

A large-scale photograph of the Hornsea Four Offshore Wind Farm. The image shows a vast expanse of blue sea under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, a large white wind turbine is partially visible, with its three blades extending outwards. The central hub and part of the tower are visible. In the background, numerous other similar wind turbines are scattered across the horizon, creating a sense of depth and scale. The overall tone is professional and clean, emphasizing the renewable energy theme.

Ørsted Community Newsletter

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Hornsea Four Offshore Wind Farm

Introduction

Welcome to the latest community newsletter for Hornsea Project Four (Hornsea Four), a new offshore wind farm which Ørsted is proposing to develop in the North Sea, approximately 65 km off Flamborough Head on the Yorkshire Coast.

In this edition, we provide an overview of how your consultation feedback has helped refine the project proposal, updates on our most recent targeted consultation, what's next for the project and how you can continue to be involved as we approach submission of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application in Autumn 2020.

How Ørsted is reacting to COVID-19

In light of current circumstances and health risks surrounding COVID-19, Ørsted has adapted the way it operates in accordance with UK government and expert guidance. This includes the avoidance of non-essential travel and for all employees to work from home unless it is impossible for them to do so. The health and safety of our employees and contractors, and of the communities where we work, is paramount.

We are still working to refine our plans for Hornsea Four as we progress towards submission of our DCO application, expected in Autumn 2020, and we are still committed to continuing to engage with you via alternative methods, which include:



Keeping our communications lines open so that you can speak with a member of the project team.



Providing regular updates on the project via community newsletters and our dedicated project website (hornseaprojects.co.uk/Hornsea-Project-Four).

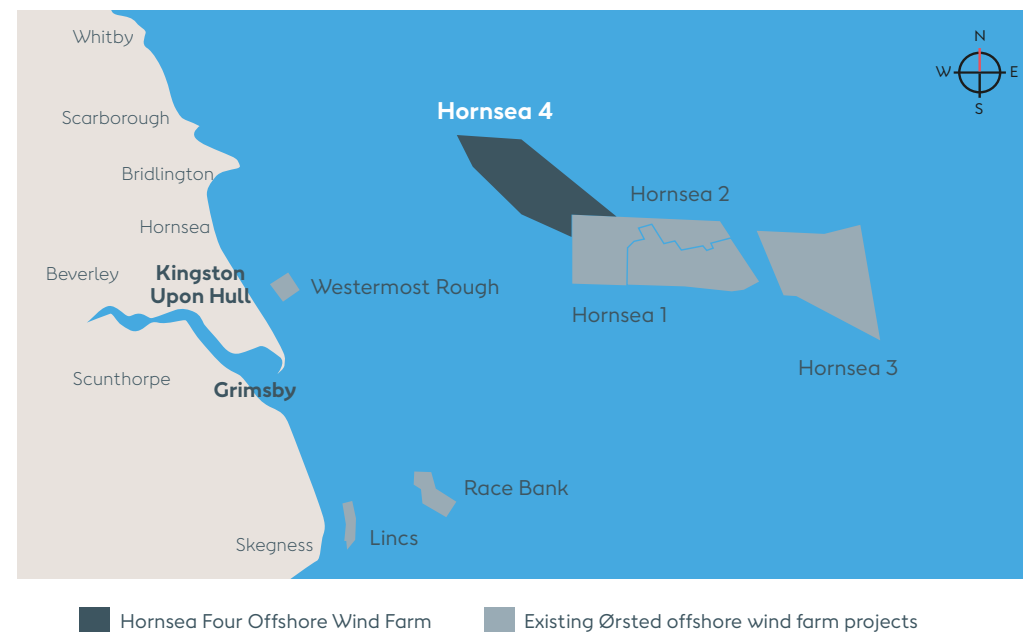


Updating proposals on our digital engagement platform, where you can continue to interact with the latest project information (hornsea4feedback.commonplace.is/).

If you have any further questions regarding Hornsea Four and wish to speak with a member of the team, please contact us via the details provided at the end of this newsletter.

Hornsea Four

Hornsea Four is the fourth project in the Hornsea Zone. It will be located to the west of Hornsea One and Hornsea Two which are both under construction. Hornsea Four will also be to the west of Hornsea Three which is under development and submitted its DCO application in May 2018.



We are currently investigating an offshore area of up to 600 km² where up to 180 wind turbines could be located.



If built out to full capacity, Hornsea Four could provide enough power to meet the average daily need of well over 1 million UK homes.¹

¹ Whilst at this stage it is not possible to state the capacity of Hornsea Four, the wind farm is expected to have a similar number of turbines to Hornsea One, which has 174 turbines and will generate enough clean electricity to power over 1 million homes.

Refining our proposals

The feedback we have received during our consultation process has helped shape and refine the project design. This includes comments as part of our phase two formal consultation and targeted consultation, informally via our information lines, discussions with landowners and with parish councils and local interest groups as part of our community and technical working groups.

As part of our design refinement, we have sought to incorporate your comments, where possible, into the final proposal. Your comments, including how we have responded as part of our final DCO application, will be included in our final Consultation Report.

The **enclosed map**² provides an early insight into our final project design which we will be taking forward as part of our final DCO application. This includes the following areas:



Landfall

We have selected the southern landfall option (A4) as our preferred landfall site taking account of feedback received during our statutory consultation with landowners, residents and local interest groups. The southern option was voiced as the preferred site by the local community and selected due to three contributing factors:

- Better access from existing road network, avoiding Fraisthorpe Bridge and the need for the construction of a new, long temporary access road;
- Better beach access, away from key public amenities, avoiding heavily congested commercial and public traffic at Fraisthorpe beach; and
- Shorter onshore cable route, avoiding the crossing of The Earl's Dyke.



Onshore cable route

We have taken feedback into consideration from statutory stakeholders/consultees and members of the public during our phase two formal consultation and further refined our onshore export cable corridor. This refinement has been based on:

- Preliminary Environmental Impact Assessments, including our Flood Risk and Traffic and Transport assessments, leading to recommended changes to our onshore export cable corridor;
- Reviews of baseline survey data from both Hornsea Four and third parties, associated with areas such as archaeology and ecology;
- Local community, landowner and technical feedback from statutory consultees; and
- Working around Third Party Planning Applications.

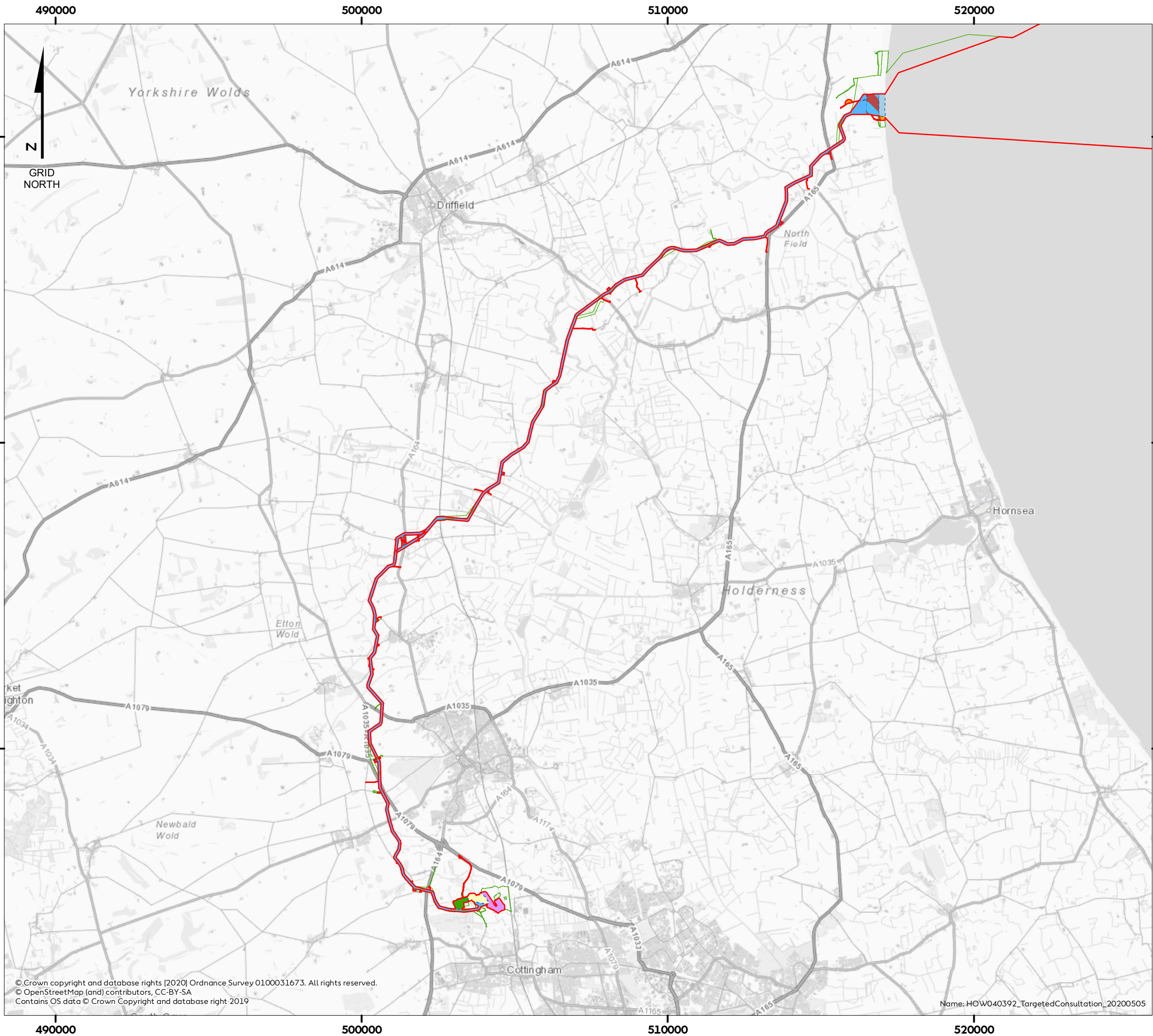


Onshore substation

Following our phase two formal consultation, we made a series of amendments to the onshore substation, which will be taken forward as part of our final DCO application. These include:

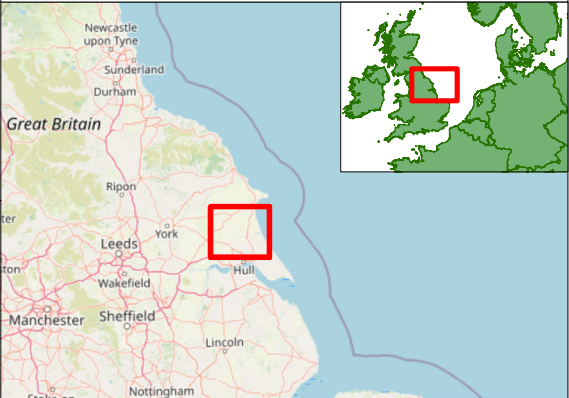
- Making the access road off the A1079 permanent throughout the lifetime of Hornsea Four, with the permanent access road from Park Lane to the south of the site being removed;
- Moving the access road to the west of the onshore substation after landowner consultation to minimise impact on agricultural land;
- Temporary access from the south of the site has also been removed;
- Modifying the location of the temporary works area to be located a minimum of 150m north and 250m west of the nearest residential property; and
- Refining the area between our proposed onshore substation and Creyke Beck as a result of consultation with National Grid.

²A more detailed map is available via our digital engagement platform which enables you to zoom in to the areas of interest to you. Please visit: <https://hornsea4feedback.commonplace.is/>



Hornsea Four PEIR to DCO

- Order Limits
- PEIR Boundary (August-September 2019)
- Permanent Access Track
- Temporary Access Track
- Logistics Compound
- Landfall Compound Areas
- Grid Connection Works
- Onshore Export Cable Corridor Landfall
- Connection Works
- Onshore Substation (Permanent Space)
- Onshore Substation (Temporary Works)



Coordinate system: British National Grid
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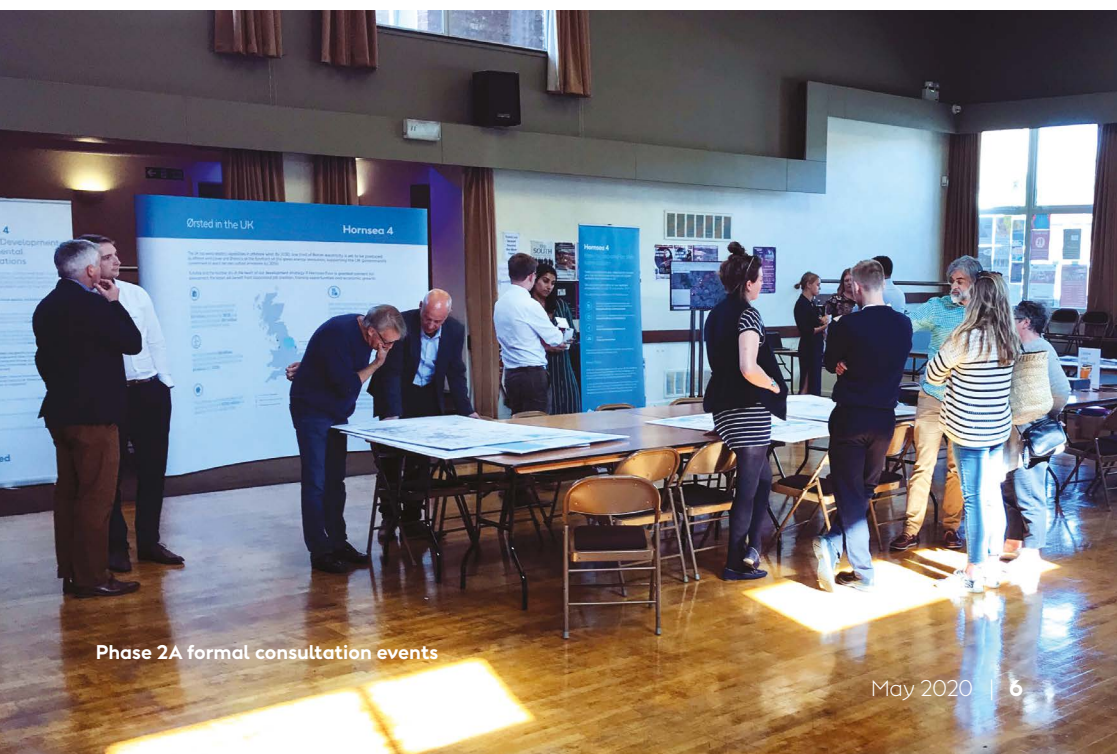
Further Targeted Consultation

After consideration of responses from our phase two consultation in August-September 2019, we undertook a shorter period of Targeted Consultation in February and March 2020, in accordance with section 42(1) of the Planning Act 2008.

During this consultation, we sought feedback on minor amendments to our onshore footprint, including our onshore export cable corridor, operational access rights and temporary logistics compounds.

In total, we received 16 responses and would like to thank everyone who took the time to respond. Your feedback is important in helping us to refine our final proposals. 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 will submit alongside our application later this year.

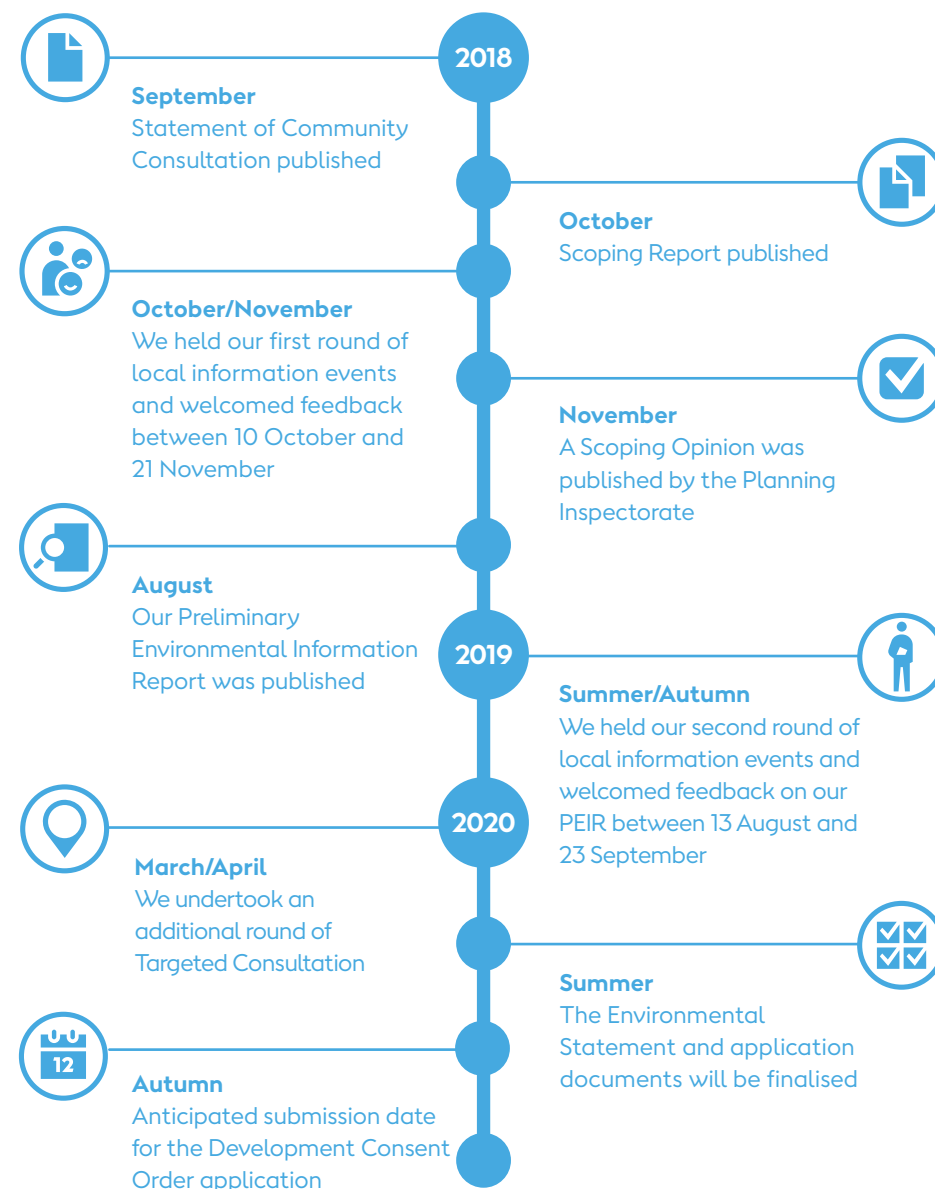
More information on this consultation can be found on our project website:
<https://hornseaprojects.co.uk/Hornsea-Project-Four/Documents-Library>



Phase 2A formal consultation events

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Consultation timeline



*All dates remain indicative

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What's next?

Over the coming months, we will be preparing our DCO application for submission and will be continuing to engage with stakeholders on final details for the project. This will include engagement with landowners and our established working groups.

All feedback and comments received during our pre-application consultation period from all stakeholders will be responded to in our Consultation Report, which will be submitted as part of our final DCO application.

You can 'Register Your Interest' on the Hornsea Four website and receive updates on how our application is progressing:
hornseaprojects.co.uk/en/Hornsea-Project-Four



What happens after we submit our application?



After submitting our application, the Planning Inspectorate has 28 days to accept the application and decide if it can proceed to the examination stage.



If the application is accepted, people wishing to be involved in the examination will be invited to register their interest with the Planning Inspectorate.



Anyone who has registered their interest will be asked to submit their views on our proposals in writing and may be asked to speak at one of the public hearings that will be held.



The Planning Inspectorate will hold a six-month examination period. Following this, the Planning Inspectorate has three months to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. The Secretary of State then has a further three months to make a final decision on whether to grant consent.



If approved, construction of Hornsea Four could begin in 2024 and could be producing electricity by 2027.

Our communications channels

We have a number of communication channels which remain open for you to get in touch and ask any questions. These include:



Project website

<https://hornseaprojects.co.uk/en/hornsea-project-four>



Digital engagement platform

<https://hornsea4feedback.commonplace.is/>



Freephone information line

0808 169 3030

The Freephone information line is open for calls between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, with an answer phone facility to take messages outside of these hours.



Project email address

contact@hornseaprojectfour.co.uk



Freepost

Freepost: Hornsea Four



Community liaison officer

Our Community Liaison Officer, Andrew Acum, can also be contacted via the following details:

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Newsletters

Additional copies of this newsletter can be requested free of charge by getting in touch with the project team via the contact details above.



Should you require this document in large print, audio or braille then please contact us using the details provided.

When responding to our pre-application consultation your personal data will be stored in compliance with GDPR by Ørsted and will not be shared with third parties. Your details may however be passed on to the Planning Inspectorate to ensure that our pre-application consultation is sufficient and in line with the planning process.

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