farm Extension Projects Sign 'Good Neighbour Agreement'

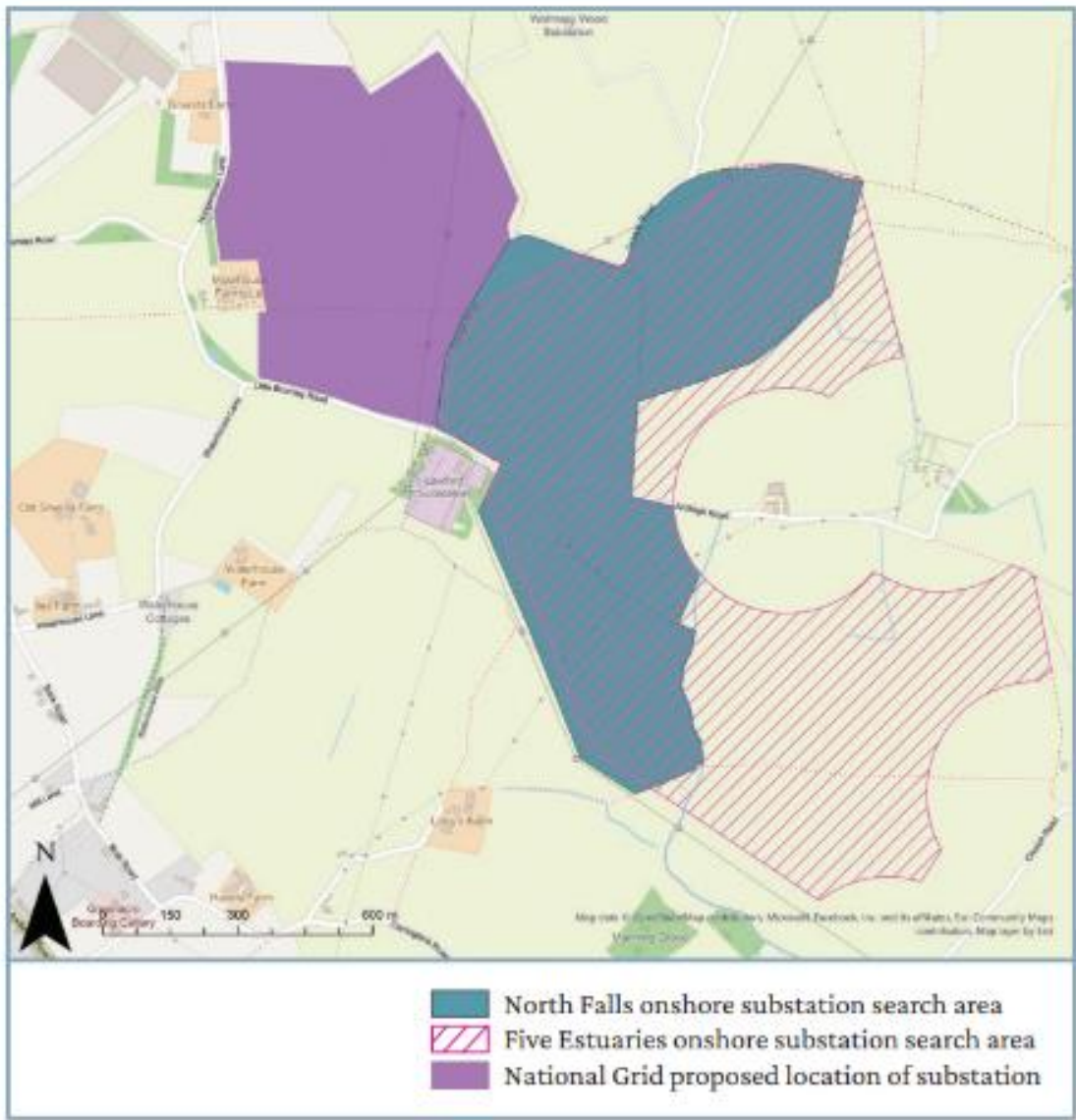
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September 12, 2023, by Adrijana Buljan

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The North Falls and Five Estuaries offshore wind projects, both extensions to existing offshore wind farms, have signed what is called a "good neighbour agreement" with regard to their connections to the UK grid.



Map showing the search areas for the North Falls and Five Estuaries onshore substations along with the proposed location of the National Grid substation; Image: North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited

The agreement enables closer liaison, information sharing and joint planning, and is a result of feedback gathered through public consultation, which has shown a preference for more cooperation and coordination between the two projects on the landfall location, onshore corridor route, substation location and stakeholder engagement.

This is according to [a newsletter published by North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited](#), the joint venture company owned 50/50 by SSE and RWE, which has also just announced several significant changes to the project plans following statutory consultation. RWE, on behalf of its partners, is also leading the Five Estuaries project, whose statutory consultation closed in May and [yielded the same feedback regarding the onshore grid connection](#).

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Under the now-signed “good neighbour agreement”, each project has reduced the maximum number of export cable circuits it will include from four to two, which will result in the reduction of impacts both onshore and offshore, particularly during the construction phase, according to the North Falls joint venture.

Furthermore, the combined construction corridor is now proposed to be 90 metres wide, rather than the previous width of up to 250 metres.

North Falls also recently decided on the location of its landfall construction compound, which is now planned to be closer to Five Estuaries announced preferred landfall.

The Five Estuaries offshore wind project has also recently selected its preferred substation search area which now overlaps with North Falls’ substation search area.

“Towards the end of this year, both projects will jointly engage with local communities, particularly those near the onshore substation location, to present how the infrastructure could look in combination and to provide an update on the project proposals”, the North Falls joint venture said in the recently published newsletter.

The North Falls project is a proposed extension to the existing 504 MW Greater Gabbard offshore wind farm of a similar capacity. As reported earlier, RWE and SSE Renewables have made several changes to the project plans following statutory consultation, including removing the northern array area and reducing the number and height of wind turbines. Since the work on implementing the changes into the project plan will take some time, the companies are now likely to move the planned date for filing a development consent order (DCO) application into 2024.

The proposed Five Estuaries offshore wind farm is an extension to the operational Galloper offshore wind farm and has a potential capacity of up to 353 MW. Same as the developers of the North Falls offshore wind farm, the Five Estuaries project consortium now also anticipates submitting the DCO application in early 2024, rather than at the end of 2023, following a review of the consultation feedback.



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*Stage 4 (targeted) consultation letter
following close of consultation*



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Our Reference: 208886_

Contact:
contact@northfallsoffs
shore.com
0800 254 5340

Date: xxxx 2024

*North Falls Offshore Wind Farm
Targeted Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008*

Dear xxxx,

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm has recently completed a targeted consultation (14 March to 22 April 2024). Following the completion of the targeted consultation, you have been identified as having an interest within North Falls' proposed development area. Due to your interest being identified following the conclusion of the targeted consultation period we are inviting you to provide feedback, should you wish, between **29 May and 26 June 2024**.

Beneath the line below we have included the original letter sent to consultees in respect of the targeted consultation, edited according to the adjusted consultation period we're providing you. All the information remains relevant and we would encourage you to read this letter alongside the consultation brochure enclosed. If you would like to provide feedback, you can complete and return the feedback form enclosed, write to us at **FREEPOST North Falls**, or send an email to **contact@northfallsoffshore.com**. Should you have any questions, please either email or call **0800 254 5340**. More information can be found at <https://targetedconsultation.northfallsoffshore.com>.

Please be assured, while any feedback you may provide will be received after the formal close of our targeted consultation, it will be carefully considered and treated in exactly the same way as any feedback received between 14 March and 22 April 2024.

We are writing to consult with you on the proposed North Falls Offshore Wind Farm ('North Falls' or 'the Project'). This Project is being promoted by North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited, company number 12435947, with a registered office at Windmill Hill Business Park,

Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire SN5 6PB ('the Applicant'). North Falls is an equal joint venture between SSE Renewables and RWE. The Applicant is carrying out this targeted consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act') and you have been identified as a consultee for this purpose.

If you were identified as a consultee at the time, we may have previously consulted you on our proposals for North Falls, including our formal statutory consultation on the proposed Development Consent Order (DCO) application and the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). This statutory consultation ran between 16 May and 14 July 2023.

Since the close of the statutory consultation in July 2023, the proposed DCO application for North Falls has continued to develop, which has resulted in additional land being included within the proposed DCO application boundary. This targeted consultation is being carried out specifically in relation to this additional land, as further detailed below and in the accompanying consultation materials.

This targeted consultation began on 14 March 2024 and closed at 11.59pm on 22 April 2024.

Details of how to respond to the consultation are outlined below. The consultation brochure enclosed provides more information and additional information can also be found in our PEIR Addendum – a supplement to the PEIR that focuses specifically on the proposed localised changes, including the additional land, as presented in the enclosed brochure. This can also be found to view and download free of charge on the Project's consultation website: **targetedconsultation.northfallsoffshore.com**.

Project Description

North Falls is a proposed offshore wind farm located in the southern North Sea, approximately 42 kilometres from the East Anglia coast at its nearest point. An offer from National Grid for an onshore grid connection in Tendring, North Essex, has been accepted. This is approximately 24 kilometres from the landfall location between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea. North Falls is set to support the UK government's target of 50 gigawatts (GW) of installed offshore wind capacity by 2030.

The key offshore components the Project comprises:

- Up to 57 offshore wind turbine generators (reduced from PEIR) and their associated foundations;
- Up to two offshore platforms and their associated foundations to facilitate the export of electricity via the Project's offshore export cables;
- Subsea cables:
 - Array cables between the wind turbine generators and offshore substation platform(s);
 - Export cables between the offshore substation platform(s) and landfall; and
- Scour protection around foundations and subsea cables where required.

The key onshore components the Project comprises:

- Landfall;
- Onshore export cables and associated link boxes;
- Onshore substation; and
- Connection to the national grid.

There are three options for transmission infrastructure:

- Option 1: Onshore electrical connection at a National Grid connection point within Tendring, Essex, with a Project alone onshore cable route and onshore substation infrastructure;
- Option 2: Onshore electrical connection at a National Grid connection point within Tendring, Essex, sharing an onshore cable route and onshore cable duct installation, but with separate onshore export cables, and co-locating separate project onshore substation infrastructure with Five Estuaries; or
- Option 3: Offshore electrical connection supplied by a third-party electricity network provider.

Further information on the Project, including the PEIR Addendum and other materials supporting this targeted consultation, is available to view and download free of charge via the documents page on the Project's consultation website:

targetedconsultation.northfallsoffshore.com/documents

Application for a DCO

The Project will have a generating capacity exceeding 100 megawatts (MW) and is therefore classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), for which a DCO is required. The Applicant therefore intends to submit a DCO application which will contain full details of the Project. North Falls is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development and will therefore be accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with the Act and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

It is anticipated the proposed DCO will, if granted and among other things, authorise:

- The construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of an offshore wind generating station and associated development comprised in the Project;
- The compulsory acquisition of land, and imposition of restrictions, powers to override, suspend or extinguish rights over land and the temporary use of land;
- The application, modification and / or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project including that relating to the compulsory acquisition of land; and
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and / or convenient.

The Project is currently in the pre-application phase of the DCO application process. In accordance with the Act, the Applicant is required to consult on the proposed application prior to submission and have regard to consultation responses. This targeted consultation forms part of that process. A Consultation Report outlining the consultation processes undertaken, and

how the Applicant has had regard to responses, will be included in the DCO application documents.

If the DCO application is accepted, the Planning Inspectorate will process and examine the application and make a recommendation for approval or refusal to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. The final decision to approve or refuse the application will be made by the Secretary of State.

Targeted Consultation on North Falls

As noted above, pre-application statutory consultation was originally undertaken by the Applicant on the proposed DCO application, including the PEIR, between 16 May 2023 and 14 July 2023.

Feedback received has been considered and used to develop the Applicant's proposed DCO application. As a result of this feedback, as well as further engineering, road safety, environmental, and technical work, some additional areas of land have been added to the proposed DCO application boundary which were not included at the time the statutory consultation on the PEIR was carried out.

In addition, the Applicant has further developed its plans in relation to construction access to its onshore cable corridor and its proposed onshore substation zone, both to facilitate construction of the Project and allow future operational maintenance access throughout the Project's lifespan. This includes road widening and improvements to sections of Bentley Road and where Bentley Road adjoins the A120. The widening and improvements have resulted in additional areas of land being added to the proposed DCO application boundary.

The additional areas of land required are shown on pages 10-19 of the consultation brochure enclosed and more information can be found in the PEIR Addendum. In summary, the additional areas of land comprise:

- Additional land required at National Grid Electricity Transmission's (NGET) proposed substation site, the East Anglia Connection Node (the Project's National Grid Connection Point), to align with land ownership boundaries;
- 10 locations where we require additional land to make localised changes to the onshore PEIR boundary to accommodate the onshore cable corridor at Little Clacton Road, south of Walton Road, north of Tendring Road, and between Barlon Road and Spratts Lane, as well as access to temporary construction haul roads;
- 14 locations where we've identified access points for operating and maintaining the onshore electrical connection throughout the Project's lifespan;
- Inclusion of 11 construction traffic visibility splays, where we need a wider area of hedgerow adjustment to meet the requirements of road safety audits and the current proposals for construction access points, allowing safe movement of traffic between the public highway and the onshore cable corridor;
- 12 proposed locations of temporary construction compounds (TCCs); and

- Improvements and widening of Bentley Road to facilitate the Project's construction, as well as potential use of Bentley Road for maintenance during the Project's operational lifespan.

Please note that this information is considered up to date at the time the targeted consultation takes place, however this is an ongoing process, and the Applicant's red line boundary will be confirmed at the point of DCO application.

Consultation Materials

The consultation materials supporting this targeted consultation are:

- Targeted consultation brochure (enclosed), which provides a non-technical overview of the localised changes, including additional land, to the Project, as well as plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed changes;
- Feedback form, enclosed for you to complete and return to us. There is a digital version of this feedback form on the Project's consultation website if you would prefer to submit your feedback electronically;
- PEIR Addendum, a supplement to the PEIR which considers the likely significant effects of the proposed changes. This is available to view and download free of charge on the consultation website; and
- Consultation website, which hosts digital versions of the consultation brochure, PEIR Addendum, and feedback form. It also includes an interactive map, where you can zoom in, search by postcode, explore the updated proposals in more detail and provide feedback.

These materials are available to view and download free of charge via **targetedconsultation.northfallsoffshore.com**.

The PEIR chapters and reports, including documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of North Falls, can be accessed directly under the 'Documents' tab of the North Falls website and at the following link: **northfallsoffshore.com/peir**. Please note that the EIA is an ongoing process and the information contained within the PEIR is subject to change as the design of the Project develops.

Alternatively, copies of the documents can be requested by calling **0800 254 5340** or by emailing **contact@northfallsoffshore.com**. These contact details can also be used for any enquiries relating to the documents, plans and maps accompanying this consultation.

Electronic copies of the documents on a USB stick can be requested free of charge. Paper copies of the targeted consultation materials and the PEIR Non-Technical Summary can be provided on request free of charge. Due to the size of the PEIR, a charge of £3,500 would be applied for a paper copy, to cover the production costs.

How to Respond to the Consultation

Your response to this consultation must be received no later than **11.59pm on 26 June 2024**. Responses received after this time may not be considered.

If you would like to provide feedback as part of this targeted consultation, you can do so by using the following methods:

- Completing the feedback form enclosed and returning it free of charge by following the instructions on the back page of the form;
- Sending an email to **contact@northfallsoffshore.com**; or
- Sending a letter to our freepost address: **FREEPOST North Falls**.

When providing your response, please include your name and contact details and confirm the nature of your interest in the Project.

Please note that representations received and any accompanying personal data, such as the names of persons over 18, may be made public. If you do not wish personal information to be made public, you should state that when submitting your representation. Responses and personal data may be provided to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate or other relevant statutory authorities in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008. To find out about how the Applicant will manage your personal data please refer to our Privacy Notice: **consultation.northfallsoffshore.com/privacy**.

Yours sincerely



Daniel Harper

Consents Manager

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm



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*List of stakeholders contacted at stage 1
(introductory) consultation launch*

Essex County Council

- Cllr Mark Stephenson
- Cllr Mick Skeels
- Cllr Paul Honeywood
- Cllr Alan Goggin
- Cllr Mark Platt
- Cllr Ivan Henderson
- Cllr Dan Land
- Cllr Carlo Guglielmi
- Cllr Lesley Wagland

Tendring District Council – Ward members

- Cllr Neil Stock
- Cllr Peter Harris
- Cllr Jeff Bray
- Cllr Nick Turner
- Cllr Terry Allen
- Cllr Kanagasundaram King
- Cllr Colin Winfield
- Cllr Michael Bush
- Cllr Delyth Miles
- Cllr Lynda McWilliams
- Cllr Gary Scott
- Cllr Ann Wiggins
- Cllr Alan Coley
- Cllr Valerie Guglielmi
- Cllr Zoe Fairley
- Cllr Dan Casey
- Cllr James Codling
- Cllr Mary Newton
- Cllr Peter Cawthron
- Cllr Alex Porter
- Cllr John Chittock
- Cllr Gina Placey
- Cllr Paul Clifton

Parish Council – Chairs

- St Osyth Parish Council - Sonia Grantham
- Great Bentley Parish Council - Pippa Dennitts
- Weeley Parish Council - Christine Hamilton
- Little Bently Parish Council - Philip Mariano Suarez
- Tendring Parish Council - Ted Edwards
- Great Oakley Parish Council - Yvonne Bailey
- Wix Parish Council - Guy Nelson
- Thorrington Parish Council - Pam Sadler
- Frating Parish Council - Terry Cuthbert
- Alresford Parish Council - Frank Belgrove
- Elmstead Parish Council - John Gray
- Great Bromley Parish Council - Fred Nicholls
- Little Bromley Parish Council - Jonathan Buxton
- Mistley Parish Council - Charlotte Howell
- Bradfield Parish Council - Kreon Wynn
- Beaumont Parish Council - Alan Roebuck
- Thorpe-le-Soken Parish Council - Daniel Land
- Frinton and Walton Parish Council - Ann Oxley
- Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council - Robert Passmore

MPs

- Harwich and North Essex - Bernard Jenkin MP
- Clacton - Giles Watling MP
- Suffolk Coastal - Therese Coffey MP
- South Suffolk - James Cartlidge MP

Suffolk County Council

- Planning Officer - Andy Rutter
- Development Manager - Graham Gunby

East Suffolk Council

- Senior Energy Projects Officer - Grahame Stuteley

Essex County Council

- Principal Planning Officer (Major Development and New Communities) - Mark Woodger
- Chief Executive Officer - Gavin Jones
- Programme manager - Nicholas French
- Growth and Development Manager - Matthew Thomas

Tendring District Council

- Regeneration Manager - Tom Gardiner
- Graham Nourse – Planning Manager

In addition – and acknowledging that this was not a statutory consultation – the following organisations were contacted in their capacity as statutory stakeholders:

- Marine Management Organisation
- Marine Management Organisation (NeuConnect)
- The Crown Estate
- Natural England
- Maritime and Coastguard Agency
- Port of London Authority (PLA)
- Harwich Haven Authority (HHA)
- Port of Felixstowe
- Harwich International Port
- HM Coastguard
- Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA)
- Historic England
- JNCC
- Ministry of Defence – Offshore Safeguarding team
- Defence Infrastructure Organisation
- Trinity House
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Chamber of Shipping
- NATS Safeguarding
- RSPB
- Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society
- The Wildlife Trusts
- Essex Wildlife Trust
- The Woodland Trust

- National Trust
- Essex Coast Organisation
- Royal National Lifeboat Institution
- Royal Yachting Association
- Cruising Association
- Cefas
- ABP Ports
- UK Hydrographic Office
- Kingfisher
- Local fisheries
- National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations
- Environment Agency
- Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd
- Relevant Statutory Undertakers
- National Grid Electricity Transmission
- NeuConnect Britain Ltd
- BritNed Development Ltd
- Century Link
- National Grid
- Royal National Lifeboat Institute
- Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex
- Tendring District Council
- Frinton and Walton Parish Council
- Thorpe-le-Soken Parish Council
- Little Clacton Parish Council
- Essex County Council
- Highways England
- Public Health England
- Health and Safety Executive
- NHS England
- North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group
- Coal Authority
- Canal and River Trust
- Forestry Commission (East and Midlands)
- North Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust

- East Of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust
- Colchester Borough Council
- Babergh District Council
- Suffolk County Council
- Hertfordshire County Council
- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
- Thurrock Council
- London Borough of Enfield
- London Borough of Waltham Forest
- London Borough of Redbridge
- London Borough of Havering
- Royal Mail
- NATS
- Homes England
- Great Oakley Parish Council
- Great Bentley Parish Council
- Elmstead Parish Council
- Great Bromley Parish Council
- Ardleigh Parish Council
- Mistley Parish Council
- Lawford Parish Council
- Tendring Parish Council
- Beaumont-cum-Moze Parish Council
- Bradfield Parish Council
- Wix Parish Council
- Frating Parish Council
- Weeley Parish Council
- Little Bentley Parish Council
- Little Bromley Parish Council
- St. Osyth Parish Council
- Highways England Historical Railways
- Estate
- Affinity Water
- Anglian Water
- Cadent Gas Limited

- Last Mile Gas Ltd
- Energy Assets Pipelines Limited
- ES Pipelines Ltd
- ESP Networks Ltd
- ESP Connections Ltd
- Fulcrum Pipelines Limited
- Harlaxton Gas Networks Limited
- GTC Pipelines Limited
- Independent Pipelines Limited
- Indigo Pipelines Limited
- Leep Gas Networks Limited
- Murphy Gas Networks limited
- Quadrant Pipelines Limited
- National Grid Gas Plc
- Scotland Gas Networks Plc
- Southern Gas Networks Plc
- Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Limited
- Galloper Wind Farm Limited
- Five Estuaries Offshore Windfarm Limited
- Eclipse Power Network Limited
- Last Mile Electricity Ltd
- Energy Assets Networks Limited
- ESP Electricity Limited
- Forbury Assets Limited
- Fulcrum Electricity Assets Limited
- Harlaxton Energy Networks Limited
- Independent Power Networks Limited
- Indigo Power Limited
- Leep Electricity Networks Limited
- Murphy Power Distribution Limited
- The Electricity Network Company Limited
- UK Power Distribution Limited
- Utility Assets Limited
- Vattenfall Networks Limited
- Eastern Power Networks Plc
- UK Power Networks Limited

- Diamond Transmission Partners
- Galloper Limited
- Greater Gabbard OFTO Plc
- National Grid Electricity Transmission
- Plc
- TC Gunfleet Sands OFTO Ltd
- Medway Council
- Maldon District Council
- Rochford District Council



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*Contact with stakeholders at stage 1
(introductory) consultation launch*

As a valued local stakeholder, I am writing to invite you to take part in our first online consultation to provide feedback on the early proposals for North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, being developed in the southern North Sea more than 20km off the UK coast.

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm covers a total area of 150km² and is an extension project to the existing 504 MW Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm. It is being developed by a 50/50 joint venture company owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables.

From today - Monday 25 October - we will be running an online consultation with feedback being invited, either through our website or via freepost, by Friday 10 December.

Plans for the offshore wind farm are at an early stage and while the offshore site of the wind farm has been agreed, the location of the onshore infrastructure is yet to be determined as a grid connection location for the project has not yet been provided by National Grid.

It is likely this connection will be located in North Essex and this initial consultation is therefore designed to introduce the general principles of the project to local people and gather preliminary feedback. There will be further opportunities to offer views on more detailed plans as part of future consultations.

You can find out more by visiting [Introducing North Falls - North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Consultation](#) – where you will be able to register and provide your valuable input and feedback. You can also access it via the website.

We would be very grateful if you could take the time to review the proposals to date and give us your views.



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*Press release publicising stage 1
(introductory) consultation launch*

25th October 2021

Initial consultation on wind farms plans to date now open

- *North Essex communities are being invited to find out more about the proposed offshore wind farm and provide their feedback online via the project's consultation portal*
- *Consultation on early plans launches on Monday 25 October and runs until Friday 10 December 2021*

THIS CONSULTATION IS OPEN FROM 25 OCTOBER TO 10 DECEMBER 2021

Please visit www.northfallsoffshore.com to find out more and provide your feedback. You can also email your comments to contact@northfallsoffshore.com.

THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS 10 DECEMBER 2021

People across North Essex and the surrounding region have been invited to provide their feedback on early proposals for North Falls Offshore Wind Farm – a project that is being developed in the southern North Sea more than 20km off the UK coast.

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm covers a total area of 150km² and is an extension project to the existing 504 MW Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm. It is being developed by a 50/50 joint venture company owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables.

This early consultation on the plans will be conducted online, with information about the project being published on the project website from Monday 25 October. Feedback is then being invited, either through the website or via freepost, by Friday 10 December.

Plans for the offshore wind farm remain at an early stage but the project will generate much needed green electricity for the UK, as well as unlocking a range of socio-economic benefits – such as skilled new jobs and supply chain opportunities for local businesses.

While the offshore site of the wind farm has been agreed, the location of the onshore infrastructure is yet to be determined, because a grid connection location for the project has not yet been provided by National Grid.

However, it is likely this connection will be located in North Essex and this initial consultation is therefore designed to introduce the general principles of the project to local people and gather their initial feedback. There will be further opportunities for local people to offer their views on the plans in more detail as part of future consultations and the formal consenting process.

Martin Whyte, Project Manager at North Falls, says: “North Falls is set to play a key role in the UK’s net zero ambitions, and while we do not yet have an onshore grid connection, we wanted to share our plans to date with local communities. We will be able to give further details next year, however as engagement with local people is important to us, we wanted to introduce the project now, share the information we have and start to gather early input.

“Our need to cut emissions and decarbonise our energy generation network is being brought into sharp focus by the UN Climate Change Conference, COP26, which starts in Glasgow next week. Recent issues around energy security have also highlighted the need to develop further home-grown sources of energy generation here in the UK.

“But the focus of this initial consultation is to introduce the North Falls project to local communities in and around North Essex, share the information we have available at this early stage and give people a first opportunity to give us their views.”

The consultation is open from Monday 25 October to Friday 10 December 2021. To find out more and register feedback, please visit www.northfallsoffshore.com. Feedback can also be sent by mail to **FREEPOST North Falls**. This is a freepost service, so no stamp is required.



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*Reminder press release publicising stage 1
(introductory) consultation*

Two weeks left to comment on North Falls introductory consultation

- Two weeks to go for North Essex communities wanting to provide feedback regarding the proposed wind farm
- Online consultation on early plans for the project runs until Friday 10 December 2021 via the consultation portal



The first consultation for the proposed southern North Sea offshore wind farm, North Falls, has two weeks left to run before it closes on Friday 10 December.

The team from North Falls Offshore Wind Farm encourages people from North Essex and surrounding areas to provide feedback on early proposals for the project that is being developed across a total area of 150km² located more than 20km off the UK coast.

The consultation opened in October and has been running for five weeks, with more than 50 responses received to date offering opinions and insights into the consultation itself, offshore wind technology and on specifics of the project including possible landfall locations between Clacton and Frinton-by-the-Sea, construction methods and how the local environment will be taken into account.

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The proposed project is an extension to the existing Greater Gabbard 504MW offshore wind farm and will generate much needed green electricity for the UK, while also contributing towards the economy by providing benefits such as skilled new jobs and supply chain opportunities for local businesses.

Feedback is invited, either through the dedicated consultation website or via freephone, email or freepost by Friday 10 December.

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm is being developed by a 50/50 joint venture company owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables.





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- Essex Wire (Business News)
- Renewable UK
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*Media coverage from stage 1 (introductory)
consultation launch press release:
Initial consultation on wind farm
plans to date now open*

North Falls developers kick off consultation

By: Tom Russell

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People across North Essex and the surrounding region have been invited to provide their feedback on early proposals for [North Falls](#) Offshore Wind Farm – a project that is being developed in the southern North Sea, more than 20 km off the UK coast.

North Falls is owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables, who have established a 50/50 joint venture company to develop the project. It is being developed on a site more than 20 km off the UK coast in the southern North Sea and covers a total area of 150 km². It is an extension project to the adjacent 504 MW [Greater Gabbard](#) wind farm which opened in 2013.

This early consultation on the plans will be conducted online, with information about the project being published on the [project website](#). Feedback is then being invited, either through the website or via freepost, by Friday 10 December.

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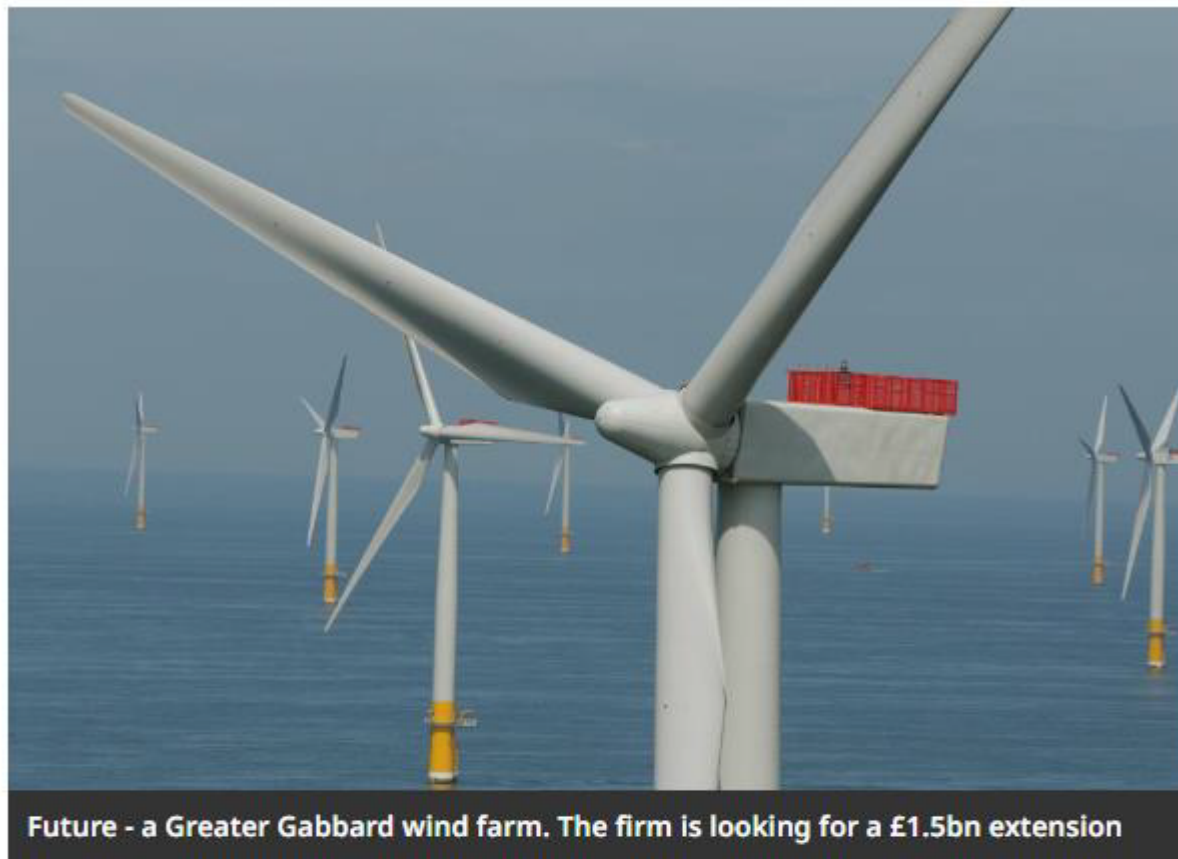
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To have your say and provide feedback, visit **consultation.northfallsoffshore.com**.

RWE, SSE Start Early Consultation for North Falls Offshore Wind Farm

WIND FARM UPDATE

October 26, 2021, by Adrijana Buljan

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Greater Gabbard offshore wind farm; RWE (archive)

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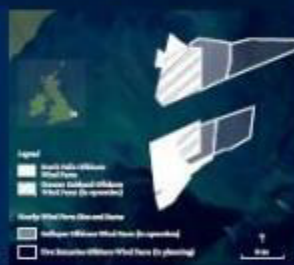
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Two weeks left for first North Falls feedback

The project is being developed by SSE and RWE and is an extension to 504MW Greater Gabbard project

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The first consultation for the proposed North Falls offshore wind farm in the southern North Sea off east England has two weeks left to run before it closes on Friday 10 December.

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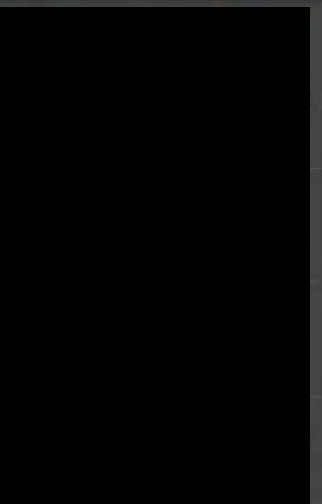
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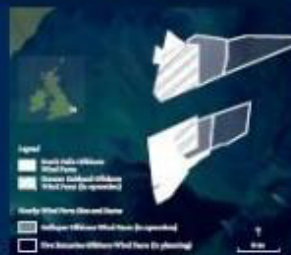
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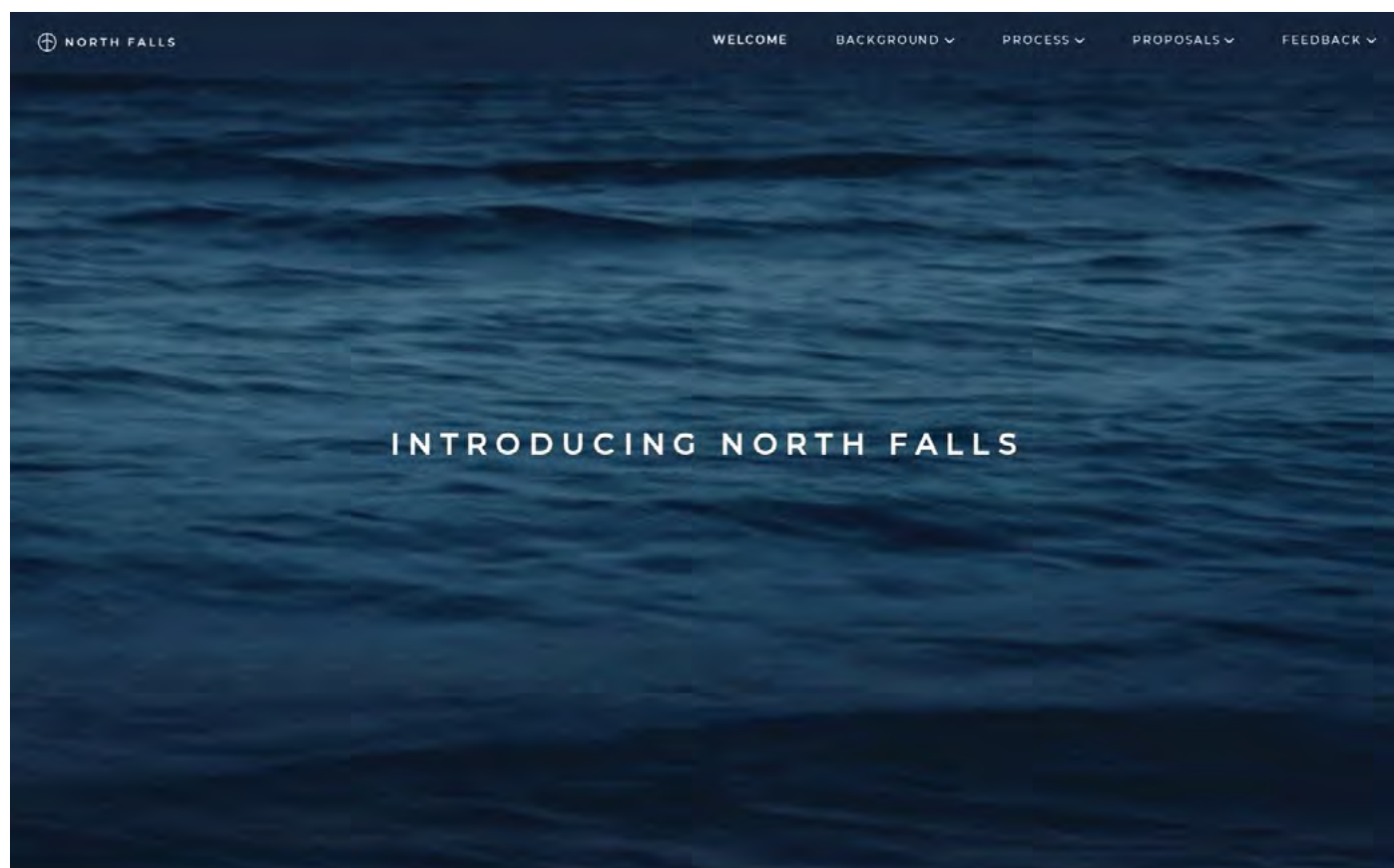
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Stage 1 (introductory) consultation website pages

Website at launch of consultation



Consultation now open

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, an extension project to the existing 504 MW Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, is being developed in the southern North Sea more than 20km off the UK coast.

The site is in two parts which together cover a total area of 150km². North Falls is being developed by North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited, a 50/50 joint venture company owned by SSE and RWE.

We are now seeking your views on the proposal so far as part of our first public consultation about the project. **This online portal will be open for feedback from Monday 25 October until Friday 10 December 2021.**

Initial consultation

This is an initial online consultation to introduce North Falls and invite comments on how we intend to progress the project and on the proposals to date.

There will be further consultations, including a statutory consultation, and opportunities to engage with us as the development continues, however through this introductory consultation we hope to give stakeholders the opportunity to learn more about the project and for us to gain an early insight into your opinions and thoughts.

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Introduction

Together SSE Renewables and JWH Renewables have been active in the East Anglia region since the organisations developed the Crown Estate Offshore Wind Farm, located 25km off the coast of Suffolk in the North Sea. The 400 megawatt (MW) project started construction in 2008 and at the time was the world's largest offshore wind farm. It has 140 wind turbines and was commissioned in September 2013. North Falls is an extension project to locate off-shore.



Extensions overview

In February 2017 The Crown Estate, managers of the seabed, launched a process for wind farm operators to apply for extensions to their existing projects. This opportunity closed in May 2018, with eight project applications received.

A prior level Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), was undertaken to assess the potential impacts of the proposed wind farm extensions on relevant nature conservation sites of European importance.

Eight independent advisors were notified and three were consulted with the statutory marine planning authorities, the statutory nature conservation bodies and a number of non-governmental stakeholders.

In August 2019, The Crown Estate announced the outcome of the HRA confirming that seven of the 2017 extension application projects, representing a total generating capacity of 2.8GW, would progress to the award of development rights, including what is now called North Falls Offshore Wind Farm.

The Agreement for Lease between North Falls Offshore Wind Farm and The Crown Estate was signed in Autumn 2019 and the project is now in the early stages of development with the aim of achieving a Development Consent Order (DCO) in 2025.

Construction would then take place in the latter part of the decade with a view to the project being operational by 2030, aligned to Government targets.

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High level programme	
Year	Action
2020 to 2023	Onshore and offshore surveys and studies, project planning and design, stakeholder consultation and community engagement undertaken, along with an Environmental Assessment and Project Level Habitats Regulations Assessment.
Spring 2023	Environmental Impact Assessment completed. Project Level Habitats Regulations Assessment completed.
Summer 2023	Development Consent Order and supporting environmental information submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.
2024/25	Planning Inspectorate makes recommendation to the Secretary of State. Secretary of State announces consent decision.
2025	Project design finalised, major component and construction contracts awarded and wind farm constructed.
2030	Wind farm expected to be operational by the end of the decade.

Key facts and figures

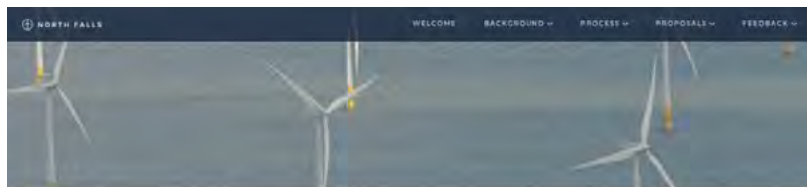


Neighbouring project

In close proximity to North Falls is Five Emancipators Offshore Wind Farm, the extension project to the existing 103MW Gullport Wind Farm, located around 100km off the East of England coast.

While Five Emancipators is a distinct and separate project from North Falls, given the project's adjacent locations, opportunities for co-ordination will be explored and implemented if practicable, commercially viable and within the relevant regulatory frameworks.

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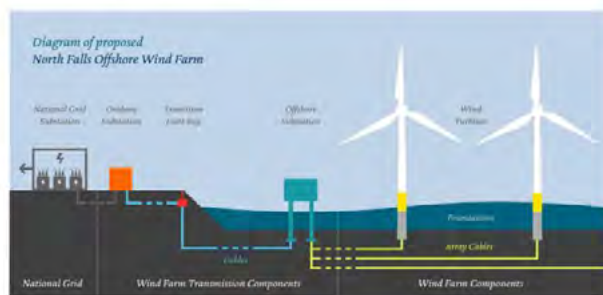
Scientists continue to see changes in the Earth's climate in every region and across the whole climate system, including continued rise in sea levels and dramatic climate events. The August 2021 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report, said the many of the changes are unprecedented in thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of years and that the role of human influence on the climate system is undisputed.

However, strong and sustained reductions in emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases would limit climate change. Some benefits – such as for air quality – would come quickly, while it could take 10 to 10 years to see global temperatures stabilise.

Offshore wind energy, generating clean, green electricity that powers millions of homes and businesses without burning fossil fuels, has a vital role to play in the fight against climate change. While reducing greenhouse gases is at the core, the onus is also on developers to ensure new offshore wind farms are built responsibly, sustainably and employing the most efficient technology.

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Offshore Wind in the UK

In the past 10 years the capacity of the UK's offshore wind farms has increased from only 1 gigawatt (GW) in 2010 to almost 16.5GW in mid-2021. The most pronounced form of offshore wind have been driven down by almost two-thirds, the sector directly employs more than 24,000 people, and it supplies on average around 10% of the nation's electricity. In short, the offshore wind sector has become one of Britain's most laudable industrial success stories.

However it is still a sector in its relative youth, with plenty of potential for further growth in the UK and export internationally. In 2020, the UK Government announced the ambition for the UK to install 40GW by 2030. This ambition aligns to the Climate Change Act, which commits the UK to achieving net zero by 2050.

The vision therefore is for offshore wind to generate enough electricity to power every home in the UK. This plan has emerged as a central plank of Britain's green recovery after the COVID-19 crisis, ensuring the nation "builds back better" as it works towards its 2050 climate goals. In October 2021, the UK Government released its Net Zero Strategy setting out how the nation will deliver on its commitment to reach net zero emissions by 2050.

While the green agenda needs to clear multiple hurdles to deliver on the promise of billions in investment and much-needed green jobs, projects like North Falls will play an essential role in reaching the targets. We intend to work closely with all our stakeholders, Government, local communities and the supply chain to ensure we make a positive contribution to the nation's net zero ambitions and economic prosperity.

[NET ZERO STRATEGY](#)

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Benefits of the Project

As well as helping to protect the environment and contributing to the UK's net zero ambitions, North Falls will bring numerous local benefits by way of jobs, local economy and community involvement. As an extensive project, North Falls would also stimulate the initiative of its other project Greater Gabbard and therefore create similar, if not greater, socio-economic benefits.

Greater Gabbard Benefits

Greater Gabbard represented a total investment of around £1.5 billion and a new facility was constructed in Lowestoft, Suffolk for the project's operations & maintenance base.

Around 100 long-term, skilled jobs were created to operate and maintain the wind farm, with 80% of those recruited from the local area.

These roles were in addition to the hundreds of jobs created during construction.

Greater Gabbard has engaged 10 apprentices since the start of operation, recruited eight pipeline trainees, offered junior engineer roles and employed ex-fishermen on crew transfer vessels as part of the drive to find locally skilled people to fill roles.

Since starting operation, the project has invested more than £250,000 in community funds and local training initiatives.

[GREATER GABBARD](#)





Developing North Falls

Nationally significant infrastructure project

As a large scale energy project, North Falls is classified as a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP). Developers intending to construct a NSIP must obtain 'development consent' under procedures governed by the Planning Act 2008. Where a development consent is granted, it is made in the form of a development consent order (DCO).

The agency responsible for operating the planning process for NSIPs is the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). PINS examines applications for development consent and will make a recommendation to The Secretary of State, who will make the decision on whether to grant or to refuse development consent.

For North Falls this will be the Secretary of State at the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

The National Infrastructure Planning process

The Planning Act 2008 process was introduced to streamline the decision-making for major infrastructure projects like North Falls, to make it fairer and faster for communities and applicants alike. To find out more about the process please visit the PINS website which gives a simple explanation of the stages of their process. We are currently in the pre-application stage of development.

The North Falls process

Now in development, North Falls is focussed on preparing our application for development consent.

Environmental impact assessment

The core of our current work is carrying out an environmental impact assessment (EIA). The EIA is a systematic approach to assessing the environmental, social and economic effects arising from our proposals. It will set out mitigation measures to reduce adverse impacts plus the results of further assessments with these mitigation measures applied.

The EIA provides a consistent approach to both the onshore and offshore development proposals.

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING



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Consultation

Consultation is a key element of the development process and will be crucial to the progress of the EIA. The project team will ensure that stakeholders are engaged in the development and have the opportunity to comment on the proposals at key decision making points.

The preparation and refinement of the North Falls proposals will be an iterative process. Those with comments or suggestions about the project can provide input throughout the development phase. However pre-application consultation periods, such as this, will be the main opportunity for stakeholders to review the plans, provide comments, submit feedback and have an influence on elements of the process or shape the project. At these defined consultation periods North Falls will ask for input related to specific elements on its proposals where stakeholders will be able to offer valuable insights.

Preliminary environmental information report and environmental statement

The preliminary results of the EIA are set out in what is called a preliminary environmental information report (PEIR). This document will form the basis of a future statutory consultation on the North Falls proposals and acts as a status report on both the EIA process and on the progress of the preparation of the development consent application.

The PEIR is a technical document covering the full range of what has been assessed, its impacts and proposed mitigations. Feedback given on the PEIR will be used to produce the final document required as part of the development process, the North Falls Environmental Statement. This document will accompany the final application when it is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

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Scoping the Project

North Falls submitted a scoping report to the Planning Inspectorate in July 2021. This presented early project proposals and described our development process including how any potential impacts to the existing environment will be assessed. By seeking early comments on the North Falls Scoping Report, the project team aims to ensure that the most robust and thorough environmental statement will be submitted to support our development consent order application in 2023.

The North Falls Scoping Report includes the most comprehensive picture of the project proposals to date. This consultation highlights key environmental and other areas of interest however it is recommended to read that report if you wish to gain an in-depth understanding of the proposed approach and the current proposals from the work to date.

The feedback received on this report from the relevant local planning authorities and statutory consultees resulted in a scoping opinion which is now available to be read here.

[SCOPING REPORT](#)[SCOPING OPINION](#)[ONSHORE SCOPING AREA PDF](#)[OFFSHORE PROJECT AREA PDF](#)

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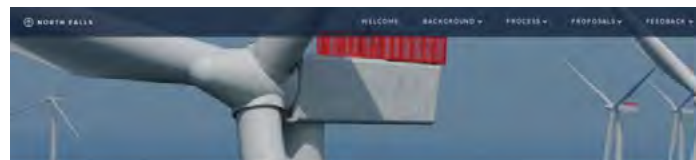
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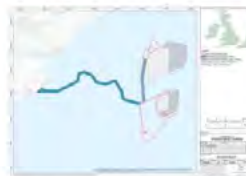
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The Project

The project descriptions for North Fails will be developed as work progresses, taking the various inputs from the ongoing exploration, geotechnical and environmental information report (EIR) and ongoing engineering and survey work and feedback from our consultations.

At this stage we can give a high-level summary of the key components, offshore array proposed offshore cable route and landfall, and an outline area of search for the onshore grid connection, where the project will connect to the national grid. As still to be determined by National Grid, we do not yet know the location of the project's onshore connection. This means the size of the onshore cables and size of the onshore substation are not yet known, although North Fails is the most likely location.



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Key Components

North Fails will consist of a number of wind turbines on foundations, with array cables connecting them to a single onshore substation. Marine export cables will bring the power to shore, where onshore cables will carry the power to an onshore substation. From here the power will be transmitted to the national grid.

To view what the wind farm could look like we have prepared this 3D interactive model with viewpoints from onshore locations. The model features the potentially smallest and largest turbines in our staging report, so you can compare the difference in potential visual impact by switching between the screens. Please read the instructions to ensure you get the most out of the model.



[INTERACTIVE 3D MODEL](#)

Turbines

As turbine technology is likely to evolve businesses and the possible start of construction for North Fails, we are looking in a range of sizes and numbers to build. The project has the potential to deploy 70 turbines, each comprising tapered rotor hubcaps and three blades attached to a nacelle housing, mechanical and electrical generating equipment.



Foundations

Each turbine and the offshore infrastructure will sit on top of a foundation. The type and design of foundations will be determined by site investigations and a geotechnical process, already project has been commenced. They may be monopiles, jackets, pile driven structures, concrete or gravity base structures.

Offshore Electrical Infrastructure

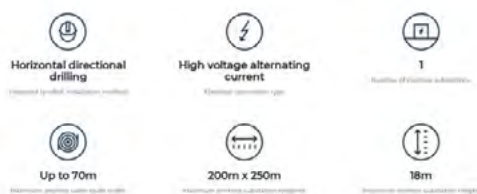
It will connect the array cables between the turbines offshore substation to the export cable bringing the power to shore.

The estimated length of array cables for North Fails is estimated to be 218km with the design around both the north and south sections. The array cables will be laid out from the turbines to the offshore substation and the design of the offshore substation will also be finalised during the design phase of the project.



Onshore Electrical Infrastructure

The onshore elements of North Fails will comprise burial cables carrying the power from the landfall point to a new onshore substation, which then transmits the electricity so it can enter the national grid via another substation to be determined by National Grid. From here it will be delivered to the national grid via a power line to a substation.

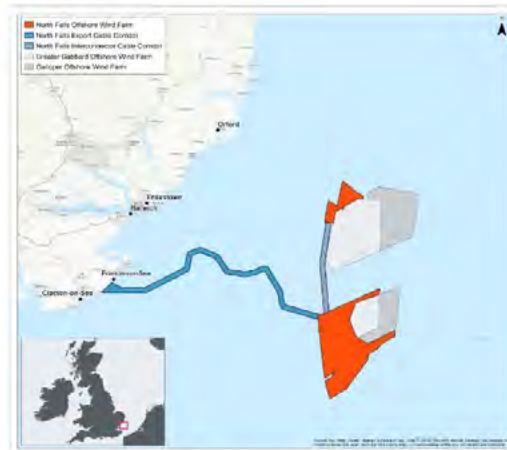


The Project: Offshore

The offshore project area lies within the Outer Thames Estuary, in the southern North Sea. Its closest point to land is 22km from the East Anglia coast.

Offshore site

Like our sister project Greater Gabbard, the North Falls array area is split into two separate areas, with boundaries to take the existing shipping route into account. It will be within these two boundaries that turbines, array cables and offshore platform (substation) will be installed. The northern site covers approximately 21 km² while the larger southern site covers approximately 130km².


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Export cable corridor

The electricity generated by North Falls will be transmitted to shore by export cables which will be located within an offshore export cable corridor. Our early planning works have identified a proposed corridor to run from the southern array area to a proposed landfall on the Essex coast between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea.

The proposed offshore export cable corridor passes to the north of the environmental designations Margate and Long Sands Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Kentish Knock East Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ), with a small overlap with the Outer Thames Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA) as it approaches landfall. A number of constraints were considered in the routing of the provisional offshore export cable corridor including: engineering feasibility; nature conservation designations; other offshore wind farms; shipping and navigation; dredging areas; existing infrastructure and wrecks. In addition to general shipping and navigation we have also taken into consideration other specific sea users in particular: fishing activity, aggregate and military use.

The project design also includes an interconnector cable between the northern and southern array areas.

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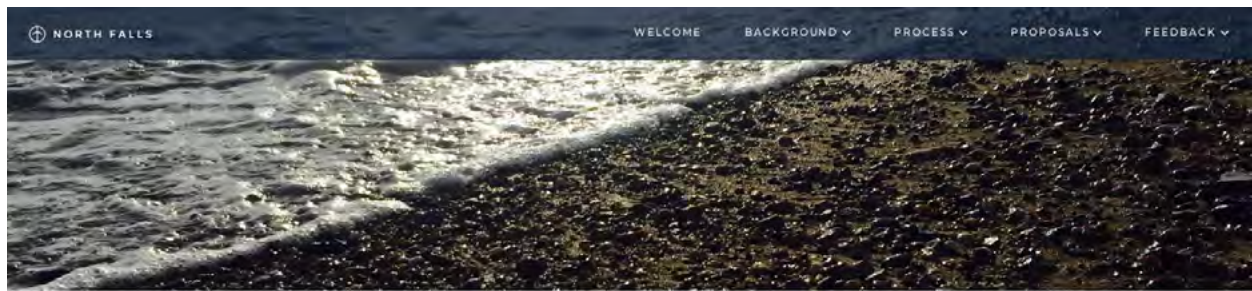
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The Project: Landfall

Landfall search area

The landfall search area - a section of coastline where the offshore export cable could come ashore - has been defined through a process of engineering and environmental review and assessment. This process has taken into account a range of constraints including designated sites, nature reserves, land use, historic features and technical feasibility, which has narrowed down the possible location to between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea. The precise landfall location will be selected during 2022 and the team will also incorporate relevant consultation feedback and environmental and engineering survey data.

There will be no permanent building at landfall, although there would be temporary disruption during the project construction. The objective is to keep any disruption to a minimum through the use of certain installation methodologies. At the landfall site it is proposed to use a technique called horizontal directional drilling (HDD), which will take the cable deep under Holland Haven Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and so avoid crossing the site. We have recently carried out a comprehensive suite of surveys of the SSSI to understand the ecological importance of the site and will continue to refine the plans, including input from our consultation work.



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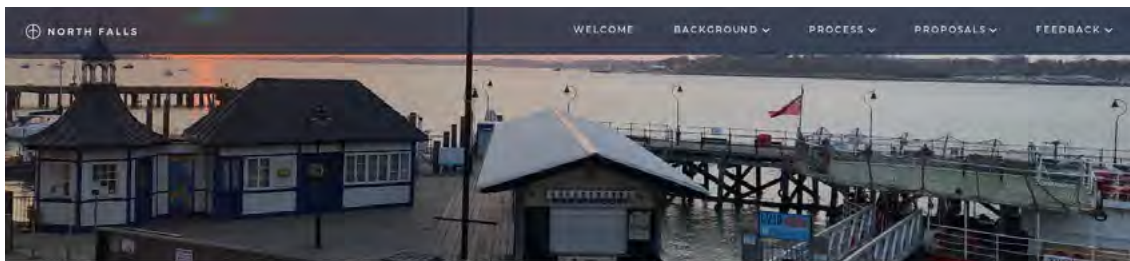
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The Project: Onshore

Onshore cable route

The route North Fall's cables take over land and the site of the onshore substation will depend on the location of National Grid's connection into the national transmission system. We are currently awaiting a decision from National Grid as to the location of the grid connection. When this decision is made (expected early 2023) then North Falls will be able to define a route for the onshore cables and a site for our onshore substation. However as North Essex is considered the likely location for our grid connection, we have started undertaking early surveys across a broad area of search that is known as the 'scoping area'.

Onshore scoping area

To progress the project while awaiting the National Grid decision on our grid connection point, the North Falls team has defined an area in North Essex within which the grid connection point is likely to be located. This is known as the onshore 'scoping area'.

This is the first stage in a long process and the actual footprint of any eventual development will be significantly smaller than this initial broad area of search.

The area was identified by filtering out broad constraints such as population centres and sites of importance for nature conservation, whilst keeping within a certain distance of existing National Grid infrastructure such as the 132kV line between Ardleigh Road and Little Clacton substations.

The subsequent onshore scoping area is approximately 150km² and located within the Tendring District of Essex. It extends from the coast, between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea, approximately 20 kilometres inland.

Our ongoing site selection activity will look within this broad onshore scoping area to identify specific locations for each element of the onshore electrical infrastructure required for North Falls. Future consultations will present the outcome of this work and offer opportunities to input into the proposed locations.

Onshore details

While we do not have the grid connection location yet, we do know that the point where our offshore cables will reach land is likely to be between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea – and that both the onshore cable and substation will be located within the scoping area described above.

We also know that any onshore cables will be buried underground to minimise visual and environmental impact. A temporary working corridor of up to 70m wide will be needed to install the underground cables along with additional areas for temporary construction compounds. While there will be temporary disruption during construction, once the cables have been installed the land will be restored to its former use. Where the cable route crosses features such as roads, watercourses and ecologically sensitive areas, the aim will be to go under them using horizontal directional drilling, as at the landfill, to avoid impacts.



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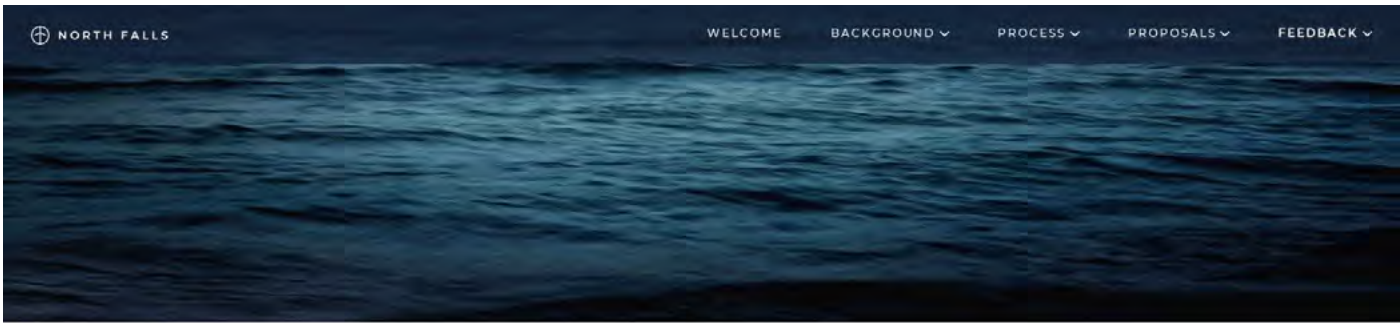
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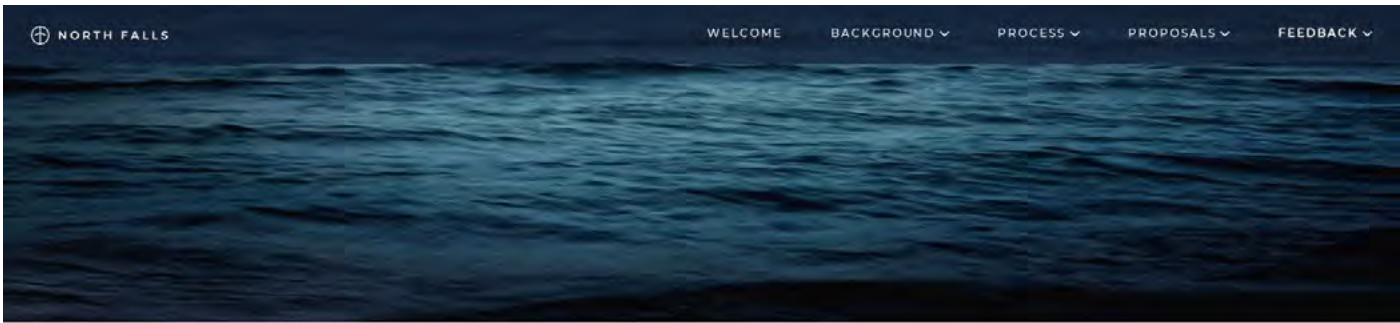
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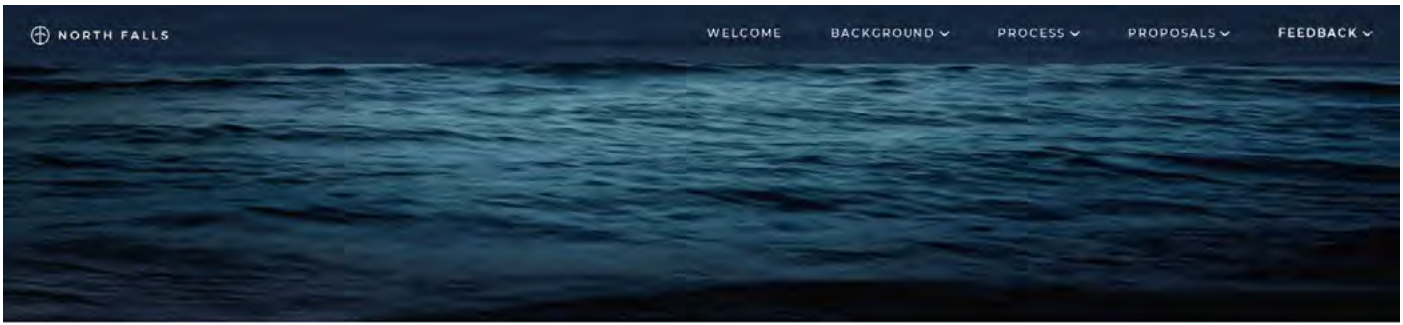
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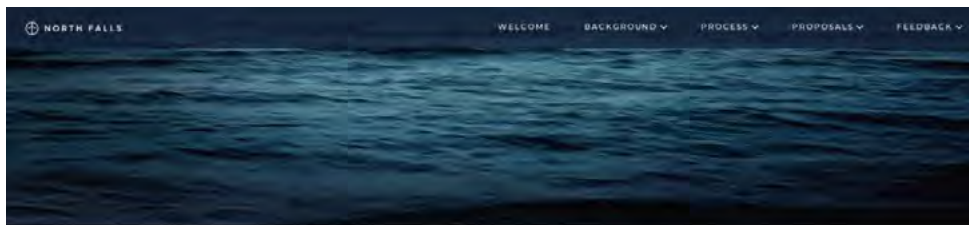
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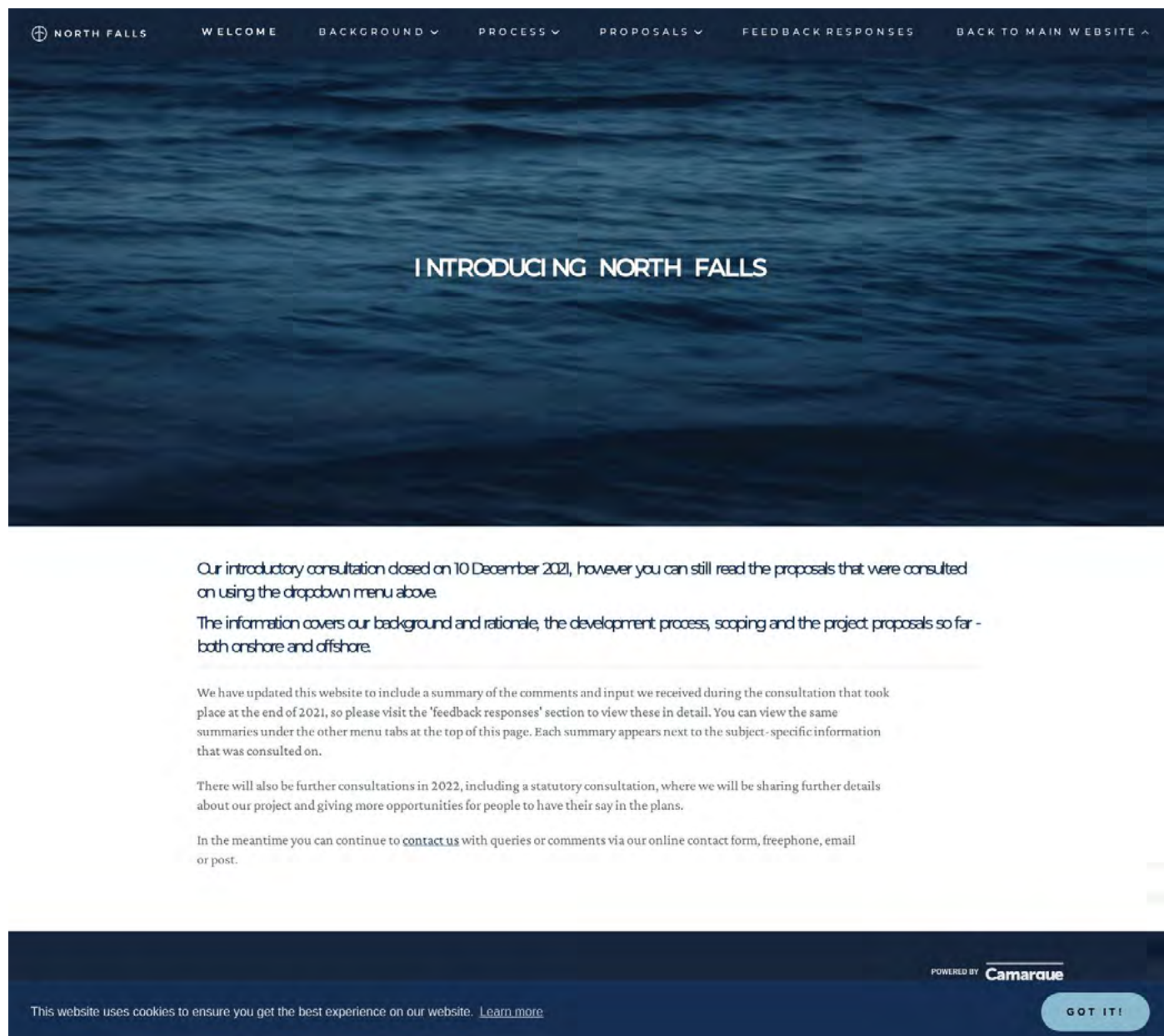
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Introduction

Together SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables have been active in the East Anglia region since the organisations developed the Greater Cumbard Offshore Wind Farm, located 23km off the coast of Suffolk in the North Sea. The 104 megawatt (MW) project started construction in 2008 and at the time was the world's largest offshore wind farm. It has 140 wind turbines and was commissioned in September 2013. North Falls is an extension project to Greater Cumbard.



Benefits overview

In February 2017 The Crown Estate managers of the seabed, launched a process for wind farm operators to apply for extensions to their existing projects. This opportunity closed in May 2018, with eight project applications received.

A plan level Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), was undertaken to assess the possible impact of the proposed wind farm extension on relevant nature conservation sites of European importance.

Expert independent advice was issued and there were consultations with the relevant marine planning authorities, the relevant nature conservation bodies and a number of other governmental stakeholders.

In August 2019, the Crown Estate announced the conclusion of the HRA confirming that seven of the 2017 extension application projects, representing a total generating capacity of 2,850MW, would progress to the award of development rights, including what is now called North Falls Offshore Wind Farm.

The Agreement for Lease between North Falls Offshore Wind Farm and The Crown Estate was signed in August 2019 and the project is now in the early stages of development with the aim of achieving a Development Consent Order (DCO) in 2025.

Construction would then take place in the latter part of the decade with a view to the project being operational by 2030, aligned to Government targets.

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High level programme

Date	Action
2020 to 2023	Onshore and offshore surveys and studies, project planning and design, stakeholder consultation and community engagement undertaken, along with an Environmental Assessment and Project Level Habitats Regulations Assessment.
Spring 2023	Environmental Impact Assessment completed. Project Level Habitats Regulations Assessment completed.
Summer 2023	Development Consent Order and supporting Environmental Information submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.
2024/25	Planning Inspectorate makes recommendation to the Secretary of State. Secretary of State announces consent decision.
2025	Project design finalised, major component and construction contracts awarded and wind farm constructed.
2030	Wind farm expected to be operational by the end of the decade.

Key facts and figures



Neighbouring project

In close proximity to North Falls is Five Lakes Offshore Wind Farm, the extension project to the existing 350MW Gullapier Wind Farm, located around 10km off the East of England coast.

While Five Lakes is a distinct and separate project from North Falls, given the project's adjacent location, opportunities for co-ordinations will be explored and implemented if practicable, commercially viable and within the relevant regulatory frameworks.

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Rationale for North Falls

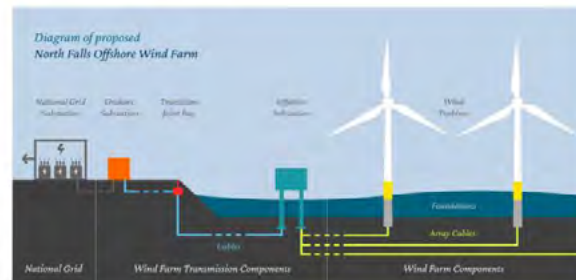
Scientists continue to see changes in the Earth's climate in every region and across the whole climate system, including continued rise in sea levels and dramatic climate events. The August 2021 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report, said that many of the changes are unprecedented in thousands of years, and that the risk of further influence on the climate system is increased.

However, strong and sustained reductions in emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases would limit climate change. Some benefits such as less sea level rise – would come quickly, while it could take 10 to 30 years to see global temperatures stabilise.

Offshore wind energy, generating clean, green electricity that powers millions of homes and businesses without burning fossil fuels, has a vital role to play in the fight against climate change. While reducing greenhouse gases is at the core, the effort is also in developing to ensure new offshore wind farms are built responsibly, sustainably and employing the most efficient technology.

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Offshore Wind in the UK

In the past 10 years the capacity of the UK's offshore wind farms has increased from only 1 gigawatt (GW) in 2010 to almost 10 GW in mid-2021. The cost per megawatt hour of offshore wind has been driven down by almost two-thirds, the sector directly employs more than 16,000 people, and it supplies on average around 10% of the nation's electricity. In short, the offshore wind sector has become one of Britain's most valuable industrial sectors.

However it is still a sector in its relative youth, with plenty of potential for further growth in the UK and export internationally. In 2020, the UK Government announced the ambition for the UK to install 10GW by 2030. This ambition aligns to the Climate Change Act, which committed the UK to achieving net zero by 2050.

The vision therefore is for offshore wind to generate enough electricity to power every home in the UK. This plan has emerged as a central plank of Britain's green recovery after the COVID-19 crisis, ensuring the nation "builds back better" as it works towards its 2050 climate goals. In October 2021, the UK Government released its net zero strategy setting out how the nation will deliver on its commitment to reach net zero emissions by 2050.

While the government needs to clear multiple hurdles to deliver on the promise of billions in investment and much-needed green jobs, projects like North Falls will play an essential role in realising the vision. We intend to work closely with all our stakeholders, Government, local communities and the supply chain to ensure we make a positive contribution to the nation's net zero ambitions and sustainable prosperity.

[NET ZERO STRATEGY](#)

Feedback Questions

1. Do you consider renewable energy to be important in tackling the global climate change emergency and meeting the UK's Net Zero ambitions?

87% of respondents agreed that renewable energy is important in tackling climate change.

2. Do you believe that offshore wind has a key role to play in the UK's energy security?

87% of respondents believed offshore wind does have a key role to play in the UK's energy security.

3. Do you believe offshore wind generation needs to play a larger part in the UK's mix of renewable energy generation sources?

86% of respondents said that offshore wind generation needs to play a larger part in the UK's mix of renewable energy generation sources.

4. Do you have any general comments or suggestions as to how we can be a good neighbour to the local community as we progress our offshore wind plans?

Receiving local community feedback of the project progress and engaging on the proposed wind farm requests from the questionnaires, often focused on longer term, more sustainable comments around the need to work with local businesses and community groups, use local supplier and facilities, create local education programmes and create jobs for local people. Responding proactively during consultation, for the time of local people, suitable and one strategy was also a repeated suggestion. All these will be taken into the next phase of the project.

5. Do you have any general comments you would like to make about offshore wind in the UK?

The question elicited a number of very positive comments about offshore wind in the UK due to the fact it is becoming the source of power coming from renewable sources and decreasing the nation's dependence on imported energy through the importing of North Sea oil. There were also comments of using more UK manufacturers and reducing the impact of product's carbon footprint. Overall there was positive support for offshore wind and such as "So far so good" and "the more the better" with very few negative comments.

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Benefits of the Project

As well as helping to protect the environment and contributing to the UK's net zero ambitions, North Falls will bring numerous local benefits for the jobs, local economy and community wellbeing. As an extensive project, North Falls would aim to consider the full range of its long-term benefits – cultural and tourism create similar, if not greater, socio-economic benefits.

Greater Cabbard Benefits

Greater Cabbard represented a total investment of around £1.8 million and a new facility was constructed in Looe, which is the project's operations & maintenance base.

Around 200 long-term jobs will be created to operate and maintain the wind farm, with 850 jobs during construction for the local area.

These roles were in addition to the hundreds of jobs created during construction.

Greater Cabbard has engaged 107 apprentices since the start of operations, recruited eight people to the business, offered junior engineer roles and employed 100 fishermen on crew transfer vessels as part of the drive to find locally skilled people to fill roles.

Since starting operations, the project has received more than £250,000 in community funds and local training initiatives.

[GREATER CABBARD](#)





Developing North Falls

Nationally significant infrastructure project

As a large scale energy project, North Falls is classified as a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP). Developers intending to construct a NSIP must obtain 'development consent' under procedures governed by the Planning Act 2008. Where a development consent is granted, it is made in the form of a development consent order (DCO).

The agency responsible for operating the planning process for NSIPs is the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). PINS examines applications for development consent and will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will make the decision on whether to grant or to refuse development consent.

For North Falls this will be the Secretary of State at the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

The National Infrastructure Planning process

The Planning Act 2008 process was introduced to streamline the decision-making for major infrastructure projects like North Falls, to make it fairer and faster for communities and applicants alike. To find out more about the process please visit the PINS website which gives a simple explanation of the stages of their process. We are currently in the pre-application stage of development.

The North Falls process

Now in development, North Falls is focussed on preparing our application for development consent.

Environmental impact assessment

The core of our current work is carrying out an environmental impact assessment (EIA). The EIA is a systematic approach to assessing the environmental, social and economic effects arising from our proposals. It will set out mitigation measures to reduce adverse impacts plus the results of further assessments with these mitigation measures applied.

The EIA provides a consistent approach to both the onshore and offshore development proposals.

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

Feedback Questions

6. Do you have any questions about the North Falls development consent application process?

A key theme from this section was around the timeframe and stages of the planning process. To give some details on this: North Falls has completed its first informal consultation and there will be another in 2022, followed by a formal consultation in 2023, as well as ongoing liaison throughout. The projects planning application is due for submission to the Planning Inspectorate - which runs the development consent application process - around mid 2023. The decision on the planning application is anticipated in 2025/26 and if it is approved, construction would get underway soon after. Future consultations will be promoted in similar ways to this initial consultation although interested parties are encouraged to register their details for regular updates.

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Consultation

Consultation is a key element of the development process and will be crucial to the progress of the EIA. The project team will ensure that stakeholders are engaged in the development and have the opportunity to comment on the proposals at key decision making points.

The preparation and refinement of the North Falls proposals will be an iterative process. Those with comments or suggestions about the project can provide input throughout the development phase. However pre-application consultation periods, such as this, will be the main opportunity for stakeholders to review the plans, provide comments, submit feedback and have an influence on elements of the process or shape the project. At these defined consultation periods North Falls will ask for input related to specific elements on its proposals where stakeholders are will be able to offer valuable insights.

Preliminary environmental information report and environmental statement

The preliminary results of the EIA are set out in what is called a preliminary environmental information report (PEIR). This document will form the basis of a future statutory consultation on the North Falls proposals and acts as a status report on both the EIA process and on the progress of the preparation of the development consent application.

The PEIR is a technical document covering the full range of what has been assessed, its impacts and proposed mitigations. Feedback given on the PEIR will be used to produce the final document required as part of the development process, the North Falls Environmental Statement. This document will accompany the final application when it is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

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Scoping the Project

North Falls submitted a scoping report to the Planning Inspectorate in July 2021. This presented early project proposals and described our development process including how any potential impacts to the existing environment will be assessed. By seeking early comments on the North Falls Scoping Report, the project team aims to ensure that the most robust and thorough environmental statement will be submitted to support our development consent order application in 2023.

The North Falls Scoping Report includes the most comprehensive picture of the project proposals to date. This consultation highlights key environmental and other areas of interest however it is recommended to read that report if you wish to gain an in-depth understanding of the proposed approach and the current proposals from the work to date.

The feedback received on this report from the relevant local planning authorities and statutory consultees resulted in a scoping opinion which is now available to be read here.

[SCOPING REPORT](#)

[SCOPING OPINION](#)



[ONSHORE SCOPING AREA PDF](#)

[OFFSHORE PROJECT AREA PDF](#)

Feedback Questions

7. Do you have any comments on the North Falls Scoping Report or Planning Inspectorate Scoping Opinion?

As the project has not yet been able to provide a lot of detail of the onshore elements of the project due to a lack of grid connection, respondents were keen to receive further details when they become available. Other issues raised here included the avoidance of ancient woodlands and veteran trees, employment opportunities for local people and potential impacts on migrating birds.

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The Project

The project description for North Falls will be developed as work progresses, taking into account inputs from the scoping studies, preliminary environmental information report (PEIR), and ongoing engineering and survey work as a feedback from our consultants.

At this stage we can give a high-level summary of its key components, offshore array, proposed offshore cable route and landfall, and its vicinity area of search. As the wind is grid-connected, where the project will connect into the national grid (as will be determined by National Grid), we do not yet know the extent of the project's necessary infrastructure. This report illustrates the offshore cables and site of the onshore substation (as one per license), although North Falls is the most likely location.

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Key Components

North Falls will comprise a number of wind turbines on foundations, with array cables connecting them to export onshore substations. Marine export cables will bring the power to shore, while onshore cables will carry the power to an onshore substation. From here the power will be transmitted to the national grid.

To view what the wind farm could look like we have prepared this 3D interactive model with viewpoints from onshore locations. The model features the potentially smallest and largest turbines in our scoping report, so you can compare the difference in potential visual impact by switching between the screens. Please read the instructions to ensure you get the most out of the model.

[INTERACTIVE 3D MODEL](#)

Turbines

As turbine technology is likely to evolve between now and the possible start of construction for North Falls, we are building it a range of sizes and turbine models. The project has the potential for up to 70 turbines, each comprising a super-tall tower and three blades attached to a nacelle housing mechanical and electrical generating equipment.

<p>Up to 7</p> <p>Number of turbine towers (preliminary)</p>	<p>80m</p> <p>Single blade length</p>	<p>33m</p> <p>Nacelle length (preliminary)</p>
<p>33m</p> <p>Height to top of tower</p>	<p>225m</p> <p>Height to tower ground</p>	

Foundations

Each turbine and the offshore substation(s) will sit on top of a foundation. The type and design of foundations will be informed by our investigations and a process of consent, after the project has been consented. There may be monopile jackets on site plus or no onshore substation or gravity base structures.

Offshore Electrical Infrastructure

This will comprise the array cables between the turbines, offshore cable running to the export cable bringing the power to shore.

The maximum length of array cabling for North Falls is estimated to be 22,800km. The design across both the north and south sections. The array cable (cable and array layout) will be finalised post-consent. Likewise the layout and design of the offshore substation will also be finalised during the design phase of the project.

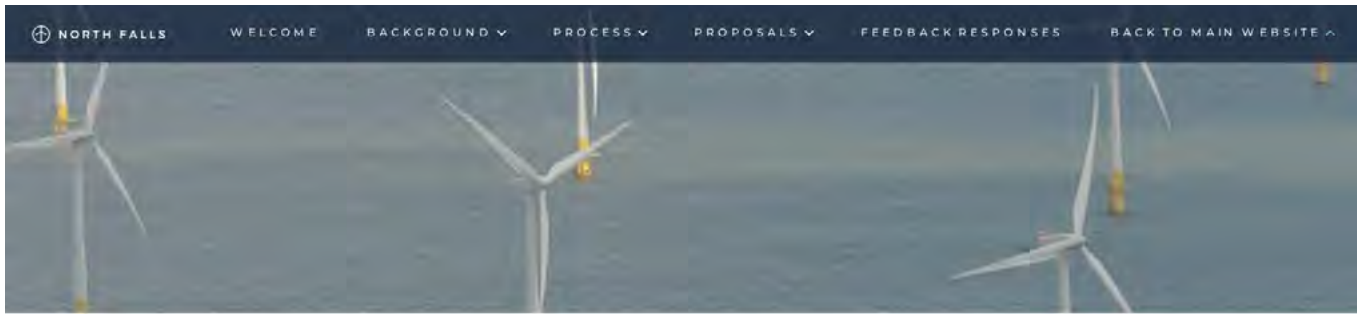
<p>19km</p> <p>Proposed array cable length (preliminary design)</p>	<p>Up to 4</p> <p>Number of array cables at offshore substation (preliminary)</p>	<p>05-3m</p> <p>Length of cable cable (array cable) at offshore substation</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Number of array cables at onshore substation (preliminary)</p>	<p>225km</p> <p>Proposed array cable length at grid (preliminary)</p>	

Onshore Electrical Infrastructure

The onshore elements of North Falls will comprise local cables carrying the power from the local all points to an onshore substation, which also considers the electricity on its own across the national grid. The onshore substation will be consented by National Grid. From here it will be determined how and where to connect to the national grid.

<p>Horizontal directional drilling</p> <p>Horizontal directional drilling (preliminary)</p>	<p>High voltage alternating current</p> <p>High voltage alternating current (preliminary)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Number of onshore substations</p>
<p>Up to 70m</p> <p>Maximum length of cable (array cable) at onshore substation</p>	<p>20m x 20m</p> <p>Maximum size of onshore substation (preliminary)</p>	<p>10m</p> <p>Maximum length of cable (array cable) at onshore substation</p>



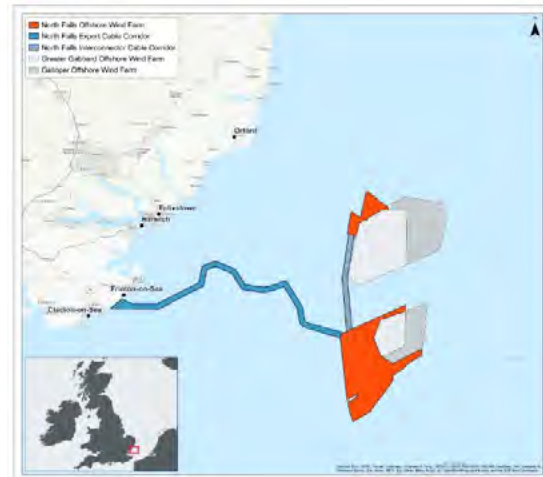


The Project Offshore

The offshore project area lies within the Outer Thames Estuary, in the southern North Sea. Its closest point to land is 22km from the East Anglia coast.

Offshore site

Like our sister project Greater Gabbard, the North Falls array area is split into two separate areas, with boundaries to take the existing shipping route into account. It will be within these two boundaries that turbines, array cables and offshore platform (substation) will be installed. The northern site covers approximately 21 km² while the larger southern site covers approximately 130km².



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Export cable corridor

The electricity generated by North Falls will be transmitted to shore by export cables which will be located within an offshore export cable corridor. Our early planning works have identified a proposed corridor to run from the southern array area to a proposed landfall on the Essex coast between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea.

The proposed offshore export cable corridor passes to the north of the environmental designations Margate and Long Sands Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Kentish Knock East Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ), with a small overlap with the Outer Thames Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA) as it approaches landfall. A number of constraints were considered in the routing of the provisional offshore export cable corridor including: engineering feasibility; nature conservation designations; other offshore wind farms; shipping and navigation; dredging areas; existing infrastructure and wrecks. In addition to general shipping and navigation we have also taken into consideration other specific sea users in particular; fishing activity, aggregate and military use.

The project design also includes an interconnector cable between the northern and southern array areas.

Feedback Questions

8. Do you have any questions or comments in relation to our proposed array (wind farm / turbine) areas?

There were limited comments in this section although a number of people expressed they like the way turbines look - "I think wind turbines are wonderful things and a positive sign of green energy". Others wondered about migratory birds, marine ecology and shipping lanes (which will all be factored in to the project plans. One query that came under this section was about the time it takes for a wind farm to payback the CO₂ and energy used in its lifetime. The answer to this - and some of the other questions asked during the consultation, can be found on the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section of the website.

9. Do you have any questions or comments in relation to our proposed offshore cable corridor (this could be comments on marine ecology, shipping or anything else you feel relevant)?

There were not many comments about the offshore cable route itself however respondents were keen to understand more about where the cable will come to shore and how it might affect the local area. A more refined location for the landfall will be available in 2022 and will be consulted on as part of future consultations. This consultation enabled some early fruitful discussions with the local sailing, boating and golf clubs and communication will continue as the plans progress.

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The Project: Landfall

Landfall search area

The landfall search area - a section of coastline where the offshore export cable could come ashore - has been defined through a process of engineering and environmental review and assessment. This process has taken into account a range of constraints including designated sites, nature reserves, land use, historic features and technical feasibility, which has narrowed down the possible location to between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea. The precise landfall location will be selected during 2022 and the team will also incorporate relevant consultation feedback and environmental and engineering survey data.

There will be no permanent building at landfall, although there would be temporary disruption during the project construction. The objective is to keep any disruption to a minimum through the use of certain installation methodologies. At the landfall site it is proposed to use a technique called horizontal directional drilling (HDD), which will take the cable deep under Holland Haven Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and so avoid crossing the site. We have recently carried out a comprehensive suite of surveys of the SSSI to understand the ecological importance of the site and will continue to refine the plans, including input from our consultation work.



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Feedback Questions

10. Do you make use of the coastal area between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea?

95% of respondents said they do make use of the coastal area between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea.

11. If yes, what type of activity/activities do you do there?

The area between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea is most popularly used for general recreation, hiking and rambling, with running/exercising, bird watching and dog walking also commonly enjoyed past times in the area. Marine recreation, golf and fishing were further down in terms of usage among the respondents but still very much part of the mix.

12. Do you have any comments about the proposal for our cable to landfall between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea?

There was a wide range of responses to this question bringing up interesting points and issues for consideration. Of key concern was the wildlife reserve on the coast and potential impacts of the temporary construction works on local wildlife and ecology. Other issues that were brought up and that will be part of the project's assessment and considerations included the sea defences, the area's susceptibility to erosion and flooding, and its military history.

13. Do you have any questions or comments about the proposal to use horizontal directional drilling (HDD) to avoid sensitive areas?

As this is a commonly used and proven technique employed in many linear construction projects to avoid sensitive areas and fixed features, most respondents agreed it seemed to be the best approach for cable installation to preserve and protect the landfall area. There were however some questions about its impact on local birds, particularly ground nesting species, as well as on wildlife.

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The Project Onshore

Onshore cable route

The route North Falls' cables take over land and the site of the onshore substation will depend on the location of National Grid's connection into the national transmission system. We are currently awaiting a decision from National Grid as to the location of the grid connection. When this decision is made (expected early 2022) then North Falls will be able to define a route for the onshore cables and a site for our onshore substation. However as North Essex is considered the likely location for our grid connection, we have started undertaking early surveys across a broad area of search that is known as the 'scoping area'.

Onshore scoping area

To progress the project while awaiting the National Grid decision on our grid connection point, the North Falls team has defined an area in North Essex within which the grid connection point is likely to be located. This is known as the onshore 'scoping area'.

This is the first stage in a long process and the actual footprint of any eventual development will be significantly smaller than this initial broad area of search.

The area was identified by filtering our broad constraints such as population centres and sites of importance for nature conservation, whilst keeping within a certain distance of existing National Grid infrastructure such as the 132kV line between Ardleigh Road and Little Clacton substations.

The subsequent onshore scoping area is approximately 150km² and located within the Tendring District of Essex. It extends from the coast, between Clacton-on-Sea and Pritton-on-Sea, approximately 20 kilometres inland.

Our ongoing site selection activity will look within this broad onshore scoping area to identify specific locations for each element of the onshore electrical infrastructure required for North Falls. Future consultations will present the outcome of this work and offer opportunities to input into the proposed locations.

Onshore details

While we do not have the grid connection location yet, we do know that the point where our offshore cables will reach land is likely to be between Clacton-on-Sea and Pritton-on-Sea – and that both the onshore cable and substation will be located within the scoping area described above.

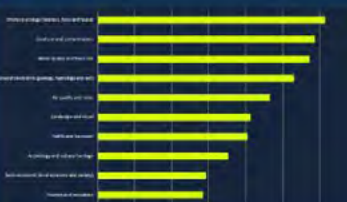
We also know that any onshore cables will be buried underground to minimise visual and environmental impact. A temporary working corridor of up to 70m wide will be needed to install the underground cables along with additional areas for temporary construction compounds. While there will be temporary disruption during construction, once the cables have been installed the land will be restored to its former use. Where the cable route crosses features such as roads, watercourses and ecologically sensitive areas, the aim will be to go under them using horizontal directional drilling, as at the landfall, to avoid impacts.



Feedback Questions

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FEEDBACK RESPONSES

The below feedback responses provide a summary of the comments and input we received during the consultation that took place at the end of 2021.

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1. Do you consider renewable energy to be important in tackling the global climate change emergency and meeting the UK's Net Zero ambitions?

97% of respondents agreed that renewable energy is important to tackling climate change.

2. Do you believe that offshore wind has a key role to play in the UK's energy security?

87% of respondents believed offshore wind does have a key role to play in the UK's energy security.

3. Do you believe offshore wind generation needs to play a larger part in the UK's mix of renewable energy generation sources?

85% of respondents said that offshore wind generation needs to play a larger part in the UK's mix of renewable energy generation sources.

4. Do you have any general comments or suggestions as to how we can be a good neighbour to the local community as we progress our offshore wind farm plans?

Keeping local community informed of the project progress and engaging on the proposals were two key requests from this question. When it comes to longer term, there were numerous comments around the need to work with local businesses and community groups, use local suppliers and facilities, create local education programmes and enable jobs for local people. Minimising disruption during construction, for the sake of local people, wildlife and the ecology was also a repeated suggestion. All these will be taken into the next phase of the project.

5. Do you have any general comments you would like to make about offshore wind in the UK?

The question elicited a number of very positive comments around offshore wind in the UK due to the fact it increases the amount of power coming from renewable sources and decreases the nation's dependence on imported energy through the harnessing of North Sea wind. There were also mentions of using more UK manufacturers and reducing the impact of project's onshore infrastructure. Overall there was genuine support for offshore wind such as - "As far as I am concerned the more the better" - with very few negative comments.

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6. Do you have any questions about the North Falls development consent application process?

A key theme from this section was around the timeframe and stages of the planning process. To give some details on this; North Falls has completed its first informal consultation and there will be another in 2022, followed by a formal consultation in 2023, as well as ongoing liaison throughout. The project's planning application is due for submission to the Planning Inspectorate - which runs the development consent application process - around mid 2023. The decision on the planning application is anticipated in 2025/26 and if it is approved, construction would get underway soon after. Future consultations will be promoted in similar ways to this initial consultation although interested parties are encouraged to register their details for regular updates.

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7. Do you have any comments on the North Falls Scoping Report or Planning Inspectorate Scoping Opinion?

As the project has not yet been able to provide a lot of detail of the onshore elements of the project due to a lack of grid connection, respondents were keen to receive further details when they become available. Other issues raised here included the avoidance of ancient woodlands and veteran trees, employment opportunities for local people and potential impacts on migrating birds.

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8. Do you have any questions or comments in relation to our proposed array (wind farm / turbine) areas?

There were limited comments in this section although a number of people expressed they like the way turbines look - "I think wind turbines are wonderful things and a positive sign of green energy". Others wondered about migratory birds, marine ecology and shipping lanes (which will all be factored in to the project plans. One query that came under this section was about the time it takes for a wind farm to payback the CO₂ and energy used in its lifetime. The answer to this - and some of the other questions asked during the consultation, can be found on the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section of the website.

9. Do you have any questions or comments in relation to our proposed offshore cable corridor (this could be comments on marine ecology, shipping or anything else you feel relevant)?

There were not many comments about the offshore cable route itself however respondents were keen to understand more about where the cable will come to shore and how it might affect the local area. A more refined location for the landfall will be available in 2022 and will be consulted on as part of future consultations. This consultation enabled some early fruitful discussions with the local sailing, boating and golf clubs and communication will continue as the plans progress.

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10. Do you make use of the coastal area between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea?

95% of respondents said they do make use of the coastal area between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea.

11. If yes, what type of activity/activities do you do there?

The area between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea is most popularly used for general recreation, hiking and rambling, with running/exercising, bird watching and dog walking also commonly enjoyed past times in the area. Marine recreation, golf and fishing were further down in terms of usage among the respondents but still very much part of the mix.

12. Do you have any comments about the proposal for our cable to landfall between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea?

There was a wide range of responses to this question bringing up interesting points and issues for consideration. Of key concern was the wildlife reserve on the coast and potential impacts of the temporary construction works on local wildlife and ecology. Other issues that were brought up and that will be part of the project's assessment and considerations included the sea defences, the area's susceptibility to erosion and flooding, and its military history.

13. Do you have any questions or comments about the proposal to use horizontal directional drilling (HDD) to avoid sensitive areas?

As this is a commonly used and proven technique employed in many linear construction projects to avoid sensitive areas and fixed features, most respondents agreed it seemed to be the best approach for cable installation to preserve and protect the landfall area. There were however some questions about its impact on local birds, particularly ground nesting species, as well as on wildlife.

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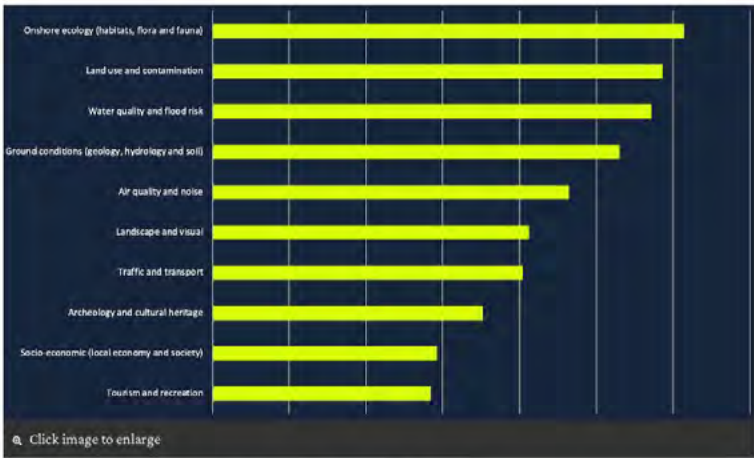
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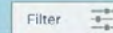
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INTRODUCING NORTH FALLS OFFSHORE WIND FARM

OVERVIEW

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm is an extension to the existing 504 MW Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm. The project is being developed in the southern North Sea, more than 20km off the UK coast.

The site is in two parts, which together cover a total area of 150km². The project is being developed by North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited, a joint venture company owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE.

DESCRIPTION

The North Falls project is still at an early stage and will be developed in a way that takes into account inputs from the scoping opinion, preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) and ongoing engineering / survey work. Importantly, this will also include the community and stakeholder feedback that we gather during our forthcoming consultations.

At this stage, we can give a high-level summary of its key components including the offshore array, up to 71 wind turbines, the proposed offshore cable route and the broad point of landfall – which is the point at which the undersea cables will come onshore.

As the onshore grid connection - where the project will connect into the transmission network - is still to be determined by National Grid, we do not yet know the location of the project's onshore infrastructure. This means the route of the onshore cables and the site of the onshore substation are not yet known, although North Essex is the most likely location. We have identified an 'onshore scoping area' which is where we expect to identify possible locations for both the onshore cable route and the substation.

PROJECT TIMELINE

In February 2017, The Crown Estate, which is the manager of the seabed, launched a process for wind farm operators to apply for extensions to their existing projects. Eight project applications were received – including an application for what has now become the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm.

Expert independent advisors were consulted as well as marine planning authorities, the statutory nature conservation bodies and a number of non-governmental stakeholders.

In August 2019, The Crown Estate announced that seven of the extension application projects would progress to the award of development rights, including North Falls Offshore Wind Farm.

The Agreement for Lease between North Falls Offshore Wind Farm and The Crown Estate was signed in Autumn 2020 and the project is now in the early stages of development. As North Falls is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project its planning permission, anticipated in 2025, is known as a development consent order (DCO).

Construction would take place in the latter part of the decade, with a view to the project being operational by 2030, aligning with Government targets.

AT A GLANCE

Located 20 kilometres off the UK coast in the southern North Sea, covering an area of 150 km²



UP TO
71
TURBINES

Potentially it will comprise up to 71 turbines, depending on the size of turbine selected



£1.5
BILLION

Likely investment in UK electricity infrastructure of more than £1.5 billion



Onshore grid connection is still to be provided by National Grid but a likely location is in North Essex



North Falls is being developed by a joint venture company owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE



SUBMISSION IN
2023

The Development Consent Order application and supporting environmental assessment and other documents is currently scheduled for submission in 2023



POWER
MORE THAN
400K
UK HOMES

Once operational it could generate enough green energy to power the equivalent of more than 400,000 UK homes



40GW
OF OFFSHORE
WIND BY 2030

Contributing to the UK government's ambitions of 40GW of offshore wind by 2030 (current figure is around 10.5GW)

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postcard mailer*



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HAVE YOUR SAY

*We'd like your views on our early proposals for North Falls –
a proposed offshore wind farm that's being developed
more than 20km off the East Anglia coast.*

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm is being developed in the southern North Sea more than 20km off the UK coast and covers a total area of 150km². It is an extension project to the existing 504 MW Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm.

As well as generating much needed green electricity for the UK, North Falls would bring socio-economic benefits including skilled jobs and opportunities for local industry and businesses.

While the offshore location of the wind farm has been agreed, the location of the onshore infrastructure is uncertain because a grid connection location for the project has not yet been provided by National Grid. However, it is likely this connection will be in North Essex, so through this initial consultation we would like to introduce the project to local people while we wait for confirmation of our grid connection.



OUR ONLINE CONSULTATION IS OPEN FROM 25 OCTOBER TO 10 DECEMBER 2021

Our proposals are still at an early stage and there will be further opportunities for local people to input into our plans as we develop them in more detail, giving us your views as part of future consultations and formal consenting process.

This represents the first opportunity to learn about what we're proposing and provide your initial feedback.

This consultation is open from **Monday 25 October** to **Friday 10 December 2021**.

FIND OUT MORE

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*Maps to support stage 1
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INTRODUCTORY CONSULTATION - REPORT

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CONSULTATION REPORT

February 2022

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OUR APPROACH TO CONSULTATION

1. INTRODUCTION

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This consultation report outlines an Introductory Community Consultation on the project that was live between 25 October 2021 and 10 December 2021.

The consultation was delivered wholly online and promoted to the local community via media releases, digital and display advertising with the Clacton and Frinton Gazette, printed leaflets delivered to 46,000 addresses and direct emails to local stakeholders / those who have registered an interest in the project.

2. NORTH FALLS APPROACH TO CONSULTATION

This Introductory Consultation was the first of up to four consultation phases, including one statutory phase, that will be undertaken during the project's development and before the Development Consent Order (DCO) application is submitted.

It was designed to introduce stakeholders to the project and give them an early view of the project proposals, even though the onshore grid connection had not yet been provided by National Grid.

The team felt it was prudent and transparent to provide a 'status report' and give stakeholders the opportunity to give their insights and feedback at this juncture in the development, given that it had been more than a year since the award of the Agreement for Lease (AfL) by The Crown Estate.

Further consultations will be held in 2022 and 2023 to ensure stakeholders are provided with numerous opportunities to give their views and opinions.

3. INFORMATION PROVIDED AT CONSULTATION

The consultation ran for 47 days between 25 October and 10 December. Information was posted online using the project's existing website. This information covered – and asked for feedback on - the following key project areas:

- Project rationale - the role of renewable energy in tackling climate change
- The development process – how Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects are consented
- Scoping – the North Falls scoping report was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in July 2021
- Consultation with stakeholders – who will be consulted?
- The wind farm – the key components of the project
- Offshore – the offshore site and cable corridor
- Landfall – the landfall search area between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea
- Onshore – the onshore scoping area being considered for the cable route

4. PROMOTING THE CONSULTATION

The consultation launched on 25 October 2021, using the following promotional channels:

- A promotional postcard (see **Appendix A**) was distributed to all residential and business addresses within the following postcodes over a two-week period starting on Monday 25 October. These postcodes were chosen as they offered a good coverage of addresses along the coastal area being assessed for landfall and across the scoping area being assessed for related onshore infrastructure. These postcodes included CO13 9, CO15 2, CO15 3, CO15 4, CO15 5, CO15 6, CO16 7, CO16 8, CO15 1, CO7 7, CO16 0 and CO16 9.
- A media release (see **Appendix B**) was distributed to media outlets (see **Appendix C**) on Monday 25 October, announcing the online consultation and explaining how to access consultation content and provide feedback. The media release was covered by the *Clacton and Frinton Gazette* on Thursday 28 October (see **Appendix D**). A second media release (see **Appendix E**) was distributed on Monday 29 November, by way of reminder that the consultation would be running for a further two weeks and that anybody interested still had to time to find out more and register their feedback.
- An email (see **Appendix F**) was distributed to stakeholders (see **Appendix G**) on Monday 25 October, alerting them to the launch of the consultation, inviting them to take part.
- A letter (see **Appendix H**) was sent to 113 relevant landowners (with land interests within the onshore search area) on Tuesday 26 October. The letter highlighted the launch of the consultation, invited landowners to take part in the consultation and signposted to the project website for more information.
- An advertisement appeared over three consecutive weekly editions of the *Clacton and Frinton Gazette* (see **Appendix I**) on Thursday 28 October, Thursday 4 November and Thursday 11 November.
- Versions of the advertisement also appeared as targeted online advertisements on the *Gazette's Facebook* page (see **Appendix J**) linking back to the project website when clicked by Facebook users. The online advertisements generated 447 click throughs to the project website.

5. PUBLICATION OF THE CONSULTATION WEBSITE

The project website (www.northfallsoffshore.com) had already gone live in March 2020 explaining the background to the project, details of the project already known and setting out how the project would develop through consultation and into determination.

At consultation launch, new content was added to the site, covering each of the project areas detailed in section 2 of this document. In each case, the online consultation content was accompanied by questions, inviting comments on specific areas of the project (see **Appendix K**), these were:

1. Do you consider renewable energy to be important in tackling the global climate change emergency and meeting the UK's Net Zero ambitions?
2. Do you believe that offshore wind has a key role to play in the UK's energy security?
3. Do you believe offshore wind generation needs to play a larger part in the UK's mix of renewable energy generation sources?
4. Do you have any general comments or suggestions as to how we can be a good neighbour to the local community as we progress our offshore wind farm plans?

5. Do you have any general comments you would like to make about offshore wind in the UK?
6. Do you have any questions about the North Falls development consent application process?
7. Do you have any comments on the North Falls Scoping Report or Planning Inspectorate Scoping Opinion?
8. Do you have any questions or comments in relation to our proposed array (wind farm / turbine) areas?
9. Do you have any questions or comments in relation to our proposed offshore cable corridor (this could be comments on marine ecology, shipping or anything else you feel relevant)?
10. Do you make use of the coastal area between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea?
11. If yes, what type of activity/activities do you do there?
12. Do you have any comments about the proposal for our cable to landfall between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea?
13. Do you have any questions or comments about the proposal to use horizontal directional drilling (HDD) to avoid sensitive areas?
14. Please order the issues that you consider to be the most important in relation to the onshore impacts of the wind farm. Please number each one 1 - 10, (1 being the most important to you, and 10 being the least important):
 - Onshore ecology (habitats, flora and fauna)
 - Archeology and cultural heritage
 - Land use and contamination
 - Water quality and flood risk
 - Ground conditions (geology, hydrology and soil)
 - Air quality and noise
 - Socio-economic (local economy and society)
 - Landscape and visual, Tourism and recreation

In addition, an interactive map of the Onshore Scoping Area enabled site visitors to drop pins on specific map points, adding comments or uploading documents by way of location-specific feedback.

Following the receipt of early comments from consultees, a second version of the interactive map was added to the site – enabling visitors to choose and toggle between different map views. The updated choice enabled visitors to choose to leave their comments on a satellite image or an Ordnance Survey style map.

A downloadable information sheet was also provided for members of public and stakeholders who felt more comfortable downloading / printing information for review (**see Appendix L**).

6. BRIEFINGS CONDUCTED WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Two councils approached the project to request an individual briefing for members and, where applicable, officers. These were scheduled as online briefing sessions:

Ardleigh Parish Council

A briefing was conducted by the project team for Ardleigh Parish Council on Monday 29 November. Five councillors attended the briefing. The project team delivered a presentation introducing the project and the current consultation, before hosting a live Q&A session for members. Areas of discussion included:

- The potential size and location of the substation
- The use of land and the assessments that would be undertaken before proposals were progressed
- The potential for sharing infrastructure with other offshore wind projects

Tendring District Council

A briefing was also conducted by the project team for Tendring District Council on Monday 6 December. Eight councillors attended as well as the Council's Director of Planning, Gary Guiver. Areas of discussion covered:

- Community benefit funding
- The deadline by, and channels through which, members should respond to the current consultation
- The size, type and location of onshore infrastructure – such as the converter station / sub-station
- Suggestions that the Port of Harwich should be utilised as a manufacturing and / or maintenance site

7. NUMBER OF RESPONSES RECEIVED

A total of 65 pieces of feedback were received – 48 via the project website and further 17 via the project email address.

8. SUMMARY OF RESPONSES RECEIVED

1. Do you consider renewable energy to be important in tackling the global climate change emergency and meeting the UK's Net Zero ambitions?

97% of respondents agreed that renewable energy is important to tackling climate change.

2. Do you believe that offshore wind has a key role to play in the UK's energy security?

87% of respondents believed offshore wind does have a key role to play in the UK's energy security.

3. Do you believe offshore wind generation needs to play a larger part in the UK's mix of renewable energy generation sources?

85% of respondents said that offshore wind generation needs to play a larger part in the UK's mix of renewable energy generation sources.

4. Do you have any general comments or suggestions as to how we can be a good neighbour to the local community as we progress our offshore wind farm plans?

Keeping local community informed of the project progress and engaging on the proposals were two key requests from this question. When it comes to longer term, there were numerous comments around the need to work with local businesses and community groups, use local suppliers and facilities, create local education programmes and enable jobs for local people. Minimising disruption during construction, for the sake of local people, wildlife and the ecology was also a repeated suggestion. All these will be taken into the next phase of the project.

5. Do you have any general comments you would like to make about offshore wind in the UK?

The question elicited a number of very positive comments around offshore wind in the UK due to the fact it increases the amount of power coming from renewable sources and decreases the nation's dependence on imported energy through the harnessing of North Sea wind. There were also mentions of using more UK manufacturers and reducing the impact of project's onshore infrastructure. Overall, there was genuine support for offshore wind such as - "As far as I am concerned the more the better" - with very few negative comments.

6. Do you have any questions about the North Falls development consent application process?

A key theme from this section was around the timeframe and stages of the planning process. To give some details on this: North Falls has completed its first informal consultation and there will be another in 2022, followed by a formal consultation in 2023, as well as ongoing liaison throughout. The project's planning application is due for submission to the Planning Inspectorate - which runs the development consent application process - around mid-2023. The decision on the planning application is anticipated in 2025/26 and, if it is approved, construction would get underway soon after. Future consultations will be promoted in similar ways to this initial consultation although interested parties are encouraged to register their details for regular updates.

7. Do you have any comments on the North Falls Scoping Report or Planning Inspectorate Scoping Opinion?

As the project has not yet been able to provide a lot of detail of the onshore elements of the project due to a lack of grid connection, respondents were keen to receive further details when they become available. Other issues raised here included the avoidance of ancient woodlands and veteran trees, employment opportunities for local people and potential impacts on migrating birds.

8. Do you have any questions or comments in relation to our proposed array (wind farm / turbine) areas?

There were limited comments in this section although a number of people expressed they like the way turbines look - "I think wind turbines are wonderful things and a positive sign of green energy". Others wondered about migratory birds, marine ecology and shipping lanes (which will all be factored in to the project plans). One query that came under this section was about the time it takes for a wind farm to payback the CO₂ and energy used in its lifetime. The answer to this - and some of the other questions asked during the consultation, can be found on the Frequently Asked Questions section of the website.

9. Do you have any questions or comments in relation to our proposed offshore cable corridor (this could be comments on marine ecology, shipping or anything else you feel relevant)?

There were not many comments about the offshore cable route itself however respondents were keen to understand more about where the cable will come to shore and how it might affect the local area. A more refined location for the landfall will be available in 2022 and will be consulted on as part of future consultations. This consultation enabled some early fruitful discussions with the local sailing, boating and golf clubs and communication will continue as the plans progress.

10. Do you make use of the coastal area between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea?

95% of respondents said they do make use of the coastal area between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea.

11. If yes, what type of activity/activities do you do there?

The area between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea is most popularly used for general recreation, hiking and rambling, with running/exercising, bird watching and dog walking also commonly enjoyed past times in the area. Marine recreation, golf and fishing were further down in terms of usage among the respondents but still very much part of the mix.

12. Do you have any comments about the proposal for our cable to landfall between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea?

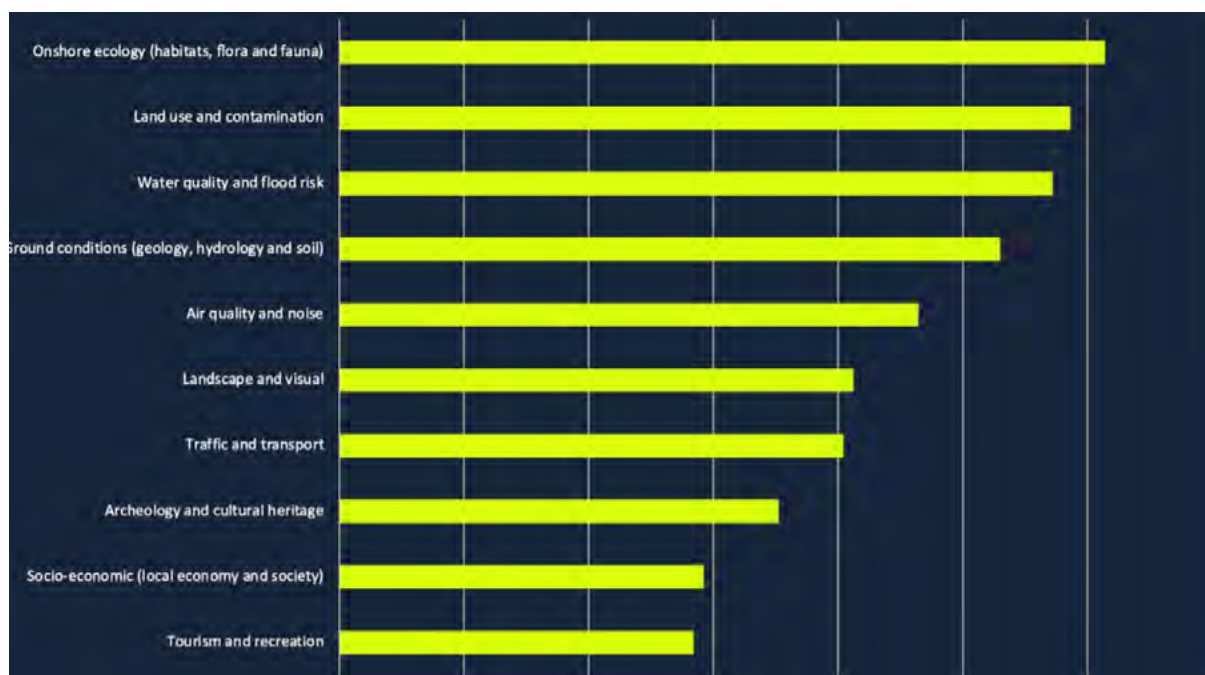
There was a wide range of responses to this question bringing up interesting points and issues for consideration. Of key concern was the wildlife reserve on the coast and potential impacts of the temporary construction works on local wildlife and ecology. Other issues that were brought up and that will be part of the project's assessment and considerations included the sea defences, the area's susceptibility to erosion and flooding, and its military history.

13. Do you have any questions or comments about the proposal to use horizontal directional drilling (HDD) to avoid sensitive areas?

As this is a commonly used and proven technique employed in many linear construction projects to avoid sensitive areas and fixed features, most respondents agreed it seemed to be the best approach for cable installation to preserve and protect the landfall area. There were however some questions about its impact on local birds, particularly ground nesting species, as well as on wildlife.

14. Please order the issues that you consider to be the most important in relation to the onshore impacts of the wind farm. Please number each one 1 - 10, (1 being the most important to you, and 10 being the least important)

While all of these topics are important and will be considered as part of our planning process, it is useful to understand what the local community considers most important and relevant. Onshore ecology was found to be of the most concern, followed by land use and contamination and water quality and flood risk. This graph gives an overview of all the responses. (*see next page*)



15. Please include details on why you have chosen these issues

In explaining their rankings of the issues, respondents tended to class them as either short term (traffic, noise) or longer term (local economy, visual impacts). Here is a summary of the rationale for the top ranking topics:

Onshore ecology: Birds and wildlife were highlighted by numerous people as their key concern with high expectations on the project to protect and mitigate any impacts on them.

Land use: This was second in the ranking with varied reasoning including how the substation will look, being sensitive to the surrounding locale, maintaining woodland and ensuring no contamination.

Flood risk: Erosion and flood risk were mentioned under this category with numerous respondents confirming the fact the area has issues with both, hence their concern about any impacts which could contribute and the need to mitigate. Water quality in terms of being able to freely enjoy sea swimming was also included.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A – Postcard mailer



North Falls Offshore Wind Farm is being developed in the southern North Sea more than 20km off the UK coast and covers a total area of 150km². It is an extension project to the existing 504 MW Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm.

As well as generating much needed green electricity for the UK, North Falls would bring socio-economic benefits including skilled jobs and opportunities for local industry and businesses.

While the offshore location of the wind farm has been agreed, the location of the onshore infrastructure is uncertain because a grid connection location for the project has not yet been provided by National Grid. However, it is likely this connection will be in North Essex, so through this initial consultation we would like to introduce the project to local people while we wait for confirmation of our grid connection.



OUR ONLINE CONSULTATION IS OPEN FROM 25 OCTOBER TO 10 DECEMBER 2021

Our proposals are still at an early stage and there will be further opportunities for local people to input into our plans as we develop them in more detail, giving us your views as part of future consultations and formal consenting process.

This represents the first opportunity to learn about what we're proposing and provide your initial feedback.

This consultation is open from Monday 25 October to Friday 10 December 2021.

northfallsoffshore.com

FIND OUT MORE

Go online to find out more about our proposals, submit questions and provide us with your thoughts: www.northfallsoffshore.com

CONTACT US

Telephone: 0800 254 5340

Email: contact@northfallsoffshore.com

Post: FREEPOST North Falls



APPENDIX B – Launch media release

INITIAL CONSULTATION ON WIND FARMS PLANS TO DATE NOW OPEN

- North Essex communities are being invited to find out more about the proposed offshore wind farm and provide their feedback online via the project's [consultation portal](#)
- Consultation on early plans launches on Monday 25 October and runs until Friday 10 December 2021

THIS CONSULTATION IS OPEN FROM 25 OCTOBER TO 10 DECEMBER 2021

Please visit www.northfallsoffshore.com to find out more and provide your feedback. You can also email your comments to contact@northfallsoffshore.com.

THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS 10 DECEMBER 2021

People across North Essex and the surrounding region have been invited to provide their feedback on early proposals for North Falls Offshore Wind Farm – a project that is being developed in the southern North Sea more than 20km off the UK coast.

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm covers a total area of 150km² and is an extension project to the existing 504 MW Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm. It is being developed by a 50/50 joint venture company owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables.

This early consultation on the plans will be conducted online, with information about the project being published on the project website from Monday 25 October. Feedback is then being invited, either through the website or via freepost, by Friday 10 December.

Plans for the offshore wind farm remain at an early stage but the project will generate much needed green electricity for the UK, as well as unlocking a range of socio-economic benefits – such as skilled new jobs and supply chain opportunities for local businesses.

While the offshore site of the wind farm has been agreed, the location of the onshore infrastructure is yet to be determined, because a grid connection location for the project has not yet been provided by National Grid.

However, it is likely this connection will be located in North Essex and this initial consultation is therefore designed to introduce the general principles of the project to local people and gather their

initial feedback. There will be further opportunities for local people to offer their views on the plans in more detail as part of future consultations and the formal consenting process.

Martin Whyte, Project Manager at North Falls, says: “North Falls is set to play a key role in the UK’s net zero ambitions, and while we do not yet have an onshore grid connection, we wanted to share our plans to date with local communities. We will be able to give further details next year, however as engagement with local people is important to us, we wanted to introduce the project now, share the information we have and start to gather early input.

“Our need to cut emissions and decarbonise our energy generation network is being brought into sharp focus by the UN Climate Change Conference, COP26, which starts in Glasgow next week. Recent issues around energy security have also highlighted the need to develop further home-grown sources of energy generation here in the UK.

“But the focus of this initial consultation is to introduce the North Falls project to local communities in and around North Essex, share the information we have available at this early stage and give people a first opportunity to give us their views.”

The consultation is open from Monday 25 October to Friday 10 December 2021. To find out more and register feedback, please visit www.northfallsoffshore.com. Feedback can also be sent by mail to **FREEPOST North Falls**. This is a freepost service, so no stamp is required.

APPENDIX C – Media list

- The Essex Enquirer
- The Beach
- Essex Life
- Planet Radio / Greatest Hits
- Heart East Anglia / Essex
- Coastal Scene
- Harwich Standard
- Anglia Press Agency
- Ipswich24
- Daily Gazette
- BBC Radio Essex
- BBC Radio Suffolk
- East Anglia News Service
- BBC East
- BBC Norfolk
- North Norfolk News
- Anglia Business
- Business in East Anglia
- Haverhill Echo
- Suffolk Free Press
- Daily Gazette
- BBC Radio Essex
- BBC East
- ITV Anglia
- ITV News
- Businesseast Monthly
- East Anglia in Business
- East Anglian Daily Times (Essex)
- Lowestoft Journal
- Offshore Update
- East Anglian Daily Times (East Suffolk)
- East Anglian Daily Times
- East Anglian Daily Times (Essex)
- East Anglian Daily Times (Essex)
- ITV Anglia
- East Anglian Daily Times and Ipswich Star
- Insight Energy (Norfolk and Suffolk Unlimited)
- Essex Wire (Business News)
- Renewable UK
- EEEGR
- 4C Offshore
- A Word About Wind
- Acuris (Sparkspread)
- AltEnergyMag.com
- Argus Media
- Better Society Network
- Bloomberg
- Bloomberg NEF
- BusinessGreen
- Carbon Brief
- Centaur Media
- Clean Energy Pipeline
- Clean Technology Business Review
- Cleantech Magazine
- Climate Home News
- edie.net
- edie.net
- Energy Acuity
- Energy Central
- Energy Live News
- Future Net Zero
- Energy Live News
- Energy Live News
- Energy Rev
- Energy Voice
- Energy Wire
- Energy World
- Environment and Energy Management News
- Environmental Finance
- FORESIGHT Climate & Energy
- Freelance
- Funds Europe
- Greenbiz.com
- Greenbiz.com
- Greenwire
- Green Tech Media
- Green Tech Media
- ICIS
- ICIS Energy
- ijGlobal
- IJ Global
- Industry Projects & Technology
- Infra News and Information Group
- Infrastructure Investor
- inspiratia
- Institutional Asset manager
- Institutional Investor
- Investment Week
- IPE
- Low Carbon Energy Investor
- Merger Market
- New Scientist

- North American WindPower
- Offshore Energy Today
- Offshore Engineer
- Offshore Wind Biz
- Offshore Wind Engineering
- Offshore Wind Journal
- OGV Energy
- Private Equity International
- Private Equity Wire
- Private Equity Wire
- Project Finance International
- Recharge
- Renewable Energy
- Renewable Energy Focus
- Renewable Energy Technology
- Renewable Energy World Magazine
- Renewable UK
- Renewables Investor
- ReNews
- reNEWS
- Scottish Energy News
- Sparksread
- SteelGuru
- Sun & Wind Energy
- Utility Week
- Wind Energy Network
- Wind Energy Update
- Wind Tech International
- Windpower Monthly

APPENDIX D – Media Coverage

www.clactonandfrintongazette.co.uk

October 28, 2021

NEWS 7

Plans unveiled for £1.5bn wind farm off north Essex coast

PLANS have been unveiled for a £1.5billion extension to a major wind farm off north Essex's coastline.

The application will, if successful, see up to 71 wind turbines added to the Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, located more than 20km off the north Essex coast, in the North Sea.

The existing site already boasts 140 wind turbines within its fleet.

Plans for the new North Falls Offshore Wind Farm are now in the early stages with the aim of starting construction in 2025 and the project being operational by 2030.

A cashpot of £1.5billion of potential investment has been made available with early projections suggesting the farm will supply more than 400,000 UK homes with clean, renewable power.

The developers, a joint venture company owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE, have now launched a consultation inviting residents to have their say on the plans.

Martin Whyte, project manager at North Falls, said: "North Falls is set to play a key role in the UK's net zero ambitions, and while we do not yet have an onshore grid connection, we wanted to share our plans with communities."

"We will be able to give further details next year, however, as engagement with people is important to us, we wanted to introduce the project now, share the information we have and start to gather early input."

The consultation runs until December 10. To have your say, visit consultation.northfallsoffshore.com.



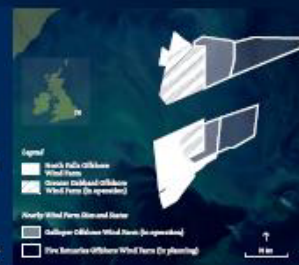
THE FUTURE: The Greater Gabbard wind farm off the coast of north Essex, which could see a £1.5billion extension if proposals are approved

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON OUR PROPOSALS FOR NORTH FALLS OFFSHORE WIND FARM

North Falls, an extension project to the existing Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, is being developed in the southern North Sea more than 20km off the East Anglia coast.

The project proposals are at an early stage however to enable early input, the team has launched an initial online consultation, inviting comments on the plans to date.



THIS CONSULTATION IS OPEN FROM 25 OCTOBER TO 10 DECEMBER 2021

Please visit www.northfallsoffshore.com to find out more and provide your feedback. You can also email your comments to contact@northfallsoffshore.com.

THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS 10 DECEMBER 2021

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US:

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Email: contact@northfallsoffshore.com

Post: FREEPOST North Falls



Appendix E - Reminder media release

TWO WEEKS LEFT TO COMMENT ON NORTH FALLS INTRODUCTORY CONSULTATION

- *Two weeks to go for North Essex communities wanting to provide feedback regarding the proposed wind farm*
- *Online consultation on early plans for the project runs until Friday 10 December 2021 via the [consultation portal](#)*

The first consultation for the proposed southern North Sea offshore wind farm, North Falls, has two weeks left to run before it closes on Friday 10 December.

The team from North Falls Offshore Wind Farm encourages people from North Essex and surrounding areas to provide feedback on early proposals for the project that is being developed across a total area of 150km² located more than 20km off the UK coast.

The consultation opened in October and has been running for five weeks, with more than 50 responses received to date offering opinions and insights into the consultation itself, offshore wind technology and on specifics of the project including possible landfall locations between Clacton and Frinton-by-the-Sea, construction methods and how the local environment will be taken into account.

Martin Whyte, Project Manager at North Falls, said: "Although the location of the onshore grid connection is not yet known, it is likely to be in North Essex and that is why we are focusing this first consultation in that area, encouraging nearby communities to give us the benefit of their local knowledge upfront.

"While there will be further opportunities for local people to offer their views in future detailed consultations and as part of the formal consenting process, by seeking early inputs we can identify potential concerns or issues at an immature stage of development."

The proposed project is an extension to the existing Greater Gabbard 504MW offshore wind farm and will generate much needed green electricity for the UK, while also contributing towards the economy by providing benefits such as skilled new jobs and supply chain opportunities for local businesses.

Feedback is invited, either through the [dedicated consultation website](#) or via freephone, email or freepost by Friday 10 December.

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm is being developed by a 50/50 joint venture company owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables.

APPENDIX F – Stakeholder email

As a valued local stakeholder, I am writing to invite you to take part in our first online consultation to provide feedback on the early proposals for North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, being developed in the southern North Sea more than 20km off the UK coast.

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm covers a total area of 150km² and is an extension project to the existing 504 MW Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm. It is being developed by a 50/50 joint venture company owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables.

From today - Monday 25 October - we will be running an online consultation with feedback being invited, either through our website or via freepost, by Friday 10 December.

Plans for the offshore wind farm are at an early stage and while the offshore site of the wind farm has been agreed, the location of the onshore infrastructure is yet to be determined as a grid connection location for the project has not yet been provided by National Grid.

It is likely this connection will be located in North Essex and this initial consultation is therefore designed to introduce the general principles of the project to local people and gather preliminary feedback. There will be further opportunities to offer views on more detailed plans as part of future consultations.

You can find out more by visiting [Introducing North Falls - North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Consultation](#) – where you will be able to register and provide your valuable input and feedback. You can also access it via the website.

We would be very grateful if you could take the time to review the proposals to date and give us your views.

APPENDIX G – Stakeholders contacted at consultation launch

Essex County Council

- Cllr Mark Stephenson
- Cllr Mick Skeels
- Cllr Paul Honeywood
- Cllr Alan Goggin
- Cllr Mark Platt
- Cllr Ivan Henderson
- Cllr Dan Land
- Cllr Carlo Guglielmi
- Cllr Lesley Wagland

Tendring District Council – Ward members

- Cllr Neil Stock
- Cllr Peter Harris
- Cllr Jeff Bray
- Cllr Nick Turner
- Cllr Terry Allen
- Cllr Kanagasundaram King
- Cllr Colin Winfield
- Cllr Michael Bush
- Cllr Delyth Miles
- Cllr Lynda McWilliams
- Cllr Gary Scott
- Cllr Ann Wiggins
- Cllr Alan Coley
- Cllr Valerie Guglielmi
- Cllr Zoe Fairley
- Cllr Dan Casey
- Cllr James Codling
- Cllr Mary Newton
- Cllr Peter Cawthron
- Cllr Alex Porter
- Cllr John Chittock
- Cllr Gina Placey
- Cllr Paul Clifton

Parish Council – Chairs

- St Osyth Parish Council - Sonia Grantham
- Great Bentley Parish Council - Pippa Dennitts
- Weeley Parish Council - Christine Hamilton
- Little Bently Parish Council - Philip Mariano Suarez
- Tendring Parish Council - Ted Edwards
- Great Oakley Parish Council - Yvonne Bailey
- Wix Parish Council - Guy Nelson
- Thorrington Parish Council - Pam Sadler
- Frating Parish Council - Terry Cuthbert
- Alresford Parish Council - Frank Belgrove
- Elmstead Parish Council - John Gray
- Great Bromley Parish Council - Fred Nicholls

- Little Bromley Parish Council - Jonathan Buxton
- Mistley Parish Council - Charlotte Howell
- Bradfield Parish Council - Kreon Wynn
- Beaumont Parish Council - Alan Roebuck
- Thorpe-le-Soken Parish Council - Daniel Land
- Frinton and Walton Parish Council - Ann Oxley
- Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council - Robert Passmore

MPs

- Harwich and North Essex - Bernard Jenkin MP
- Clacton - Giles Watling MP
- Suffolk Coastal - Therese Coffey MP
- South Suffolk - James Cartledge MP

Suffolk County Council

- Planning Officer - Andy Rutter
- Development Manager - Graham Gunby

East Suffolk Council

- Senior Energy Projects Officer - Grahame Stuteley

Essex County Council

- Principal Planning Officer (Major Development and New Communities) - Mark Woodger
- Chief Executive Officer - Gavin Jones
- Programme manager - Nicholas French
- Growth and Development Manager - Matthew Thomas

Tendring District Council

- Regeneration Manager - Tom Gardiner
- Graham Nourse – Planning Manager

In addition – and acknowledging that this was not a statutory consultation - the following organisations were contacted in their capacity as statutory stakeholders:

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| • Marine Management Organisation | • Maritime and Coastguard Agency |
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| • Marine Management Organisation | • Port of London Authority (PLA) |
| • Marine Management Organisation | • Harwich Haven Authority (HHA) |
| • Marine Management Organisation | • Harwich Haven Authority (HHA) |
| • Marine Management Organisation (NeuConnect) | • Port of Felixstowe |
| • Marine Management Organisation (NeuConnect) | • Harwich International Port |
| • The Crown Estate | • HM Coastguard |
| • The Crown Estate | • HM Coastguard |
| • The Crown Estate | • Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA) |
| • Natural England | • Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA) |
| • Natural England | • Historic England |
| • Natural England | • Historic England |
| • Natural England | |

- Historic England
- JNCC
- Ministry of Defence - Offshore Safeguarding team
- Defence Infrastructure Organisation
- Trinity House
- Trinity House
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Chamber of Shipping
- Chamber of Shipping
- NATS Safeguarding
- RSPB
- RPSB
- Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society
- The Wildlife Trusts
- The Wildlife Trusts
- The Wildlife Trusts
- Essex Wildlife Trust
- Essex Wildlife Trust
- The Woodland Trust
- National Trust?
- Essex Coast Organisation
- Royal National Lifeboat Institution
- Royal Yachting Association
- Royal Yachting Association
- Cruising Association
- Cefas
- Cefas
- ABP Ports
- UK Hydrographic Office
- UK Hydrographic Office
- UK Hydrographic Office
- UK Hydrographic Office
- UK Hydrographic Office
- UK Hydrographic Office
- Kingfisher
- Local fisheries
- National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations
- National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations
- Environment Agency
- Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd
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- Relevant Statutory Undertakers
- National Grid Electricity Transmission
- National Grid Electricity Transmission
- NeuConnect Britain Ltd
- NeuConnect Britain Ltd
- NeuConnect Britain Ltd
- BritNed Development Ltd
- BritNed Development Ltd
- Century Link
- Century Link
- National Grid
- National Grid
- National Grid
- Royal National Lifeboat Institute
- Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex
- Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex
- Tendring District Council
- Frinton and Walton Parish Council
- Thorpe-le-Soken Parish Council
- Little Clacton Parish Council
- Essex County Council
- Highways England
- Public Health England
- Health and Safety Executive
- NHS England
- North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group
- Coal Authority
- Canal and River Trust
- Forestry Commission (East and Midlands)
- North Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust
- East Of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust
- Colchester Borough Council
- Babergh District Council
- Suffolk County Council
- Hertfordshire County Council
- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
- Thurrock Council
- London Borough of Enfield
- London Borough of Waltham Forest
- London Borough of Redbridge
- London Borough of Havering
- Royal Mail
- NATS
- Homes England
- Great Oakley Parish Council
- Great Bentley Parish Council
- Elmstead Parish Council
- Great Bromley Parish Council
- Ardleigh Parish Council
- Mistley Parish Council
- Lawford Parish Council
- Tendring Parish Council
- Beaumont-cum-Moze Parish Council
- Bradfield Parish Council
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- Little Bentley Parish Council
- Little Bromley Parish Council
- St. Osyth Parish Council
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- Estate

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- Anglian Water
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- Last Mile Gas Ltd
- Energy Assets Pipelines Limited
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- ESP Networks Ltd
- ESP Pipelines Ltd
- ESP Connections Ltd
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- GTC Pipelines Limited
- Independent Pipelines Limited
- Indigo Pipelines Limited
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- Murphy Gas Networks limited
- Quadrant Pipelines Limited
- National Grid Gas Plc
- Scotland Gas Networks Plc
- Southern Gas Networks Plc
- Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Limited
- Galloper Wind Farm Limited
- Five Esutaries Offshore Windfarm Limited
- Eclipse Power Network Limited
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- National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc
- TC Gunfleet Sands OFTO Ltd
- Medway Council
- Maldon District Council
- Rochford District Council

APPENDIX H – Letter to landowners

Following our earlier correspondence to you regarding the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Project, we are now writing to invite you to take part in our first online consultation to provide feedback on the early proposals for North Falls Offshore Wind Farm.

As you are aware this is an extension project to the existing 504MW Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm and its final capacity will generate enough power to supply the electricity needs of at least 400,000 UK homes. It is being developed by a 50/50 joint venture company owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables. The project is planned to be operational towards the end of the decade, playing a key role in the UK Governments ambition to achieve 40GW of installed offshore wind capacity by 2030.

Plans for the project are at an early stage and while the offshore site of the wind farm has been agreed, the location of the onshore infrastructure is yet to be determined as a grid connection location for the project has not yet been provided. It is likely the connection will be in North Essex with the cables brought to shore between Holland-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea.

This initial consultation is therefore designed to introduce the general principles of the project to local people and gather preliminary feedback. There will be further opportunities to offer views on more detailed plans as part of future consultations during the Development Consent Order application process.

From Monday 25th October 2021, North Falls will be running an online consultation with feedback being invited by Friday 10th December, either through the project's website or via freepost.

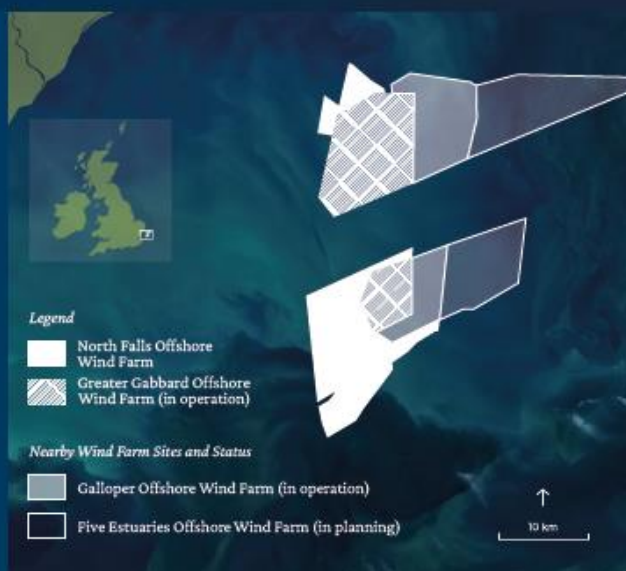
You can find out more by visiting www.northfallsoffshore.com where you will be able to register and provide your valuable input and feedback. Your comments on the proposals at this stage would be much appreciated.

APPENDIX I – Advertisement in the *Clacton and Frinton Gazette*

HAVE YOUR SAY ON OUR PROPOSALS FOR NORTH FALLS OFFSHORE WIND FARM

North Falls, an extension project to the existing Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, is being developed in the southern North Sea more than 20km off the East Anglia coast.

The project proposals are at an early stage however to enable early input, the team has launched an initial online consultation, inviting comments on the plans to date.



**THIS CONSULTATION IS OPEN FROM
25 OCTOBER TO 10 DECEMBER 2021**

Please visit www.northfallsoffshore.com to find out more and provide your feedback. You can also email your comments to contact@northfallsoffshore.com.

THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS 10 DECEMBER 2021

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE
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APPENDIX J – Online advertisements


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Offshore Wind Farm





Legend

- North Falls Offshore Wind Farm
- Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm (in operation)




Nearby Wind Farm Sites and Status

- Galløper Offshore Wind Farm (in operation)
- Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm (in planning)

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APPENDIX K - Consultation website screen shots

Consultation now open

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, an extension project to the existing 504 MW Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, is being developed in the southern North Sea more than 20km off the UK coast.

The site is in two parts which together cover a total area of 150km². North Falls is being developed by North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited, a 50/50 joint venture company owned by SSE and RWE.

We are now seeking your views on the proposal so far as part of our first public consultation about the project. **This online portal will be open for feedback from Monday 25 October until Friday 10 December 2021.**

Initial consultation

This is an initial online consultation to introduce North Falls and invite comments on how we intend to progress the project and on the proposals to date.

There will be further consultations, including a statutory consultation, and opportunities to engage with us as the development continues, however through this introductory consultation we hope to give stakeholders the opportunity to learn more about the project and for us to gain an early insight into your opinions and thoughts.

Introduction

Together SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables have been active in the East Anglia region since the organisations developed the Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, located 25km off the coast of Suffolk in the North Sea. The 504 megawatt (MW) project started construction in 2008 and at the time was the world's largest offshore wind farm. It has 140 wind turbines and was commissioned in September 2012. North Falls is an extension project to Greater Gabbard.



Extensions overview

In February 2017 The Crown Estate, manager of the seabed, launched a process for wind farm operators to apply for extensions to their existing projects. This opportunity closed in May 2018, with eight project applications received.

A plan level Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), was undertaken to assess the possible impact of the proposed wind farm extensions on relevant nature conservation sites of European importance.

Expert independent advisors were utilised and there were consultations with the statutory marine planning authorities, the statutory nature conservation bodies and a number of non-governmental stakeholders.

In August 2019, The Crown Estate announced the conclusion of the HRA confirming that seven of the 2017 extension application projects, representing a total generating capacity of 2.85GW, would progress to the award of development rights, including what is now called North Falls Offshore Wind Farm.

The Agreement for Lease between North Falls Offshore Wind Farm and The Crown Estate was signed in Autumn 2020 and the project is now in the early stages of development with the aim of achieving a Development Consent Order (DCO) in 2025.

Construction would then take place in the latter part of the decade with a view to the project being operational by 2030, aligned to Government targets.

Developing North Falls

Nationally significant infrastructure project

As a large scale energy project, North Falls is classified as a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP). Developers intending to construct a NSIP must obtain 'development consent' under procedures governed by the Planning Act 2008. Where a development consent is granted, it is made in the form of a development consent order (DCO).

The agency responsible for operating the planning process for NSIPs is the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). PINS examines applications for development consent and will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will make the decision on whether to grant or to refuse development consent.

For North Falls this will be the Secretary of State at the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

The National Infrastructure Planning process

The Planning Act 2008 process was introduced to streamline the decision-making for major infrastructure projects like North Falls, to make it fairer and faster for communities and applicants alike. To find out more about the process please visit the PINS website which gives a simple explanation of the stages of their process. We are currently in the pre-application stage of development.

The North Falls process

Now in development, North Falls is focussed on preparing our application for development consent.

Environmental impact assessment

The core of our current work is carrying out an environmental impact assessment (EIA). The EIA is a systematic approach to assessing the environmental, social and economic effects arising from our proposals. It will set out mitigation measures to reduce adverse impacts plus the results of further assessments with these mitigation measures applied.

The EIA provides a consistent approach to both the onshore and offshore development proposals.

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING



Feedback Questions

6. Do you have any questions about the North Falls development consent application process?

Please add your comments

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Consultation

Consultation is a key element of the development process and will be crucial to the progress of the EIA. The project team will ensure that stakeholders are engaged in the development and have the opportunity to comment on the proposals at key decision making points.

The preparation and refinement of the North Falls proposals will be an iterative process. Those with comments or suggestions about the project can provide input throughout the development phase. However pre-application consultation periods, such as this, will be the main opportunity for stakeholders to review the plans, provide comments, submit feedback and have an influence on elements of the process or shape the project. At these defined consultation periods North Falls will ask for input related to specific elements on its proposals where stakeholders are will be able to offer valuable insights.

Preliminary environmental information report and environmental statement

The preliminary results of the EIA are set out in what is called a preliminary environmental information report (PEIR). This document will form the basis of a future statutory consultation on the North Falls proposals and acts as a status report on both the EIA process and on the progress of the preparation of the development consent application.

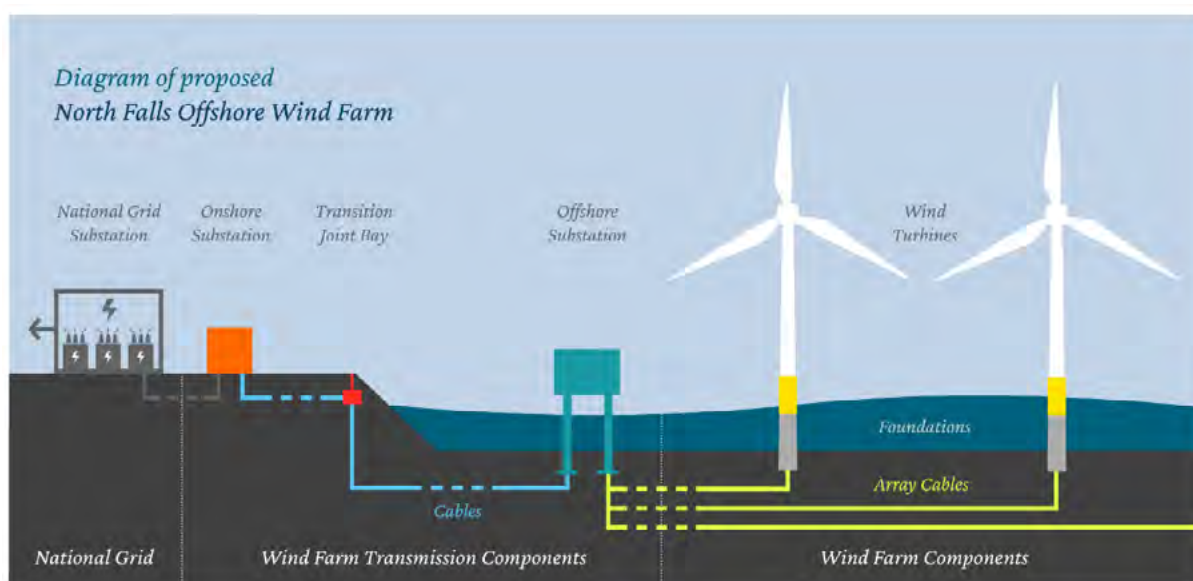
The PEIR is a technical document covering the full range of what has been assessed, its impacts and proposed mitigations. Feedback given on the PEIR will be used to produce the final document required as part of the development process, the North Falls Environmental Statement. This document will accompany the final application when it is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

Rationale for North Falls

Scientists continue to see changes in the Earth's climate in every region and across the whole climate system, including continued rise in sea levels and dramatic climate events. The August 2021 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report, said that many of the changes are unprecedented in thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of years and that the role of human influence on the climate system is undisputed.

However, strong and sustained reductions in emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases would limit climate change. Some benefits - such as for air quality - would come quickly, while it could take 20 to 30 years to see global temperatures stabilize.

Offshore wind energy, generating clean, green electricity that powers millions of homes and businesses without burning fossil fuels, has a vital role to play in the fight against climate change. While reducing greenhouse gases is at the core, the onus is also on developers to ensure new offshore wind farms are built responsibly, sustainably and employing the most efficient technology.



Offshore Wind in the UK

In the past 10 years the capacity of the UK's offshore wind farms has increased from only 1 gigawatt (GW) in 2010 to almost 10.5GW in mid-2021. The costs per megawatt hour of offshore wind have been driven down by almost two-thirds, the sector directly employs more than 26,000 people, and it supplies on average around 15% of the nation's electricity. In short, the offshore wind sector has become one of Britain's most laudable industrial success stories.

However it is still a sector in its relative youth, with plenty of potential for further growth in the UK and export internationally. In 2020, the UK Government announced the ambition for the UK to install 40GW by 2030. This ambition aligns to the Climate Change Act, which commits the UK to achieving net zero by 2050.

The vision therefore is for offshore wind to generate enough electricity to power every home in the UK. This plan has emerged as a central plank of Britain's green recovery after the COVID-19 crisis, ensuring the nation "builds back better" as it works towards its 2050 climate goals. In October 2021, the UK Government released its Net Zero Strategy setting out how the nation will deliver on its commitment to reach net zero emissions by 2025.

While the green agenda needs to clear multiple hurdles to deliver on the promise of billions in investment and much-needed green jobs, projects like North Falls will play an essential role in reaching the targets. We intend to work closely with all our stakeholders, Government, local communities and the supply chain to ensure we make a positive contribution to the nation's net zero ambitions and economic prosperity.

Feedback Questions

1. Do you consider renewable energy to be important in tackling the global climate change emergency and meeting the UK's Net Zero ambitions?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. Do you believe that offshore wind has a key role to play in the UK's energy security?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. Do you believe offshore wind generation needs to play a larger part in the UK's mix of renewable energy generation sources?

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. Do you have any general comments or suggestions as to how we can be a good neighbour to the local community as we progress our offshore wind farm plans?

Please add your comments

5. Do you have any general comments you would like to make about offshore wind in the UK?

Please add your comments

Benefits of the Project

As well as helping to protect the environment and contributing to the UK's net zero ambitions, North Falls will bring numerous local benefits by way of jobs, local economy and community involvement. As an extension project, North Falls would aim to emulate the initiatives of its sister project Greater Gabbard and therefore create similar, if not greater, socio-economic benefit.

Greater Gabbard Benefits

Greater Gabbard represented a total investment of around £1.5 billion and a new facility was constructed in Lowestoft, Suffolk for the project's operations & maintenance base.

Around 100 long-term, skilled jobs were created to operate and maintain the wind farm, with 95% of those recruited from the local area.

These roles were in addition to the hundreds of jobs created during construction.

Greater Gabbard has engaged 10 apprentices since the start of operation, recruited eight pipeline trainees, offered junior engineer roles and employed ex-fishermen on crew transfer vessels as part of the drive to find locally skilled people to fill roles.

Since starting operation, the project has invested more than £250,000 in community funds and local training initiatives.

Scoping the Project

North Falls submitted a scoping report to the Planning Inspectorate in July 2021. This presented early project proposals and described our development process including how any potential impacts to the existing environment will be assessed. By seeking early comments on the North Falls Scoping Report, the project team aims to ensure that the most robust and thorough environmental statement will be submitted to support our development consent order application in 2023.

The North Falls Scoping Report includes the most comprehensive picture of the project proposals to date. This consultation highlights key environmental and other areas of interest however it is recommended to read that report if you wish to gain an in-depth understanding of the proposed approach and the current proposals from the work to date.

The feedback received on this report from the relevant local planning authorities and statutory consultees resulted in a scoping opinion which is now available to be read here.



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Feedback Questions

7. Do you have any comments on the North Falls Scoping Report or Planning Inspectorate Scoping Opinion?

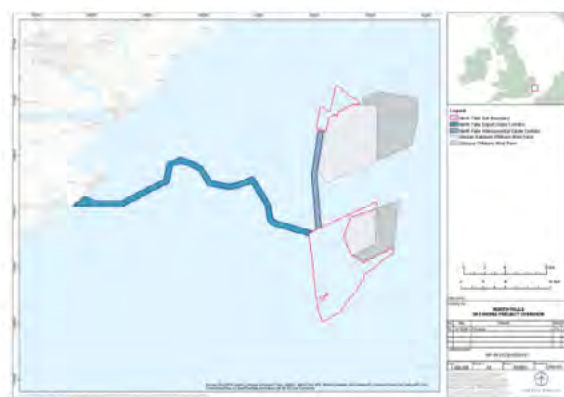
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The Project

The project description for North Falls will be developed as work progresses, taking into account inputs from the scoping opinion, preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) and ongoing engineering and survey work and feedback from our consultations.

At this stage we can give a high level summary of its key components; offshore array, proposed offshore cable route and landfall, and an onshore area of search. As the onshore grid connection - where the project will connect into the national grid - is still to be determined by National Grid, we do not yet know the location of the project's onshore infrastructure. This means the route of the onshore cables and site of the onshore substation are not yet known, although North Essex is the most likely location.

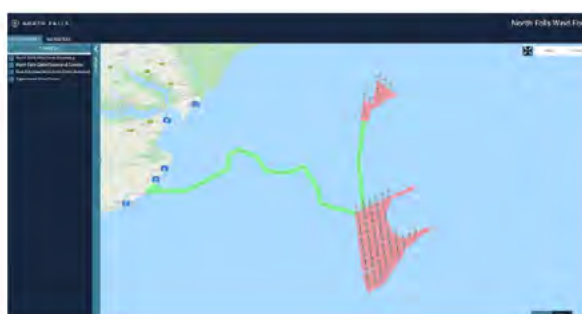


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Key Components

North Falls will comprise a number of wind turbines on foundations, with array cables connecting them to up to two offshore substations. Marine export cables will bring the power to shore, while onshore cables will carry the power to an onshore substation. From here the power will be transmitted to the national grid.

To view what the wind farm could look like we have prepared this 3D interactive model with viewpoints from onshore locations. The model features the potentially smallest and largest turbines in our scoping report, so you can compare the difference in potential visual impact by switching between the screens. Please read the instructions to ensure you get the most out of the model.



[INTERACTIVE 3D MODEL](#)

Turbines

As turbine technology is likely to evolve between now and the possible start of construction for North Falls, we are looking at a range in terms of size and number installed. The project has the potential for up to 71 turbines, each comprising tapered tubular towers and three blades attached to a nacelle housing mechanical and electrical generating equipment.



Up to 71

Number of wind turbine generators



150km²

Array area coverage



337m

Maximum rotor diameter



397m

Maximum rotor tip height



22.5km

Distance to shore (closest)

Foundations

Each turbine and the offshore substation(s) will sit on top of a foundation. The type and design of foundations will be informed by site investigations and a procurement process, after the project has been consented. They may be: monopiles; jackets on pin piles or on suction caissons, or gravity base structures.

Offshore Electrical Infrastructure

This will comprise the array cables between the turbines, offshore substation(s) and the export cable bringing the power to shore.

The maximum length of array cabling for North Falls is estimated to be 228km with the design across both the north and south sections. The overall turbine and array layout will be finalised post-consent. Likewise the location and design of the offshore substations will also be finalised during the design phase of the project.



Onshore Electrical Infrastructure

The onshore elements of North Falls will comprise buried cables carrying the power from the landfall point to a new onshore substation, which then transforms the electricity so it can enter the national grid via another substation to be constructed by National Grid. From here it will be delivered to the end users: homes, businesses and industry.

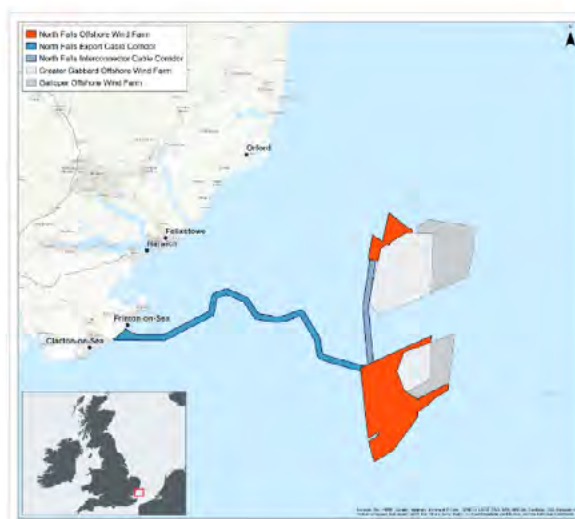


The Project: Offshore

The offshore project area lies within the Outer Thames Estuary, in the southern North Sea. Its closest point to land is 22km from the East Anglia coast.

Offshore site

Like our sister project Greater Gabbard, the North Falls array area is split into two separate areas, with boundaries to take the existing shipping route into account. It will be within these two boundaries that turbines, array cables and offshore platform (substation) will be installed. The northern site covers approximately 21 km² while the larger southern site covers approximately 130km².


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Export cable corridor

The electricity generated by North Falls will be transmitted to shore by export cables which will be located within an offshore export cable corridor. Our early planning works have identified a proposed corridor to run from the southern array area to a proposed landfall on the Essex coast between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea.

The proposed offshore export cable corridor passes to the north of the environmental designations Margate and Long Sands Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Kentish Knock East Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ), with a small overlap with the Outer Thames Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA) as it approaches landfall. A number of constraints were considered in the routing of the provisional offshore export cable corridor including: engineering feasibility; nature conservation designations; other offshore wind farms; shipping and navigation; dredging areas; existing infrastructure and wrecks. In addition to general shipping and navigation we have also taken into consideration other specific sea users in particular: fishing activity, aggregate and military use.

The project design also includes an interconnector cable between the northern and southern array areas.

Feedback Questions

8. Do you have any questions or comments in relation to our proposed array (wind farm / turbine) areas?

Please add your comments

9. Do you have any questions or comments in relation to our proposed offshore cable corridor?

Please add your comments

10. This could be comments on marine ecology, shipping or anything else you feel relevant.

Please add your comments

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The Project: Landfall

Landfall search area

The landfall search area - a section of coastline where the offshore export cable could come ashore - has been defined through a process of engineering and environmental review and assessment. This process has taken into account a range of constraints including designated sites, nature reserves, land use, historic features and technical feasibility, which has narrowed down the possible location to between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea. The precise landfall location will be selected during 2022 and the team will also incorporate relevant consultation feedback and environmental and engineering survey data.

There will be no permanent building at landfall, although there would be temporary disruption during the project construction. The objective is to keep any disruption to a minimum through the use of certain installation methodologies. At the landfall site it is proposed to use a technique called horizontal directional drilling (HDD), which will take the cable deep under Holland Haven Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and so avoid crossing the site. We have recently carried out a comprehensive suite of surveys of the SSSI to understand the ecological importance of the site and will continue to refine the plans, including input from our consultation work.

Feedback Questions

11. Do you make use of the coastal area between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea?

☐ Yes

☐ No

12. If yes, what type of activity/activities do you do there? (tick all applicable)

☐ Bird watching

☐ Hiking / Rambling

☐ Running / Exercise

☐ Dog walking

☐ Playing golf

☐ Swimming

☐ Fishing

☐ Marine recreation

☐ General recreation

☐ Other

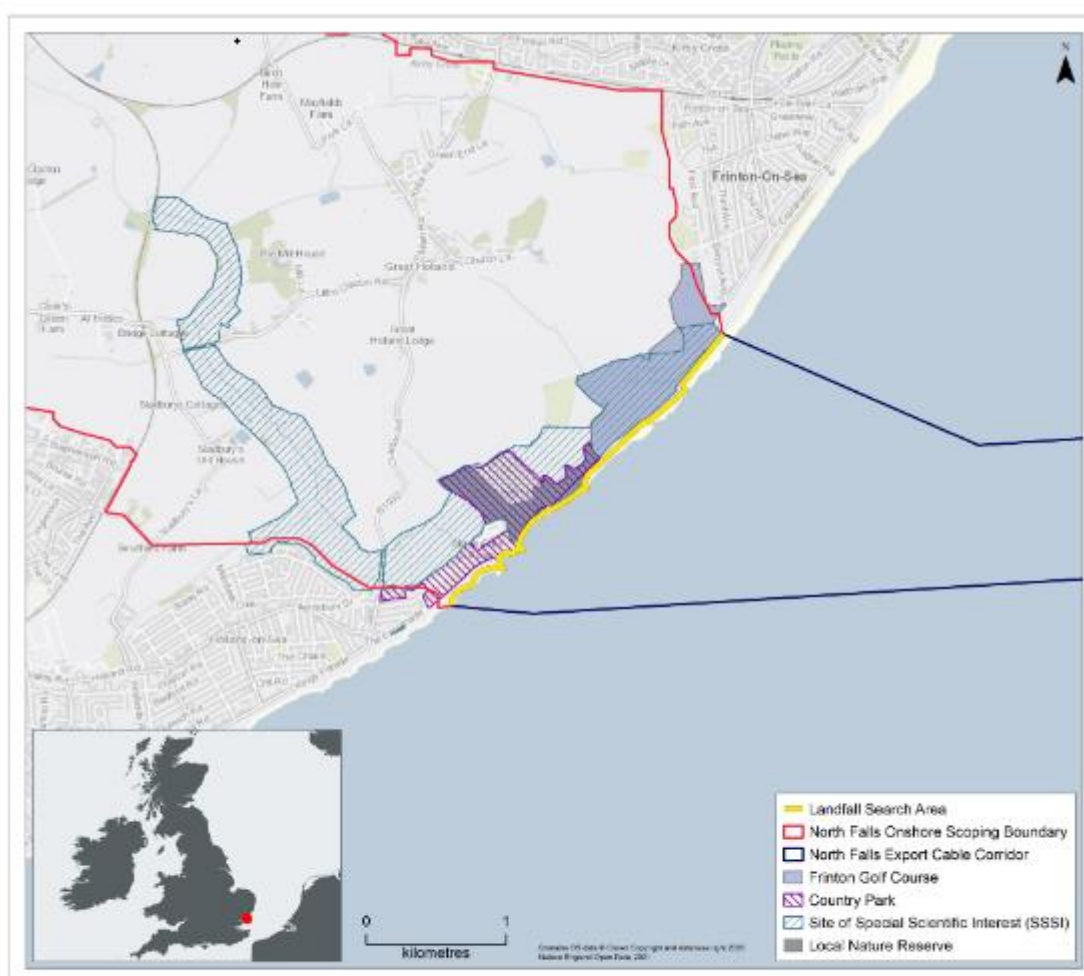
13. Do you have any comments about the proposal for our cable landfall between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea?

Please add your comments

14. Do you have any questions or comments about the proposal to use horizontal directional drilling (HDD) to avoid sensitive areas?

Please add your comments

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The Project: Onshore

Onshore cable route

The route North Fall's cables take over land and the site of the onshore substation will depend on the location of National Grid's connection into the national transmission system. We are currently awaiting a decision from National Grid as to the location of the grid connection. When this decision is made (expected early 2022) then North Falls will be able to define a route for the onshore cables and a site for our onshore substation. However as North Essex is considered the likely location for our grid connection, we have started undertaking early surveys across a broad area of search that is known as the 'scoping area'.

Onshore scoping area

To progress the project while awaiting the National Grid decision on our grid connection point, the North Falls team has defined an area in North Essex within which the grid connection point is likely to be located. This is known as the onshore 'scoping area'.

This is the first stage in a long process and the actual footprint of any eventual development will be significantly smaller than this initial broad area of search.

The area was identified by filtering out broad constraints such as population centres and sites of importance for nature conservation, whilst keeping within a certain distance of existing National Grid infrastructure such as the 132kV line between Ardleigh Road and Little Clacton substations.

The subsequent onshore scoping area is approximately 150km² and located within the Tendring District of Essex. It extends from the coast, between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea, approximately 20 kilometres inland.

Our ongoing site selection activity will look within this broad onshore scoping area to identify specific locations for each elements of the onshore electrical infrastructure required for North Falls. Future consultations will present the outcome of this work and offer opportunities to input into the proposed locations.

Feedback Questions

15. Please order the issues that you consider to be the most important in relation to the onshore impacts of the wind farm.

Please click and drag to sort into your order of preference.

Most important		
1	Ground conditions (geology, hydrology and soil)	⬆ ⬇ ⬆
2	Land use and contamination	⬆ ⬇ ⬆
3	Water quality and flood risk	⬆ ⬇ ⬆
4	Air quality and noise	⬆ ⬇ ⬆
5	Onshore ecology (habitats, flora and fauna)	⬆ ⬇ ⬆
6	Archeology and cultural heritage	⬆ ⬇ ⬆
7	Traffic and transport	⬆ ⬇ ⬆
8	Landscape and visual	⬆ ⬇ ⬆
9	Tourism and recreation	⬆ ⬇ ⬆
10	Socio-economic (local economy and society)	⬆ ⬇ ⬆
Least important		

16. Please include details on why you have chosen these issues

Please add your comments

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Onshore details

While we do not have the grid connection location yet, we do know that the point where our offshore cables will reach land is likely to be between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea – and that both the onshore cable and substation will be located within the scoping area described above.

We also know that any onshore cables will be buried underground to minimise visual and environmental impact. A temporary working corridor of up to 70m wide will be needed to install the underground cables along with additional areas for temporary construction compounds. While there will be temporary disruption during construction, once the cables have been installed the land will be restored to its former use. Where the cable route crosses features such as roads, watercourses and ecologically sensitive areas, the aim will be to go under them using horizontal directional drilling, as at the landfall, to avoid impacts.

Cont.

APPENDIX L – Downloadable information sheet



The graphic features a dark, moody background of a stormy sea under a heavy, dark sky. At the top center is a white circular logo containing a stylized three-bladed wind turbine. Below the logo, the text 'NORTH FALLS' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with 'Offshore Wind Farm' in a smaller, italicized font underneath. The main title 'INTRODUCING NORTH FALLS OFFSHORE WIND FARM' is prominently displayed in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image. Below this, the word 'OVERVIEW' is written in bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. The text below 'OVERVIEW' is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

NORTH FALLS
Offshore Wind Farm

INTRODUCING NORTH FALLS OFFSHORE WIND FARM

OVERVIEW

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm is an extension to the existing 504 MW Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm. The project is being developed in the southern North Sea, more than 20km off the UK coast.

The site is in two parts, which together cover a total area of 150km². The project is being developed by North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited, a joint venture company owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE.

DESCRIPTION

The North Falls project is still at an early stage and will be developed in a way that takes into account inputs from the scoping opinion, preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) and ongoing engineering / survey work. Importantly, this will also include the community and stakeholder feedback that we gather during our forthcoming consultations.

At this stage, we can give a high-level summary of its key components including the offshore array, up to 71 wind turbines, the proposed offshore cable route and the broad point of landfall – which is the point at which the undersea cables will come onshore.

As the onshore grid connection - where the project will connect into the transmission network - is still to be determined by National Grid, we do not yet know the location of the project's onshore infrastructure. This means the route of the onshore cables and the site of the onshore substation are not yet known, although North Essex is the most likely location. We have identified an 'onshore scoping area' which is where we expect to identify possible locations for both the onshore cable route and the substation.

PROJECT TIMELINE

In February 2017, The Crown Estate, which is the manager of the seabed, launched a process for wind farm operators to apply for extensions to their existing projects. Eight project applications were received – including an application for what has now become the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm.

Expert independent advisors were consulted as well as marine planning authorities, the statutory nature conservation bodies and a number of non-governmental stakeholders.

In August 2019, The Crown Estate announced that seven of the extension application projects would progress to the award of development rights, including North Falls Offshore Wind Farm.

The Agreement for Lease between North Falls Offshore Wind Farm and The Crown Estate was signed in Autumn 2020 and the project is now in the early stages of development. As North Falls is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project its planning permission, anticipated in 2025, is known as a development consent order (DCO).

Construction would take place in the latter part of the decade, with a view to the project being operational by 2030, aligning with Government targets.

AT A GLANCE

Located 20 kilometres off the UK coast in the southern North Sea, covering an area of 150 km²



Potentially it will comprise up to 71 turbines, depending on the size of turbine selected



Likely investment in UK electricity infrastructure of more than £1.5 billion



Onshore grid connection is still to be provided by National Grid but a likely location is in North Essex



North Falls is being developed by a joint venture company owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE



The Development Consent Order application and supporting environmental assessment and other documents is currently scheduled for submission in 2023



Once operational it could generate enough green energy to power the equivalent of more than 400,000 UK homes



Contributing to the UK government's ambitions of 40GW of offshore wind by 2030 (current figure is around 10.5GW)

FIND OUT MORE

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APPENDIX D

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*Summary of stage 1 (introductory)
consultation feedback*

FEEDBACK RESPONSES

The below feedback responses provide a summary of the comments and input we received during the consultation that took place at the end of 2021.

Need / Rationale

Section 1 of 6

1. Do you consider renewable energy to be important in tackling the global climate change emergency and meeting the UK's Net Zero ambitions?

97% of respondents agreed that renewable energy is important to tackling climate change.

2. Do you believe that offshore wind has a key role to play in the UK's energy security?

87% of respondents believed offshore wind does have a key role to play in the UK's energy security.

3. Do you believe offshore wind generation needs to play a larger part in the UK's mix of renewable energy generation sources?

85% of respondents said that offshore wind generation needs to play a larger part in the UK's mix of renewable energy generation sources.

4. Do you have any general comments or suggestions as to how we can be a good neighbour to the local community as we progress our offshore wind farm plans?

Keeping local community informed of the project progress and engaging on the proposals were two key requests from this question. When it comes to longer term, there were numerous comments around the need to work with local businesses and community groups, use local suppliers and facilities, create local education programmes and enable jobs for local people. Minimising disruption during construction, for the sake of local people, wildlife and the ecology was also a repeated suggestion. All these will be taken into the next phase of the project.

5. Do you have any general comments you would like to make about offshore wind in the UK?

The question elicited a number of very positive comments around offshore wind in the UK due to the fact it increases the amount of power coming from renewable sources and decreases the nation's dependence on imported energy through the harnessing of North Sea Wind. There were also mentions of using more UK manufacturers and reducing the impact of project's onshore infrastructure. Overall there was genuine support for offshore wind such as - "As far as I am concerned the more the better" - with very few negative comments.

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6. Do you have any questions about the North Falls development consent application process?

A key theme from this section was around the timeframe and stages of the planning process. To give some details on this: North Falls has completed its first informal consultation and there will be another in 2022, followed by a formal consultation in 2023, as well as ongoing liaison throughout. The project's planning application is due for submission to the Planning Inspectorate - which runs the development consent application process - around mid 2023. The decision on the planning application is anticipated in 2025/26 and if it is approved, construction would get underway soon after. Future consultations will be promoted in similar ways to this initial consultation although interested parties are encouraged to register their details for regular updates.

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7. Do you have any comments on the North Falls Scoping Report or Planning Inspectorate Scoping Opinion?

As the project has not yet been able to provide a lot of detail of the onshore elements of the project due to a lack of grid connection, respondents were keen to receive further details when they become available. Other issues raised here included the avoidance of ancient woodlands and veteran trees, employment opportunities for local people and potential impacts on migrating birds.

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8. Do you have any questions or comments in relation to our proposed array (wind farm / turbine) areas?

There were limited comments in this section although a number of people expressed they like the way turbines look - "I think wind turbines are wonderful things and a positive sign of green energy". Others wondered about migratory birds, marine ecology and shipping lanes (which will all be factored in to the project plans. One query that came under this section was about the time it takes for a wind farm to payback the CO₂ and energy used in its lifetime. The answer to this - and some of the other questions asked during the consultation, can be found on the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section of the website.

9. Do you have any questions or comments in relation to our proposed offshore cable corridor (this could be comments on marine ecology, shipping or anything else you feel relevant)?

There were not many comments about the offshore cable route itself however respondents were keen to understand more about where the cable will come to shore and how it might affect the local area. A more refined location for the landfall will be available in 2022 and will be consulted on as part of future consultations. This consultation enabled some early fruitful discussions with the local sailing, boating and golf clubs and communication will continue as the plans progress.

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10. Do you make use of the coastal area between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea?

95% of respondents said they do make use of the coastal area between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea.

11. If yes, what type of activity/activities do you do there?

The area between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea is most popularly used for general recreation, hiking and rambling, with running/exercising, bird watching and dog walking also commonly enjoyed past times in the area. Marine recreation, golf and fishing were further down in terms of usage among the respondents but still very much part of the mix.

12. Do you have any comments about the proposal for our cable to landfall between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea?

There was a wide range of responses to this question bringing up interesting points and issues for consideration. Of key concern was the wildlife reserve on the coast and potential impacts of the temporary construction works on local wildlife and ecology. Other issues that were brought up and that will be part of the project's assessment and considerations included the sea defences, the area's susceptibility to erosion and flooding, and its military history.

13. Do you have any questions or comments about the proposal to use horizontal directional drilling (HDD) to avoid sensitive areas?

As this is a commonly used and proven technique employed in many linear construction projects to avoid sensitive areas and fixed features, most respondents agreed it seemed to be the best approach for cable installation to preserve and protect the landfall area. There were however some questions about its impact on local birds, particularly ground nesting species, as well as on wildlife.

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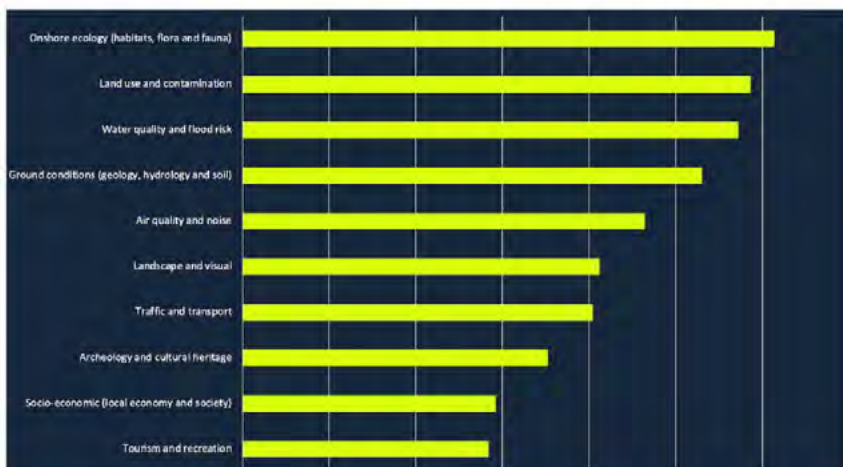
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14. Please order the issues that you consider to be the most important in relation to the onshore impacts of the wind farm. Please number each one 1 - 10, (1 being the most important to you, and 10 being the least important)

While all of these topics are important and will be considered as part of our planning process, it is useful to see what the local community considers most important and relevant. Onshore ecology was found to be of the most concern, followed by land use and contamination and water quality and flood risk. The graph gives an overview of all the responses.



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15. Please include details on why you have chosen these issues

In explaining their rankings of the issues, respondents tended to class them as either short term (traffic, noise) or longer term (local economy, visual impacts). Here is a summary of the rationale for the top ranking topics:

Onshore ecology: Birds and wildlife were highlighted by numerous people as their key concern with high expectations on the project to protect and mitigate any impacts on them.

Land use: This was second in the ranking with varied reasoning including how the substation will look, being sensitive to the surrounding locale, maintaining woodland and ensuring no contamination.

Flood risk: Erosion and flood risk were mentioned under this category with numerous respondents confirming the fact the area has issues with both, hence their concern about any impacts which could contribute and the need to mitigate. Water quality in terms of being able to freely enjoy sea swimming was also included.

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Dear «Salutation»

North Falls Offshore Windfarm Project Landowner Informal Consultation

Following our earlier correspondence to you regarding the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Project, we are now writing to invite you to take part in our first online consultation to provide feedback on the early proposals for North Falls Offshore Wind Farm.

As you are aware this is an extension project to the existing 504MW Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm and its final capacity will generate enough power to supply the electricity needs of at least 400,000 UK homes. It is being developed by a 50/50 joint venture company owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables. The project is planned to be operational towards the end of the decade, playing a key role in the UK Governments ambition to achieve 40GW of installed offshore wind capacity by 2030.

Plans for the project are at an early stage and while the offshore site of the wind farm has been agreed, the location of the onshore infrastructure is yet to be determined as a grid connection location for the project has not yet been provided. It is likely the connection will be in North Essex with the cables brought to shore between Holland-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea.

This initial consultation is therefore designed to introduce the general principles of the project to local people and gather preliminary feedback. There will be further opportunities to offer views on more detailed plans as part of future consultations during the Development Consent Order application process.



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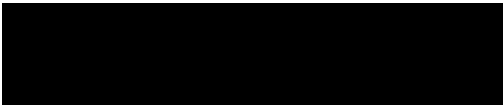


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From Monday 25th October 2021, North Falls will be running an online consultation with feedback being invited by Friday 10th December, either through the project's website or via freepost.

You can find out more by visiting www.northfallsoffshore.com where you will be able to register and provide your valuable input and feedback. Your comments on the proposals at this stage would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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