Westermost Rough Offshore Wind Farm
Welcome to Westermost Rough

The Westermost Rough Offshore Wind Farm situated off the Holderness coast comprises of 35 turbines with a combined total capacity of 210 MW.

Ørsted is the largest offshore wind developer in both the world and the UK. Since 2004 we have been developing, constructing and operating offshore wind farms in the UK – our biggest market. Our 11 operational offshore wind farms are powering over 3.2 million homes and with another two in construction this number will rise to 5.5 million homes by 2022.

In addition to our offshore wind farms, we construct battery-storage projects, innovative waste and recycling technology and provide smart energy products to our commercial and industrial customers. We currently employ 1,000 people in the UK and have already invested over £9.5 billion. We will invest at least a further £3.5 billion by 2021.

We are committed for the long-term, both to leading the change to green energy, and to investing in the communities where we operate.
Where is Westermost Rough?

The Westermost Rough Offshore Wind Farm is situated 8 km (5 miles) from the Holderness coast, approximately 25 km (15.5 miles) north of Spurn Head.
Ownership

The Westermost Rough project is owned by Ørsted (50%), Macquarie European Infrastructure Fund 5 (12.5%), Green Investment Group (6.25%) and other funds (31.25%).

How big is it?

The area covered is 32 km$^2$.

This is equal to 4,482 KC Stadium football pitches, home to Hull City A.F.C.
How much clean electricity does it produce?

The project has a capacity of 210 MW. This means that each year it will provide enough power for around 180,000 homes.¹

What is our impact on the local economy and community?

Westermost Rough Offshore Wind Farm is operated and maintained from the East Coast Hub in Grimsby, which supports a workforce of more than 300 people. During the construction phase of Westermost Rough, more than 900 onshore and offshore roles were supported.

We are embedded in the communities and places where we operate and are proud to support business membership organisations, skills initiatives, the Ørsted Great Grimsby 10k, partnership projects such as the Greater Grimsby Town Deal and more to demonstrate our long-term commitment to the area. Growing our UK supply chain is important to us and we use a number of local companies to support our operation and most recently local construction firm Hobson & Porter completed the £10m expansion to our East Coast Hub.

Ørsted apprenticeship scheme

The East Coast Hub facility is the base for six offshore wind turbine technician apprentices. We welcomed four apprentices in our first year (2017) and a further two in 2018, demonstrating our commitment to securing a workforce for the future. Our three year apprenticeship scheme in partnership with Grimsby Institute offers our apprentices a mixture of classroom based learning and practical on site and offshore experience.

¹ We have based this on the BEIS 5-year average load factor of 38.6% and a household consumption of 3,828 kWh per year. Source: BEIS DUKES (2018), BEIS ECUK (2018)
Project Timeline

May 2007
Awarded an agreement for lease from The Crown Estate to develop a wind farm at Westermost Rough

November 2011
Consent awarded

February 2013
Final investment decision made

April 2013
Onshore construction began

January 2014
Offshore construction began

August 2014
First turbine erected

September 2014
First power generated

July 2015
Fully commissioned and operational
What makes this project special?

The project was the first commercial deployment of the Siemens Gamesa 6 MW wind turbine with a 154m rotor span. The 35 wind turbines are 177m tall from sea level to the highest reach of the blade tips, which is taller than the Humber Bridge.

Westermost Rough was Ørsted’s first offshore wind farm construction in the Humber and Ørsted’s first wind farm to use helicopter operations in the UK. The project has now been fully operational since 2015 providing clean green electricity to the UK.

Richard Tunney, Head of Westermost Rough Operations