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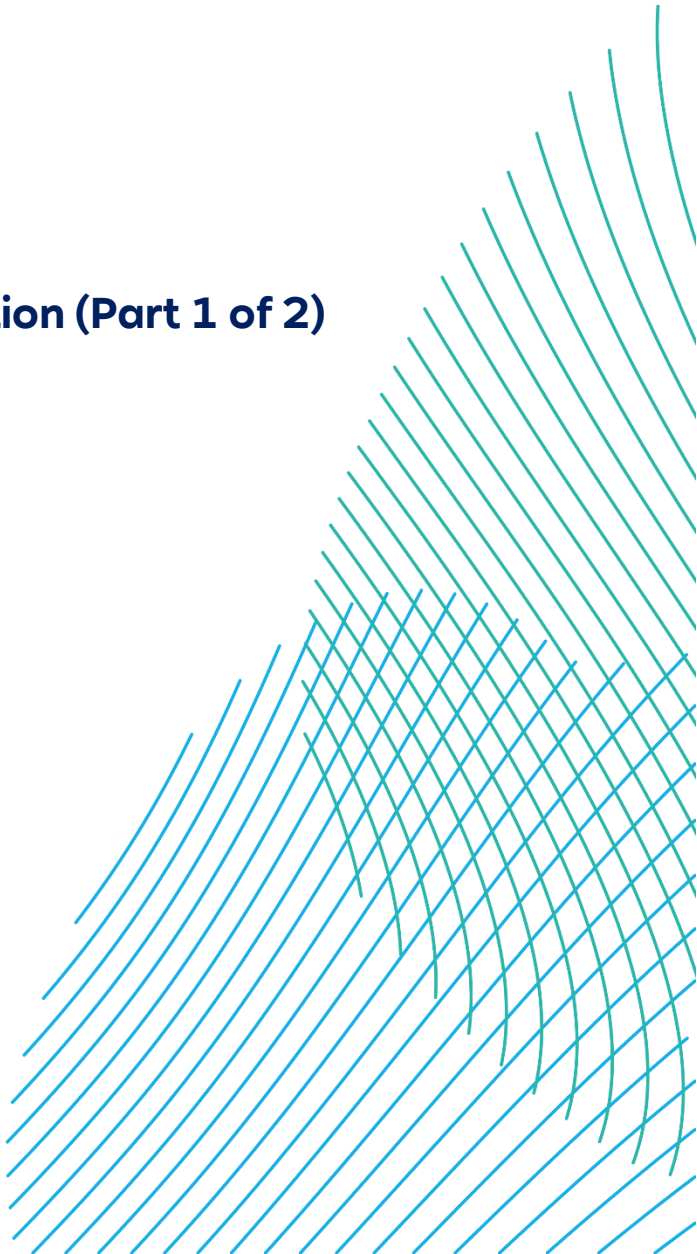

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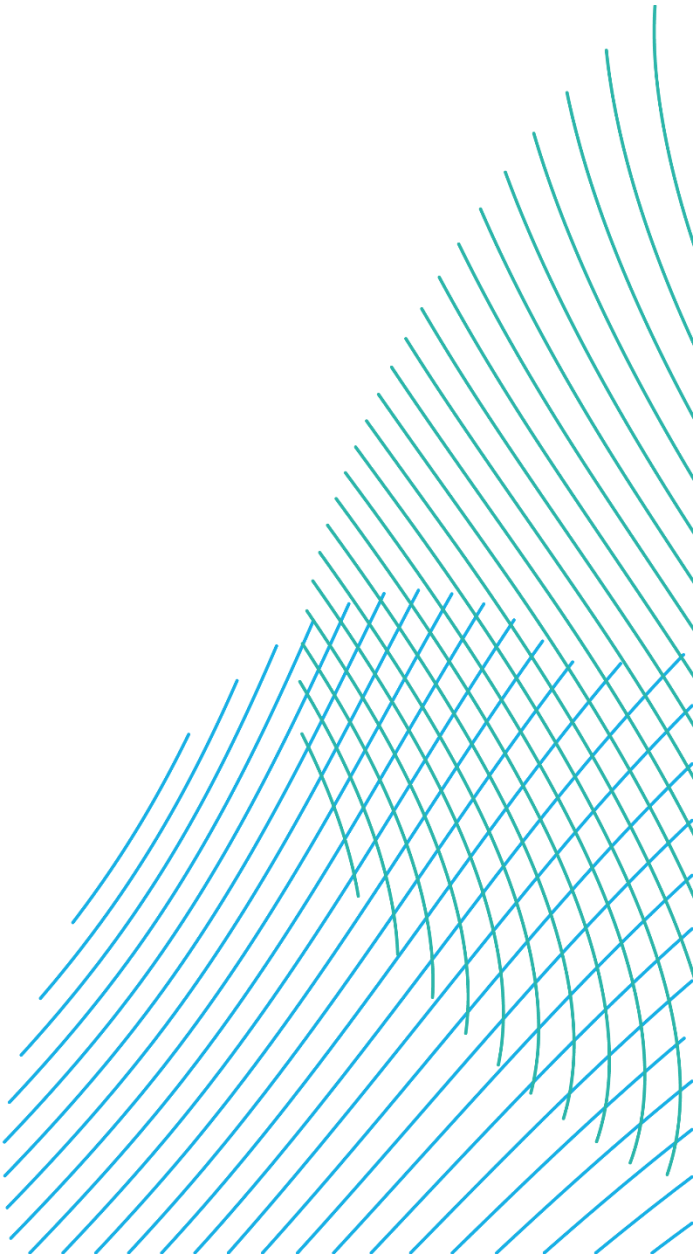

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1. The Purpose of Community Consultation

1.1.1. This document is a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). It sets out how RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (West) Limited and RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (East) Limited (hereafter referred to as RWE) intends to consult statutory consultees, stakeholders, affected residents and local communities about our proposals for the Dogger Bank South Offshore wind farm projects (DBS Projects), as required under the Planning Act 2008 (The Act).

1.1.2. This SoCC is prepared and published in order to satisfy the statutory requirements of section 47 of The Act.

1.1.3. We recognise consultation to be a vital stage in the development of our projects and this statutory consultation provides the opportunity for us to engage with communities, local authorities and stakeholders and for them to comment on the project as the plans evolve.

1.1.4. Consultation helps us identify valuable information, including about the potential impacts of a project, so that potential mitigation measures can be considered and, where appropriate, built into our designs before an application is considered.

1.1.5. This will allow us to develop our plans responsibly and in a manner that has consideration of local community interests.

1.1.6. In developing this SoCC, we consulted with and had regard to comments from East Riding of Yorkshire Council who are the Local Planning Authority and Hull City Council in respect of potential through construction traffic and harbour facilities which may be affected.

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2. The Planning Process

2.1.1. Proposals for offshore wind farms over 100 megawatts (MW) are classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under The Act. This means that development consent is required before construction of the DBS projects can begin.

2.1.2. We must therefore apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) through the NSIP planning process for DBS. The application for development consent will be submitted to, and examined by, the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. PINS will provide a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will ultimately decide whether or not to grant the development consent for the project.

2.1.3. As part of the examination process, we must satisfy PINS that our pre-application consultation has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of The Act. This includes identifying statutory consultees for the proposed consultation, under Section 42 of The Act. It also includes setting out how we propose to consult with the community in the vicinity of the project under Section 47 of the Planning Act, with this SoCC being published in accordance with this requirement.

2.1.4. Consent for the offshore arrays, offshore and onshore cable routes, and offshore and onshore substations, will be included in the DCO.

2.1.5. For more information on this process or advice on how to respond to our pre-application consultation, you can access The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note Eight: Overview of the nationally significant infrastructure planning process for members of the public and others at: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/

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2.2. Environmental information

2.2.1. As set out in Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, we confirm that the DBS Projects constitute Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development. An EIA will therefore be carried out for the DBS Projects in accordance with Regulation 5 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

2.2.2. The methodology and scope of the EIA will be agreed with PINS and in consultation with relevant regulatory bodies, environmental bodies and other stakeholders.

2.2.3. The following reports (listed below) will be consulted on as part of the EIA process and as the DCO application is prepared.

Scoping Report

2.2.4. The Scoping Report was submitted to PINs on 26 July 2022 (https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010125/EN010125-000181-DBS%20-%20Environmental%20Impact%20Assessment%20Scoping%20Report.pdf)

2.2.5. It outlines the receptors that will be considered during the EIA and the proposed approach to data gathering. It also provides information on the assessment methodology in order to characterise the existing environment, assess potential impacts and develop mitigation measures. This will be refined during a programme of consultation with technical stakeholders throughout the EIA process.

2.2.6. The Scoping Opinion was received from the Secretary of State on 1 September 2022 (https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010125/EN010125-000247-EN010125_Dogger%20Bank%20South_Scoping%20Opinion.pdf).

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The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

2.2.7. The PEIR will provide the interim findings of the site characterisation and impact assessment. It will incorporate the findings of surveys and initial assessments and will enable consultees to develop an informed view of the potential environmental effects of the DBS Projects. We will be seeking feedback from local communities and other stakeholders on the PEIR during the statutory consultation (see the consultation timeline in Section 13 for more details).

Environmental Statement (ES)

2.2.8. The ES will report on the final conclusions of the impact assessments, based on the findings of undertaken surveys, and will address, as appropriate, representations made in relation to the PEIR. It will also describe any changes made to the project since publication of the PEIR, and any mitigation measures that need to be implemented. The ES will form part of the DCO application for submission.

2.2.9. While DBS is made up of two separate projects (DBS East and DBS West), we are submitting a single DCO application with a combined Environmental Impact Assessment. This will allow for consistency across the projects on approach to assessments, consultation and examination. The assessment will consider the possibility that the projects are developed either concurrently or sequentially.

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3. About RWE

3.1.1. RWE is one of the world's leading renewable energy companies and is a key player in the offshore wind market.

3.1.2. RWE has been involved in offshore wind energy in the UK since the very start, having installed the first full scale offshore turbines at Blyth in 2000 and commissioned the UK's first commercial wind farm in 2003, the 60 MW North Hoyle.

3.1.3. RWE is the UK's second largest power producer and third largest renewable generator supplying around 12% of UK electricity.

3.1.4. In the UK, we currently operate:

- 10 offshore wind farms;
- 33 onshore wind farms;
- 21 hydro plants;
- 1 biomass plant.

3.1.5. We are dedicated to generating electricity using sustainable and environmentally friendly resources. We do this by harnessing the natural power of wind, water and biomass into significant sources of renewable energy for the UK's present, and future, electricity needs. Our offshore assets are presented in the map below.

Figure 1 RWE's offshore assets

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4. Dogger Bank Offshore Wind Farm Projects

4.1. Background

4.1.1. In February 2021, under The Crown Estate's Offshore Wind Leasing Round 4 tender process, RWE was awarded the status of preferred bidder for two projects which make up Dogger Bank South (DBS), located in the Southern North Sea. The DBS projects are known individually as DBS East and DBS West and will be located over 100 kilometres off the coast of northeast England (see figure 4.1 below).

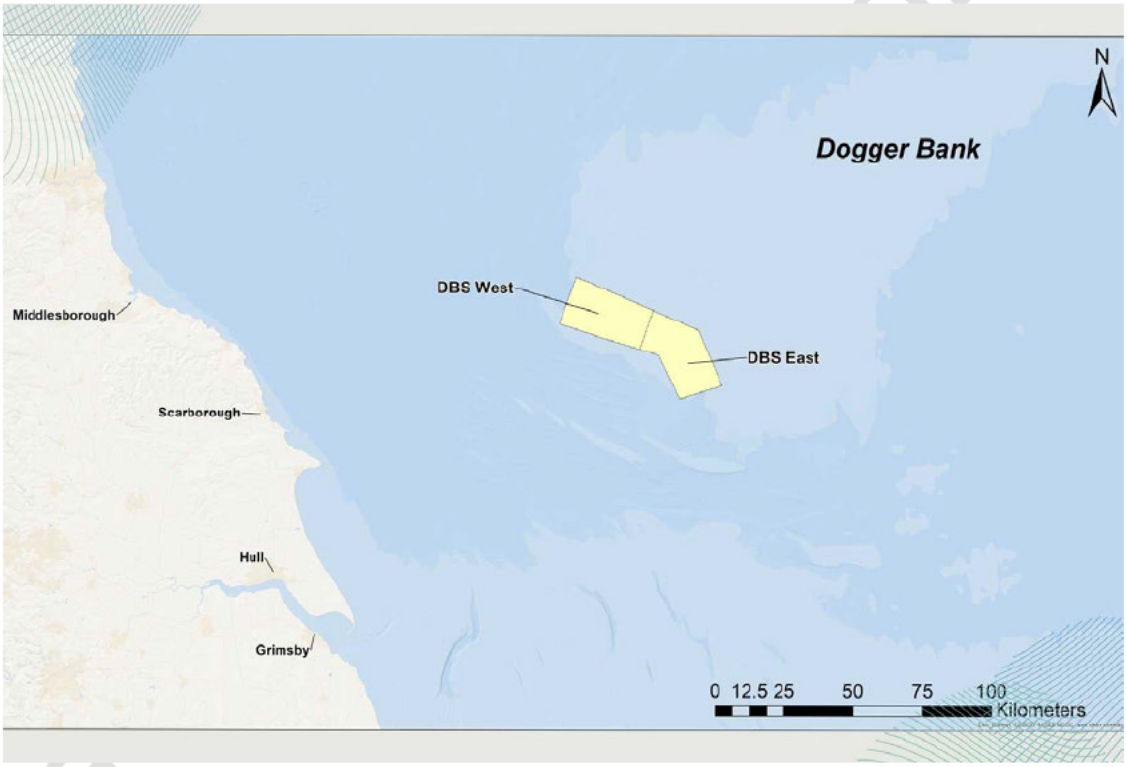

Figure 2 Location of Dogger Bank South projects

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4.1.2. If each Project has an installed capacity of 1.5GW (3GW in total), the projects could generate enough electricity to power up to 3.4 million typical UK households with clean, green electricity each year helping to meet the UK Government's offshore wind and net zero targets.

4.1.3. Electricity generated by the projects will be brought ashore via subsea cables in the vicinity of Skipsea on the Yorkshire coast. Underground cables will be installed from landfall to onshore substations (one for each project) and onward cabling installed from the substation to connect to the national grid.

4.1.4. National Grid ESO, the UK electrical system operator, has identified that connections to the national grid will be made at a new national grid substation in the vicinity of the existing National Grid Creyke Beck substation. The DBS substations will be located near to this new site. This infrastructure will also need to take into account wider network function as part of a 'holistic network' design for the connection of a number of offshore wind farms, as required by National Grid ESO and Ofgem.

4.1.5. Each of the DBS projects will be served by its own project specific infrastructure, but cable corridors, landfall zones and substation sites will be shared or complimentary where practicable to reduce impacts on communities and the environment.

4.2. The Project Description

The Offshore Array

4.2.1. The offshore array encompasses the wind farm site itself, and includes:

- the wind turbines and foundations;
- offshore platforms (including substations);
- 'inter-array' cables linking the wind turbines and the offshore substations;
- service operation vehicle (SOV) mobile facility for operations and maintenance staff and equipment.

4.2.2. At this early stage, it is not possible to confirm the size and number of turbines at DBS. The final number will be determined after consent has been achieved but before construction commences following detailed engineering and environmental studies and engagement with the supply chain.

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The Electrical System

4.2.3. The electrical system is required to connect the wind farms to the national grid, and includes:

- offshore export cables which will transport the electricity generated from the offshore arrays to shore;
- onshore buried jointing pits, located at a 'landfall zone' on the Holderness Coast, where the offshore and onshore electricity cables connect to each other;
- onshore underground cable routes, which will have a combined construction width for both projects of approximately 100m width, to accommodate the cables and construction infrastructure such as haul roads and soil storage. The underground cables will connect the electricity generated from the offshore wind turbines to new onshore electricity substations for the Projects;
- onshore electricity substations which will transform the electricity generated by the offshore wind turbines to a voltage suitable for connection to the national grid. The DBS substations will be located near a new National Grid substation at Creyke Beck. It is anticipated that the total permanent footprint of the substations with be approximately 200 hectares and the tallest buildings could be up to 24 metres in height;

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- additional onshore underground cables to transmit the electricity from the new DBS substations to the National Grid substation.

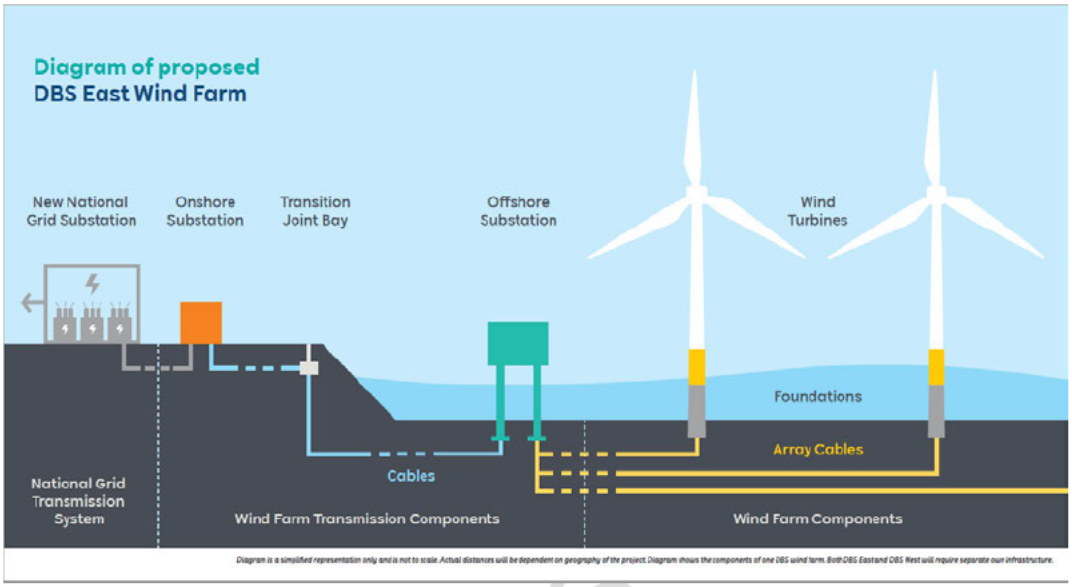

Figure 3 Diagram of the proposed DBS East Wind Farm

5. Previous non-statutory consultation

5.1.1. A non-statutory consultation on our proposals was held between 9 September and 14 October 2022. The purpose of this consultation was to:

- Introduce the DBS projects;
- Explain the site selection process and options for the substation zones and onshore cable corridor, and;
- Collect feedback on our proposals.

5.1.2. Invitations were sent to around 19,000 homes and businesses within the non-statutory consultation zone, along with letters and emails to stakeholders including local MPs, councillors and parish councils.

5.1.3. We held 4 public consultation events which were attended by 393 people, and had over 679 visitors to the consultation pages on our website.

5.1.4. We received 63 responses to the consultation.

5.1.5. The key themes arising from the responses included:

- Archaeology and cultural heritage – including location of sites, scheduled monuments and listed buildings.

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- Ecology – information on areas important to wildlife and details of species found in the area.
- Landscape and visual – concerns about the potential visual impacts of development within the different substation zones, and how different views might be affected.
- Public rights of way (PRoW) – importance of ensuring minimal impacts on PRoW during construction.
- Flood risk and drainage – detailed information about historical flooding across the area, and the importance of minimising impact on local drainage systems.
- Cumulative impact – other developments in the area were identified and concerns raised about the potential cumulative impact of the DBS projects.

6. Who we will consult

6.1.1. This consultation is open to anyone who may be interested or in any way feels impacted by our proposals. Under Section 47 of The Act, we have a duty to consult with individuals and communities living within the vicinity of the land affected by the DCO application.

6.1.2. We will write to residential and business addresses with the consultation zone. The consultation zone includes all properties within 3km of the proposed substations zones, within 1.5km of proposed landfall zones and within 1km of the proposed onshore cable corridor. The distance will be measured from the red line boundary of the projects.

6.1.3. Our consultation will also involve organisations representing local residents, businesses, and communities. We will work with the Local Planning Authority (LPA) East Riding of Yorkshire Council, among others, to identify any key resident and community groups.

6.1.4. We will also consult the following groups and individuals:

- parish and town councils directly affected by the proposals and in the immediate vicinity
- commercial stakeholders (including asset owners and the fisheries industry);
- Members of Parliament (MPs) representing constituencies both within and bordering the consultation zone;
- elected representatives in local authorities where the project is situated, including briefings for members during the statutory consultation period as requested;

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- 'seldom heard' and 'hard to reach' groups who have been drawn to our attention, representing people who are unlikely to respond to traditional consultation techniques and may need additional support to access materials;
- local interest groups, such as residents' associations, and groups with particular specialisms, such as local heritage or wildlife.

6.1.5. In addition to the local community, we will consult prescribed bodies and local authorities under section 42(1)(a), (aa) and (b) of The Act. We will also consult Persons with an Interest in Land (PILs) under sections 42(1) (d) and 44.

6.1.6. We encourage interested parties to submit their feedback via our communication lines, which include our dedicated DBS projects website (www.rwe.com/doggerbanksouth) , email address (dbs@rwe.com), Freephone information line (0800 254 5459) and post (FREEPOST DBSOWF).

6.1.7. Interested parties can also register their interest at our project website to receive regular updates on the DBS projects and our proposals.

7. What we will consult on

7.1.1. We will seek feedback on our proposals for the DBS projects, including but not limited to the following:

- Proposals for the offshore array;
- Proposals for the onshore infrastructure (onshore underground cable routes, substation locations, connection to the national grid);
- potential environmental effects (e.g. landscape and visual amenity, terrestrial/marine ecology, wildlife);
- economic effects (e.g. commercial activities such as shipping and fisheries, employment opportunities);
- community effects (e.g. public rights of way);
- traffic and transport impacts;
- construction methodology and temporary construction areas;
- potential environment mitigations.

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7.1.2. The project will continue to evolve in response to consultation feedback, further design, and assessment. If any substantive changes are made to the design of the project following this statutory consultation, we will consider whether there is a requirement for further consultation as appropriate.

7.1.3. As part of the submission of an application for development consent, an Environmental Statement (ES) will be prepared. This document will present an assessment of likely significant effects and proposed mitigation based on the final design parameters.

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8. Consultation materials and information

8.1.1. The following consultation materials will be developed to help people understand the proposals for the project and provide their feedback.

Project website	We have set up dedicated project website pages where all information on the project will be published, along with details of how to provide feedback on proposals
Letters	We will write to all stakeholders in advance of the consultation launch and all properties within the consultation zone as set out in 6.1.2
Newsletter	We will publish a newsletter with the following information: • overview of the proposals and project map • project website details and instructions on how to access information • information about public consultation events • information about webinars and how to sign up • details of community access points The newsletter will be sent out to everyone who has signed up to receive information about the project. It will be made available at local access points in advance of the consultation and will be distributed to stakeholders. It will also be published on the project website and paper copies will be available on request.
Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)	We will make the full PEIR available on the project website. Copies will be available for inspection at public events Copies on USB will be made available on request and subject to a production charge.
A non-technical summary	A non-technical summary of the PEIR will be published.
Non-statutory consultation report	A report detailing the Introductory Consultation which was held in September – October 2022 including a summary of responses received and how we have had regard to the feedback.
Consultation booklet	An overview booklet will be published to explain the project, its various components and where to find more detailed information or contact the project team. The document will be written in non-technical language.
Feedback questionnaire	A questionnaire with qualitative and quantitative questions will be produced to capture consultation feedback. The questionnaire will be available to complete online or downloaded to be completed and returned via email or post.

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	Paper copies of the questionnaire will be available at consultation events, community access points and mailed on request.
Consultation banners	Consultation banners will be produced to provide an overview of the project at consultation events. Banners will be designed to assist the understanding of the plans and allow for further discussion with members of the project team. Members of the public will be able to view the consultation banners at the public events or online, on the project website.
Project maps	Paper copy and digital maps will be made available at consultation events and on the website, to assist understanding of the proposals.
Consultation presentation	A digital presentation reflecting the information provided in the consultation brochure and on consultation banners, including project maps will be produced for use at webinars and briefings meetings.

8.1.2. Paper copies of the materials can also be made available upon request, (large documents, such as the PEIR may be subject to a printing charge).

9. Promoting the consultation

9.1.1. We will distribute the newsletter in advance of the consultation to all residential and business addresses with postcodes in the consultation zone set out in 6.1.2.

9.1.2. Copies of the newsletter will also be mailed directly to MPs, elected members, parish/town councils, and neighbouring local authorities/councils.

9.1.3. We will raise awareness of the consultation to those living outside of this area through the following methods of engagement:

- placing advertisements in local newspapers (including the local edition of the Hull Daily Mail and Beverley Life);
- liaising with all parish councils along the onshore cable route to advertise the consultation in parish magazines and on local parish websites and social media pages where possible. We will also provide posters to display locally to raise awareness of the consultation;
- issuing media releases to local TV, radio and press to promote the consultation.

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9.1.4. The consultation will also be promoted via statutory notices published in local and national newspapers (including the London Gazette), giving details about the consultation in accordance with Section 47 and 48 of The Act.

10. How we will consult

10.1. Public consultation events

10.1.1. We will hold four public consultation events during the consultation period, the precise dates and times are to be confirmed. The locations will be selected to be close to the project sites as follows:

- one event close to the potential landfall zones;
- two events near to the potential substation zones;
- one event broadly midpoint along the proposed onshore cable corridor.

10.1.2. The consultation events will be open to anyone who has an interest in the project. Attendees will have the opportunity to view exhibition banners and other materials about the project, and to discuss the proposals with members of the team and provide feedback on the proposals.

10.2. Consultation webinars

10.2.1. We will hold two webinars during the consultation period, the precise dates and times are to be confirmed:

- one webinar during normal office hours;
- one webinar during the evening.

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10.2.2. The online webinars will provide an opportunity for those who are not comfortable in a face to face environment to find out more information about the proposals and to ask questions to the team for a response.

10.2.3. Members of the public can sign up for a webinar online through our consultation website, by email using our email address or over the phone using our freephone number.

10.3.Stakeholder briefings

10.3.1. We will offer face to face and/or virtual briefing meetings with the following stakeholders in the run up to or during the consultation:

- Members of Parliament;
- elected representatives of East Riding of Yorkshire Council;
- parish and town councils close to the proposals;
- local planning authority officers.

10.3.2. We will meet with other organisations and individuals on request. These may include:

- prescribed bodies and local authorities under section 42(1)(a), (aa) and (b) of The Act;
- persons with an Interest in Land (PILs) under sections 42(1) and 44 of The Act;
- groups and organisations representing local residents, businesses and communities;
- other interest groups with a close relationship to the DBS projects.

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10.4.Consultation website

10.4.1. We know that concerns around coronavirus remain so we will have a dedicated consultation website which will be available throughout the entire consultation period. The consultation website gives the opportunity for those unable to make the public exhibitions to view all of the documentation and easily respond to the consultation.

10.4.2. The consultation website will contain all of the information available at public exhibition events including detailed reports, exhibition boards and maps.

10.5.Community access points

10.5.1. Whilst this is no longer a statutory requirement, paper copies of the consultation booklet, non-technical summary of the PEIR, newsletter and questionnaire will be provided to the following (subject to their agreement and availability):

- local libraries;
- parish/village halls;
- council offices.

11. How to respond to our consultation

11.1.1. The statutory consultation period will run for six weeks commencing in May 2023 (exact date to be confirmed).

11.1.2. During the consultation period people will be able to submit their feedback on the proposals for the project.

11.1.3. This can be done in the following ways:

- online via the consultation website (www.rwe.com/doggerbanksouth)
- by completing a questionnaire at one of the public consultation events
- by post sending to FREEPOST DBSOWF
- by email (dbs@rwe.com)

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Consultation responses received by any other method than those listed above, such as through social media, will not be formally recorded as part of the consultation. Responses provided orally, such as via telephone, will be accepted in exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis when someone may not otherwise be able to respond to the consultation.

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12. Next steps

12.1.1. Following the close of the consultation, the feedback will be collated, reviewed and analysed alongside any and all responses received as part of the consultation activities held in line with sections 42 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008. Our proposals will be reviewed in light of the feedback.

12.1.2. If, following the statutory consultation, we consider it is necessary to undertake further targeted statutory consultation, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC.

12.1.3. The proposed application will then be finalised, taking into consideration the feedback received.

12.1.4. A Consultation Report will be produced as part of our application for development consent, as required by section 37(3)(c) of the Act. The report will include a summary of the consultation process undertaken in accordance with this document and will set out how the feedback from the consultation has shaped and influenced the final proposals. Responses to the consultation and extracts of responses may be published as part of the report unless specifically stated in the response.

12.1.5. Following submission, PINS will decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to examination and will determine whether the statutory consultation process has been adequate. As part of this process, local authorities will be invited to comment on the adequacy of the consultation.

12.1.6. The Consultation Report will be available online once an application for development consent has been submitted. Paper copies will be available on request and may be subject to a printing charge.

12.2. Further consultation

12.2.1. Once we have submitted our DCO application, there will be opportunities to submit written comments on the documents and to raise key points with the Examining Authority during public hearings. These will be publicised at the appropriate time. Guidance on the DCO process can be found here: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8.0.pdf

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13. Indicative Project Development Timeline

13.1.1. The indicative development timeline for the projects is expected to be as set out below:

- Scoping Report submitted 26 July 2022
- Introductory consultation held 9 September to 14 October 2022
- Consultation on PEIR (statutory consultation) Q2 2023
- Submission of DCO application Q1 2024
- Acceptance and pre-examination Q1 – Q3 2024
- Examination Q3 2024 – Q1 2025
- Recommendation and decision Q1 - Q3 2025

Figure 42.1 Project development timeline

14. Contact details

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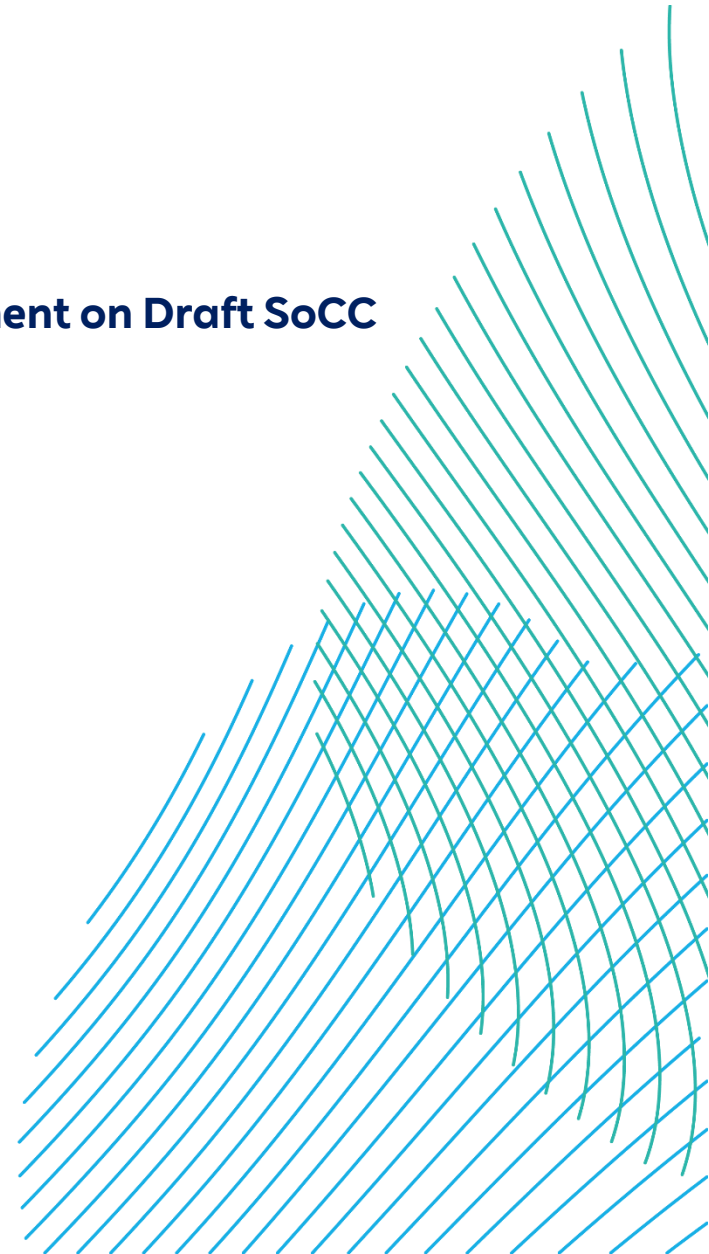

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From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Dogger Bank South
Sent: 16 February 2023 17:33
To: [redacted]

Subject: Dogger Bank South - Statement of Community Consultation

[redacted]

I am writing to introduce myself as I have joined RWE Renewables as Consultation Manager for the Dogger Bank South project. In preparation for the statutory consultation which will be taking place in May 2023, I am writing to invite you to comment on the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) attached.

Whilst the impacts of the project in terms of the site of the substations, cable route, landfall and the overall offshore array are not located within the councils' area, there are potential effects from construction and traffic that we wish to ensure the council is consulted on in terms of the SoCC.

Please can you confirm if you require any further technical detail from us in order to comment on the attached. If the SoCC needs to be reviewed by anyone else within the council, please could you let me know who I should contact. I am available at your convenience should you have any questions or need any assistance.

The deadline for response/comment, in accordance with the Planning Act guidance is the 15 March 2023. Please let me know if you are able to respond earlier or have any concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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From [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Dogger Bank South
Sent: 16 February 2023 17:33
To: [redacted]
Subject: Statement of Community Consultation - Dogger Bank South Projects

Dear [redacted]

Further to our previous communication, please find attached the Statement of Community Consultation for the Dogger Bank South projects for your consideration and comment.

The deadline for response/comment, in accordance with the Planning Act guidance is the 15 March 2023. Please let me know if you are able to respond earlier or have any concerns.

I am available at your convenience should you have any questions or need any assistance.

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Dear [redacted]

Following my previous emails, I would be grateful if you could respond to confirm if there are any comments from Hull City Council on the Statement of Community Consultation. The deadline for comments has now passed and we would be grateful if you could acknowledge a 'no comment' or confirm any feedback as a matter of urgency.

Apologies for having to chase this up as I appreciate you are both incredibly busy.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

[redacted]

From: Dogger Bank South
Sent: 16 March 2023 13:37
To: [redacted]
Cc: Dogger Bank South <dbs@rwe.com>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Dogger Bank South - Statement of Community Consultation - deadline for comment

[redacted]

Following my previous email, please could you respond to confirm whether or not you have any comments on the draft Statement of Community Consultation as we need to finalise the document for publication.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 15 March 2023 13:16
To: [redacted]
Cc: Dogger Bank South <dbs@rwe.com>
Subject: Dogger Bank South - Statement of Community Consultation - deadline for comment

[redacted]

Further to my previous emails, please note that the closing date for comments on the SoCC is today. Can you please let me know if you are able to provide your feedback by close of business today? If you have no comments, please can you respond accordingly?

Should you need any assistance or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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Good Morning

Thank you for your email and I can only apologise for the delay in responding.

I can confirm that East Riding of Yorkshire Council has no comments to make.

Kind Regards

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CertHE, MPhysGeog (Hons), MSc Urban and Regional Planning,
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Should you need any assistance or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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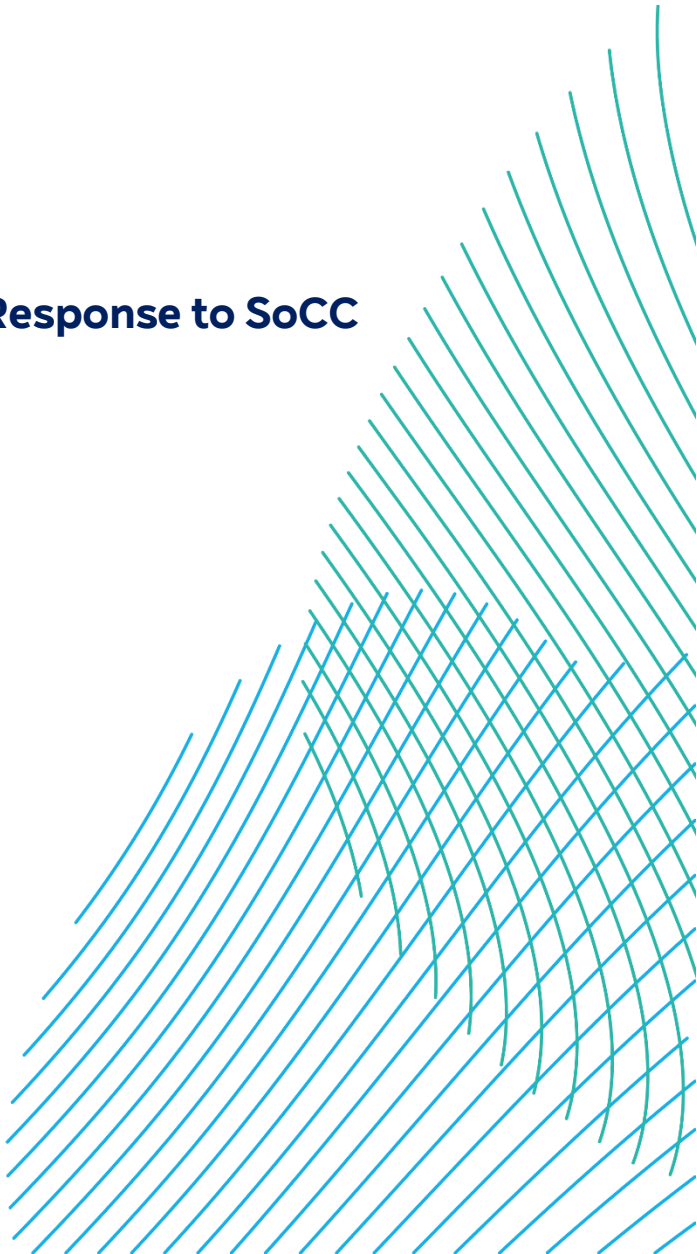

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Afternoon [redacted]

Apologies for the late response (much on at present) but please see attached.

Best regards,

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Principal Development Management Officer – City Plan Projects

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Consultation Manager
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Your Ref: [redacted]
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Contact Officer: [redacted]
Telephone:
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Date: 22 March 2023

Dear [redacted]

Planning Act 2008 Section 47 (1) : Statement of Community Consultation - Draft for Consultation

Application by RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (West) Limited and RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (East) Limited for Offshore Wind Farms

Thank you for consulting Hull City Council and inviting comments on your draft Statement of Community Consultation. Officers of the Council have reviewed the document, and consider the approaches outlined therein to be appropriate and comprehensive in the context of the requirements of the Act.

The Council wishes to reiterate its support for the development of the Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms in general terms, and particularly in light of the City and HEYLEP's net zero, clean growth economy, and renewables sector priorities.

Yours sincerely

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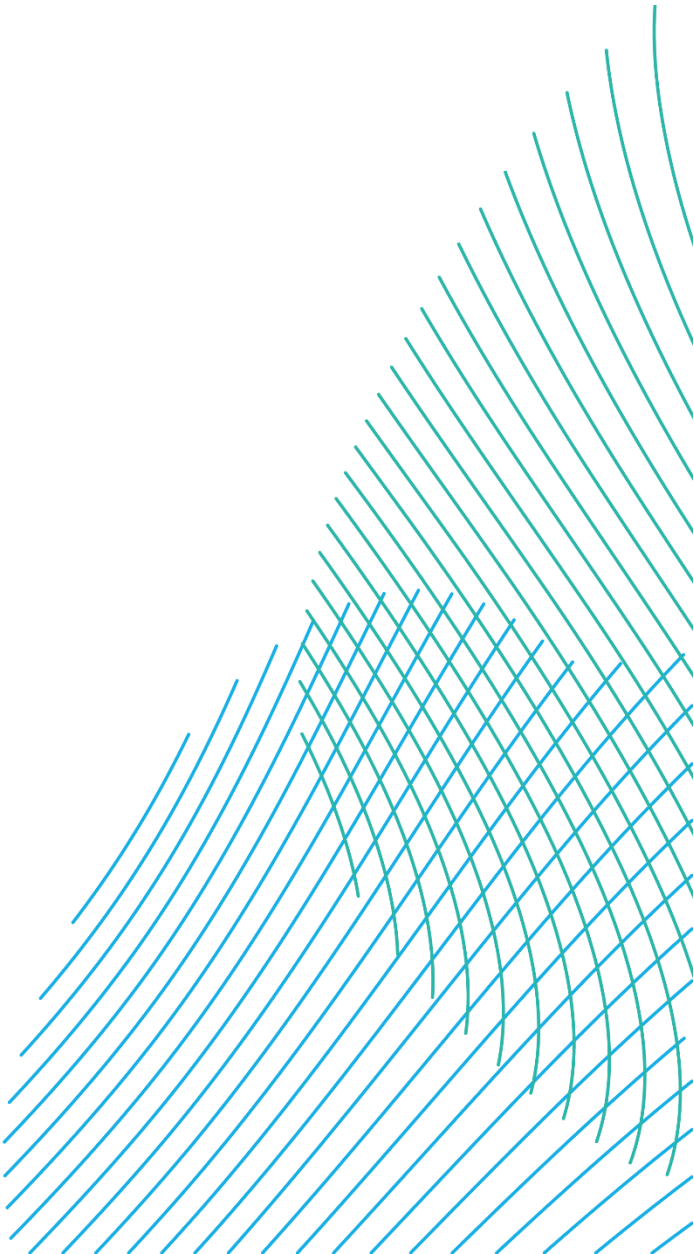

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1. The Purpose of Community Consultation

1.1.1. This document is a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). It sets out how RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (West) Limited and RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (East) Limited (hereafter referred to as RWE) intends to consult statutory consultees, stakeholders, affected residents and local communities about our proposals for the Dogger Bank South Offshore wind farm projects (DBS Projects), as required under the Planning Act 2008 (The Act).

1.1.2. This SoCC is prepared and published in order to satisfy the statutory requirements of section 47 of The Act.

1.1.3. We recognise consultation to be a vital stage in the development of our projects and this statutory consultation provides the opportunity for us to engage with communities, local authorities and stakeholders and for them to comment on the project as the plans evolve.

1.1.4. Consultation helps us identify valuable information, including about the potential impacts of a project, so that potential mitigation measures can be considered and, where appropriate, built into our designs before an application is considered.

1.1.5. This will allow us to develop our plans responsibly and in a manner that has consideration of local community interests.

1.1.6. In developing this SoCC, we consulted with and had regard to comments from East Riding of Yorkshire Council who are the Local Planning Authority and Hull City Council in respect of potential through construction traffic and harbour facilities which may be affected.

2. The Planning Process

2.1.1. Proposals for offshore wind farms over 100 megawatts (MW) are classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under The Act. This means that development consent is required before construction of the DBS projects can begin.

2.1.2. We must therefore apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) through the NSIP planning process for DBS. The application for development consent will be submitted to, and examined by, the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. PINS will provide a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will ultimately decide whether or not to grant the development consent for the project.

2.1.3. As part of the examination process, we must satisfy PINS that our pre-application consultation has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of The Act. This includes identifying statutory consultees for the proposed consultation, under Section 42 of The Act. It also includes setting out how we propose to consult with the community in the vicinity of the project under Section 47 of the Planning Act, with this SoCC being published in accordance with this requirement.

2.1.4. Consent for the offshore arrays, offshore and onshore cable routes, and offshore and onshore substations, will be included in the DCO.

2.1.5. For more information on this process or advice on how to respond to our pre-application consultation, you can access The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note Eight: Overview of the nationally significant infrastructure planning process for members of the public and others at: hiips://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation -and-advice/advice-notes/

2.2. Environmental information

2.2.1. As set out in Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, we confirm that the DBS Projects constitute Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development. An EIA will therefore be carried out for the DBS Projects in accordance with Regulation 5 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

2.2.2. The methodology and scope of the EIA will be agreed with PINS and in consultation with relevant regulatory bodies, environmental bodies and other stakeholders.

2.2.3. The following reports (listed below) will be consulted on as part of the EIA process and as the DCO application is prepared.

Scoping Report

2.2.4. The Scoping Report was submitted to PINs on 26 July 2022 (hiips://infrastructure.planninginspect orate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010125/EN010125-000181-DBS%20-%20Environmental%20Impact%20Assessment%20Scoping%20Report.pdf)

2.2.5. It outlines the receptors that will be considered during the EIA and the proposed approach to data gathering. It also provides information on the assessment methodology in order to characterise the existing environment, assess potential impacts and develop mitigation measures. This will be refined during a programme of consultation with technical stakeholders throughout the EIA process.

2.2.6. The Scoping Opinion was received from the Secretary of State on 1 September 2022 (hiips://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010125/EN010125-000247-EN010125_Dogger%20Bank%20South_Scoping%20Opinion.pdf).

The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

2.2.7. The PEIR will provide the interim findings of the site characterisation and impact assessment. It will incorporate the findings of surveys and initial assessments and will enable consultees to develop an informed view of the potential environmental effects of the DBS Projects. We will be seeking feedback from local communities and other stakeholders on the PEIR during the statutory consultation (see the consultation timeline in Section 13 for more details).

Environmental Statement (ES)

2.2.8. The ES will report on the final conclusions of the impact assessments, based on the findings of undertaken surveys, and will address, as appropriate, representations made in relation to the PEIR. It will also describe any changes made to the project since publication of the PEIR, and any mitigation measures that need to be implemented. The ES will form part of the DCO application for submission.

2.2.9. While DBS is made up of two separate projects (DBS East and DBS West), we are submitting a single DCO application with a combined Environmental Impact Assessment. This will allow for consistency across the projects on approach to assessments, consultation and examination. The assessment will consider the possibility that the projects are developed either concurrently or sequentially.

3. About RWE

3.1.1. RWE is one of the world's leading renewable energy companies and is a key player in the offshore wind market.

3.1.2. RWE has been involved in offshore wind energy in the UK since the very start, having installed the first full scale offshore turbines at Blyth in 2000 and commissioned the UK's first commercial wind farm in 2003, the 60 MW North Hoyle.

3.1.3. RWE is the UK's second largest power producer and third largest renewable generator supplying around 12% of UK electricity.

3.1.4. In the UK, we currently operate:

- 10 offshore wind farms;
- 33 onshore wind farms;
- 21 hydro plants;
- 1 biomass plant.

3.1.5. We are dedicated to generating electricity using sustainable and environmentally friendly resources. We do this by harnessing the natural power of wind, water and biomass into significant sources of renewable energy for the UK's present, and future, electricity needs. Our offshore assets are presented in the map below.

Figure 1 RWE's offshore assets

4. Dogger Bank Offshore Wind Farm Projects

4.1. Background

4.1.1. In February 2021, under The Crown Estate's Offshore Wind Leasing Round 4 tender process, RWE was awarded the status of preferred bidder for two projects which make up Dogger Bank South (DBS), located in the Southern North Sea. The DBS projects are known individually as DBS East and DBS West and will be located over 100 kilometres off the coast of northeast England (see figure 4.1 below).

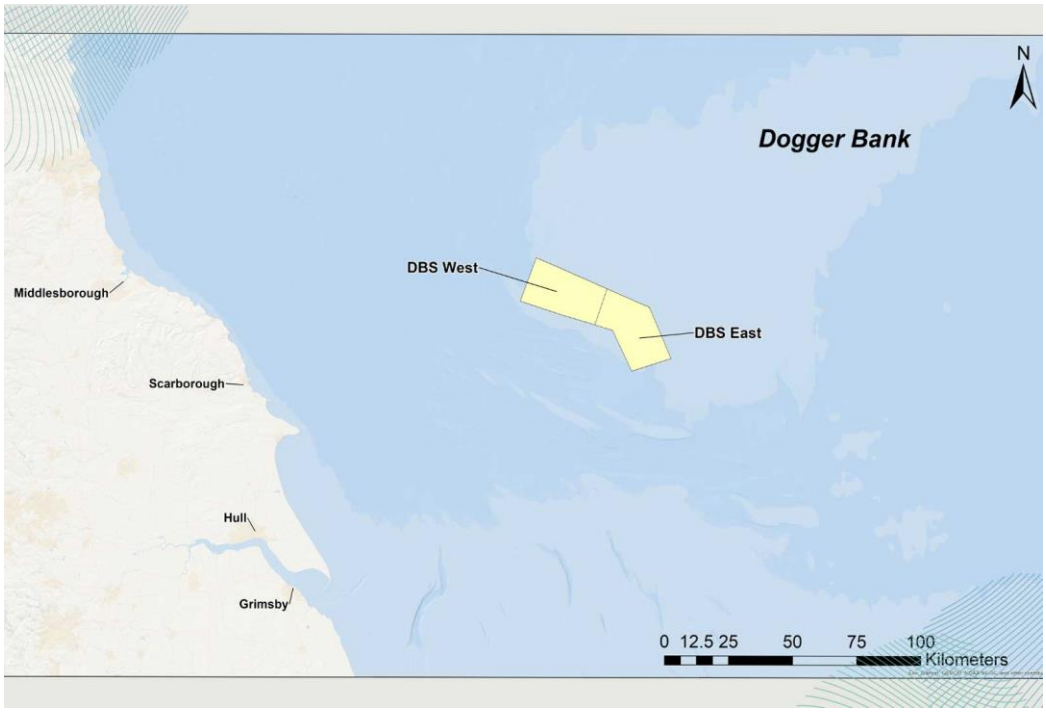

Figure 2 Location of Dogger Bank South projects

4.1.2. If each Project has an installed capacity of 1.5GW (3GW in total), the projects could generate enough electricity to power up to 3.4 million typical UK households with clean, green electricity each year helping to meet the UK Government's offshore wind and net zero targets.

4.1.3. Electricity generated by the projects will be brought ashore via subsea cables in the vicinity of Skipsea on the Yorkshire coast. Underground cables will be installed from landfall to onshore substations (one for each project) and onward cabling installed from the substation to connect to the national grid.

4.1.4. National Grid ESO, the UK electrical system operator, has identified that connections to the national grid will be made at a new national grid substation in the vicinity of the existing National Grid Creyke Beck substation. The DBS substations will be located near to this new site. This infrastructure will also need to take into account wider network function as part of a 'holistic network' design for the connection of a number of offshore wind farms, as required by National Grid ESO and Ofgem.

4.1.5. Each of the DBS projects will be served by its own project specific infrastructure, but cable corridors, landfall zones and substation sites will be shared or complimentary where practicable to reduce impacts on communities and the environment.

4.2. The Project Description

The Offshore Array

4.2.1. The offshore array encompasses the wind farm site itself, and includes:

- the wind turbines and foundations;
- offshore platforms (including substations);
- 'inter-array' cables linking the wind turbines and the offshore substations;
- service operation vehicle (SOV) mobile facility for operations and maintenance staff and equipment.

4.2.2. At this early stage, it is not possible to confirm the size and number of turbines at DBS. The final number will be determined after consent has been achieved but before construction commences following detailed engineering and environmental studies and engagement with the supply chain.

The Electrical System

4.2.3. The electrical system is required to connect the wind farms to the national grid, and includes:

- offshore export cables which will transport the electricity generated from the offshore arrays to shore;
- onshore buried jointing pits, located at a 'landfall zone' on the Holderness Coast, where the offshore and onshore electricity cables connect to each other;
- onshore underground cable routes, which will have a combined construction width for both projects of approximately 100m width, to accommodate the cables and construction infrastructure such as haul roads and soil storage. The underground cables will connect the electricity generated from the offshore wind turbines to new onshore electricity substations for the Projects;
- onshore electricity substations which will transform the electricity generated by the offshore wind turbines to a voltage suitable for connection to the national grid. The DBS substations will be located near a new National Grid substation at Creyke Beck. It is anticipated that the total permanent footprint of the substations with be approximately 200 hectares and the tallest buildings could be up to 24 metres in height;

- additional onshore underground cables to transmit the electricity from the new DBS substations to the National Grid substation.

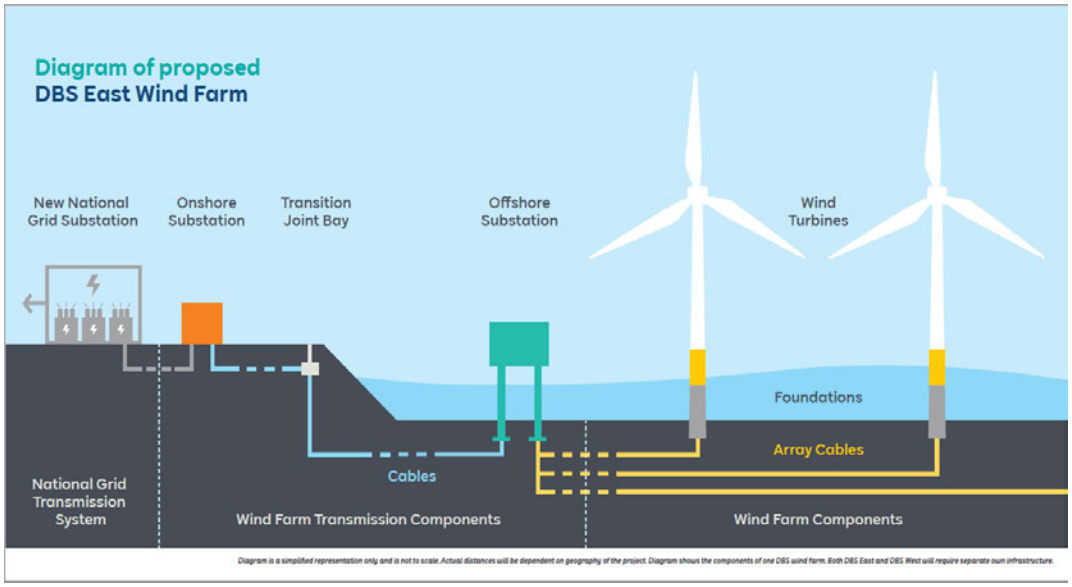

Figure 3 Diagram of the proposed DBS East Wind Farm

5. Previous non-statutory consultation

5.1.1. A non-statutory consultation on our proposals was held between 9 September and 14 October 2022. The purpose of this consultation was to:

- Introduce the DBS projects;
- Explain the site selection process and options for the substation zones and onshore cable corridor, and;
- Collect feedback on our proposals.

5.1.2. Invitations were sent to around 19,000 homes and businesses within the non-statutory consultation zone, along with letters and emails to stakeholders including local MPs, councillors and parish councils.

5.1.3. We held 4 public consultation events which were attended by 393 people, and had over 679 visitors to the consultation pages on our website.

5.1.4. We received 63 responses to the consultation.

5.1.5. The key themes arising from the responses included:

- Archaeology and cultural heritage – including location of sites, scheduled monuments and listed buildings.

- Ecology – information on areas important to wildlife and details of species found in the area.
- Landscape and visual – concerns about the potential visual impacts of development within the different substation zones, and how different views might be affected.
- Public rights of way (PRoW) – importance of ensuring minimal impacts on PRoW during construction.
- Flood risk and drainage – detailed information about historical flooding across the area, and the importance of minimising impact on local drainage systems.
- Cumulative impact – other developments in the area were identified and concerns raised about the potential cumulative impact of the DBS projects.

6. Who we will consult

6.1.1. This consultation is open to anyone who may be interested or in any way feels impacted by our proposals. Under Section 47 of The Act, we have a duty to consult with individuals and communities living within the vicinity of the land affected by the DCO application.

6.1.2. We will write to residential and business addresses with the consultation zone. The consultation zone includes all properties within 3km of the proposed substations zones, within 1.5km of proposed landfall zones and within 1km of the proposed onshore cable corridor. The distance will be measured from the red line boundary of the projects.

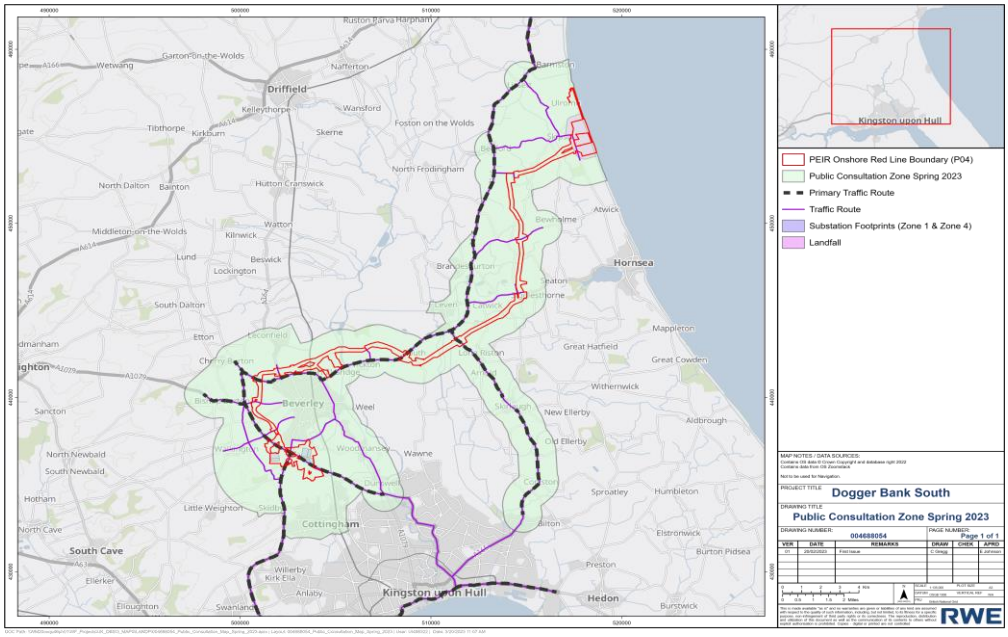

Figure 4 Consultation Zone Map

6.1.3. Our consultation will also involve organisations representing local residents, businesses, and communities. We will work with the Local Planning Authority (LPA) East Riding of Yorkshire Council, among others, to identify any key resident and community groups.

6.1.4. We will also consult the following groups and individuals:

- parish and town councils directly affected by the proposals and in the immediate vicinity
- commercial stakeholders (including asset owners and the fisheries industry);

- Members of Parliament (MPs) representing constituencies both within and bordering the consultation zone;
- elected representatives in local authorities where the project is situated, including briefings for members during the statutory consultation period as requested;
- 'seldom heard' and 'hard to reach' groups who have been drawn to our attention, representing people who are unlikely to respond to traditional consultation techniques and may need additional support to access materials;
- local interest groups, such as residents' associations, and groups with particular specialisms, such as local heritage or wildlife.

6.1.5. In addition to the local community, we will consult prescribed bodies and local authorities under section 42(1)(a), (aa) and (b) of The Act. We will also consult Persons with an Interest in Land (PILs) under sections 42(1) (d) and 44.

6.1.6. We encourage interested parties to submit their feedback via our communication lines, which include our dedicated DBS projects website (www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk) , email address (dbs@rwe.com), Freephone information line (0800 254 5459) and post (FREEPOST DBSOWF).

6.1.7. Interested parties can also register their interest at our project website to receive regular updates on the DBS projects and our proposals.

7. What we will consult on

7.1.1. We will seek feedback on our proposals for the DBS projects, including but not limited to the following:

- Proposals for the offshore array;
- Proposals for the onshore infrastructure (onshore underground cable routes, substation locations, connection to the national grid);
- potential environmental effects (e.g. landscape and visual amenity, terrestrial/marine ecology, wildlife);
- economic effects (e.g. commercial activities such as shipping and fisheries, employment opportunities);
- community effects (e.g. public rights of way);
- traffic and transport impacts;
- construction methodology and temporary construction areas;

- potential environment mitigations.

7.1.2. The project will continue to evolve in response to consultation feedback, further design, and assessment. If any substantive changes are made to the design of the project following this statutory consultation, we will consider whether there is a requirement for further consultation as appropriate.

7.1.3. As part of the submission of an application for development consent, an Environmental Statement (ES) will be prepared. This document will present an assessment of likely significant effects and proposed mitigation based on the final design parameters.

8. Consultation materials and information

8.1.1. The following consultation materials will be developed to help people understand the proposals for the project and provide their feedback.

Project website	We have set up dedicated project website pages where all information on the project will be published, along with details of how to provide feedback on proposals
Letters	We will write to all stakeholders in advance of the consultation launch and all properties within the consultation zone as set out in 6.1.2
Newsletter	We will publish a newsletter with the following information: • overview of the proposals and project map • project website details and instructions on how to access information • information about public consultation events • information about webinars and how to sign up • details of community access points The newsletter will be sent out to everyone who has signed up to receive information about the project. It will be made available at local access points in advance of the consultation and will be distributed to stakeholders. It will also be published on the project website and paper copies will be available on request.
Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)	We will make the full PEIR available on the project website. Electronic copies will be available for inspection at public events Copies on USB will be made available on request and subject to a production charge.
A non-technical summary	A non-technical summary of the PEIR will be published.
Non-statutory consultation report	A report detailing the Introductory Consultation which was held in September – October 2022 including a summary of responses received and how we have had regard to the feedback.
Consultation booklet	An overview booklet will be published to explain the project, its various components and where to find more detailed information or contact the project team. The document will be written in non-technical language.
Feedback questionnaire	A questionnaire with qualitative and quantitative questions will be produced to capture consultation feedback. The questionnaire will be available to complete online or downloaded to be completed and returned via email or post.

	Paper copies of the questionnaire will be available at consultation events, community access points and mailed on request.
Consultation banners	Consultation banners will be produced to provide an overview of the project at consultation events. Banners will be designed to assist the understanding of the plans and allow for further discussion with members of the project team. Members of the public will be able to view the consultation banners at the public events or online, on the project website.
Project maps	Paper copy and digital maps will be made available at consultation events and on the website, to assist understanding of the proposals.
Consultation presentation	A digital presentation reflecting the information provided in the consultation brochure and on consultation banners, including project maps will be produced for use at webinars and briefings meetings.

8.1.2. Paper copies of the materials can also be made available upon request, (large documents, such as the PEIR may be subject to a printing charge).

9. Promoting the consultation

9.1.1. We will distribute the newsletter in advance of the consultation to all residential and business addresses with postcodes in the consultation zone set out in 6.1.2.

9.1.2. Copies of the newsletter will also be mailed directly to MPs, elected members, parish/town councils, and neighbouring local authorities/councils.

9.1.3. We will raise awareness of the consultation to those living outside of this area through the following methods of engagement:

- placing advertisements in local newspapers (including the local edition of the Hull Daily Mail and Beverley Life);
- liaising with all parish councils along the onshore cable route to advertise the consultation in parish magazines and on local parish websites and social media pages where possible. We will also provide posters to display locally to raise awareness of the consultation;
- issuing media releases to local TV, radio and press to promote the consultation.

9.1.4. The consultation will also be promoted via statutory notices published in local and national newspapers (including the London Gazette), giving details about the consultation in accordance with Section 47 and 48 of The Act.

10. How we will consult

10.1.Public consultation events

10.1.1. We will hold five public consultation events during the consultation period. The locations have been selected to be close to the project sites as follows:

- two events close to the potential landfall zones;
- two events near to the potential substation zones;
- one event broadly midpoint along the proposed onshore cable corridor.

The consultation events are confirmed as follows:

Date	Time	Location
Friday 9 June 2023	3pm – 7pm	Beverley Memorial Hall 73-75 Lairgate Beverley, East Yorkshire HU17 8HN
Saturday 10 June 2023	3pm – 7pm	Skipsea Village Hall Bridlington Road Skipsea YO25 8TJ
Thursday 22 June 2023	3pm – 7pm	Leven Sports Hall North Street Leven HU17 5NF
Friday 23 June 2023	3pm – 7pm	Skipsea Village Hall Bridlington Road Skipsea YO25 8TJ
Saturday 24 June 2023	11am – 4pm	Beverley Memorial Hall 73-75 Lairgate Beverley, East Yorkshire HU17 8HN

10.1.2. The consultation events will be open to anyone who has an interest in the project. Attendees will have the opportunity to view exhibition banners and other materials about the project, and to discuss the proposals with members of the team and provide feedback on the proposals.

10.2.Consultation webinars

10.2.1. We will hold two webinars during the consultation period, the precise dates and times are to be confirmed:

- one webinar during normal office hours;
- one webinar during the evening.

10.2.2. The online webinars will provide an opportunity for those who are not comfortable in a face to face environment to find out more information about the proposals and to ask questions to the team for a response.

10.2.3. Members of the public can sign up for a webinar online through our consultation website, by email using our email address or over the phone using our freephone number.

10.3.Stakeholder briefings

10.3.1. We will offer face to face and/or virtual briefing meetings with the following stakeholders in the run up to or during the consultation:

- Members of Parliament;
- elected representatives of East Riding of Yorkshire Council;
- parish and town councils close to the proposals;
- local planning authority officers.

10.3.2. We will meet with other organisations and individuals on request. These may include:

- prescribed bodies and local authorities under section 42(1)(a), (aa) and (b) of The Act;
- persons with an Interest in Land (PILs) under sections 42(1) and 44 of The Act;
- groups and organisations representing local residents, businesses and communities;
- other interest groups with a close relationship to the DBS projects.

10.4.Consultation website

10.4.1. We know that concerns around coronavirus remain so we will have a dedicated consultation website which will be available throughout the entire consultation period. The consultation website gives the opportunity for those unable to make the public exhibitions to view all of the documentation and easily respond to the consultation.

10.4.2. The consultation website will contain all of the information available at public exhibition events including detailed reports, exhibition boards and maps.

10.5.Community access points

10.5.1. Whilst this is no longer a statutory requirement, paper copies of the consultation booklet, non-technical summary of the PEIR, newsletter and questionnaire will be made available at the following locations from the 6 June 2023. Each location has computer facilities available for public use which will allow access to the PEIR and other consultation documents on the website: www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk

Location	Opening times
Driffield Centre Cross Hill, Driffield YO25 6RQ	Monday 9.30am – 6.30pm, Tuesday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wednesday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Thursday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Friday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm, Sunday Closed
Beverley Library Champney Road, Beverley HU17 8HE	Monday 9.30am – 5pm, Tuesday 9.30am – 8pm, Wednesday 9.30am – 5pm, Thursday 9.30am – 8pm, Friday 9.30am – 5pm, Saturday 9am – 4pm, Sunday Closed
Bridlington Central Library King Street, Bridlington YO15 2DF	Monday 9.30am – 5pm, Tuesday Closed, Wednesday 9.30am – 6pm, Thursday 9.30am – 3pm, Friday Closed, Saturday 9.30am – 1pm, Sunday Closed
Cottingham Centre Market Green, Cottingham HU16 5QG	Monday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Tuesday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wednesday Closed, Thursday 9.30am – 6.30pm, Friday 9.30am – 1pm, Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm, Sunday Closed
Greenwood Avenue Library 220 Greenwood Avenue Hull HU6 9RA	Monday 10am – 5pm, Tuesday 10am – 5.30pm, Wednesday 10am – 6.30pm, Thursday Closed, Friday 10am – 5pm, Saturday 10am – 1pm, Sunday Closed
Hornsea Library Broadway, Hornsea HU18 1RU	Monday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Tuesday 12.30pm – 6.30pm, Wednesday Closed, Thursday 9.30am - 1.30pm, Friday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm, Sunday Closed

Leven Library 74 East Street, Leven HU17 5NG	Monday Closed, Tuesday Closed, Wednesday 10.30am – 12.30pm and 3.30pm – 7pm, Thursday Closed, Friday Closed, Saturday Closed, Sunday Closed
Bridlington Community Hub 1st Floor 2a Marshall Avenue Bridlington YO15 2DS	Monday Closed, Tuesday 10am – 4.30pm, Wednesday 10am – 4.30pm, Thursday Closed, Friday Closed, Saturday Closed, Sunday Closed

11. How to respond to our consultation

11.1.1. The statutory consultation period will run for six weeks commencing on 6 June 2023 and closing on 17 July 2023.

11.1.2. During the consultation period people will be able to submit their feedback on the proposals for the project.

11.1.3. This can be done in the following ways:

- online via the consultation website (www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk)
- by completing a questionnaire at one of the public consultation events
- by post sending to FREEPOST DBSOWF
- by email (dbs@rwe.com)

11.1.4. Consultation responses received by any other method than those listed above, such as through social media, will not be formally recorded as part of the consultation. Responses provided orally, such as via telephone, will be accepted in exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis when someone may not otherwise be able to respond to the consultation.

12. Next steps

12.1.1. Following the close of the consultation, the feedback will be collated, reviewed and analysed alongside any and all responses received as part of the consultation activities held in line with sections 42 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008. Our proposals will be reviewed in light of the feedback.

12.1.2. If, following the statutory consultation, we consider it is necessary to undertake further targeted statutory consultation, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC.

12.1.3. The proposed application will then be finalised, taking into consideration the feedback received.

12.1.4. A Consultation Report will be produced as part of our application for development consent, as required by section 37(3)(c) of the Act. The report will include a summary of the consultation process undertaken in accordance with this document and will set out how the feedback from the consultation has shaped and influenced the final proposals. Responses to the consultation and extracts of responses may be published as part of the report unless specifically stated in the response.

12.1.5. Following submission, PINS will decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to examination and will determine whether the statutory consultation process has been adequate. As part of this process, local authorities will be invited to comment on the adequacy of the consultation.

12.1.6. The Consultation Report will be available online once an application for development consent has been submitted. Paper copies will be available on request and may be subject to a printing charge.

12.2. Further consultation

12.2.1. Once we have submitted our DCO application, there will be opportunities to submit written comments on the documents and to raise key points with the Examining Authority during public hearings. These will be publicised at the appropriate time. Guidance on the DCO process can be found here: hiips://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8.0.pdf

13. Indicative Project Development Timeline

13.1.1. The indicative development timeline for the projects is expected to be as set out below:

- Scoping Report submitted 26 July 2022
- Introductory consultation held 9 September to 14 October 2022
- Consultation on PEIR (statutory consultation) Q2 2023
- Submission of DCO application Q1 2024
- Acceptance and pre-examination Q1 – Q3 2024
- Examination Q3 2024 – Q1 2025
- Recommendation and decision Q1 - Q3 2025

Figure 5 Project development timeline

14. Contact details

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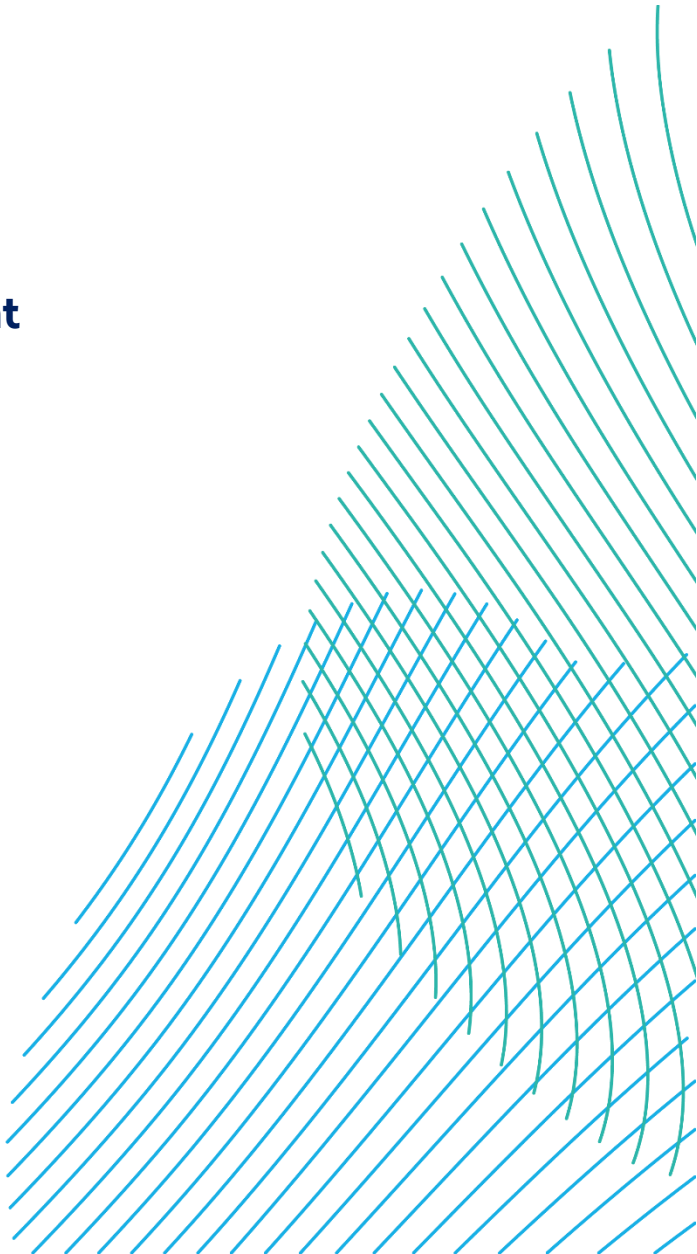

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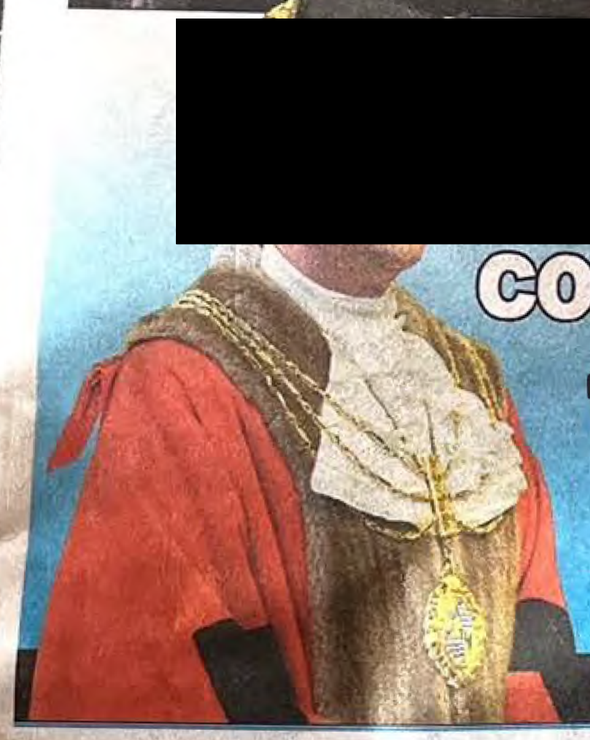

[redacted] have lots of ideas for the coming year and look forward to representing the people of our wonderful town."

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A day to honour Forces heroes

After being held in the town centre over the last few years, Beverley Armed Forces Day will return to Normandy Barracks in Leconfield between 10am and 4pm on Saturday 1st July.

This year's event is set to be bigger than ever, with people from across the East Riding being invited to attend.

There will be a wide range of activities and displays for all age groups including families, with everyone invited to recognise the contribution made by the armed forces community and thank them for their services and sacrifices.

Members from the Navy, Army and Air Force, as well as cadets and veterans will be present.

There will be military displays and personnel recounting their involvement in campaigns from world wars, through to more recent deployment in Afghanistan.

A range of military equipment will be on display and visitors will be able to participate in several activities.

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Ample car parking will be available on site and it is hoped that transport will be provided to and from Beverley town centre.

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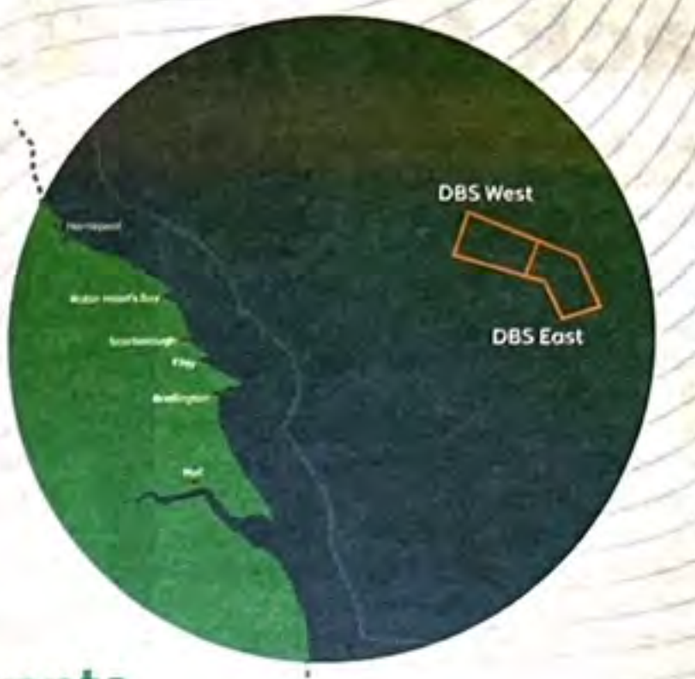

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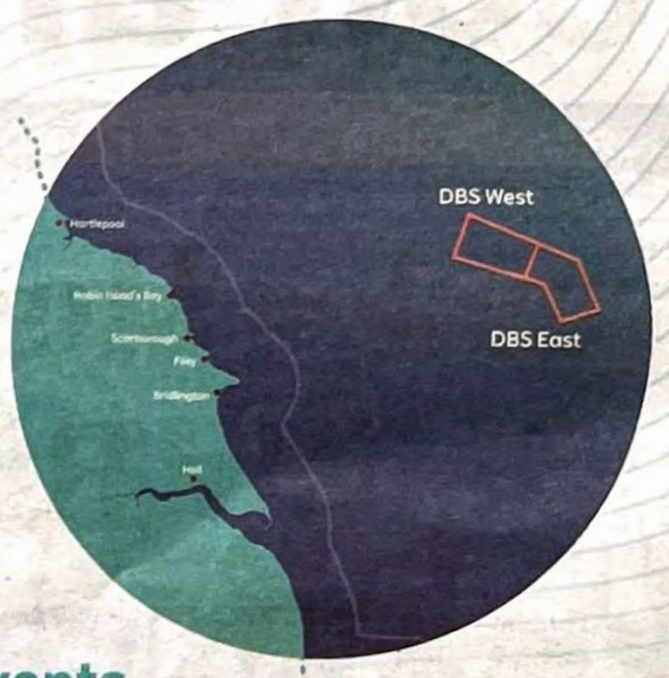

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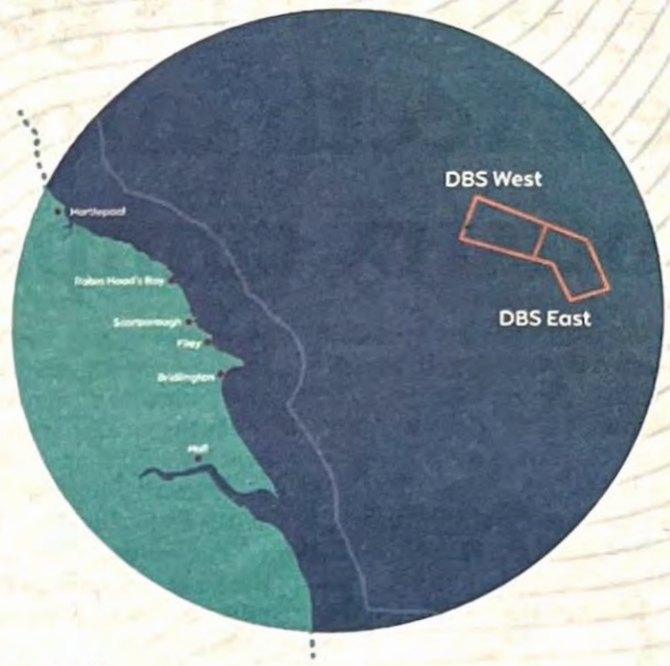

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IN THE PICTURE WITH JOSH

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The sunsets themselves are usually impressive enough, but I often find the early evening light or the warm glow after the sun has dipped below the horizon, provides the most interesting light for photography. Even the blue hour creates some beautiful colours!

The warmer weather also brings out the plants, insects and reptiles which are hidden away through the colder seasons. Whenever I'm out on the North York Moors through the Summer, I always try to walk quietly to find Adders basking in the morning sun, or Slow Worms along the rivers and amongst the undergrowth.

Many of the flowers are also in bloom this time of year and you may see flowers like this Bee Orchid growing around the nature reserves and even in the verges.

Through the Summer I often take my macro lens with me on walks as there are so many flowers and insects to see.

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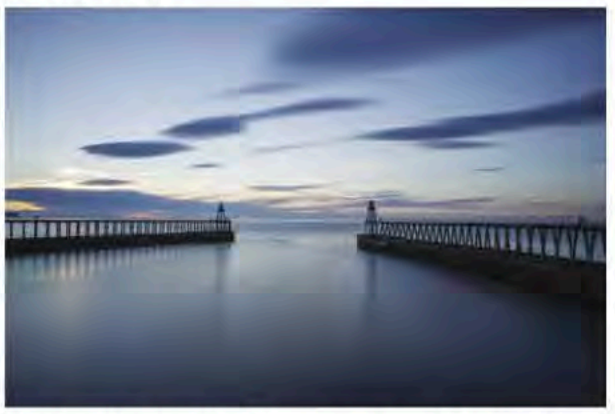

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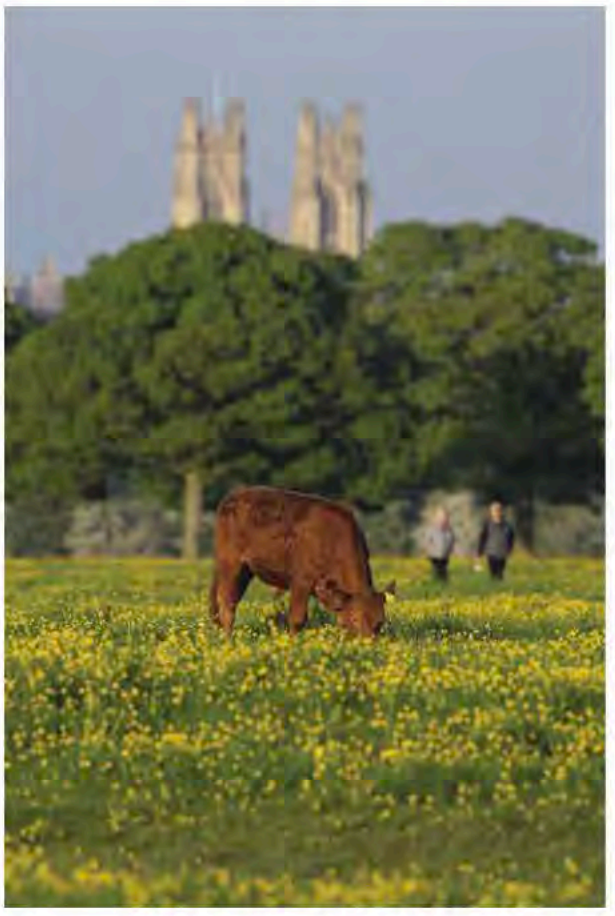

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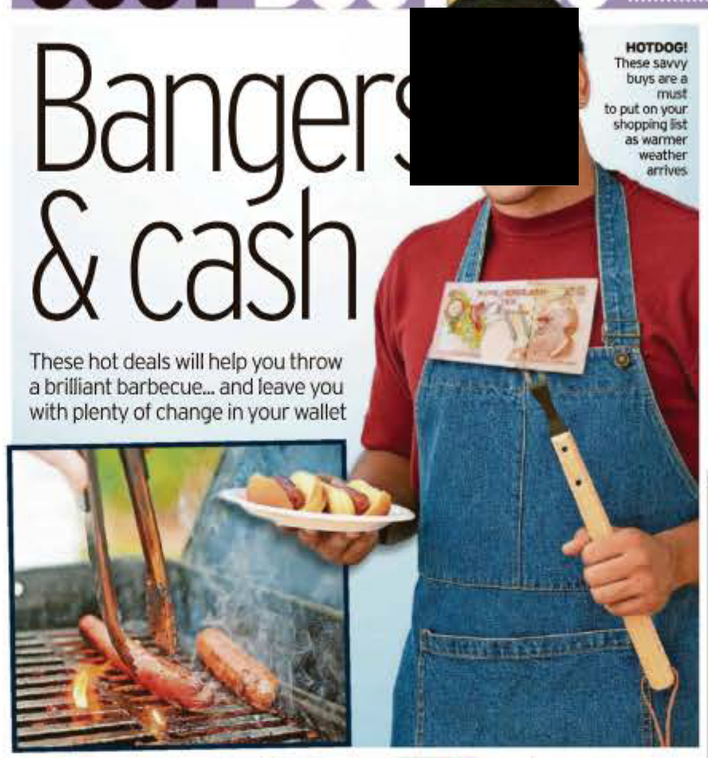

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NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

("DCO")

Notice is hereby given that RWE Renewables Dogger Bank South (West) Limited and RWE Renewables Dogger Bank South (East) Limited (the "Applicant") of Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, United Kingdom, SN5 6PB intends to apply to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for the above mentioned DCO. The proposed development comprises two offshore wind farms; Dogger Bank South West and Dogger Bank South East, herein known as 'the Projects'.

The Projects include provision for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of two offshore windfarms located approximately 100km from the Yorkshire coast at its closest point in the shallow area of the North Sea known as Dogger Bank. The application provides for two separate sites known as DBS West and DBS East.

Up to 200 wind turbine generators will be installed across both Projects, together with associated offshore and onshore infrastructure. Associated infrastructure (at a capacity which will also serve a wider grid network purpose) includes offshore platforms, the installation of underground offshore and onshore cables, and the construction of an electrical substation and associated infrastructure in the vicinity of Beverley. The wind turbine generators and offshore platforms will be located within the offshore array aras, and will be connected to each other via interarray and interconnector cables, and will be fixed to the seabed with foundation structures. The electricity generated by the wind turbine generated will be transported to the national grid via cables which will make landfall in the vicinity of Skipsea between Bridlington and Hornsea, and connect to National Grid's proposed Creyke Beck Connection Node substation via the Projects' onshore substation. All onshore infrastructure will be located in East Riding of Yorkshire.

The proposed Development Consent Order will, amongst other things, authorise components including:

Offshore

1. Up to 200 wind turbine generators across both Projects with associated foundations and scour protection.

2. Offshore platforms, including offshore substation platforms, offshore converter platforms, collector platforms, a Reactive Compensation Platform, an Electrical Switching Platform and/or an Accommodation Platform.

3. Foundation structures and scour protection for wind turbines and offshore platforms.

4. A network of subsea inter array cables including cable protection, connecting the wind turbines to each other and to offshore platforms, including cable crossing.

5. Inter-platform cables including cable protection, connecting the offshore platforms to each other, including cable crossings.

6. Offshore export cables from the array areas to the landfall.

Onshore

1. Landfall and associated transition joint bays located near to Skipsea approximately halfway between Bridlington and Hornsea to connect the offshore cables and the onshore cables.

2. Onshore export cables installed underground from the transition joint bays to the onshore substations and associated joint bays and link boxes.

3. Onshore substations together with associated equipment, accesses, landscaping and onward 400 kilovolt connection to a proposed new National Grid substation near Creyke Beck, to the south of Beverley.

4. Trenchless crossing locations (e.g. Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD)).

5. Construction and operational accesses.

6. Construction compounds.

7. Associated and/or ancillary works including archaeological and ground investigations, drainage works, highway improvements, works to alter the position of existing utilities, works to watercourses, landscaping and other mitigation and monitoring works.

8. Such other works as may be necessary or expedient for the purposes of or in connection with the construction, operation, maintenance or decommissioning of the Project.

9. If required, temporary stopping up, diversion or alteration of streets, roads and Public Rights of Way.

10 If required, the permanent and compulsory acquisition of land and rights for the Project.

11. If required, overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land for the Project.

12. If required, the application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project including inter alia legislation relating to compulsory acquisition.

13. Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The Projects have a generating capacity in excess of 100MW and therefore are classified as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under s14 and s15(3) of the Planning Act 2008. In addition, the Projects are Environmental Impact Assessment developments for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Accordingly, the Applicant is making preliminary environmental information available and the proposed application for a DCO will be accompanied by a full Environmental Statement.

A copy of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and non-technical summary (NTS), and plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development may be inspected free of charge in the exhibition section of the Applicant's website www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk from 6 June 2023.

The NTS, as well as other consultation materials, will also be available in hard copy at the deposit locations below. Opening hours are subject to change, please check before making a special trip. Each deposit location has computer facilities available for public use which will allow access to the PEIR and other consultation documents on the Applicant's website.

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This consultation will take place from **6 June 2023 to 17 July 2023**. Any person may comment on the proposals for the Projects or otherwise respond to this notice. The consultation brochure and feedback form explain the specific topics on which the Applicant is seeking feedback, although consultees are not restricted to commenting on these issues and the Applicant welcomes feedback on any aspect of the Projects.

Any responses in respect of the Projects should be sent:

(1) by email to dbs@rwe.com; or

(2) by post to 'Freepost DBSOWF'. No further postal address or stamp is required.

The deadline for responses is **11:59pm on Monday 17 July 2023**, postal responses must be sent on or before this deadline. Responses should explain who is making the response and give an address for future correspondence. Responses may be made public. Please note that any consultation responses received after this date may not be considered.

Contact the Dogger Bank South Projects:

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Appendix D6 – Web Evidence

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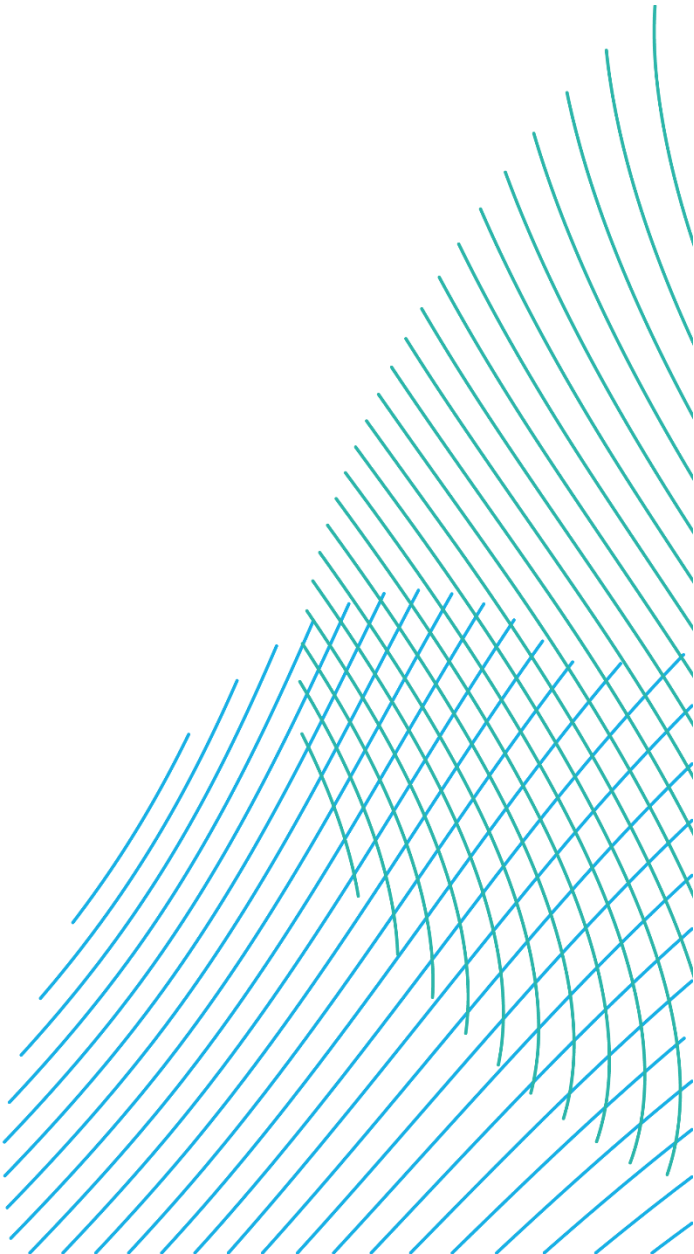

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Appendix D7 – Statutory Consultation Questionnaire

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Dogger Bank South

Consultation questionnaire

Comments due by 17 July 2023

Contact details

Name

Address

Postcode

Email

Do you represent an organisation? If so, which one?

Are you a landowner directly affected by the project or a person with an interest in land (PIL)?

Do you wish to be kept updated on the project? Yes ☐ No ☐

a. Newsletter: Email ☐ Paper ☐ (please select)

Introduction

Your comments are important

We understand that people living and working locally have a wealth of knowledge about the area. Our consultation is designed to gather your comments and suggestions on our project proposals. Please use this questionnaire to provide your comments on the details we have provided in the consultation brochure and on the consultation website.

How to participate

We are holding a series of consultation events where you will be able to come and find out more details and speak to members of the team. We are also holding two webinars for people who cannot attend the events in person. Copies of the consultation brochure and non-technical summary will be available to view at events and also at community access points.

All consultation materials will be available to view and download on the consultation website **www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk**

Need and rationale

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

   Yes ☐ **No** ☐

a. **Why/Why not:**

b. **Please add any further comments you may have:**

Offshore

2. **Do you have any comments on the proposals for the offshore elements of the Dogger Bank South projects and how we intend to construct them, including the cable export corridor?**

Landfall

3. **Looking at the landfall zone, is there anything you feel would be relevant for the projects to know about this particular area?**

Onshore

4. **Do you have any comments or suggestions in relation to the onshore cable route?**

5. **Do you have any comments regarding the substation location scenarios?**

Construction, traffic and transport

6. **Do you have any comments about how we intend to construct the new wind farms and associated infrastructure?**

7. **Do you have any specific concerns regarding traffic and transport impacts related to the projects?**

Tourism and recreation

8. **Do you know of any recreational or tourism activities that the projects should be made aware of in relation to the construction and operation of the projects?**

Community

9. **Do you have any suggestions as to how Dogger Bank South projects could engage with and benefit the local community?**

Consultation Process

10. Do you have any comments on the consultation process?

11. Please select the method/s used

Website ☐ **Consultation Event** ☐ **Webinar** ☐ **Other** ☐

12. Do you have any comments about the consultation materials?

Preliminary Environmental Information Report

13. Do you have any comments regarding the project's PEIR? Please be as specific as possible and refer to documents/chapters as clearly as possible where relevant.

Examples of what you might like to comment include the levels of types of assessment that have been carried out on specific topics, the preliminary findings of the PEIR and whether the approach to mitigation seems appropriate.

Other comments

14. Do you have any other comments about the Dogger Bank South projects proposals?

How to respond

The consultation runs from the 6 June 2023 until the 17 July 2023.
Please note that consultation responses must be received by 23.59 on 17 July 2023.

Your comments will be included in the statutory consultation report which forms part of the DCO Application and will be published as part of the submission.

Please return paper copy questionnaires to one of the team members or drop it in the box provided at an in-person event or send it to our Freepost address, **FREEPOST DBSOWF**

Electronic copies can be returned via email to **dbs@rwe.com** or you can complete the questionnaire via the website.

If you would like to receive this questionnaire in larger print or in another format, please contact us on: **0800 254 5459**.

Thank you for taking part in our consultation

All personal details provided will be held in accordance with the Data Proctection Act 2018 and will not be passed on to any third parties.

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Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms

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Welcome to Our Exhibition

Please have a look through our information boards where you will find lots of information about the project or speak to a member of the Dogger Bank South (DBS) Offshore Wind Farms team.

Your comments are important:

We understand that people living and working locally have a wealth of knowledge about the area. Our consultation is designed to gather your comments and suggestions on our project proposals – please complete or take home a questionnaire before you leave.

At this exhibition you will find:

- Information about the proposed infrastructure (onshore and offshore) relating relating to the DBS projects.
- Information around the shortlisted locations for our proposed onshore electrical infrastructure.
- Visualisations of how the onshore substations could look in the surrounding areas.
- Information about RWE.
- RWE staff and a team of specialists who will answer any of your questions.

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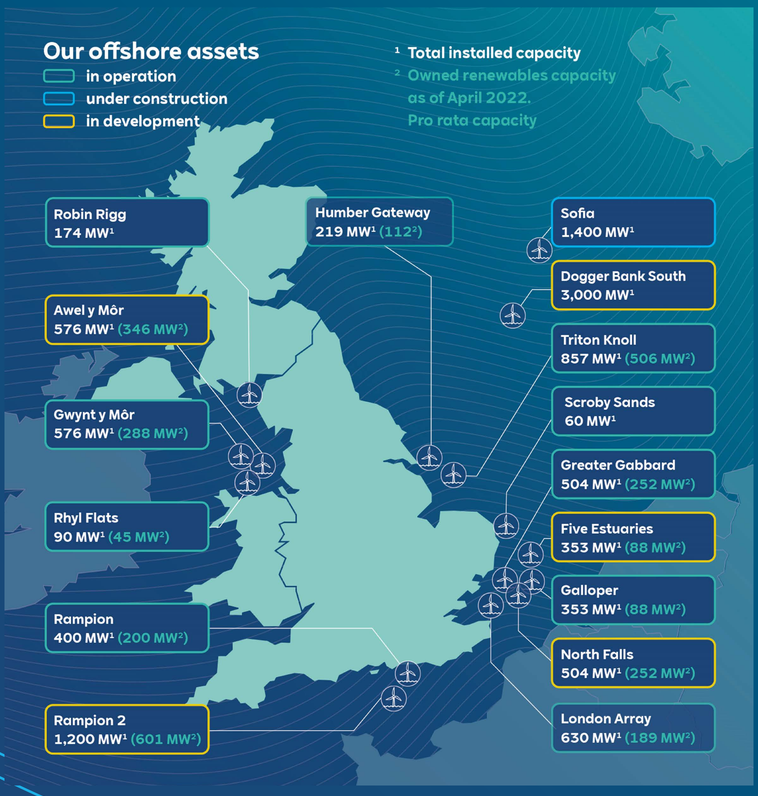
About RWE

- RWE is one of the world's leading renewable energy companies and is a key player in the offshore wind market. RWE has been involved in offshore wind energy in the UK since the very start, having installed the first full scale offshore turbines at Blyth in 2000 and commissioned the UK's first commercial wind farm in 2003, the 60 MW North Hoyle.
- RWE is the UK's second largest power producer and third largest renewable generator supplying around 12% of UK electricity.
- In the UK, we currently operate:
  - 10 offshore wind farms
  - 33 onshore wind farms
  - 21 hydro plants
  - 1 biomass plant
- We are dedicated to generating electricity using sustainable and environmentally friendly resources. We do this by harnessing the natural power of wind, water and biomass into significant sources of renewable energy for the UK's present, and future, electricity needs.



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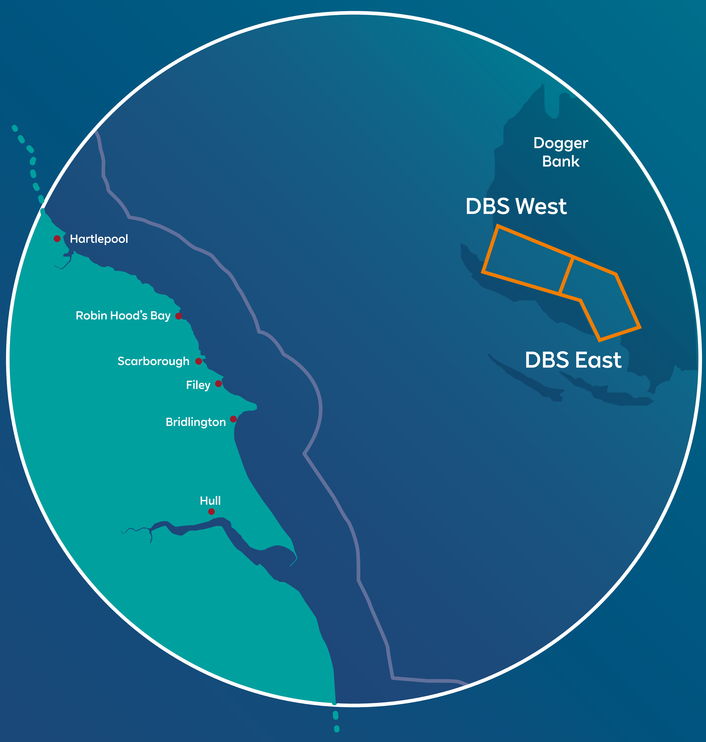
Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms

- The Dogger Bank South (DBS) Offshore Wind Farm projects are located over 100 kilometres off the North East coast of England.
- DBS is made up of two separate sites, DBS East and DBS West, which are located on the shallow offshore area of the North Sea known as Dogger Bank.
- Each project could have an installed capacity of up to 1.5 gigawatts meaning that the projects could generate enough clean, green renewable energy to power up to 3.4 million typical UK households per year.



The Consultation

Your response can make a difference

- We understand that people living and working locally have a wealth of knowledge and may be able to identify issues affecting the potential locations for our onshore electrical infrastructure that we may not be aware of.
- The consultation will enable you to have your say on the possible zones where the electrical infrastructure associated with Dogger Bank Offshore Wind Farms could be located and on our wider project proposals.

How to participate

- Please speak to a member of staff about filling in a questionnaire. You may respond for any of the shortlisted zones or make more general comments on the wider project proposals.
- You may fill in more than one questionnaire if providing comments for different zones. You can also complete a questionnaire online by downloading the editable version of the questionnaire from: www.rwe.com/doggerbanksouth

How to respond

The consultation runs from 9th September 2022 to 14th October 2022. Please note, consultation responses must be received by 5pm on 14th October 2022.

- Your comments may be made public in a consultation report but will be kept anonymous. The report will record comments received and explain how the views of the public, consultees and other stakeholders have been considered in developing the final project design. This report will become part of our formal planning application.
- Please give your completed questionnaire to a member of staff or post in the dedicated box. Alternatively, you can take the questionnaire home and then send to the freepost address listed on the questionnaire.

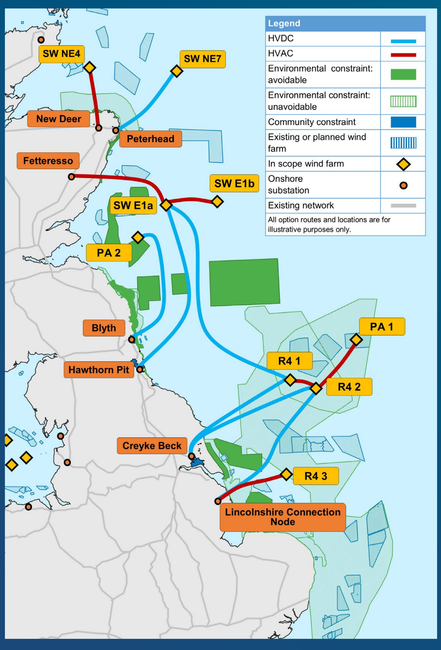
How the Connection Point to the National Grid was chosen

To achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, a step-change in the speed and scale of deployment of offshore wind is required.

National Grid ESO, the UK electrical system operator, embarked upon the recently completed Holistic Network Design (HND) process. The aims of the HND process was to design a coordinated solution for the national grid which takes account of planned offshore wind expansion in a way which is economic and efficient, deliverable and operable and which considers environmental impacts and the effects of infrastructure developments on local communities.

Through the HND process, National Grid ESO considered several potential grid connections for the Dogger Bank South projects. The locations considered included Hawthorn Pit, Creyke Beck and the Lincolnshire Connection Node.

In early Summer 2022, National Grid ESO published the results from the HND process and determined that connections to the national grid for both DBS West and DBS East would be made in the vicinity of a new National Grid substation located near Creyke Beck. This area has been the focus of all landfall, offshore and onshore cable corridor and substation site selection work undertaken by RWE.



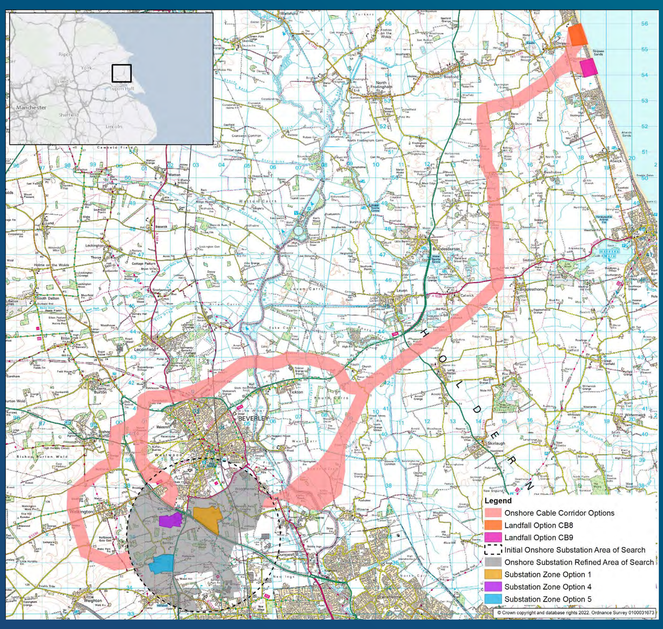
Site Selection

Since being awarded preferred bidder status for the Dogger Bank South offshore wind farms by The Crown Estate through the Offshore Wind Round 4 process, RWE has been engaged in a process of site selection, aiming at connecting the array areas to the national grid.

With the locations of the offshore sites fixed through the Round 4 process, and the grid connection location determined through the HND process, the site selection work has been identifying suitable offshore and onshore export cable corridors, a cable landfall location and a substation location for each of the two projects.

In undertaking this work, RWE has sought to strike a balance between commercial, engineering, environmental and social considerations. In so doing, RWE has sought to minimise impacts on local communities and the environment where possible. The details of the site selection work, the options remaining under consideration and the processes followed to develop these options are presented as part of this consultation exercise.

It is anticipated that each of the Dogger Bank South projects will be served by its own project specific infrastructure, but cable corridors, landfall locations and substation sites will be shared as far as possible to minimise impacts on communities and the environment.



The Offshore Array

The array areas are located more than 100 kilometres offshore on the Dogger Bank in the southern North Sea. Each of the two array areas cover approximately 495 kilometres. The final layouts for each project will not utilise this entire area.

The Projects' array areas will include wind turbines, array cables and offshore platforms (for both substations and accommodation).

Wind turbines

The Projects' design envelope allows for up to 300 wind turbines, subject to the wind turbine capacity used. Wind turbine capacity is likely to increase in the time period between now and construction, therefore the EIA will be undertaken on a range of rated capacities.

A number of different foundation types are being considered, including monopiles, jackets on pin piles and jackets on suction buckets.

The overall layout of the wind turbines within the wind farm site will be informed by site investigation works and wind resource modelling and will comply with relevant best practice for offshore wind farms in relation to shipping and navigation, fishing interests, offshore health and safety and any relevant aviation interests.

Array cables

Array cables will be used to connect the wind turbines to the offshore substations. The maximum length of the array cabling for the DBS projects is estimated to be 600 kilometres. The location and length of the array cabling will be determined post consent, subject to the final layout of the wind turbines.

Offshore platforms

Up to eleven offshore platforms may be required although two of them may be located outside of the offshore wind turbine array area: eight offshore substation platforms and three additional platforms (e.g. reactive compensation platform, offshore switching station platform and accommodation platform).

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Offshore Cable Route Options

Offshore Cable Corridors

The electricity generated by the offshore turbines will be carried from the offshore substations located within the array areas via offshore export cables to shore.

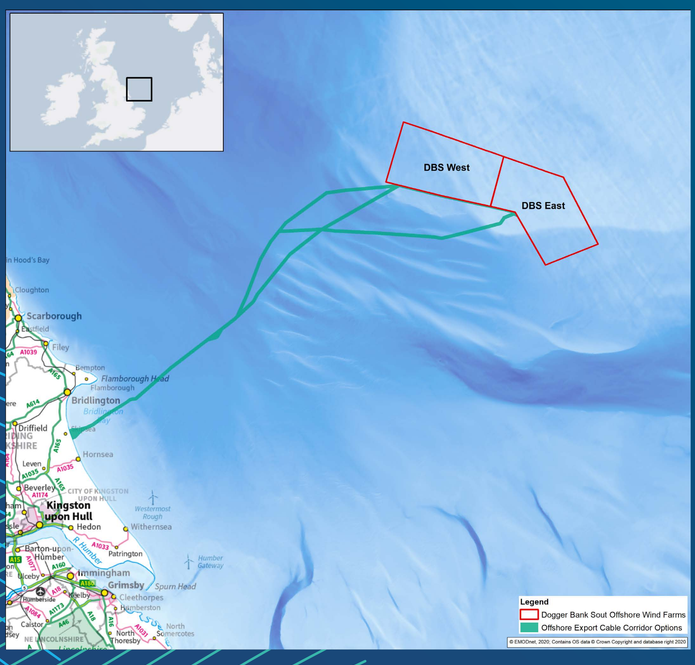
- The offshore export cables will be buried in the seabed in corridors up to 1 kilometre wide.
- Up to six cables will link the array areas to a shared landfall location.
- These cables will share a single corridor in the nearshore area, however, this will diverge to two 1 kilometre wide corridors in the offshore area to reach the individual offshore substations required by each project.

Offshore Cable Corridor Option Selection

The selection of offshore export cable corridor options has been closely linked to landfall site selection work. All options were developed to:

- Maintain required minimum separation distance with other offshore cables and pipelines unless crossing is required, at which point, crossings will be designed to be at approximately 90°.
- Maintain sufficient space for offshore cable installation (including anchor spread of installation vessels whilst maintaining an appropriate safety buffer with existing sub-sea cables and pipelines).
- Avoid known historic wrecks as far as possible.
- Minimise sterilisation of aggerate dredging areas and other lease areas.
- Avoid direct significant impacts to sites designated for nature conservation as far as possible (SACs, SPAs, MCZs).
- Avoid direct significant impacts to ecologically important sandbanks and potential reefs as far as possible.
- Otherwise, in taking account of the above, be as short as practicable.

A number of options for the offshore export cable corridors remain under consideration in the offshore area. All options displayed are the subject of ongoing survey work. Corridor options will be selected based on the findings of this survey work.



Landfall Shortlist

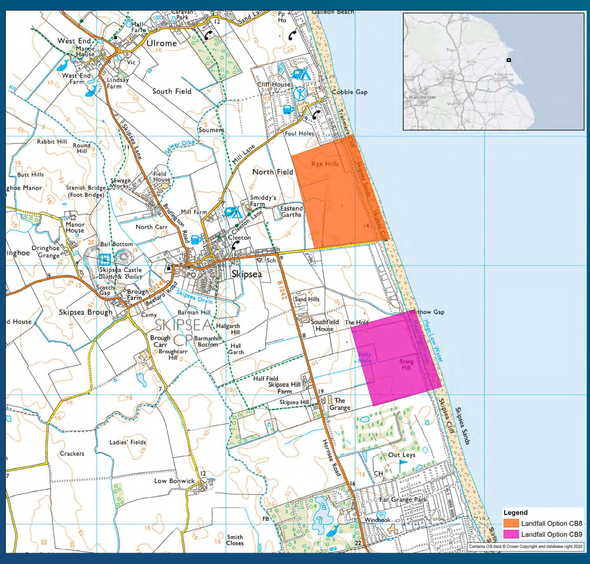
Two possible landfall locations are under consideration for development. These lie adjacent to one another and are known as Landfall zone 8 and Landfall zone 9. It may be that cable landfall is made within one or other of these sites, or potentially within both sites.

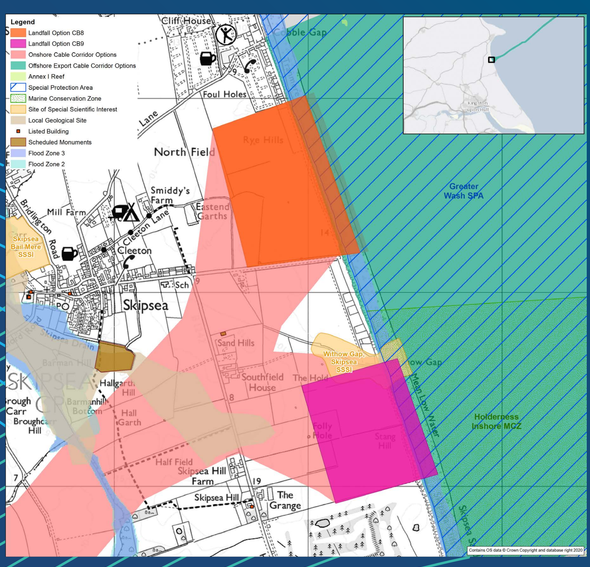
Landfall zones 8 and 9

Landfall zones 8 and 9 lie close to Skipsea, approximately halfway between Bridlington and Hornsea. The zones are situated within an area of sandy beach, backed by cliffs topped with agricultural land and are bordered to the immediate north and south by holiday parks, with Skipsea lying to the west, and Skipsea Primary School located nearby. A number of areas of environmental designations lie within approximately 1 kilometre of the zones. Other constraints include listed buildings, heritage features, scheduled monuments, sites of scientific interest and flood risk zones. A marine conservation zone also encompasses the southern reaches of the zone 9.

Landfall Selection

Environmental Survey work has been ongoing throughout 2022. The outputs of these surveys will be combined with utilities mapping work and engineering studies to allow a final decision to be made relating to the exact landfall locations.





The Landfall

The cables that travel from the offshore wind farm will come ashore at an area known as the landfall location.

Site selection work completed to date considered a total of 28 potential landfall locations along the Holderness Coast. The outputs of a variety of environmental and engineering assessments and feasibility studies have been combined with site visits to inform the reduction of this longlist down to a short-list of two potential landfall areas.

During the operational phase of the project very little infrastructure will be visible at landfall as the cables will be buried where they come ashore, joining to the onshore corridors at an underground installation known as a Transition Joint Bay. The onward onshore cables will also be buried.

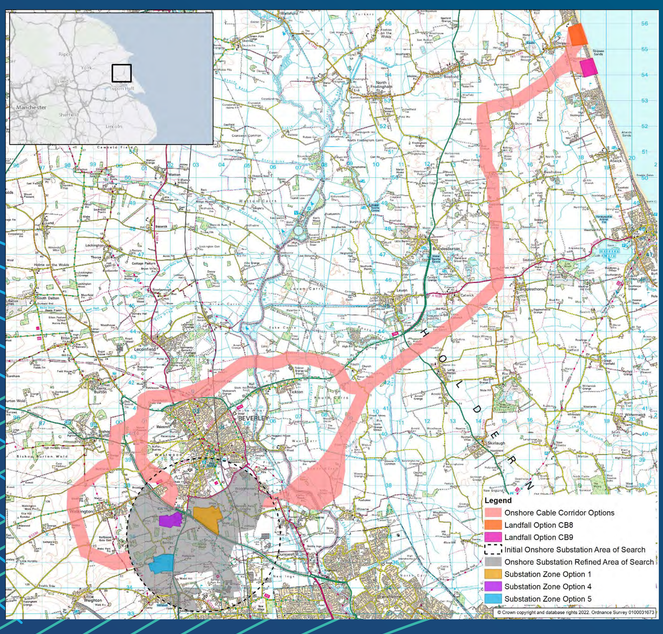
The only elements at or above ground would be manhole type covers for future inspection and potentially some electrical cabinets and some fencing. These elements would all be set back from the immediate coastline at landfall.

Some disruption and disturbance including temporary increases in noise, traffic and visual disturbance may occur whilst construction activities are ongoing.

Use of the beach following construction will be able to continue as before.

Onshore Cable Corridor

- The onshore export cable corridor is the path along which electrical cables will be placed underground to transmit electricity generated by the wind farms to the UK's electricity transmission network.
- Both of the wind farms will require onshore export cables running from landfall to the grid connection point. The onshore export cables will be buried underground from the landfall location to the onshore substations and wherever possible, all cables will be installed along the same cable corridor.
- Site selection work has been undertaken to narrow the number of suitable cable corridors to a shortlist of possible routes running from landfall to the onshore grid connection point. The current corridor width, for site selection purposes is 500 metres. The purpose of maintaining the corridor width of 500 metres is to enable the route to be refined based on this consultation and a range of ongoing surveys and studies.
- We are currently undertaking environmental surveys which will inform the final route selected for the cable corridor alongside engineering studies to determine suitable crossing points of obstacles and underground utilities such as electricity, gas, water and telecoms infrastructure.
- Key stakeholder groups including East Riding of Yorkshire Council, York Consortium Drainage Board, the Environment Agency, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Natural England, Historic England, local landowners and National Highways are being invited to contribute knowledge to the process.
- There are cable route options around the landfall area to accommodate the landfall zones still under consideration and there are several options for routeing into the area of the onshore substations.
- The final width of the corridor to be used for constructing and laying the cables is expected to be approximately 100 metres and will include internal haul roads to reduce vehicle movements on public roads in and around the cable route. Once constructed, the cables are expected to typically fit within a width of 35 metres, although in locations where crossings are required underneath obstructions, the width can increase substantially for a short distance.
- Along the length of the cable route there will be construction access points, and small storage and works compounds that will be required for undertaking trenchless cable installation where the cable route requires to be drilled under obstacles, for example, rivers, railways and roads.



Underground Cabling

Key Points:

- Up to six cables for both projects. Where located adjacent to each other the typical construction cable corridor for both projects will be up to 100 metres wide. Construction widths will be wider in some areas, e.g. where directional drilling is required.
- When going through agricultural land, cables will typically be buried to a depth of 0.9 – 1.6 metres with a protective board placed on top of the cable ducts.
- Working areas will be fenced off during construction with a dedicated temporary haul road to permit access to all areas of the corridor during construction.
- To allow cable installation, the majority of the route is likely to be open-trenched with major obstacles such as roads, railway lines, and water courses drilled under.
- Jointing pits are located along the onshore route to connect each length of cable. With the ducts pre-installed, the cables can be pulled through without further disruption to the land. Constructed of concrete, the pits are buried in the ground and once restored will be completely covered. Separate manholes set in a concrete slab are located within the vicinity of the joints to allow cable testing. Under normal operational conditions the jointing pits are the only locations which the maintenance teams would require access to during the life of the wind farm. Land will be restored after completion and returned to former use. On very rare occasions we may have to excavate the cables and ducts to carry out a repair.

- We will ensure that the contractor undertaking the cable installation work will seek to install the cables in such a way as to minimise any long term affects on the land or to drainage systems. Landowners will be invited to provide site specific information to assist us in correctly identifying existing land drain systems. We will also draw upon experience gained through installing underground cables in other locations where there is extensive land drainage.

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Onshore Substation

We are consulting on a shortlist of three zones in which we believe the onshore substations could be built.

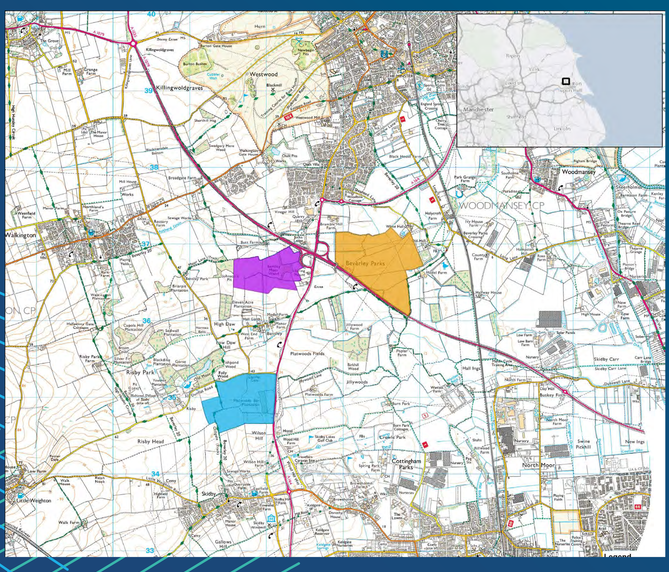
- Two onshore substations (one for each project) are required to transform the generated electricity to a higher voltage for onward transmission on the national grid. It is expected, if space allows, the two substations will be located adjacent to each other on one site.
- Each substation will consist of several buildings housing electrical equipment and unhoused electrical equipment contained within secure fencing.
- The final dimensions of the substations are dependent on the electrical capacity of the wind farms and the design of electrical transmission used to transmit electricity to the substation. However the tallest building could be up to 24 metres in height. Lightning rods and other electrical equipment may need to be higher than the tallest building.
- The substation equipment may need approximately 20 hectares (50 acres) of land.
- There will be temporary works associated with the construction of the substations. Temporary working areas are usually located adjacent to the substations and include temporary office and welfare facilities in the form of portacabins, car parking and storage. Temporary working areas will be removed following commissioning of the offshore wind farms and the land reinstated.

Onshore Substation Shortlist

Three substation zones have been shortlisted following consideration of a range of environmental and engineering constraints.

We have considered the following:

- **Landscape and visual** – the zones are located in an area that is rural in nature, some of which is characterised by energy infrastructure and roads. Preliminary photomontages show how the substations could look. When the design is more developed, proposals on landscaping and planting will be developed to further mitigate landscape and visual impact.
- **Access roads** – we have considered the feasibility of access for construction vehicles taking into account other developments in the area.
- **Ecology** – we have identified designated sites for conservation in East Riding. Ecology surveys are ongoing to identify any protected species on and around the proposed zones. Further surveys will be carried out once the final zone has been selected
- **Flooding risk** – The electrical equipment and the access roads will be designed to withstand flooding and that will form part of our design at application stage.
- **Operational noise** – background noise levels will be measured via location-specific modelling to determine the noise that would be produced by the electrical equipment. It will be possible to ensure that final designs conform to planning guidance in relation to noise levels.
- **Technical considerations** – the zones are being evaluated for their proximity to the grid connection point and ability to route cables from the substation to that point. This takes into account existing over and underground infrastructure that the cables will have to cross.
- **Archaeology and heritage** - the existing historic environment with respect to onshore archaeology and cultural heritage is being evaluated including (but not limited to): known non-designated heritage assets, potential for buried archaeological remains and previously unrecorded above ground heritage assets and designated heritage assets. We are speaking to stakeholders regarding our approach and we will use this information to help guide the final onshore substation locations to avoid potential impacts where possible.



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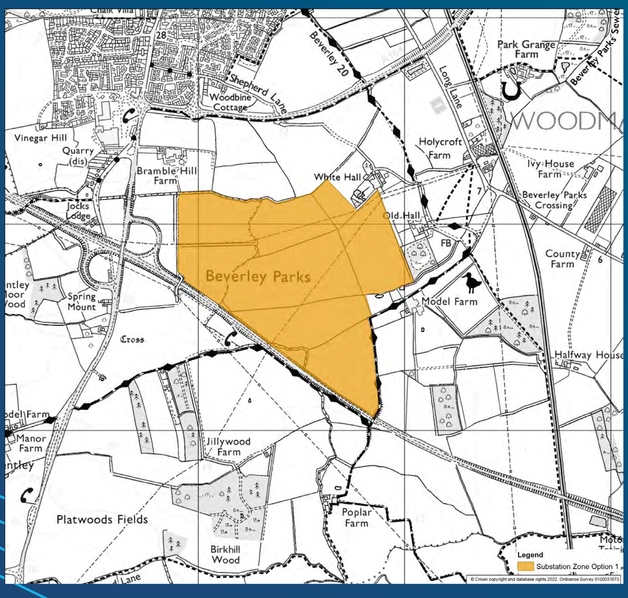
Onshore Substation Zone 1

- Substation zone 1 is located adjacent to the A1079. It is located in an area of low lying agricultural land.
- The zone comprises 75 hectares. A high pressure ethylene pipeline crosses the western part of the zone and there is an electricity transmission line 100 metres to the south of the zone.
- The zone is less than 1 kilometre from the indicative grid connection point and could offer a viable connection route that avoids the relocation of existing infrastructure.
- There are no residential properties within the zone. The closest residential property is approximately 75 metres from the zone.
- There are no international or national ecological or landscape designations that directly affect this zone.
- The zone is adjacent to the substations associated with Dogger Bank Wind Farm that are currently under construction and is close to the existing substation at Creyke Beck. The zone would avoid visual effects in the Yorkshire Wolds Important Landscape Area identified in the Local Plan.
- Access options are still under consideration for this zone. Options include constructing a new access route from the A164 (north of Jock's Lodge) or from the A164/Ward Way Roundabout. Discussions are ongoing with East Riding of Yorkshire Council which will inform the proposals if this zone is taken forward.
- We are aware of a potential solar farm planning application made on this land.
- A flood zone is located within the substation zone. This will be taken into consideration when positioning the locations of the substations within the zone.



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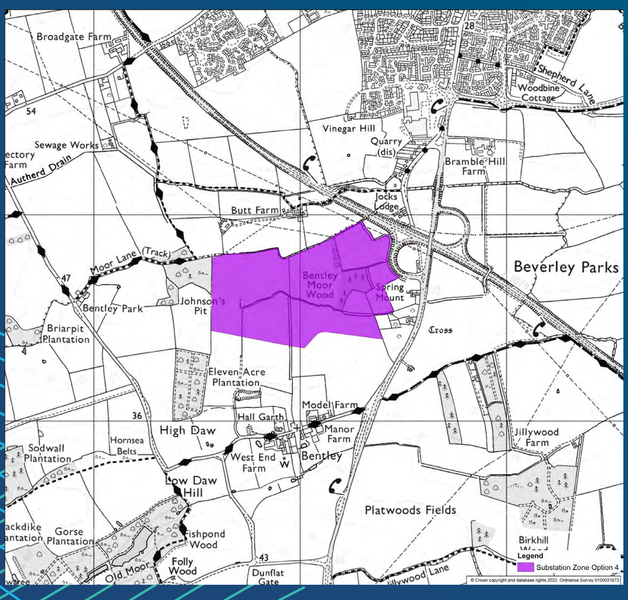
Onshore Substation Zone 4

- Substation zone 4 is located adjacent to the A164 and the A1079 at the Jock's Lodge junction. It lies 115 metres to the west of the A164 at its closest point. It is located in an area of low lying agricultural land that includes areas of ancient woodland and plantation forestry.
- The zone comprises 38 hectares and is bound by a high pressure gas and ethylene pipelines to the south and an electricity transmission line to the north.
- The zone is less than 1 kilometre from the indicative grid connection point and could offer a viable connection route that avoids the relocation of existing infrastructure.
- There are no residential properties within the zone. The closest residential property is approximately 100 metres from the zone.
- There are small areas of Ancient Woodland within the substation zone, which could help provide natural screening. There is sufficient space within this zone to ensure that the substation, construction compound and access routes avoid these areas. The zone also lies within the Yorkshire Wolds Important Landscape Area defined in the East Riding Local Plan.
- This zone is not located in flood zone so it not considered to be at risk of flooding. There is a watercourse running through the zone. The final positioning of the substations will take this into account to reduce impacts on the watercourse.
- The zone is located to the south of Butt Farm, west of which lie several heritage features associated with a World War II Heavy Anti Aircraft battery, part of which is a Scheduled Monument. The final siting of the onshore substation and associated cable routing will seek to minimise impacts on this nearby heritage feature.
- The zone is close to the existing substation at Creyke Beck and is located in a relatively well screened and low lying part of the Yorkshire Wolds ILA.
- The zone lies immediately adjacent to the Jock's Lodge junction improvement scheme which may offer the opportunity to take access via the realigned A164. Alternatively it may be possible to take access from an existing layby to the north on the A1079. Discussions are ongoing with East Riding of Yorkshire Council which will inform the proposals if this zone is taken forward.



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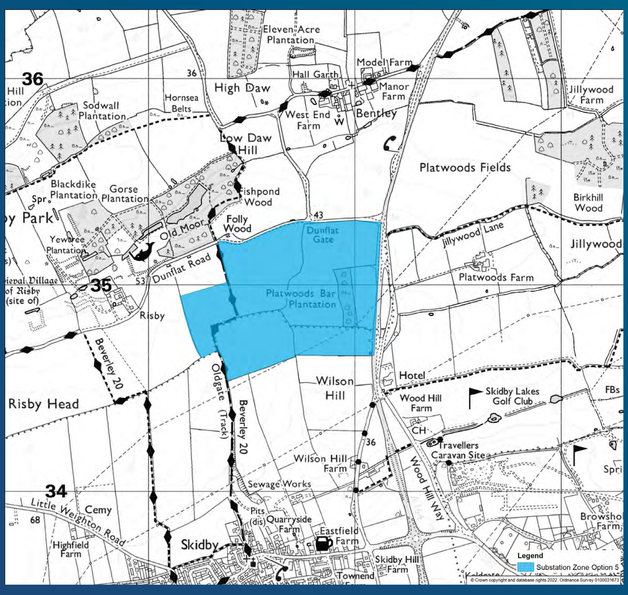
Onshore Substation Zone 5

- Substation zone 5 is located adjacent to the A164 on the corner with Dunflat Road. A small area of plantation woodland lies within the eastern portion of the site.
- The zone comprises 54 hectares and the south of the zone is dissected by an existing overhead electricity line, a gas pipeline and a Public Right of Way.
- The zone is approximately 1.4 kilometres from the indicative grid connection point and could offer a viable connection route that avoids the relocation of existing infrastructure.
- There are no residential properties within the zone. The closest residential property is approximately 250 metres from the zone.
- There are no international or national ecological or landscape designations that directly affect this zone. The zone lies on the eastern edge of the Yorkshire Wolds Important Landscape Area (ILA) defined in the East Riding Local Plan. There is sufficient space within this zone to ensure that the substation, construction compound and access routes are sited to minimise impacts from other parts of the ILA and visibility from the A164.
- This zone is not located in a flood zone and is not considered to be at risk of flooding.
- The zone could be accessed via Dunflat Road via the wider road network and will not conflict with the Jock's Lodge junction improvement scheme.



What Happens Next?

Once we have gathered all the information and comments from statutory consultees, non-statutory organisations and members of the public, we will be able to re-assess our proposals. Weighing up all the factors to take into consideration, we will select the most appropriate sites and zones for further assessment.

What happens next?

Once all feedback has been reviewed, we will select all of the zones and locations which will be taken forward to the next phase of development. We will undertake detailed environmental assessments on the selected zones to determine the locations and orientation of the infrastructure.

These assessments will include:

- Ground investigations to help us with the infrastructure design.
- Access studies for abnormal loads and HGVs and associated construction traffic.
- Flood risk studies.
- Further detailed visual assessment and work around the mitigation of potential impacts.
- Ecology surveys.
- Noise monitoring.
- Archeology and heritage studies.

We will also consult further with relevant statutory bodies such as Natural England, local authorities, the Environment Agency and other consultees and will take into account their views into our design. The detailed assessments and the consultations will help identify the best location of the development within the chosen site.

Any mitigation required will also be identified to minimise impacts on the environment and people.

What happens once the detailed environmental assessments are completed?

Following our detailed assessments, once we have more information on the proposed electrical infrastructure, we will hold another consultation to ask you what you think about the entire scheme (onshore and offshore). This will be your other opportunity to influence the project before we finalise our proposals.

The finalised proposal will be submitted to the relevant examining authority for development consent.

The application will contain all the information to describe the infrastructure, its location and proposed mitigation and monitoring which we will implement before, during or after construction.

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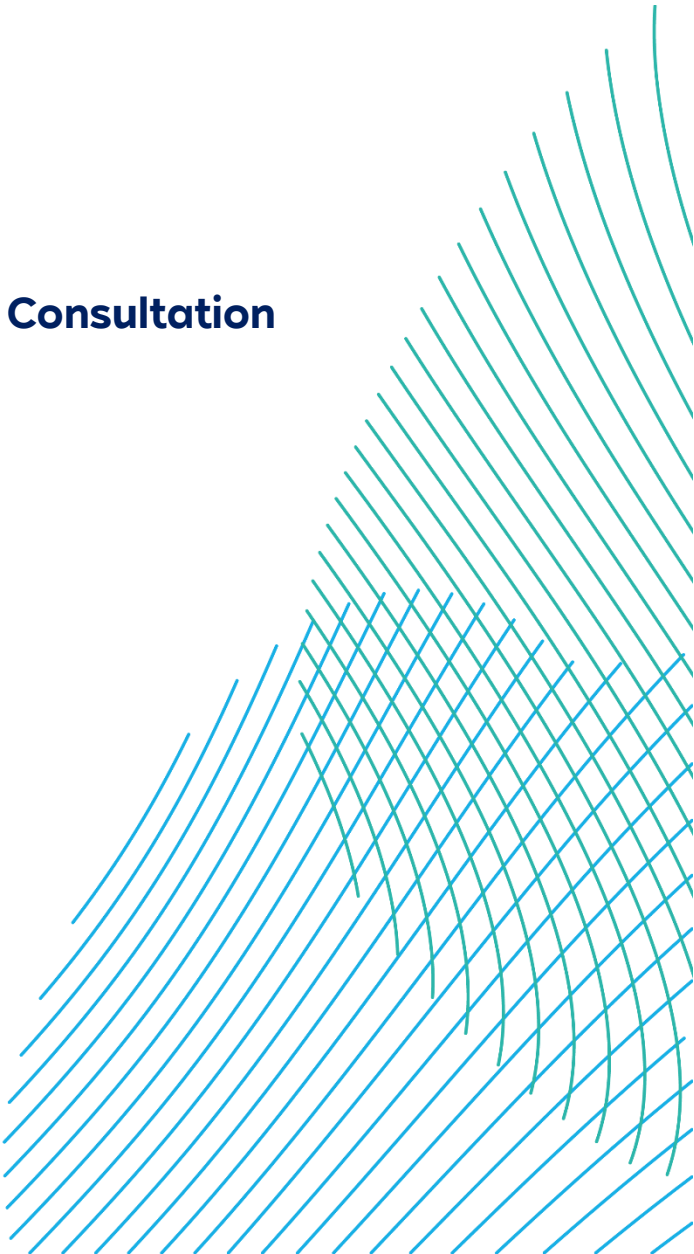

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Welcome to our Consultation Event

Please have a look at our banners where you'll find lots of information about the Dogger Bank South (DBS) projects. Please speak to a member of the team who will be happy to answer any questions that you have or help guide you to the most helpful sections of the event.

Your comments are important:

The purpose of this event is to provide you with an opportunity to learn more about our proposals so you can give us your feedback and help shape our application for the DBS projects. Please complete a questionnaire giving your feedback before you leave. Alternatively, you can take it home and return it to us using the freepost address.

Comments must be received by 23:59 on 17 July 2023.

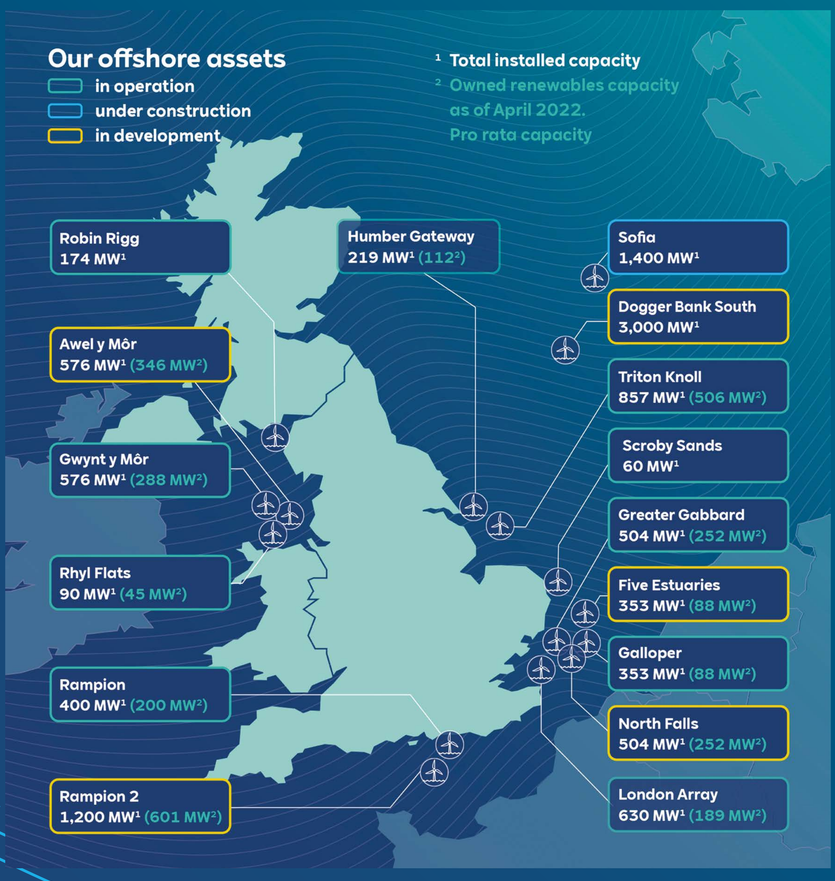
Please pick up a Consultation Brochure which will guide you around our proposals and assist you in responding to the consultation.

At this event you will find:

- A detailed explanation of our proposals and an introduction to RWE;
- Key consultation documents including a Consultation Brochure and Non-Technical Summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report;
- A range of photomontages (graphical visualisations) showing how the proposed electrical infrastructure could look from the surrounding areas;
- RWE and a team of specialists who will answer your questions and discuss your comments;
- Consultation questionnaires to enable you to share your ideas with us about the proposal and help shape the final project.

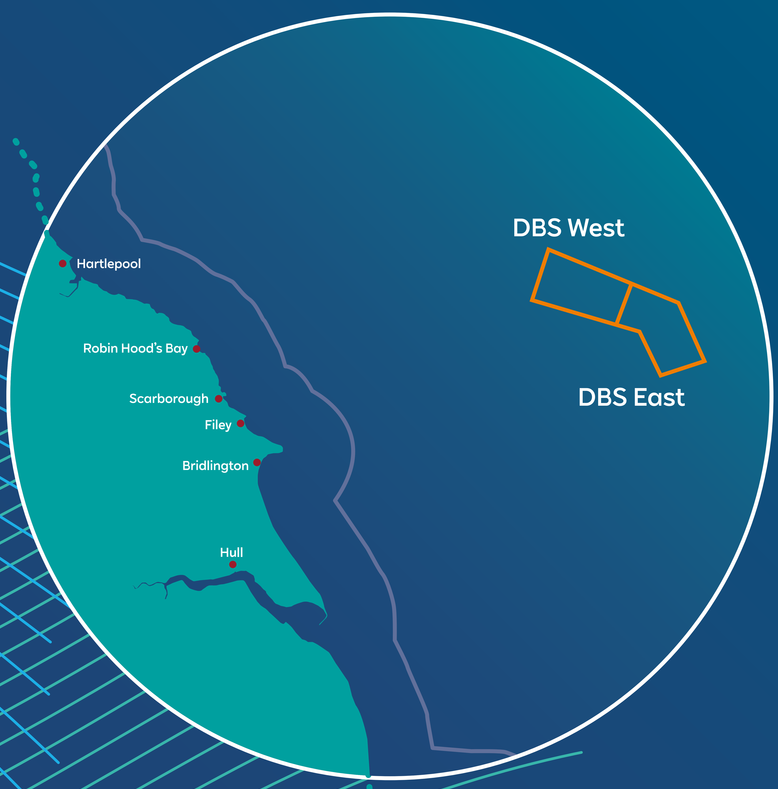
About RWE

- RWE is one of the world's leading renewable energy companies and is a key player in the offshore wind market. RWE has been involved in offshore wind energy in the UK since the very start, having installed the first full scale offshore turbines at Blyth in 2000 and commissioned the UK's first commercial wind farm in 2003, the 60 MW North Hoyle.
- RWE is the UK's largest power producer and one of the country's largest renewables generators with the largest offshore wind fleet in the UK. Around 15% of all electricity generated in the UK is supplied by RWE sites.
- In the UK, we currently operate:
  - 10 offshore wind farms
  - 33 onshore wind farms
  - 21 hydro plants
  - 1 biomass plant
- We are dedicated to generating electricity using sustainable and environmentally friendly resources. We do this by harnessing the natural power of wind, water and biomass into significant sources of renewable energy for the UK's present, and future, electricity needs.



About Dogger Bank South

- The Dogger Bank South (DBS) offshore wind farm projects are planned to be located over 100 km off the northeast coast of England on the shallow offshore area of the North Sea known as Dogger Bank.
- DBS will be made up of two separate sites, DBS East and DBS West. Each site is approximately 500km^2 in size and, when combined, could generate enough clean renewable energy to power up to 3.4 million typical UK households per year.
- The number of turbines for each DBS site has not yet been determined, but the design allows for up to 200 wind turbines (a maximum of 100 for each project). The final number will be dependent on the size of turbines eventually installed. It is possible that more than one wind turbine model could be used across the two sites.
- In January 2023 RWE entered into Agreements for Lease for the two projects with The Crown Estate, giving RWE exclusive seabed development rights for the sites. Offshore and onshore surveys have been underway since March 2021, including metocean data collection (which looks at both meteorological and oceanographic conditions), and a series of geophysical and environmental surveys. The surveys undertaken were designed following ongoing consultation with Expert Topic Groups made up of key stakeholders.
- In July 2022, RWE submitted the Scoping Report for the DBS projects to the Planning Inspectorate who then issued a Scoping Opinion in September 2022. The scoping opinion is viewable on the Planning Inspectorate website.
- The DBS projects are classed as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) so we are required to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to assess the environmental impacts of the projects. The EIA will be included in our formal application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate. The Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) is available to view electronically at this event and presents the findings of the surveys and assessments that we have completed and reports on the significance of the results. The purpose of PEIR is to provide early information to allow stakeholders to develop an informed view of the impacts of the projects.



Our Consultation

The application for development consent for the DBS projects will be made to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) under the provisions of the Planning Act 2008 (the Planning Act).

The Planning Act requires applicants to undertake pre-application consultation on the development proposal before submitting a Development Consent application.

As part of this consultation, we must consult with a set list of public and regulatory bodies, including local authorities and the local community, about the proposed plans.

We have already published a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), providing details on how this consultation will be carried out and how you can participate in it. We consulted on the SoCC with East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Hull City Council and copies of are available at this event and on our website.

Objectives of the community consultation

- To inform community stakeholders about the various elements of the project in a clear and concise way;
- To provide information on an inclusive basis to all sections of the relevant community;
- To provide an opportunity for local people to influence and comment on the proposals.

How to participate

Your views are important and will be used to help shape our proposals before we apply for a Development Consent Order:

- Comments made during the consultation process will be recorded and considered carefully by the project team;
- Any written comments received will be made public in our Consultation Report. This report will become part of our DCO application.

How to respond

Any responses made to the consultation must include contact information including a name and an address to which any correspondence relating to the consultation can be sent:

- Please give your completed questionnaire to a member of staff or use the Freepost address on the questionnaire;
- You are also able to respond to our consultation through the consultation section on our website, **www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk**
- You can email us or write to us with your comments and suggestions.

All comments must reach us by 23:59 on 17 July 2023.

What we are Consulting on

We are looking to gain valuable local feedback on our proposals for DBS including, but not limited to, the following:

- Proposals for the offshore array;
- Proposals for the onshore infrastructure (landfall locations, onshore underground cable route, substation locations);
- Potential environmental effects (e.g. landscape and visual amenity, terrestrial/marine ecology, wildlife);
- Economic effects (e.g. commercial activities such as shipping and fisheries, employment opportunities);
- Community effects (e.g. Public Rights of Way);
- Traffic and transport impacts;
- Construction methodology and temporary construction areas;
- Potential environment mitigations.

A Consultation Brochure has been developed to guide you through the information available as part of the consultation and will help you respond to the consultation. The Consultation Brochure is available at the event today or can be viewed or downloaded from our website: **www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk**

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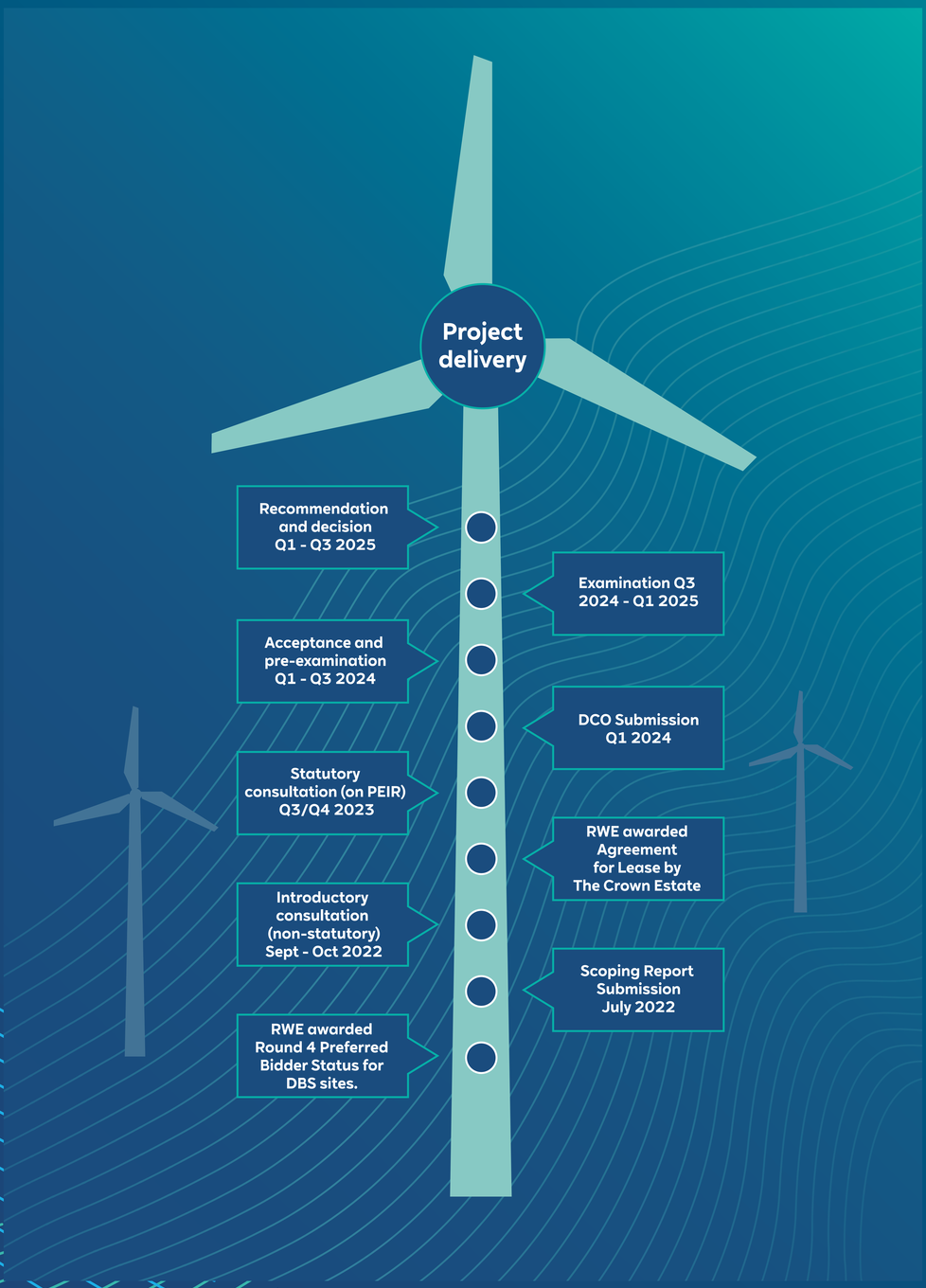
Dogger Bank South Development Timeline



Previous Consultation

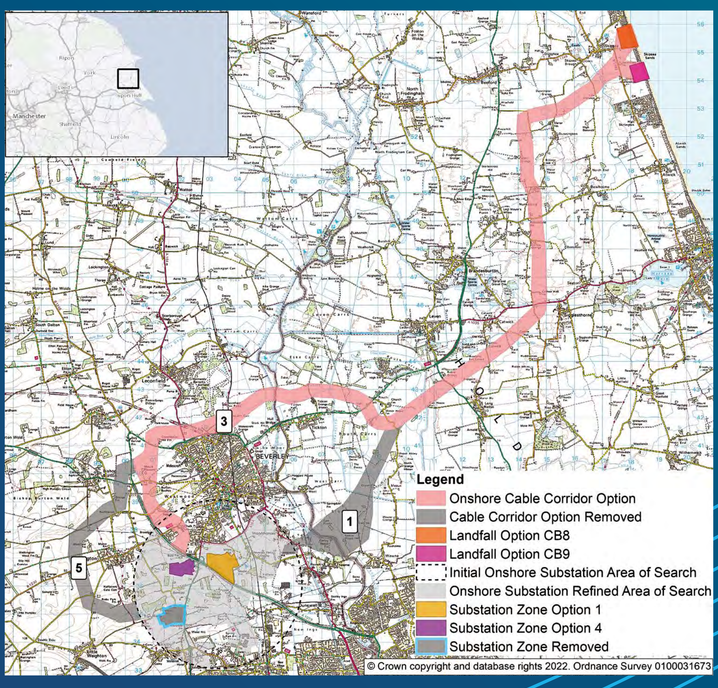
Between 9 September and 14 October 2022, we held an Introductory Consultation on our initial proposals. The purpose of the consultation was to:

- Introduce the projects;
- Explain the site selection process and options for the substation zones and onshore cable corridor;
- Collect feedback on the onshore elements of the proposals.

What we heard from your feedback

Many people provided feedback on our proposals, including useful local information on features along the proposed cable route options and near to the proposed substation zones. A summary of the feedback received along with our responses can be viewed in our Introductory Consultation Report which is available at the event today or on our website www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk.

Following the conclusion of the Introductory Consultation, a number of updates to the project proposals were announced in our Winter 2022 newsletter. Following feedback received from the local community, along with the data collected from surveys, engineering studies and discussions with statutory bodies, the team were able to discount one of the shortlisted substation zones and two of the potential cable routes (shown on the map below).

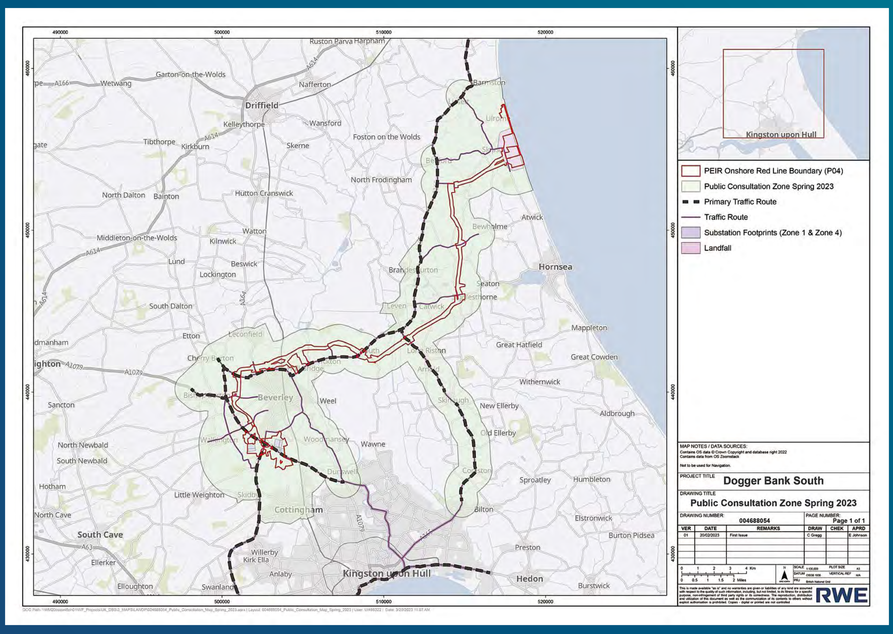


Consultation Zone

Our consultation zone includes:

- All addresses located within 1.5km of each of the two landfall zones;
- All addresses located within 3km of each of the two onshore substation zones;
- All addresses located within 1km of our onshore cable corridor;
- All addresses located within 50m of an identified access route;
- Anyone who has previously registered their details with us to receive project updates.

All addresses identified within our consultation zone have been invited to take part in our consultation.



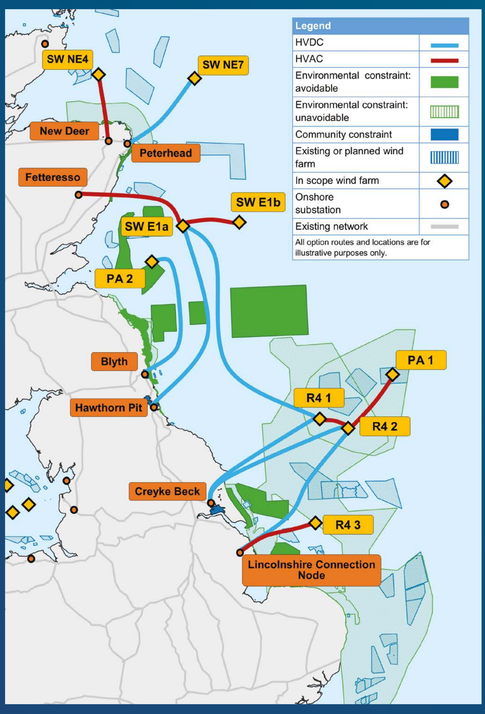
How the Connection Point to the National Electricity Transmission System was Chosen

To achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, a step-change in the speed and scale of deployment of offshore wind is required.

National Grid ESO, the UK electrical system operator, embarked upon the recently completed Holistic Network Design (HND) process. The aims of the HND process was to design a coordinated solution for the national grid which takes account of planned offshore wind expansion in a way which is economic and efficient, deliverable and operable, and which considers environmental impacts and the effects of infrastructure developments on local communities.

Through the HND process, National Grid ESO considered several potential grid connections for the Dogger Bank South projects. The locations considered included Hawthorn Pit, Creyke Beck and the Lincolnshire Connection Node.

In early Summer 2022, National Grid ESO published the results from the HND process and determined that connections to the national grid for both DBS West and DBS East would be made in the vicinity of a new National Grid substation located near Creyke Beck. This area has been the focus of all landfall, offshore and onshore cable corridor and substation site selection work undertaken by RWE.



Offshore Array

The DBS offshore arrays encompass the wind farms themselves. The key components comprise:

- Wind Turbine Generators (WTG);
- Foundations;
- Offshore Substations Platforms (OSP)/ Offshore Converter Platforms (OCP);
- Array and inter-array cables linking the WTGs to the OSPs/ OCPs.

We are planning for each project to consist of between 48 and 100 wind turbines, equating to a maximum of 200 turbines across the two sites.

There are currently two possible electrical solutions being considered for DBS West: High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) or High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC). Due to the distance of the array area offshore, DBS East will be a HVDC project.

Therefore, there are two possible electrical solutions for the projects:

- One HVDC project and one HVAC project; or
- Two HVDC projects.

The wind turbine layout will not be finalised until much closer to the time of construction, following completion of detailed pre-construction wind resource studies, site investigations and the selection of the preferred turbines and their foundations. A layout will be selected from within the consented array areas to optimise energy output and the foundation installation process accounting for ground conditions.

There are several foundation types under consideration for the wind turbines at the DBS sites: monopiles, pin pile jackets and suction bucket jackets. The different types of foundations can be viewed in PEIR Chapter 5 - Project Description.

There will be up to eleven offshore platforms, including eight offshore substations evenly split across the DBS East and DBS West sites. Offshore substations are needed to transform and transfer the energy collected by the wind turbines.

At DBS, the power generated by the wind turbines will be transformed to a higher AC voltage of up to 275kB (high voltage alternating current) or 525kV (high voltage direct current).

The projects may potentially include up to two offshore platforms outside the array areas, within the offshore export cable corridor. The platform(s) would be located at least 52km from the landfall, and therefore at least 37km from the closest land at Flamborough Head. This distance offshore has been increased since Scoping. The offshore platform would be a maximum of 100m high (excluding narrow elements such as masts or cranes).

Offshore Export Cables

The electricity generated by the offshore turbines will be carried from the offshore substations located within the array areas via offshore export cables to the coast.

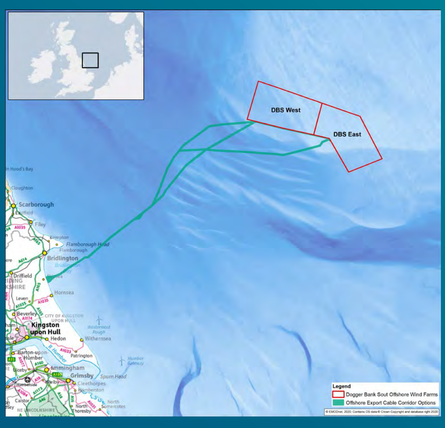
The offshore export cables will be buried in the seabed in corridors up to one kilometre wide, with up to six cables linking the array areas to a shared landfall location.

The offshore export cables would make landfall near Skipsea, where they would be connected to the onshore cables in transition joint bays (TJB), having been installed under the intertidal zone by HDD. More information on the TJBs can be found on the landfall information banner.

These cables will share a single corridor in the nearshore area. However, this will likely diverge to two, one kilometre wide corridors in the offshore area to reach the individual offshore substations required by each project.

We are considering a number of cable route options with a maximum offshore cable corridor length of 198km for DBS East and 158km for DBS West.

For the purpose of the DCO application and environmental assessment, an offshore export cable corridor has been defined that encompasses all required cables. The precise location of the cables will be decided at a later stage and will be within this corridor.



Landfall

The landfall is where the offshore export cables join the onshore export cables. The DBS offshore export cables would make landfall near Skipsea, at an exact location to be confirmed. The offshore export cables will be connected to the onshore export cables in transition joint bays (TJBs), having been pre-installed under the intertidal zone by HDD.

There are two potential zones for where the offshore cables could make landfall, both located near to Skipsea on the North Sea coast of the East Riding of Yorkshire, approximately halfway between Bridlington and Hornsea.

The zones are situated within an area of sandy beach, backed by cliffs topped with agricultural land and are bordered to the immediate north and south by holiday parks, with Skipsea lying to the west.

Outputs from environmental surveys will be combined with utilities mapping and engineering studies to allow a final decision to be made relating to the exact landfall locations.

Feedback on the landfall zones received during this consultation will also inform the final decision on which zone is chosen.

At the landfall, the offshore cables will connect to the onshore cables in transition joint bays (TJBs).

The TJBs provide a dry protected environment where the onshore and offshore cables are joined. They are generally buried at depth, allowing the majority of land to be returned to uses such as agriculture after construction.

Landfall works are likely to include:

- Construction of access to the landfall compound;
- Construction of the landfall compound;
- Horizonal Directional Drilling (HDD) which is likely to require 24-hour working;
- Construction of TJBs;
- Pull-in of duct from barge (alternatively, they may be pushed from landfall side);
- Pull-in of offshore high voltage cables from vessel;
- Transition jointing offshore / onshore cables;
- Backfilling of joint bays;
- Reinstatement works.

A temporary onshore compound will be required to accommodate the drilling rigs, ducting and welfare facilities at the landfall location. The HDD works should not require any prolonged periods of restrictions or closures to the beach for public access. However, it is possible that some construction activities will need to be performed on the beach that may require short periods of restricted access. Any areas subject to short-term restricted access would be agreed in advance with East Riding of Yorkshire Council and the Environment Agency prior to construction.

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Landfall Site Selection

There are two potential zones for where the offshore cables could make landfall, both located near to Skipsea on the North Sea coast of the East Riding of Yorkshire, approximately halfway between Bridlington and Hornsea.

Zone 8 (Skipsea North), shown in orange
Zone 9 (Skipsea South), shown in pink

The zones are situated within an area of sandy beach, backed by cliffs topped with agricultural land with Skipsea lying to the west. There is a holiday park immediately to the north of Zone 8 and a golf course to the south of Zone 9.

Landfall Selection

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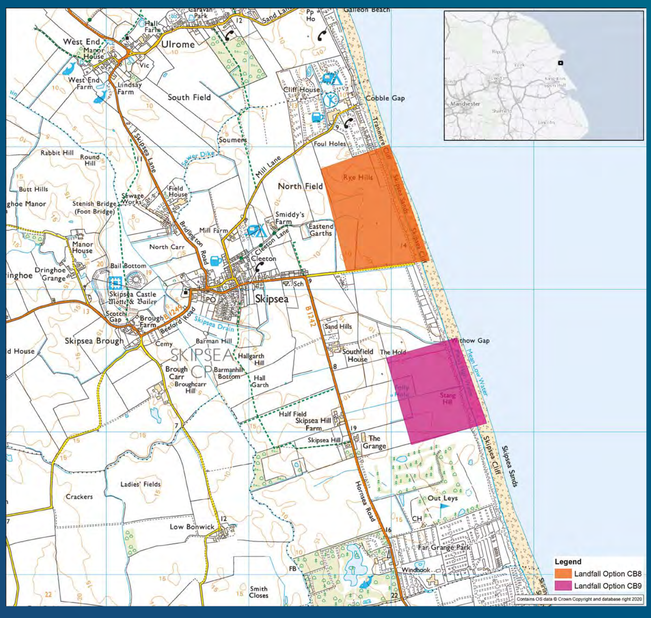
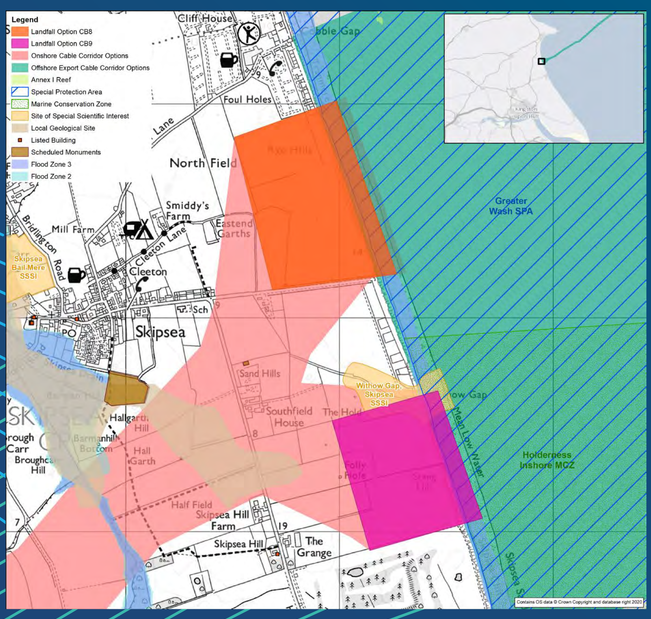




Onshore Cable Corridor

The onshore cable corridor connects the landfall point near Skipsea to two substations, located to the south of Beverley, for transmission into the National Electricity Transmission System.

The type and arrangement of cables will be dependent upon if an HVAC or HVDC system is adopted, with either a substation for an HVAC system and/or onshore convertor stations for HVDC systems. It is anticipated cables will be buried along the full route where possible.

A 200m wide onshore cable corridor has been considered for the PEIR assessment with an indicative 100m onshore cable corridor presented.

The final onshore cable corridor will be informed by stakeholder feedback on the information provided in the PEIR, as well as further technical studies and ongoing environmental survey and assessment work.

Once construction has completed and the relevant testing activities have been completed, the cable trenches will be backfilled and the land will be reinstated to its pre-construction condition. In most areas, you won't be able to see any evidence that construction works took place and the land can return to its previous use.

Onshore Substations

There are different parameters required for the onshore substations required for the DBS projects depending on which electrical solution is selected for DBS West (HVAC or HVDC).

Therefore, there are four possible development scenarios within the onshore substation zones that could be taken forward:

- Two HVDC converter stations in Substation Zone 4;
- One HVDC converter station in Substation Zone 1 and one HVAC substation in Substation Zone 4;
- One HVDC converter station in Substation Zone 4 and one HVAC substation in Substation Zone 1;
- One HVDC converter station in Substation Zone 1 and one HVDC converter station in Substation Zone 4.

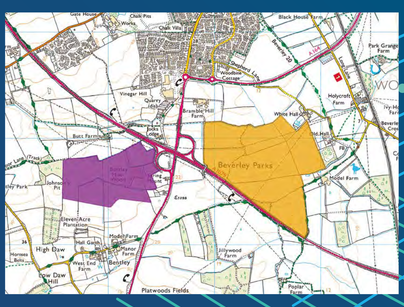
The onshore substations will contain the necessary electrical equipment and components for transforming the power from the wind farms to meet the UK Grid Code for connecting to the transmission grid.

The substation zones are located in proximity to grid connection points (see the banner called **How Connection Point to the National Electricity Transmission System was Chosen**), so the electricity can be easily transferred for use across the UK's network.

It may be possible for both of the substations required for DBS to be located in just one of the zones and we are currently assessing scenarios for their layout. You can view the different scenarios in our Consultation Brochure.

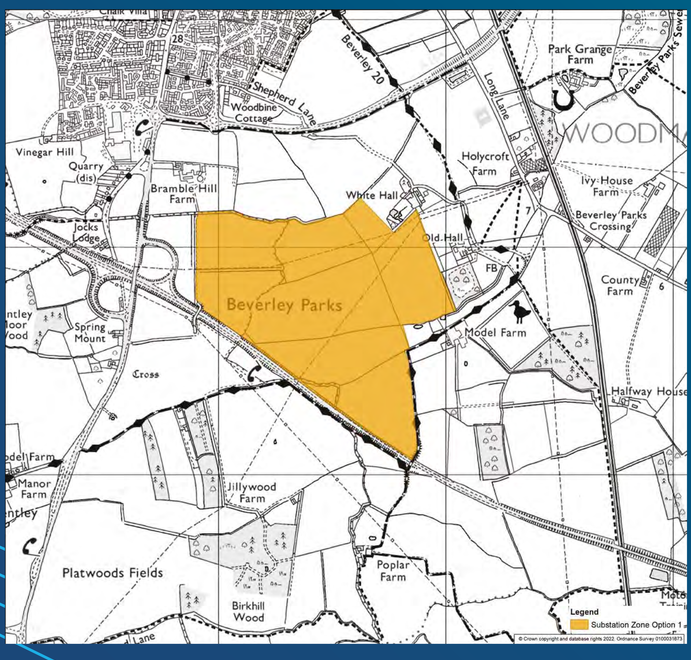
Each substation will consist of several buildings housing electrical equipment and unhoused electrical equipment contained within secure fencing. The substation equipment is expected to need around 20 hectares (50 acres) of land in total, across both projects.

The final dimensions of the substations are dependent on the electrical capacity of the wind farms and the design of the electrical transmission used to transmit electricity to the substation.



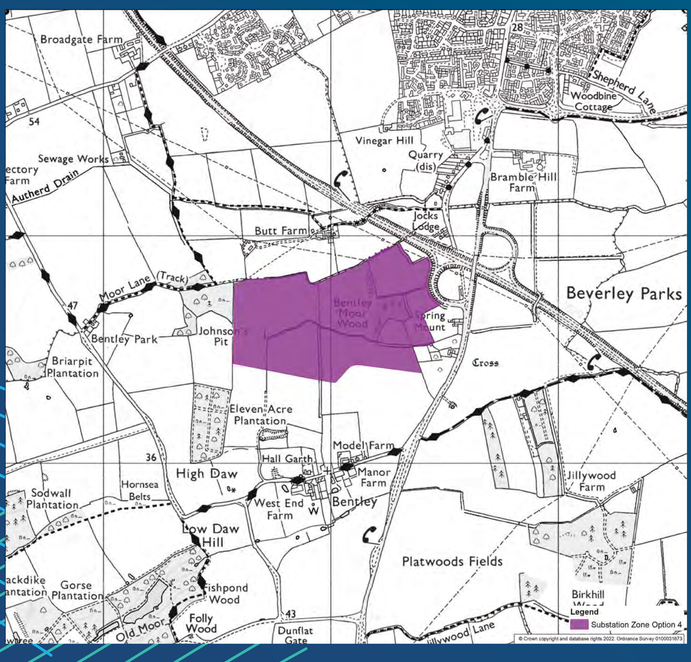
Onshore Substation Zone 1

- Substation Zone 1 is located adjacent to the A1079 in an area of low lying agricultural land.
- The zone comprises 75 hectares. A high pressure ethylene pipeline crosses the western part of the zone and there is an electricity transmission line 100 metres to the south of the zone.
- The zone is less than one kilometre from the indicative grid connection point and could offer a viable connection route that avoids the relocation of existing infrastructure.
- There are no residential properties within the zone. The closest residential property is approximately 75 metres from the zone.
- There are no international or national ecological or landscape designations that directly affect this zone.
- The zone is adjacent to the substations associated with Dogger Bank Wind Farm that are currently under construction and is close to the existing substation at Creyke Beck. The zone would avoid visual effects in the Yorkshire Wolds Important Landscape Area identified in the Local Plan.
- Access options are still under consideration for this zone. Options include constructing a new access route from the A164 (north of Jock's Lodge) or from the A164/Ward Way Roundabout. Discussions are ongoing with East Riding of Yorkshire Council which will inform the proposals if this zone is taken forward.
- We are aware of a potential solar farm planning application made on this land.
- A flood zone is located within the substation zone. This will be taken into consideration when positioning the locations of the substations within the zone.



Onshore Substation Zone 4

- Substation Zone 4 is located adjacent to the A164 and the A1079 at the Jock's Lodge junction. It lies 115 metres to the west of the A164 at its closest point. It is located in an area of low lying agricultural land that includes areas of ancient woodland and plantation forestry.
- The zone comprises 38 hectares and is bound by a high pressure gas and ethylene pipeline to the south and an electricity transmission line to the north.
- The zone is less than one kilometre from the indicative grid connection point and could offer a viable connection route that avoids the relocation of existing infrastructure.
- There are no residential properties within the zone. The closest residential property is approximately 100 metres from the zone.
- There are small areas of Ancient Woodland within the substation zone, which could help provide natural screening. There is sufficient space within this zone to ensure that the substation, construction compound and access routes avoid these areas. The zone also lies within the Yorkshire Wolds Important Landscape Area defined in the East Riding Local Plan.
- The zone is not located in a flood zone, so is not considered to be at risk of flooding. There is a watercourse running through the zone. The final positioning of the substations will take this into account to reduce impacts on the watercourse.
- The zone is located to the south of Butt Farm, west of which lie several heritage features associated with a World War II Heavy Anti Aircraft Battery, part of which is a Scheduled Monument. The final siting of the onshore substation and associated cable routing will seek to minimise impacts on this nearby heritage feature.
- The zone is close to the existing substation at Creyke Beck and is located in a relatively well screened and low lying part of the Yorkshire Wolds ILA.
- The zone lies immediately adjacent to the Jock's Lodge junction improvement scheme which may offer the opportunity to take access via the realigned A164. Alternatively it may be possible to take access from an existing layby to the north on the A1079. Discussions are ongoing with East Riding of Yorkshire Council which will inform the proposals if this zone is taken forward.



Working with the Community

The construction and operation of an offshore wind farm can bring significant benefits to the neighbouring areas including jobs, skills and general economic benefits.

Working with local stakeholders, we will develop a community benefit package for DBS in line with any relevant best practice guidance. At this early stage we would like to hear how you think the project could help to deliver lasting benefits to your local community.

RWE is already supporting communities in the region from our onshore wind farms in Goole.

As well as a local community fund we are supporting the 'East Riding of Yorkshire Future Communities Initiative' which is supporting community projects across the county. Our offshore wind farm sites across the North East region are also offering community funds linked to their onshore infrastructure. Humber Gateway, Triton Knoll and Sofia Offshore Wind Farms are all helping local community and voluntary groups to make a difference in their area.

DBS will be a major investment for the local area and wider region, and we will ensure that this investment establishes a valuable and lasting legacy for local communities. For example, the maintenance port and facilities will be located on the east coast of the UK in the locality of the DBS site and we are aiming to source all direct labour from people living within the area.

To find out more about how RWE works with local communities, please visit:
www.rwe.com/in-your-community

Economic Benefits

DBS will also bring about economic benefits to the region including investment, skills, careers and supply chain opportunities.

The construction of DBS could result in a total investment of up to £7billion* with around 50% of that expected to be spent in the UK. The operations and maintenance of the wind farms could amount to around £177million per annum.

Jobs, Careers and Skills

Through past offshore wind farm developments, we estimate that, at their peak, the construction of the DBS projects could create a total of:

- 1,240 full-time equivalent jobs across Humberside; and
- 2,150 full-time equivalent jobs across the UK.

During the operations and maintenance phase, the projects could provide employment for 1,120 full-time equivalent jobs.

RWE are already investing in job creation, in skills and training opportunities, and investigating STEM related education programmes to encourage local young people to make quality learning decisions, to learn quality skills, boost their employability and be better able to compete for and win new jobs with us and across the wider industry and region.

Supply Chain

Over time, our approach to supplier engagement has become more holistic as we strive to maximise the opportunities from our projects progressing through development. To that end, we have created the Supplier Transparency and Engagement Programme (STEP) a more proactive approach to supplier engagement.

STEP is our commitment to continuously improve supplier engagement. Following a review of our existing processes, we have introduced new practices, which include increased opportunities for dialogue with our supplier network. We promise to strive to continuously 'step up' our efforts regarding our supplier engagement activities.

It will be some years before the DBS projects enter the construction phase, which is where many of the supply chain opportunities will be found, but there are still plenty of opportunities for the UK supply chain during the development phase. There are already a number of UK suppliers working on the project carrying out our environmental impact assessment, surveys and professional services. As we move through the development phase, we will develop a Supply Chain Plan which will explain how we will work with the supply chain and boost opportunities for UK suppliers.

We will work hard to ensure businesses that work with and employ local people are aware of opportunities and able to bid for contracts related to the project.

DBS represents a significant investment within both the East Coast and UK economies. This, in turn, has positive spin-offs for businesses not necessarily directly involved in the project. Companies involved in everything from hotels to transport and office facilities to catering are involved in supporting the delivery of the project throughout its various phases of development, construction and operation.

* It is expected that a fixed offshore wind farm project in the UK would spend around £2.3 billion per GW installed (BVG Associates, 2021).

What Happens Next?

Please complete a Consultation Questionnaire at the event today and either return to a member of the team, post in the designated postbox or return to us using our Freepost address. You can also complete a questionnaire online through the consultation section of our website: www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk.

We will consider all feedback received during this statutory consultation and will use it to finalise proposals for DBS, before submitting a Development Consent Order application to the Planning Inspectorate.

The feedback and information on how we have taken your comments into account will be available in the Consultation Report which will form part of this application.

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How to Get In Touch With Us

Thank you for attending our consultation event. We really value your feedback and want to work with you during the development, construction and operational phases of the DBS projects.

You can keep up to date on the progress of DBS by visiting:

www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk

If you have any further questions following this event, you can contact the DBS team by:

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