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# Welcome to the latest community newsletter for Hornsea 3 and our first for 2023!

We are pleased to announce that since our last newsletter in November 2022 good progress is being made on the Project. Our onshore enabling works are ramping up in preparation of our Main Works Phase. You can find out more about the works undertaken and works due to take place on page 6.

From late January to mid-February, we held 8 community information events along the onshore cable route to share information on our planned activities and methods of construction for Hornsea 3. We hope the attendees found the events informative and enjoyed the opportunity to meet with our Project Team face to face. Find out more about how the events went on page 5.

We will be looking to hold more events in the local community throughout the construction phase. Please do share your ideas with us if there are topics that you are especially interested to find out more about.



Luke Bridgman Project Director, Hornsea 3



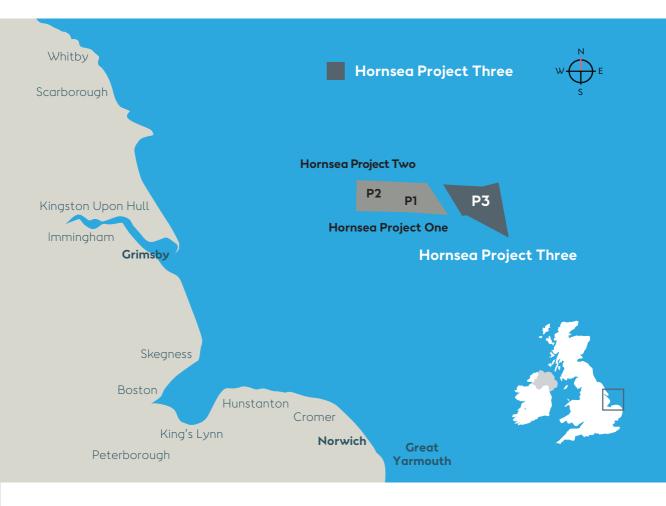
## **About** Ørsted

We are a renewable energy company with the vision to create a world that runs entirely on green energy. Climate change is one of the biggest challenges for life on earth; we need to transform the way we power the world. We have invested significantly in the UK, where we now develop, construct and operate offshore wind farms.

Over the last decade, we have undergone a truly green transformation, halving our CO, emissions and focussing our activities on renewable sources of energy. We want to revolutionise the way we provide power to people by developing market leading green energy solutions that benefit the planet and our customers alike.

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### Hornsea 3 offshore windfarm



Hornsea 3 will be located in the North Sea, approximately 121km off the Norfolk coast and 160km off the Yorkshire coast. The project has been aranted development consent from the UK Government.

Hornsea 1 is located 120km from the Yorkshire coast and has been operational since 2019.

Hornsea 2 is adjacent to Hornsea 1 and will be situated 89km from the coast and is now commercially operational.

Once Hornsea 3 comes online, Ørsted's Hornsea zone – comprising Hornsea 1, 2 and 3 – will have a total capacity of over 5GW. This will be the world's largest offshore wind zone, producing low-cost, clean, renewable electricity for UK homes.

Hornsea 4 submitted its Development Consent Order (DCO) application to the Planning Inspectorate in 2021, and is currently awaiting determination.

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### Hornsea 3 offshore windfarm



Hornsea 3 will consist of up to 231 offshore wind turbines and will be located in the North Sea, approximately 121km off the Norfolk coast and 160km off the Yorkshire coast within a leased area of 696km2. The project has been granted development consent from the UK Government



The wind farm will be capable of generating up to 2.85GW of green electricity, contributing significantly to the UK Government's target of 40GW offshore wind capacity by 2030



Hornsea 3 could provide enough clean energy for approximately 3.2 million UK homes





## **Project updates**

The Project continues to progress towards construction and is making good progress. We expect there to be a steady increase in construction presence, including both personnel and construction activities, as we prepare for the Main Works phase, which is due to begin in April 2023.

#### **Community Information Events**

In January and February, we held 8 events at various locations along the onshore cable route, from Weybourne and Holt to Norwich and Mulbarton. At these events we presented information on how we will construct Hornsea 3 and the measures that will be implemented to manage any potential effects on the local community.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the Project Team to meet with local people, businesses and other stakeholders. We had many detailed and constructive conversations across a number of topics, including local traffic management, our newly proposed Community Benefit Fund, environmental mitigation measures and the location of our cable routes and associated infrastructure.

We would like to thank all of those who took the time out to attend and meet with us. It was great to speak with many people who we look forward to working with over the years as we deliver Hornsea 3.



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#### **Community Benefit Fund** Consultation

Our Fund administrator, GrantScape also held a series of informal drop-in events around the funding area to share more about the Fund with the local community and discuss any project ideas they may have.

GrantScape will be producing a report in April highlighting the outcomes of the nine-month community consultation process. To find out more and to keep up to date with any Hornsea 3 Community Fund developments, please visit their website pages at https://grantscape.org.uk/fund/ hornsea-3-community-fund/

#### **Construction Compounds**

There will be two types of compounds during construction: one main logistics compound at Oulton Airfield and two secondary satellite compounds (which are smaller in scale) will also be required along the cable route and located near High Kelling and on Watton Road. All of our compounds will be temporary and will be erected to facilitate the cable installation works. The main logistics compound at Oulton Airfield will provide offices, parking greas and the main welfare facilities for staff and construction workers. It will also include storage for construction equipment.

In January, improvement works commenced ahead of the construction of our main logistics compound at Oulton Airfield. As part of this work, we were required to improve the access to the compound. This included improvement works requiring a temporary road diversion and temporary overnight road closure of The Street, Oulton and traffic management in the area from the junction with B1149 to the compound entrance. We completed these works on Saturday 7 January. We would like to thank stakeholders for their patience and cooperation as the works were undertaken.

When the main phase of construction begins, there will be an increase in site workers and staff. During this initial period of compound development, we will be working from Monday to Friday between 7.30am and 5.30pm and we expect the main logistics compound to be open for staff in the week commencing 13 March 2023. Whilst we carry out these works there will be increased vehicle movements and articulated lorry movements throughout.

#### **Road Closures**

As part of our work to prepare the onshore cable route for Hornsea 3 we put in place a temporary road closure and traffic management on a section of the High Street in the village of Cawston. These works ran from Monday 9 January to Monday 23 January and included the resurfacing of the road and some localised works adjusting signs, drainage covers and paving.

These works have now been successfully completed. We would like to thank the local residents and businesses of Cawston for their patience and cooperation as the works were undertaken.

Junction improvements are also required as part of our enabling works. A full road closure is planned to Taverham Road and Blind Lane from Wednesday 1st March to Friday 31 March 2023 at all times. After these works are complete, Blind Lane will remain closed permanently, pending a decision by Norfolk County Council and National Highways.

#### **Energy Balancing Infrastructure Planning Decision**

Orsted is proposing to develop Energy Balancing Infrastructure (EBI) on land to the east of Main Road (B1113) and south of the A47, Swardeston. Separate planning permission was granted in January 2023. The EBI will be located within the permanent area already consented for the Hornsea 3 substation. Therefore, no additional land is required.

Energy storage technologies, such as the EBI project, are an important tool for maximising the efficient use of electricity to manage the variability in renewable energy sources. By managing the peaks and troughs in supply and demand, we can build in the much-needed operational flexibility required to deliver greener and more affordable electricity for consumers. This allows it to be stored at scale for use during times of greatest consumer demand.

### **Engaging with local communities**

In addition to our Community Liaison Officer, we have a range of engagement initiatives which allow you to follow the progress of the Project, or to contact us with your questions. These include:

#### **Project Website**

We've updated our Hornsea 3 website which now includes a dedicated Community Engagement space. Here you can find links to our engagement activities on Hornsea 3 and information on our final stage of the Hornsea 3 Community Fund consultation events. We will also publish the Hornsea 3 Community Information Events Summary Report and the Hornsea 3 Community Fund Consultation Summary Report on our website. Look out for these in April 2023.

### Communication Support Team

A Community Support Team is on hand to respond to any enquiries via direct email correspondence, and a dedicated freephone information line (taking calls and messages 24/7).

Email: community@hornsea3.co.uk

Telephone: 0800 158 2354

#### **Quarterly Newsletters**

Community newsletters will provide regular updates on the progress leading up to and during construction, including information on forthcoming activities, updates on community funding and insights into how we work. This newsletter marks the second edition of our quarterly cycle of newsletters, which will continue throughout the period of construction. Look out for our next newsletter in May, which will be made available online on our website. You can sign up to receive a digital copy directly to your inbox by emailing: community@hornsea3.co.uk.

### Engaging with fishing communities



Ady Wood, Orsted's Fisheries Liaison Officer, and their team, will continue to engage with local fishing associations and operators to ensure the fishing industry is kept informed of any offshore activities.

#### **Local Communities**

Prior to construction, we will be working closely with the relevant authorities to further develop our Skills and Employment Plans, which aim to maximise economic opportunities for local people and businesses, particularly in the construction phase of Hornsea 3. If you are interested in becoming a supplier for Hornsea 3, please register on our procurement portal:

www.orstedprocurement.com/web/login.html

# Introducing our new Project Community Ligison Officer

We are pleased to introduce our Community Liaison Officer (CLO), Nicky Paine, who joined the Hornsea 3 team in January.



Nicky will be the first point of contact for any members of the public seeking information, asking questions, or for any complaints that may be lodged. Having Nicky in place will help build on the already strong relationships we have with our stakeholders, whether it be working with the Project team to address local concerns, responding to stakeholder queries or meeting with members of the community, key local representatives and groups.

Nicky lives in Norfolk and will be based at our Main Logistics Compound in Oulton. She has significant experience in Stakeholder Engagement, having worked recently for Balfour Beatty as their Community Liaison Manager on the RAF Marham and Islington Pumping Station Projects in Norfolk. She is really looking forward to working with the Hornsea 3 team, engaging with the local communities in the region and meeting local residents and businesses interested in the Project!



### Contact us

If you'd like to get in touch or follow the latest updates regarding Hornsea 3 and the wider Orsted UK team, please visit our website or follow us on social media.



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