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Welcome to this update newsletter regarding consultation and engagement feedback around our exciting new Project.

Hornsea Project Three is located approximately 120 kilometres from the Norfolk coast. Once operational it will have a maximum capacity of up to 2.4 Gigawatts (GW). After Hornsea Project One and Hornsea Project Two, this will be DONG Energy's third Project in the area previously known as the Hornsea Round Three Zone.

High Level Update

DONG Energy is in the initial stages of consultation for Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm.

To facilitate early engagement in this process, members of the DONG Energy Hornsea Project Three Consents and Stakeholder Team have recently met with a number of Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) along the east coast. These meetings were to introduce the Project, discuss the high-level programme and gain insight from the LPAs on how best to consult with the local community.



The Project's Consents Team have begun drafting a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, which will be issued to all associated LPAs for review and comment later this summer. At the same time, the Project's Consents Team have been busy investigating viable options for the onshore substation location and landfall sites. The Project hopes to have more information on the potential grid connection point and landfall site during the third quarter of 2016.

Once we have confirmed our connection point (with National Grid), we hope to arrange meetings with those councils falling within the boundaries of the consultation area we have identified that we have not already contacted. The authorities to be contacted will be identified by following the consultation guidance outlined in the Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 2 – 'The role of local authorities in the development consent process' at https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Advice_note_2.pdf



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2 million UK homes.

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17 times the size of Norwich.



Hornsea Project Three Webpage

Earlier this month, we launched the Hornsea Project Three webpage www.dongenergy.co.uk/hornsea-project-three-development, where you can find more information on the Project, including recent announcements. This will be updated on a regular basis, as and when more information becomes available.

Key features of the site include:

- Introduction to the Project.
- Timeline of activities.
- Project contact details.

Coming soon...

- **Announcements** – We will have a section where you can see all of our recent press releases and Project announcements. This will include any changes to upcoming consultation events, news regarding publication of recent newsletters and any other consultation documentation.
- **Mailing List** – You will be able to subscribe to our mailing list by either registering online or emailing us directly at contact@hornsea-project-three.co.uk.
- **Consultation Process** – You will be able to find more information on the consultation process in this section of the website. There will also be a link to the Planning Inspectorate website, where you can find out more information and read their advice on how to engage with the planning process.
- **Documents** – You will be able to find all of our consultation documents in this section.
- **Quarterly Newsletters** – Regular updates on where the Project is with regards to the consents process, development stage, and more information regarding what activities are ongoing and the initial results of these, for example environmental surveys, community consultation events etc.

Update of Consultation Feedback

DONG Energy are very appreciative of the input received from the LPAs they have met with to date. Early engagement has enabled the Project to build a clearer view on the most appropriate methods of consultation for the area.

The key topics discussed with LPAs include:

- Past NSIP experience.
- Preparing the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).
- Proposed consultation methods:
 - Consultations events
 - Interactive website
 - Newsletter updates
 - Local advertisement (press/online)

Some common themes that came out of the feedback from the LPAs include:

- A number of the LPA's already have some NSIP/offshore wind project experience.
- Most recommended keeping the SoCC as simple as possible.
- Most felt that two formal rounds of consultation events would be appropriate, unless communities indicated otherwise.
- All agreed that use of an interactive website would be appropriate and that making documents and feedback forms available online would be good.
- Most councils would like DONG Energy to keep them informed throughout the consultation process.

Next steps

We hope to be able to provide you with more information on the grid connection point in the next few months. However, in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions, and feel free to refer members of your communities to the contact details listed below.

Recent Press Releases

<http://www.dongenergy.co.uk/news/press-releases/articles/worlds-largest-ever-offshore-wind-farm-to-be-built-by-dong-energy>

To find out more or ask any questions about Hornsea Project Three:



Call the Freephone Project information line on **0800 0288 466**
(9am to 5pm, Mon-Fri, with an answer phone facility to take calls outside of these hours)



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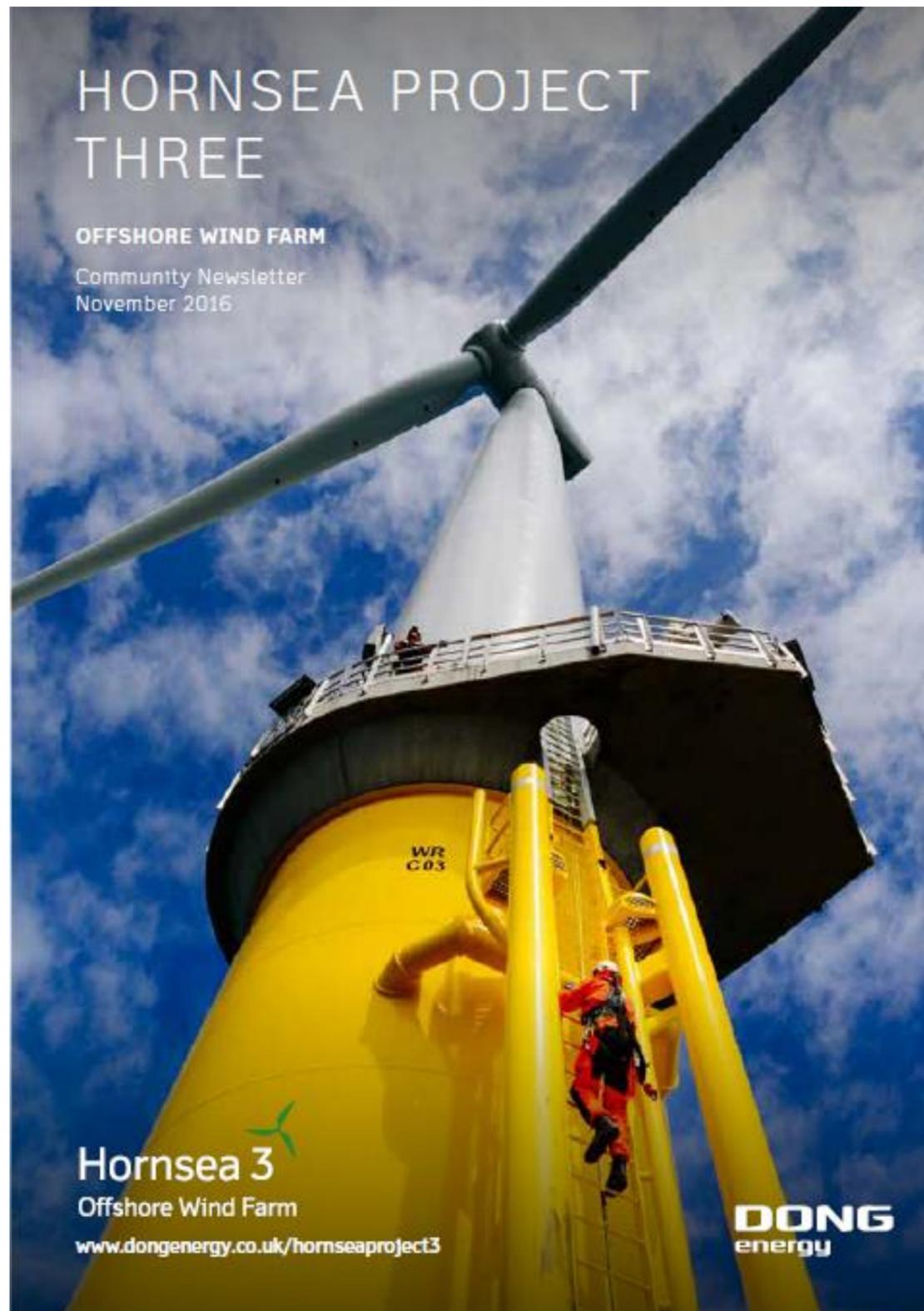
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Introduction

Welcome to the first DONG Energy community newsletter for Hornsea Project Three, a new offshore wind farm we are proposing to build in the North Sea, over 120km off the North Norfolk coast.

The purpose of these community newsletters is to ensure that anyone who has an active interest in our proposal is kept informed throughout the consultation period. Each newsletter will contain the latest information on the Project, including our recent activities and details about opportunities for you to have your say.

These newsletters will be available on our website, at your local council office or at our Community Access Points (CAP sites) located across the Consultation Zone (see page 3). To sign up to receive our newsletters, please visit our website where you can 'register your interest' in the Project or contact us directly (details are provided at the end of this newsletter).

Who is DONG Energy?

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What is Hornsea Project Three?

In August 2015, DONG Energy acquired the rights to develop the remainder of the Hornsea Zone by acquiring SMartWind Ltd, who were originally awarded the zone in The Crown Estate Round Three bid process. Hornsea Project One and Hornsea Project Two have both received planning consent and we are now exploring the potential to develop a third offshore wind farm in the zone, Hornsea Project Three (to the east) as shown in the map on page 4.



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The Planning Process

As the proposed generating capacity of Hornsea Project Three exceeds 100 megawatts (MW), the Project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), and must apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 (the Act).

Hornsea Project Three is currently in the pre-application phase for our DCO, with a consent application expected to be submitted in 2018. If the application is accepted, The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) will then coordinate the examination of our application with an independent Examining Authority panel, who will in turn make a recommendation to the Secretary of State (SoS) for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. If successful, construction of Hornsea Project Three is anticipated to take place between 2022 and 2025. The pre-application consultation process for Hornsea Project Three has been summarised in Figure 2 on page 4. Further details on our plans for community consultation can be found within our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

In accordance with Section 47 of the Act, we have published a SoCC for Hornsea Project Three. This document describes how we plan to consult with you on our proposed Project. It explains how you can engage in the consultation process, including the opportunities for you to hear more about the Project, meet with members of the Project Team and provide your comments.

To ensure that our approach to community consultation was fit for your area, we have consulted with your Local Authorities (see Consultation Zone map). Further details on the process and a summary of all the responses will be available in our final Consultation Report, which will be submitted alongside our DCO application in 2018.

This SoCC has been advertised in local newspapers in the Norfolk County area in accordance with Section 47(6) of the Act and on social media (#hornseaproject3). You can also find copies of the SoCC at the following locations:

- On our website (www.dongenergy.co.uk/hornseaproject3)
- At various CAP sites located across the Consultation Zone, details of which can be found in our Consultation Process report (which will be available on our website shortly)
- At any of the Council offices listed in the table overleaf

You can also email or phone us using the contact details at the end of this newsletter to request your copy of the SoCC.

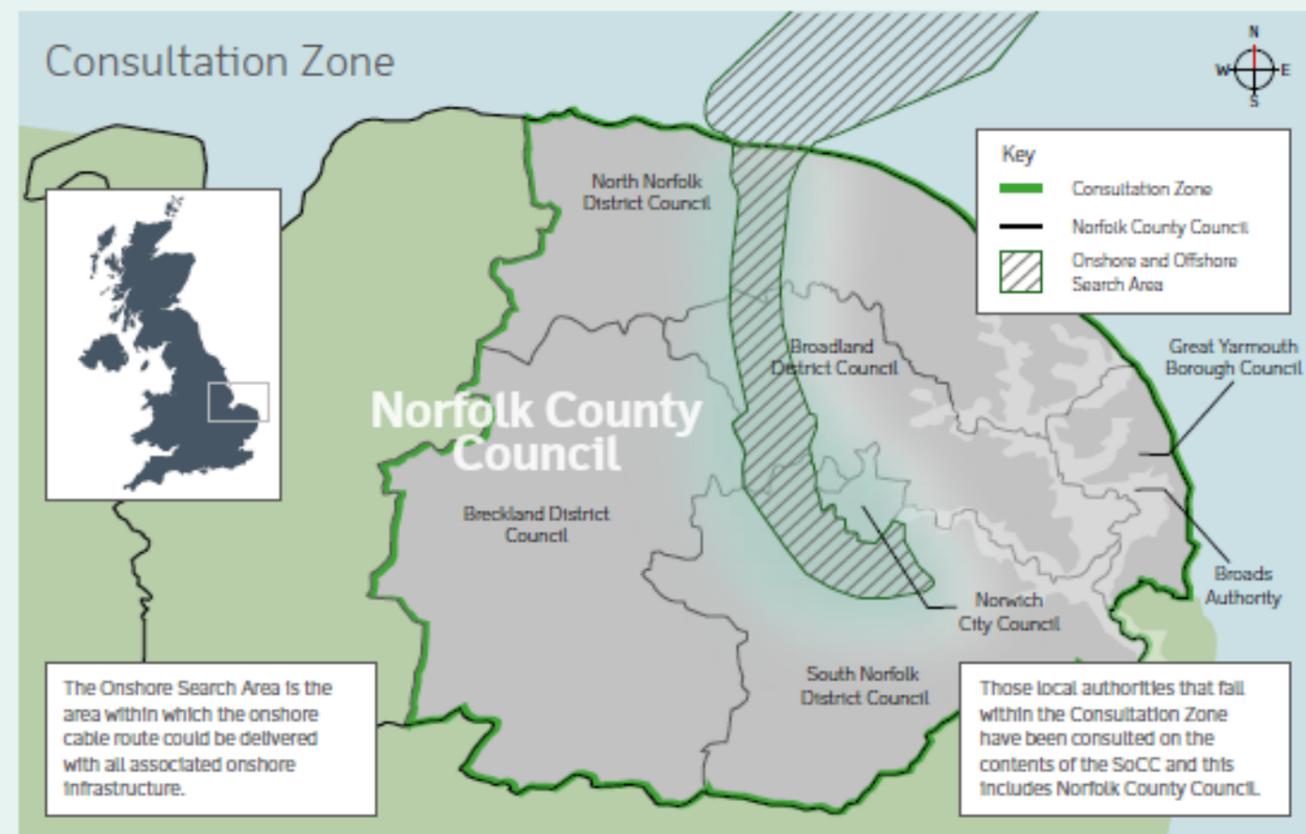
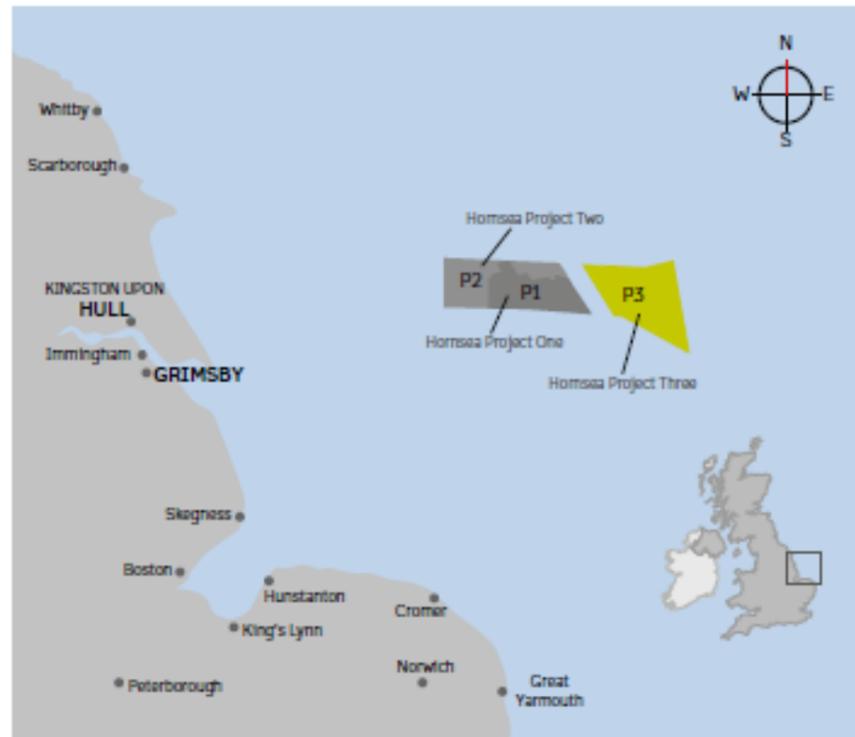


Figure 1: Six stages of the development consent regime.

Where is Hornsea Project Three?



Consultation Timeline

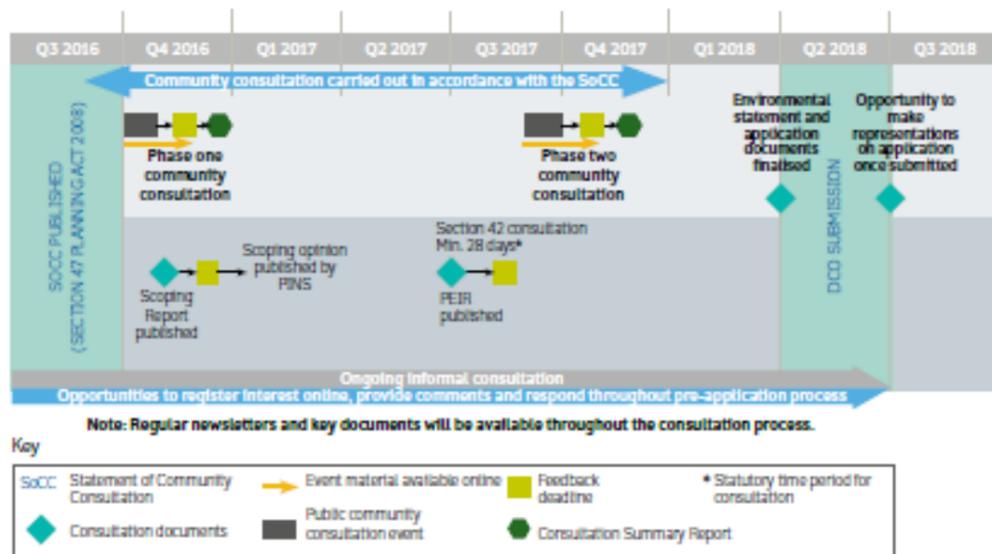


Figure 2: Diagram illustrating the consultation process for Hornsea Project Three.

Project Update – what has been done so far?

Onshore update

We have contacted landowners within the onshore scoping area for the Phase 1 Habitat Surveys. These surveys are non-intrusive and involve a team of ecologists walking across parts of the scoping area and mapping the types of habitats present (e.g. woodland, pond, arable land).

Through characterising the local environment, we hope to ensure that any cable is routed to have as minimal impact on the local ecology and landscape as reasonably possible. When designing the final routing, we will also look at feedback received from our community consultation events.

Offshore update

Over the summer and autumn, a number of vessels have been conducting geophysical surveys to help characterise the seabed conditions of the offshore array area (the area within which we propose to install the turbines and substations), as well as the proposed electrical export cable (the area within which electricity from the wind farm will be transmitted from the wind farm to the national grid).



Photo Credit: Orsted Marine Survey

We are also in the process of collecting high-resolution aerial data on the distribution of bird and marine mammal species in the offshore array area. These surveys commenced in March 2016 and are being conducted by our dedicated aerial survey partners, HiDef. Once all of the data has been collected, our geophysicists and environmental specialists will be able to build a better understanding of the seabed and wider environment, which will allow us to identify any areas of special consideration (e.g. shipwrecks and habitats of conservation interest) and to establish whether our proposed array site can accommodate an offshore wind farm.

Bempton Cliffs Drone Trial

We have funded a successful trial for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), which involved utilising a high specification drone to count cliff-nesting seabirds at a reserve on the Yorkshire coast.

The trial took place at Bempton Cliffs, part of an internationally important site, which attracts over 250,000 birds annually, providing a breeding ground for many of them. The data collected will help us in our proposed development of Hornsea Project Three. The birds showed minimal interest in the drone, which produced photos detailed enough to distinguish between guillemots and razorbills, two species of auk that look very similar when observed from a distance.



Photo Credit: RSPB

Community Consultation Events

We will be holding our first round of community consultation events in late October / early November at various locations in Local Authorities across the Consultation Zone, following the publication of our Scoping Report.

These events are an opportunity for members of the local community and interested parties to come and meet the Project Team face-to-face and learn more about our Project. At these events, you will be able to have your say, voice any queries or concerns you may have, and fill out a feedback form (the results of which we will include in our Consultation Summary Report, which will be available on our website and attendees will be notified via email).

Wheelchair friendly: All of our events have wheelchair access. If you require any special arrangements please contact us ahead of the event and we will try to accommodate these.

Family friendly: Children are welcome to attend our events, and there will be craft materials available for them to use during their visit.

Unable to attend? If you are unable to attend one of our events in person, you will be able to access all of the event materials online and request a feedback form.

Feedback deadline: Each consultation phase will last a minimum of 28 days, and we ask that you submit any feedback forms relating to Phase One Consultation by 5pm on **Monday 28th November 2016**.

We would love for you to come and meet with us at one of the events listed below:

Monday 31st October 2016 3pm – 7pm Sheringham Community Centre, Holway Road, Sheringham, NR26 8NP
Wednesday 2nd November 2016 3pm – 7pm Aytsham Town Council, Town Hall, Market Place, Aytsham, Norfolk, NR11 6EL
Thursday 3rd November 2016 3pm – 7pm The Green Britain Centre, Turbine Way, Swaffham, PE37 7HT
Monday 7th November 2016 3pm – 7pm Great Yarmouth Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF
Tuesday 8th November 2016 2pm – 5:30pm Harford Community Centre, Harford Park, Peterkin Road, Norwich, NR4 6LQ
Wednesday 9th November 2016 2pm – 6:30pm Blackfriars' Hall, St Andrews St, Norwich, NR3 1AU

What do you think?

We want to hear your thoughts on our proposal. There are a number of ways you can get in touch with us, both during the pre-application consultation period and beyond, to let us know your views.

-  **Attend one of our events.**
-  **Visit our website:**
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-  **Send us an email:**
contact@hornsea-project-three.co.uk
-  **Call our Freephone Information line:**
0800 0288 466
-  **Send us a letter:**
Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm,
c/o Emily Woolfenden,
DONG Energy Power (UK) Ltd,
5 Howick Place, Victoria,
London, SW1P 1WG

Council Offices where the SoCC is displayed

- **North Norfolk District Council** Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer, Norfolk, NR27 9EN
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30am-5pm, Wednesday: 10am-5pm
Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm
- **Broadland District Council** 1 Yarmouth Road, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich, NR7 0DU
Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5pm
- **South Norfolk District Council** South Norfolk House, Cygnet Court, Long Stratton, Norwich, NR15 2XE Monday-Friday: 8:15am-5pm
- **Broads Authority** Yare House, 62-64 Thorpe Road, Norwich, NR1 1RY
Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm
- **Breckland District Council** Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, NR19 1EE
Monday-Thursday: 8am-6pm
- **Great Yarmouth Borough Council** Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF
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- **Norwich City Council** City Hall, St Peters Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH
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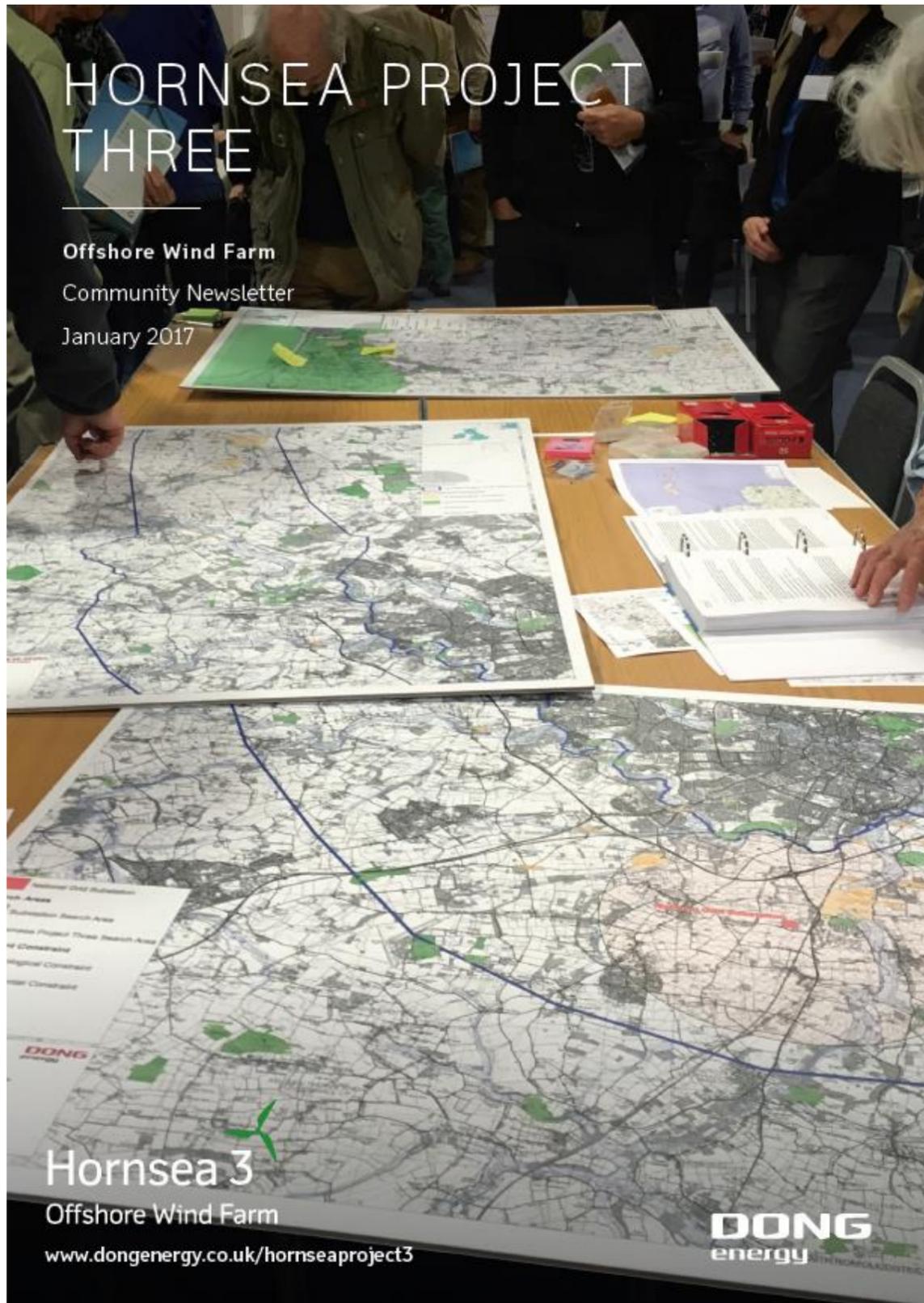
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Introduction

Welcome to the second community newsletter for Hornsea Project Three, a new offshore wind farm DONG Energy is proposing to develop in the North Sea, over 120 km off the North Norfolk coast.

This newsletter contains the latest Project information, including an update on our recent activities and how you and your community can get involved in the consultation process.



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"We are in the earliest stages of developing our proposal. The feedback we receive at this stage is incredibly important and will help us to further refine our proposal. We understand that you will undoubtedly have lots of questions regarding our proposal and encourage you to get in touch to let us know your thoughts."



Quote from Emily Woolfenden,
Consultation Manager,
Hornsea Project Three



¹ This figure assumes a load factor of 42% and a household consumption of 4.1MWh per year. Source: DECC (July 2015). This is based on 2011 census data.

Community Engagement

In late October / early November 2016, we held our first round of community consultation events in six locations across Norfolk. These events were an opportunity for members of the public to come and hear more about our Project, ask any questions they may have and comment on our plans at that point in time.

During and after the events, we were able to capture a lot of useful information from people who know the area best, covering a range of topics including traffic management, planned developments, local wildlife and sensitive areas. Understanding what areas are most important for the local community is key, and the feedback gathered at these consultation events will help us to shape our proposal going forward.

Community Feedback

All of the feedback we received at these events has now been compiled into a Consultation Summary Report, which is available on our website (www.dongenergy.co.uk/hornseaproject3) and at your Community Access Point (CAP sites). Details of your nearest CAP site can also be found on our website. We will consider all of the comments received and, where possible, will try to incorporate these as the Project develops. At this stage, no final decisions have been made and there are plenty of opportunities for you to engage in this process over the next year.

We have prepared this Consultation Summary Report, to reflect our understanding of local concerns and how we propose to address them. However, we will also be preparing a more detailed Consultation Report as part of our DCO (Development Consent Order) application to be submitted in 2018, which will provide a full overview of the consultation process, including a summary of the responses received and any changes made to the Project as a result of this feedback.

Upcoming Community Consultation Events

Based on the feedback we received at the first set of events and progress in the development of our proposal, we have decided to run an additional round of consultation events in early 2017. We will also be running Phase Two autumn 2017 events (see Consultation Timeline). We are aware that many of you are keen to understand how the Project might affect you, your land or your community. Also many of you told us that you would like to be kept informed of any developments, particularly concerning the proposed onshore cable route refinement.

We are currently in the process of refining the original 5 km onshore search area (see Consultation Zone map), following early consultation with both statutory bodies and local communities. We hope to present these plans in March 2017 at our public events, so that you and your community have the opportunity to comment on these plans at the earliest stage. These events are another opportunity for you to come and meet with us to discuss our proposal, and have your say.



These upcoming events will focus on communities living within or close to the refined cable corridor and the venues selected reflect this. Everyone is very welcome to attend. As with our last set of events, we will make all of the information available online should you not be able to attend in person. We will continue to consult with a range of stakeholders, including various local community groups, and will provide briefings to groups who would like to hear more about our plans. If you know of any particular groups that would be interested please let us know.

Thursday 2nd March 2017 1:30pm – 5:30pm Reepham Town Hall , Church Street, Reepham, Norwich, NR10 4JW
Friday 3rd March 2017 3pm – 7pm Weybourne Village Hall , Beach Lane, Weybourne, Holt, NR25 7AH
Monday 6th March 2017 1pm – 5pm The King's Centre , King Street, Norwich, NR1 1PH
Tuesday 7th March 2017 3pm – 7pm Hall for All , Church Street, Weston Longville, Norwich, NR9 5JU
Wednesday 8th March 2017 3pm – 7pm Corpusty and Saxthorpe Village Hall , Heydon Road, Corpusty, NR11 6QQ
Thursday 9th March 2017 4pm – 8pm Holt Community Centre , Kerridge Way, Holt, NR25 6DN
Friday 10th March 2017 2pm – 6pm Swardeston Social Club and Village Hall , The Common, Swardeston Common, Norwich, NR14 8DX

More information regarding our plans for community consultation is available in our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). This document is available on our website and at our CAP sites.

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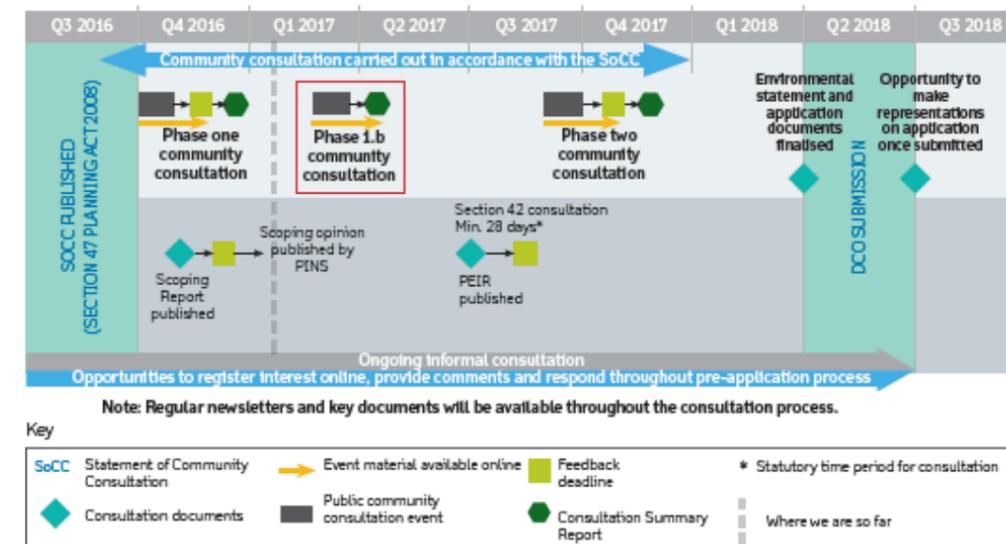


Figure 1: Diagram showing the consultation timeline in the lead up to submission of our DCO application.

²This diagram has been updated since it first featured in our Statement of Community Consultation (September 2016) and now includes the additional round of community consultation events (1.B) scheduled for early 2017.

Environmental Impact Assessment

In parallel to this community consultation, we have recently published a Scoping Report as part of our Environmental Impact Assessment for Hornsea Project Three. This document includes desk-based research on the existing offshore and onshore environments within our search area. It also includes information on the Project parameters (e.g. maximum number of turbines), the proposed methods that will be used to further characterise the environment and details of how any potential impacts will be assessed.

This report was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in October 2016, who coordinated responses from statutory bodies and have since formulated a Scoping Opinion. The Project team received this in early December 2016. We are currently reviewing all of the comments received and will meet with statutory bodies in the coming months to discuss their comments in more detail. This will enable us to make any necessary changes to our project before publishing our Preliminary Environmental Information Report later this year (Summer 2017).

Where is Hornsea Project Three?



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Project Update

Seabed Investigations

In October, our site investigation team completed the first set of seabed investigations at the Hornsea Project Three site (the area in which the turbines will be located). Our team are currently in the process of interpreting the data to understand the geology and the seabed features of the site.

Landfall Investigations

We are undertaking some planned onshore geotechnical and geophysical investigations during the winter months (2016 / 2017) at potential cable landing areas, in order to determine the feasibility of these areas. The investigation will consist of a number of drilled boreholes with a small rig and surveying with hand held equipment.

Consultation with Landowners

We are currently consulting with landowners and occupiers within an indicative revised search area. This is so we can learn of any other factors that we should be aware of when refining the corridor further, prior to the next set of public events. During the period leading up to the Development Consent Order (DCO) submission in 2018, the current indicative search area will be refined further to a final 80 m wide corridor for cable installation purposes.

Environmental Surveys

Over the next 12 months, we will be undertaking Phase 2 environmental surveys within the refined onshore cable corridor as part of our route assessment work, looking at various species and habitat sites. The Project needs to get the necessary information on ecology, soils, landscape, archaeology, land use and drainage before the Project can decide where to site the substation / HVAC booster station / cable route. We would like to access land within the refined indicative search area to understand if there is anything of ecological and archaeological importance. Our Land Agents, Dalcour Maclaren, will be contacting landowners where survey access is needed in the near future to confirm details on timing. Where possible we will seek to combine surveys to reduce any disturbance to anyone's operations.

Offshore Stakeholders

In addition to consultation already conducted along the onshore route, the Project team has also been in consultation with a number of stakeholders along the offshore export cable corridor. The cables which bring the electricity to shore from the offshore wind farm will be laid within this corridor. The consultation so far has included discussions with oil and gas developers regarding offshore platforms and pipelines in the immediate vicinity of the corridor. Other key environmental stakeholders, such as Trinity House and the Marine Management Organisation, have also been consulted for more technical matters related to the consent application. This consultation will continue over the coming months, as the export cable corridor and plans for the Project area are better defined.

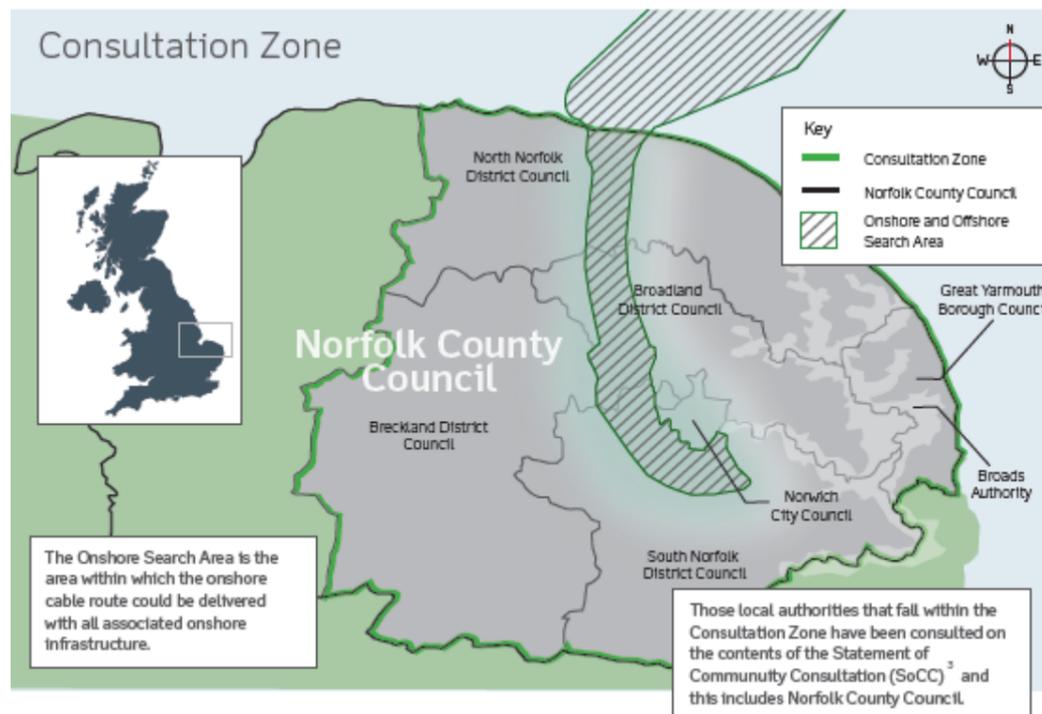


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³SoCC - This document sets out how we propose to consult people living within the vicinity of the land on the proposed development."

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Welcome to the third community newsletter for Hornsea Project Three, a new offshore wind farm that DONG Energy is proposing to develop in the North Sea, over 120 km off the north Norfolk coast.

We want to keep you informed so that you understand how the Project is developing and how you can engage in the ongoing consultation process. This newsletter includes updates on the latest Project developments, our activities behind the scenes and details about how you can get involved.



How big could it be?

If built out to full capacity, Hornsea Project Three could be the world's largest offshore wind farm, providing enough power to meet the average daily needs of well over **2 million** UK homes.



Who is the developer?

DONG Energy is the **global leader** in developing, building and operating offshore wind farms, and our largest fleet is in the UK.

Since 2004, we have invested **£6 billion** in the UK and we expect to double this investment by 2020.

Where is Hornsea Project Three?



Interactive map

Enter postcodes into the search bar on our online interactive map to zoom into areas of interest. Detailed OS maps are also available on our website in our Documents Library or by request (see Contact Us).



Will I be able to see the offshore turbines?

The turbines will be located over **120 km** offshore and will not be visible from the coast.



Offshore

We have refined our original offshore search area to an indicative preferred 1.5 km wide export cable corridor. This includes a proposed search area for siting the offshore High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) booster station (if required).

The proposed corridor funnels out at the array area – where the turbines and offshore substation(s) will be located. The corridor is also wider at the landfall zone – where the cables carrying the electricity generated by the wind turbines will come ashore.

To improve our understanding of the offshore environment, we are undertaking surveys and assessments, and engaging widely with other offshore users and environmental bodies. We are also undertaking studies at the landfall, to understand what is technically feasible. The information gathered through this process will help us to further refine our proposal, ensuring we select the most appropriate route and landfall point that best considers the local environment and community interests.

The Project is engaging with local fishermen in the north Norfolk area to agree the best way for offshore surveys to be carried out with minimal disruption to fishing activity. This will help both parties to co-exist in the area while development work is taking place, and help build relationships for similar surveys in the future.

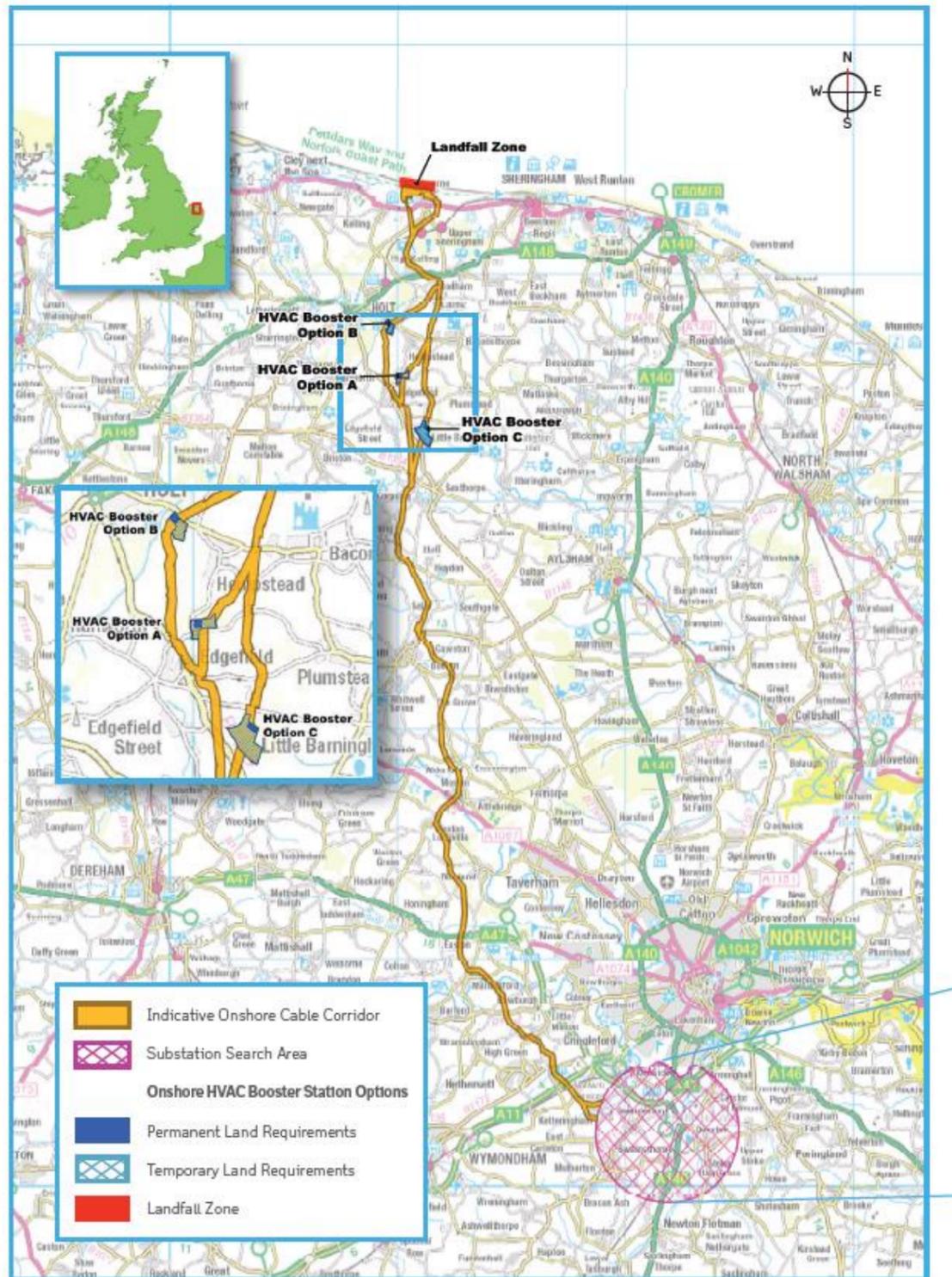


Figure 1: Map of the proposed 200 m indicative cable corridor (plus 100 m technical buffer either side) and substation / onshore HVAC booster station areas. Note: These plans were presented in more detail at the March 2017 Community Consultation events.

Inset left: Map of the onshore HVAC booster station options.

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Onshore cable corridor

Since our last community newsletter, we have published and consulted on our refined indicative preferred 200 m onshore cable corridor search area. This included a 100 m technical buffer to allow for flexibility, as we better understand potential technical and environmental constraints to routing the cable.

We are currently undertaking aerial surveys of the full route. The results of these surveys will improve our understanding of what is technically feasible and help us to further refine our onshore cable corridor.

In some areas, it may be necessary for the Project to consider alternative options. If this were the case, information on these will be shared with you at the earliest stage.

Ahead of submitting our planning application, we will further refine this corridor down to an 80 m cable route, 20 m of which is required for temporary working areas. This includes a haul road for construction vehicles and storage, which will help minimise any potential disruption locally. This refinement process will be informed by environmental surveys, technical and feasibility studies, as well ongoing consultation with landowners, statutory bodies and members of the local community.

Onshore substation

Hornsea Project Three will require a new onshore substation near to the existing Norwich Main National Grid Substation. The onshore substation could require an area up to 100,000 m² and could be up to 25 m in height. An additional area of up to 28,000 m² will be required for visual mitigation.

The Project has performed a heat mapping exercise, layering known constraints (i.e. distance to residential properties and ancient woodland) to identify suitable sites within our original search area (within 3 km of Norwich Main). This information is being considered alongside the results of surveys, studies and feedback from landowners and members of the local community to help us identify and locate the best site.

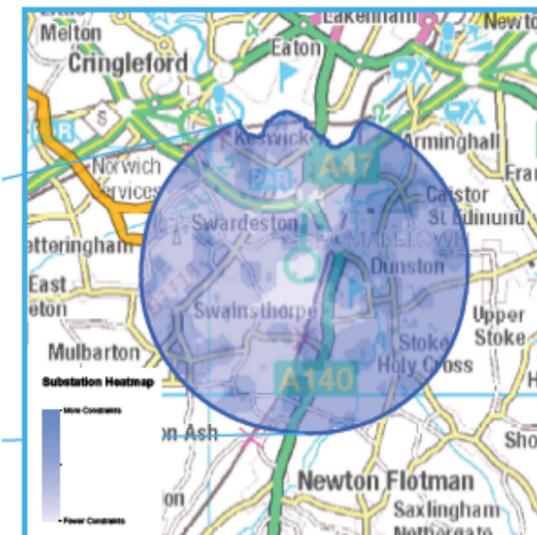


Figure 2: Heat map of the onshore substation search area. The darker shades indicate the more constrained areas.

Onshore HVAC booster station

Hornsea Project Three will apply for consent to use both a high voltage Alternating Current (AC) and Direct Current (DC) electrical transmission system. In the AC scenario, the Project could require a booster station near to the coast to mitigate against power losses between the offshore wind farm itself and the national grid connection point. The onshore HVAC booster station could require an area of up to 25,000 m² and could be up to 12.5 m in height.

We recently presented and sought feedback on three potential options (and the associated cable corridors) we were exploring for siting the onshore HVAC booster station. We have received lots of useful feedback from members of the local community on these proposed sites. This feedback is being considered alongside the other environmental, technical and commercial considerations to help inform the refinement process. The upcoming PEIR will show the refined single location the project is taking forwards for the proposed onshore HVAC booster station.

What could the onshore substation and onshore HVAC booster station look like?

We recognise that members of the local community will want to understand what the proposed new infrastructure might look like. This was also a key piece of feedback from our last round of events. Our engineers are in the process of preparing some indicative visualisations of the onshore substation and onshore HVAC booster station. These visualisations will be available for you to view and comment on at our next round of community consultation events (details overleaf).

We will present and seek feedback on a preferred single option for siting both the onshore substation and the onshore HVAC booster station in our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and at our next round of community consultation events (see Next Steps).

Meet the team

"As the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialist for Hornsea Project Three, I'm responsible for collecting and visualising the spatial data to aid the project team in designing all aspects of the offshore wind farm. GIS technology has advanced considerably in the past decade and I enjoy trialing out new tools, which allow us to present project information in new and exciting ways."



"I'm currently obtaining two surveys, one using a drone and the other with a plane, which will generate detailed and up to date information on the proposed cable corridor. I am also working with a specialist company to create a fully interactive 3D model of the offshore wind farm. This model will be available at our next set of community consultation events."

Kieran Bell, GIS Specialist.

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Survey update

We recognise environmental sensitivities in this area and as part of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), contracted to RPS Group, we are currently undertaking extensive ecological surveys along the proposed onshore cable corridor. These include the areas being considered for the onshore HVAC booster station and onshore substation. Specialists Thomson Ecology are working closely with our Environment & Consents team to deliver the environmental surveys, including surveys for bats, reptiles, great crested newts, badgers, otters, water voles and white-clawed crayfish.

We have commissioned NIRAS Consulting, who are undertaking our wintering and breeding bird surveys, and we have completed noise, traffic and visual surveys to help inform our EIA. These surveys will help improve our understanding of the local environment and will feed into the route refinement process.

We are also consulting extensively with Natural England, the Environment Agency, The Wildlife Trust and the district and county ecologists, amongst other stakeholders and will look to address any concerns as the Project develops.



Photo: Thomson Ecology

Community feedback

In March 2017, we held our second round of community consultation events (Phase 1.B) to update local communities and to gather feedback on our current plans. The events were held in seven locations across Norfolk along our refined 200 m onshore cable corridor and near to our onshore HVAC booster station options and onshore substation search area.

We are grateful to everyone who attended these events and provided feedback, both on the day and in the following weeks. Hornsea Project Three is a large-scale, ambitious Project which will benefit from involvement and local knowledge of the community.



Figure 3: Pages from our Phase 1.B: Consultation Summary Report, now available on our website (See Contact Us).

Listening and responding to feedback

What did you tell us?

All the feedback that we received is being considered by the Project as we look to further refine our proposal over the next year. We have prepared a short summary report, capturing the views expressed at the March 2017 events and responding to some of the frequently asked questions. This report can be downloaded from our website and is available to collect from one of our Community Access Points (CAP sites) (details overleaf).

Can I still access the event information?

You can access all of the information presented at the recent events on our website in the Document Library.

What happens next?

In accordance with Regulation 10 of the Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009, the Project is carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Over the Summer, we will publish and conduct our statutory (or formal) consultation on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008. This document will incorporate the findings of initial surveys and assessments and will enable consultees to develop a more informed view of the potential environmental effects.

The consultation will be publicised in local media and statutory consultees will be notified in writing. The PEIR, along with a non-technical summary, will be available to download from our website. We will also deposit electronic storage devices containing the full PEIR at some of our Community Access Points (CAP sites). A list of these venues will be published shortly. In parallel to the formal consultation under Section 42, we will hold a third round of community consultation events (details overleaf), where we will present our latest plans and seek feedback from local communities.

Phase 2 community consultation events

We will be holding a series of consultation events to update you on project developments and gather your feedback on our latest plans. Members of the Project team will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Venue	Date	Event Time
Swardston Village Hall, The Common, Swardston Common, NR14 8DX	Monday 4th September	3pm-7pm
King's Centre, King Street, Norwich, NR1 1PH	Tuesday 5th September	4pm-7:30pm
Corpusty and Saxthorpe Village Hall, Heydon Road, Corpusty, NR11 6QQ	Wednesday 6th September	4pm-8pm
Weybourne Village Hall, Beach Lane, Weybourne, NR25 7AH	Thursday 7th September	3:30pm-7:30pm
Reepham Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, NR10 4JW	Friday 8th September	3:30pm-7:30pm
Hall for All, Church Street, Weston Longville, NR9 5JU	Tuesday 12th September	4pm - 7:30pm
Holt Community Centre, Kerridge Way, Holt, NR25 6DN	Wednesday 13th September	4pm - 7:30pm

Contact us

We want to hear your thoughts on our proposal. There are many ways you can find out more information and get in touch to let us know your views:

Send us an email:
contact@hornsea-project-three.co.uk

Call our Freephone information line:
0800 0288 466

Visit our website:
www.dongenergy.co.uk/hornseaproject3

Twitter:
[@DONGEnergyUK](https://twitter.com/DONGEnergyUK) #HornseaProject3

Send us a letter:
Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm,
c/o Emily Wootfenden,
DONG Energy Power (UK) Ltd,
5 Howick Place, Victoria, London, SW1P 1WG

Community Access Points (CAP sites):
Locations where you can find copies of our latest consultation documents, including the Phase 1.B Consultation Summary Report

Keeping you informed

The consultation is ongoing, and there are still plenty of opportunities for you to get involved in the process. If you have any questions or want to comment on our proposal, you can contact us directly via the contact details listed at the end of this newsletter.

You can sign up to our mailing list by 'Registering Your Interest' via our website or by contacting us directly. By doing this, you will receive future Project updates and copies of our community newsletters.

View our latest plans

Copies of this newsletter and our Phase 1.B Consultation Summary Report are available for you to take home from our identified Community Access Points (CAP sites).

Find your nearest CAP site by entering your postcode into our interactive online map or by contacting us directly.

Can I still comment on the Project plans?

Yes, you can continue to comment on our plans at any point during the consultation period, in the lead up to the submission of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application in 2018 and beyond. You can do so by contacting us directly using the details at the end of this newsletter.

We are keen to hear your thoughts on all aspects of our proposal. You can contact us directly via one of the channels below.

Physical copies of our latest newsletter and Phase 1.B Consultation Summary Report are available to view at the following council offices.

- **North Norfolk District Council** Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer, Norfolk, NR27 9EN, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30am-5pm, Wednesday: 10am-5pm Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm
- **Broadland District Council** 1 Yarmouth Road, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich, NR7 0DU, Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5pm
- **South Norfolk District Council** South Norfolk House, Cygnet Court, Long Stratton, Norwich, NR15 2XE, Monday-Friday: 8:15am-5pm
- **Broads Authority** Yare House, 62-64 Thorpe Road, Norwich, NR1 1RY, Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm
- **Breckland District Council** Elizabeth House, Walpole Lodge, Dereham, NR19 1EE, Monday-Thursday: 8am-6pm
- **Great Yarmouth Borough Council** Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF, Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm
- **Norwich City Council** City Hall, St Peters Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH, Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm, Customer Centre: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:45am-5pm, Wednesday: 1pm-5pm
- **Norfolk County Council** County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 2DH, Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm

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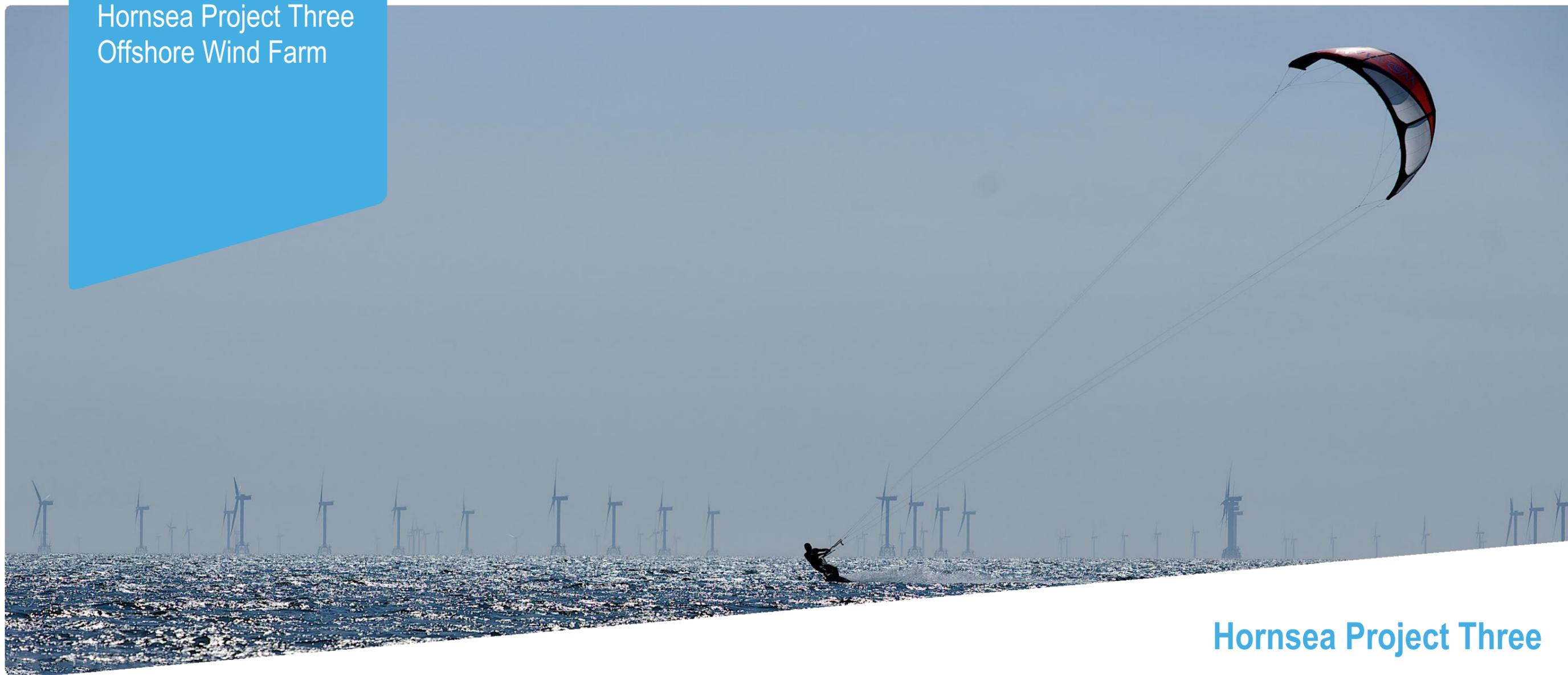
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Will I be able to see the offshore turbines?

The offshore array area, where the turbines will be located is over **120 km** offshore, so it will not be possible to see the turbines from the coast.

Formal consultation – 27 July – 20 September 2017

Between 27 July - 20 September 2017, we conducted our statutory consultation, where we formally invited prescribed bodies, landowners, local communities and members of the public to comment on our proposals.

To inform the consultation, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) was prepared and published on our website and the findings were also presented at our events. The PEIR forms part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) which was undertaken in parallel to this consultation. The PEIR provides early information on the surveys and initial assessments undertaken as part of the EIA and enables consultees to develop an informed view of the potential environmental effects of our proposals. It also provides information on how we plan to minimise these effects where possible.

We wish to thank all those who took the time to respond to the consultation. We are working through all the submissions made and will be responding to these as part of the application. We acknowledge that some local concerns were raised which will be considered as part of the ongoing design refinement work.



Our community consultation events

In parallel to the formal consultation, we hosted a series of community consultation events in September 2017. These events were an opportunity for members of the local community to come and view the latest plans, to ask questions and to let us know their thoughts on our proposals.

Members of the Project team, including technical specialists were on hand to talk people through the PEIR. Indicative visualisations of the proposed onshore High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) booster station and onshore substation were displayed using a 3D model to aid understanding of what these structures could potentially look like.

We would like to thank everyone who attended our consultation events and we hope that you found these sessions useful. Gathering feedback from communities and listening to your thoughts and concerns is an important part of the development process and will help us to further refine our plans.

All the feedback we have gathered during this formal consultation will be captured in the final Consultation Report, which we will submit alongside our application in 2018.



Engaging with your parish council

Ahead of the community consultation events that took place in September, a series of briefing sessions were held in August 2017. These were with relevant parish councils and local representatives along the proposed onshore cable corridor search area. These sessions were an opportunity for the Project team to provide an update on the proposals and an insight into what would be shown at the upcoming community consultation events. As statutory consultees, these sessions enabled the Project team to respond to any questions from relevant parish councils and local representatives and ensured that their feedback would inform the formal response to the consultation.

These meetings were well attended and we were pleased with the level of discussion and engagement with those present. We will continue to engage with relevant bodies, including local representatives, to ensure local communities are kept informed and made aware of any developments between now and submitting our application.



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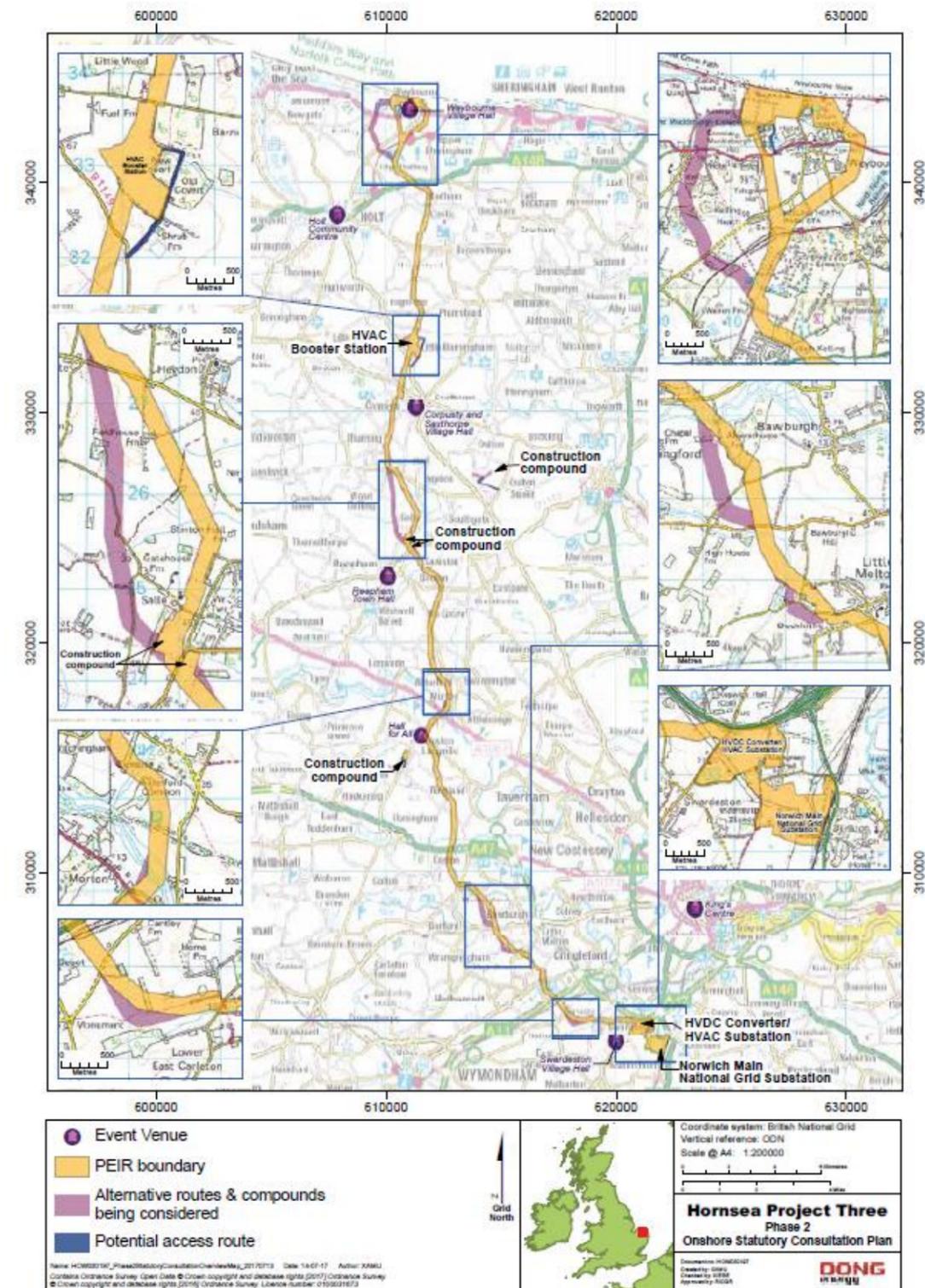


Figure 1: Statutory consultation plan showing the 200 m onshore cable corridor search area. The Project is currently in the process of refining this down to the final 80 m wide cable route.

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Where are we now in the process?

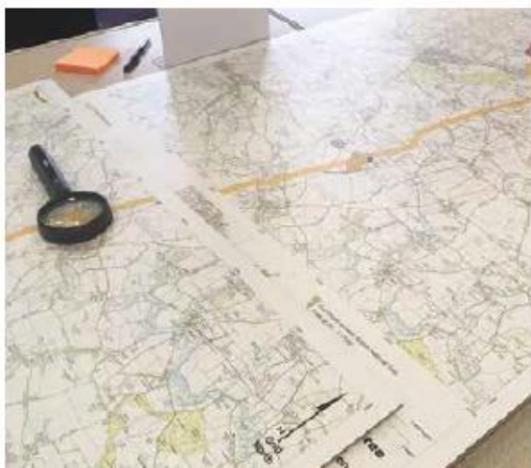
The formal consultation period for Hornsea Project Three has now closed and we are in the process of reviewing all the feedback we have received. Over the next few months we will further refine the Hornsea Project Three design and EIA, taking account of the consultation responses received.

The final results of the EIA will be presented in an Environmental Statement and a summary of the consultation responses received will be presented in a Consultation Report. Both of these documents will accompany the Development Consent Order (DCO) application, which will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in 2018. Informal consultation on our proposals is still ongoing and we will continue to engage with local communities until we submit our application in 2018. There are still plenty of opportunities for you to get involved in the process. If you have any questions or want to comment on our proposals you can contact us directly via the contact details listed at the end of this newsletter.

You can sign up to our mailing list by 'Registering Your Interest' in the Project via our website or by contacting us directly. By doing this, you will receive future Project updates and copies of our community newsletters.

Next steps

- Continue to engage with landowners and occupiers, as well as other consultees, to further refine our onshore cable corridor search area to the final 80 m cable route.
- Continue to collect data to inform our environmental surveys.
- Use the outputs from the PEIR and ongoing consultation to identify appropriate levels of mitigation for significant effects.
- Further develop our understanding of the requirements for access and construction compounds.



Greenbuild – Celebrating Norfolk

We were proud to sponsor and participate in the "Greenbuild – Celebrating Norfolk" event at Felbrigg Hall, the region's largest green lifestyle event. The event, which this year celebrated its 10th anniversary attracted roughly 6,000 attendees from across Norfolk.

This was another opportunity for us to raise awareness of our proposal and to seek feedback from members of the community who may not have engaged with us directly before. It was also an opportunity to highlight how far the industry has come and to encourage the next generation to consider a career in the offshore wind sector.

It was great to see so many people interested and engaged in Hornsea Project Three, as well as all the other inspirational projects and green businesses operating in Norfolk. We would like to thank everyone who came to our stall and interacted with us during the event, particularly those people who participated in our Future of Energy competition.

Congratulations to Archie, Naomi and Toby, who were awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in our drawing competition to depict their thoughts on the 'Future of Energy'.



Figure 2: 'Future of Energy' competition winner, Archie, with his prize.

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Ørsted — the new name for DONG Energy

DONG Energy is changing its name to Ørsted because creating a world that runs entirely on green energy starts with change. *



We have sold our oil and gas production business to focus on creating a world that runs entirely on green energy. DONG Energy, short for Danish Oil and Natural Gas, no longer reflects who we are.



We take our new name from Hans Christian Ørsted, the Danish scientist who discovered electromagnetism in 1820 and paved the way for how power is generated today.



With our new name and brand identity comes a new website. To discover more visit: www.orssted.co.uk

*DONG Energy will continue their work within the local area under the name of Ørsted from 6 November 2017.

Project contact details

We want to hear your thoughts on our proposals.

There are many ways you can find out more information and get in touch to let us know your views:

- Visit our website:
www.dongenergy.co.uk/hornseaproject3 ¹
- Send us an email:
contact@hornsea-project-three.co.uk
- Call our Freephone information line:
0800 0288 466
- Send us a letter:
Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm,
c/o Emily Woolfenden,
DONG Energy Power (UK) Ltd,
5 Howick Place, Victoria, London, SW1P 1WG
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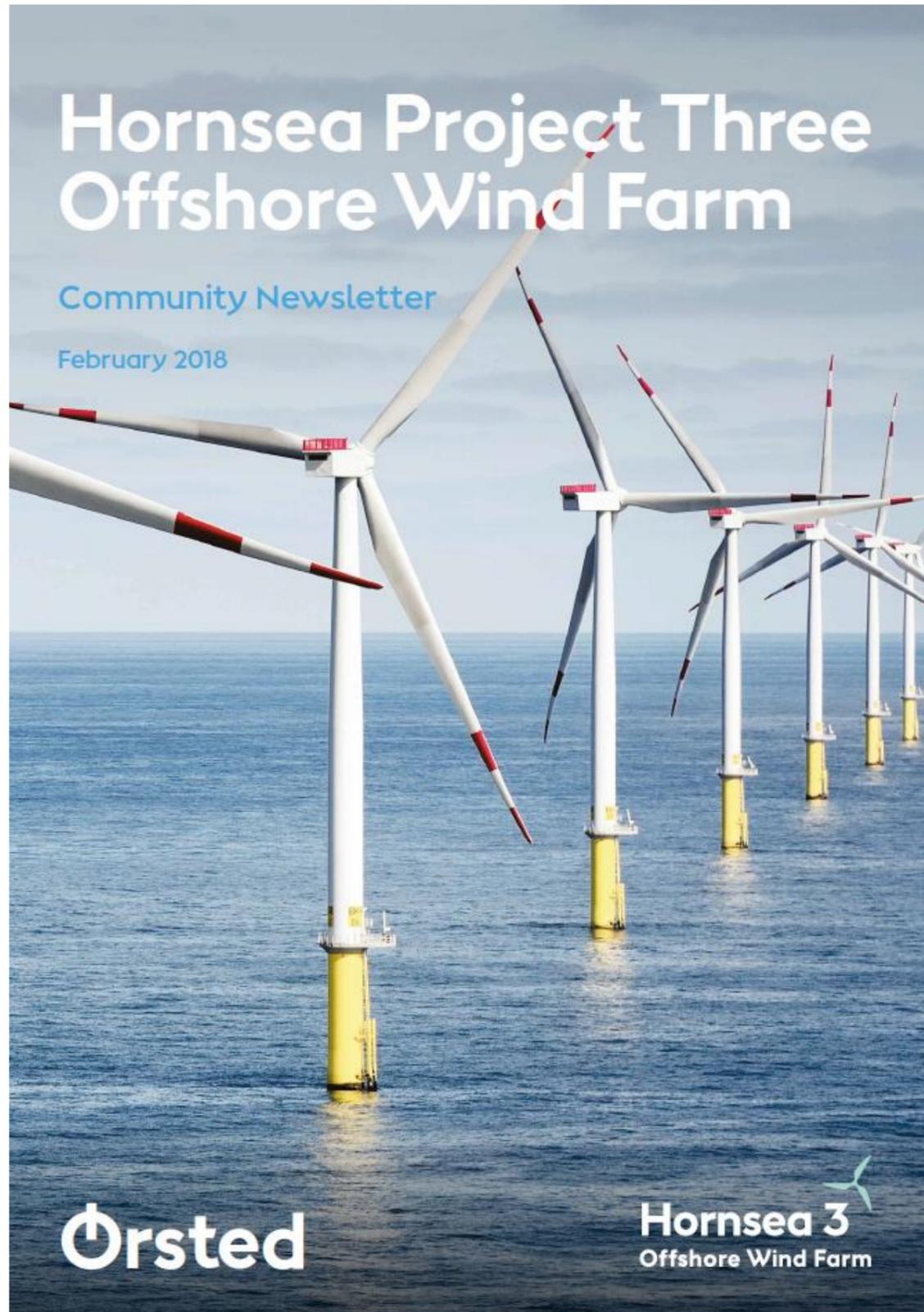
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Hornsea Project Three and Ørsted

Welcome to the latest community newsletter for Hornsea Project Three, a new offshore wind farm that Ørsted is proposing to develop in the North Sea. We want to keep you informed so that you understand how the Project is developing as we prepare to submit our Development Consent Order (DCO) application to the Planning Inspectorate later this year.

In this edition, we provide an overview of how your consultation feedback has helped refine the Project proposal, updates on our most recent consultation, how you can continue to get involved in the process, and what's next for the Project. We have published our onshore cable route and will provide you with an update on some of the key changes we have made to the Project as a result of your feedback.

Where is Hornsea Project Three?

The Hornsea Project Three array area where the turbines will be located is approximately 121 km northeast of the Norfolk coast and 160 km east of the Yorkshire coast.



The Project will have a capacity of up to 2,400 MW.



This means it will provide enough power for well over 2 million homes.



■ Hornsea Project Three

Further Statutory Consultation

In November and December 2017, we undertook further statutory consultation on the Project with statutory bodies, landowners and members of the local community. As part of this consultation, we sought feedback on additional locations identified beyond the previous consultation boundary where works were proposed.¹

These additional locations were identified following consideration of feedback received during the earlier statutory consultation (27 July to 20 September 2017) and through our ongoing design development. These areas included; proposed onshore cable corridor alternative routes, proposed access routes, potential storage areas, visual screening, footpath diversions and offshore alternative routes located beyond the area identified during the earlier statutory consultation.

Consultees were invited to comment on the new areas presented and supporting materials. This further statutory consultation closed on 22 December 2017.² In total, we received over 120 individual responses. We would like to thank everyone for taking the time to respond to our further statutory consultation. Your feedback is important and is being fed into our final proposal. A detailed summary of all the responses received and how we have had regard to these in the final design will be captured in the Consultation Report that we submit alongside our application later this year.

Engaging with your parish council

In December 2017, we hosted a series of briefing sessions with representatives from the relevant parish councils in each local authority. These sessions were an opportunity for us to provide an update on our proposal and to give local representatives the opportunity to ask us questions about our latest plans to help inform their responses to the consultation.

We will continue to engage with parish councils and local representatives to ensure local communities are kept informed and made aware of any developments.



The turbines are located in the offshore array area, which is over 120 km offshore and will not be visible from the coast.



Ørsted is the global leader in developing, building and operating offshore wind farms, with 9 operational wind farms in the UK alone.

¹During the Summer 2017, we consulted on a 15 kilometre-wide offshore cable corridor search area and 200-metre-wide onshore cable corridor search area, within which our 80 metre-wide cable route would be located. Plans marking the previous consultation boundary can be viewed on our website (www.hornseaproject3.co.uk).

²The deadline for providing comments on the offshore alternative routes was extended from 22 December 2017 to 7 January 2018.

How has your feedback changed this Project?

We have received a considerable amount of feedback on our proposal over the course of the consultation period. This includes comments submitted as part of our formal consultation, informally via our information lines, through face-to-face discussions at our events, at one-to-one meetings with landowners and through our wider briefings with statutory bodies and interested parties.

As part of our ongoing design refinement, we have sought to incorporate your comments, where possible, into our final proposal. We want our final proposal to respond to the concerns and wishes of stakeholders, minimising disturbance whilst also providing a competitive application. In the sections below we have summarised some of the key changes we have made to the Project design as a result of your feedback.

Onshore adjustments



Published our onshore cable route – The route (see map overleaf) has been informed by the results of environmental and technical assessments, landowner feedback, as well as responses received as part of our ongoing consultation.³ The route has been carefully planned to avoid designated sites where possible and to minimise the potential impact on established trees and hedgerows. Where we are unable to avoid these, we have sought to mitigate this through other means, for example using trenchless technology (e.g. Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD)) under ecologically valuable features such as woods. The final route will be included in our application; however, we have sought to provide early insight into this.⁴ A more detailed plan is available on the Project website.



Refined our landfall zone – We have refined our landfall zone and can confirm that we are seeking to take the western most route, which avoids crossing Kelling Heath Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). This decision has been informed by consideration of the impact on the SSSIs (including both Kelling Heath and those at the coast), consideration of impacts on the Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ), landowner feedback, technical challenges associated with the initial proposed route, feedback from stakeholders in relation to the railway crossing and other asset owners in the area.



Sited the onshore High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) booster station and onshore substation – We have selected the location within our refined search areas for the onshore HVAC booster station near Little Barningham, and the onshore substation near Swardeston. We are in the process of undertaking our Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) and are working with our landscape architects to develop plans for visual mitigation. At both sites, we have provisionally allocated space within our boundary as marked on the latest plans (see overleaf) for visual screening at strategic points, to be further informed by the results of the assessments. This is in addition to potential visual screening closer to the sites themselves.



Identified over 70 Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) points – We are proposing to HDD at over 70 locations along the proposed onshore cable route including major roads, river crossings, designated sites and woodlands to install the underground cables. The proposed HDD points are marked on the plans overleaf. This method of installation enables us to install the cables without disturbing the surface infrastructure.



Identified access points – We have confirmed locations along the cable route where we will access the cable corridor from the public road network during construction. These access points have different functionalities. Some will be required to access the proposed temporary central haul road itself, whereas others will be required to enable access to HDD points so that the drill can be monitored as the works are undertaken. For the latter, it would be a 4x4 or people on foot rather than construction vehicles.



Confirmed location of main and secondary construction compounds – In considering responses to our previous consultation and through our ongoing assessment work, we can confirm that Oulton Airfield, near Oulton, has been selected as our main construction compound site. Up to five secondary compounds (smaller in scale) will also be required along the cable route to facilitate construction works in those areas. These compounds will be used to store equipment and welfare facilities and are marked on the plans (see map overleaf).

You can view the plans in more detail on our website by using our Interactive Map (www.hornseaproject3.co.uk). This has been updated to show the onshore cable route. More detailed plans will accompany the application.

³Including both rounds of statutory consultation and ongoing informal consultation with statutory bodies, landowners and members of the local community.

⁴All the previous plans can be viewed on our website (www.hornseaproject3.co.uk). These demonstrate the iterative nature of the cable route refinement process.

Offshore adjustments



Reduced the maximum number of turbines to 300 – Following comments received from stakeholders during the previous statutory consultation, we have reduced the maximum number of turbines from 342 to 300. This will reduce the impact on a number of receptors including birds and seabed habitats.



Removed floating foundations as an option for the turbine foundations – Following stakeholder feedback and further refinement of the Project, we have decided to remove floating foundations as an option for the turbine foundations. This will reduce the impact of the Project on commercial fishing, shipping and navigation.



Refined the Offshore HVAC Booster Station Search Area – Following comments received from stakeholders during the statutory consultation, we have refined the offshore HVAC booster station search area to take into account concerns relating to potential impacts on the North Norfolk Sandbanks and Saturn Reef Special Area of Conservation (SAC) as well as potential impacts on shipping and navigation.

Discussions with statutory bodies regarding the potential offshore alternative routes is ongoing and we will inform you when the plans for this have been updated and are available to view.

Changes to our construction programme

In our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), we explained that due to the scale of the proposed development and existing regulatory framework, it could be necessary for Hornsea Project Three to be built out in up to three phases. We received a considerable amount of feedback on this aspect as part of our statutory consultation and through detailed discussions with our technical and commercial teams, we are pleased to confirm that we have been able to **reduce this to up to two phases**.

Indicative construction programmes showing how the Project could be built out in both a single and two-phased approach will be included in the Environmental Statement that we submit alongside our application. Reducing the maximum number of phases has also enabled us to **reduce the maximum duration over which onshore construction works could take place**, from eleven (previously presented) to eight years.

We hope that consultees will welcome the changes that have been made as a result of the feedback received. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to make all desired changes, and where this is the case, we will explain why a change was not possible within our final Consultation Report.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

We recognise that as part of the consultation, many people had questions regarding our proposal. In response to common questions received, we have updated the FAQs on our website (www.hornseaproject3.co.uk/en/Documents-library). If you have any further questions which are not covered in this document, please contact us directly via the contact details listed at the end of this newsletter.

Why can't you commit to using Direct Current (DC) technology at this stage?

Use of DC technology for offshore wind farms is still maturing and there are certain risks associated with solely taking forward DC technology at this stage. Due to current uncertainty, a decision on which transmission system to adopt will not be made until post consent after extensive engagement with potential system suppliers has taken place. More information on DC and AC technology can be found in our updated FAQ.

What's next?

Over the next few months we will finalise the Project design and complete the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The results of the EIA will be presented in an Environmental Statement which, along with the Consultation Report, will accompany the DCO application. We expect to submit our application to the Planning Inspectorate in the second quarter of 2018. The suite of documents that form the application will also include outline plans, such as a Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) and Traffic Management Plan, which form the basis of our working practices during the construction period.

Informal consultation is still ongoing and we will continue to engage with statutory bodies, landowners and local communities in the lead up to submission of our application. If you have any questions you can contact us directly via our contact details provided at the end of this newsletter.



September
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Published Statement
of Community
Consultation



November
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Phase 1.A
Community
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March
2017
Phase 1.B
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Consultation
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July
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Published Preliminary
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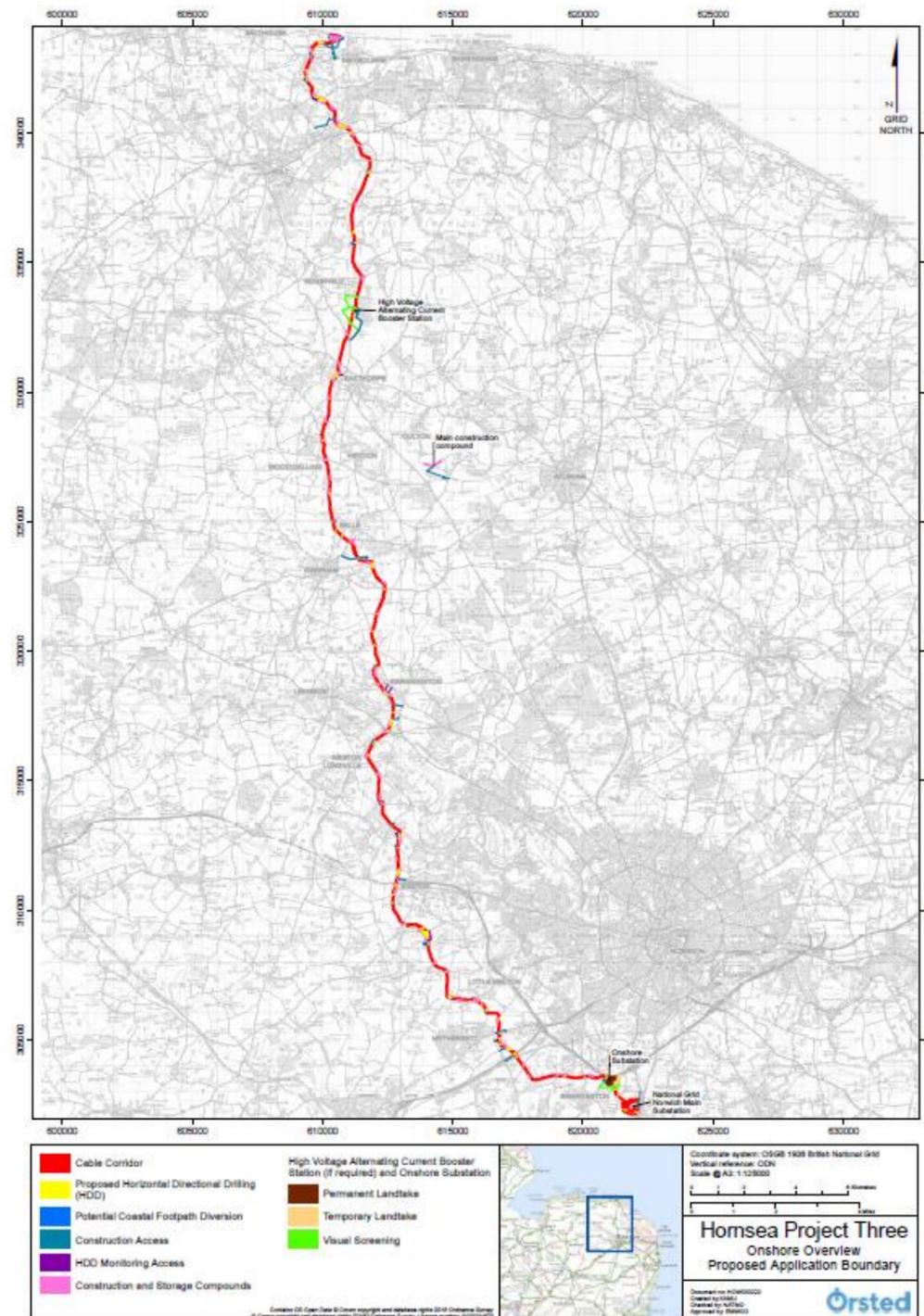


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Quarter 2
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Planning
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Ørsted — the new name for DONG Energy

On 6 November 2017, we changed our name from DONG Energy to Ørsted. We have sold our oil and gas production businesses to focus on creating a world that runs entirely on green energy and DONG Energy, short for Danish Oil and Natural Gas, no longer reflects who we are.

We take our name from Hans Christian Ørsted, the Danish Scientist who discovered electromagnetism in 1820 and paved the way for how power is generated today. With our new name and brand identity comes a new website.

To discover more visit our UK website: www.orsted.co.uk

You can sign up to our mailing list by 'Registering your Interest' in the Project via our website (www.hornseaproject3.co.uk) or by contacting us directly. By doing this, you will receive future Project updates and copies of our community newsletters. Once the application is submitted, if you have registered your interest, you will be formally notified if it is accepted.

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