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Community Newsletter



Hornsea 3 Offshore Wind Farm

Welcome to the latest community newsletter for Hornsea 3

Hornsea 3 will make a significant contribution toward the UK Government's ambitious 2050 net-zero target. With a total capacity of 2.9 Gigawatts (GW), it will be capable of generating enough green energy to power more than 3.3 million UK homes upon its targeted completion at the end of 2027. Our multi-billion-pound investment in the project will also benefit both the local and national UK economy through supply chain investment and jobs.

We're delighted to announce that we have launched our Community Benefit Fund. You can read all about the fund on page 5.

In this newsletter, we'll share updates on how the project is progressing and also introduce you to one of our Community Engagement Officers, Will Coxon.

Thanks for reading and please do get in touch with any questions.

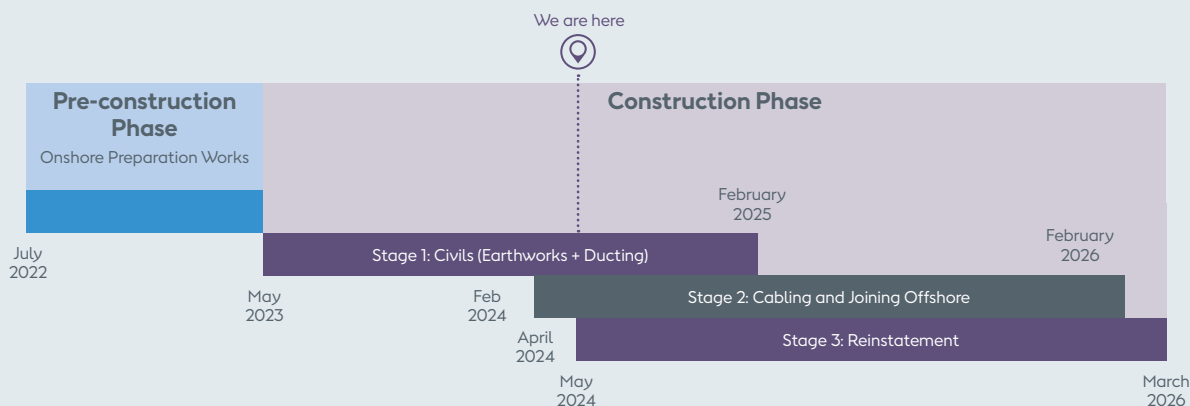


Luke Bridgman
Managing Director,
Hornsea 3



Project updates

The timeline below provides an overview of where we are with our construction works against the wider construction programme.

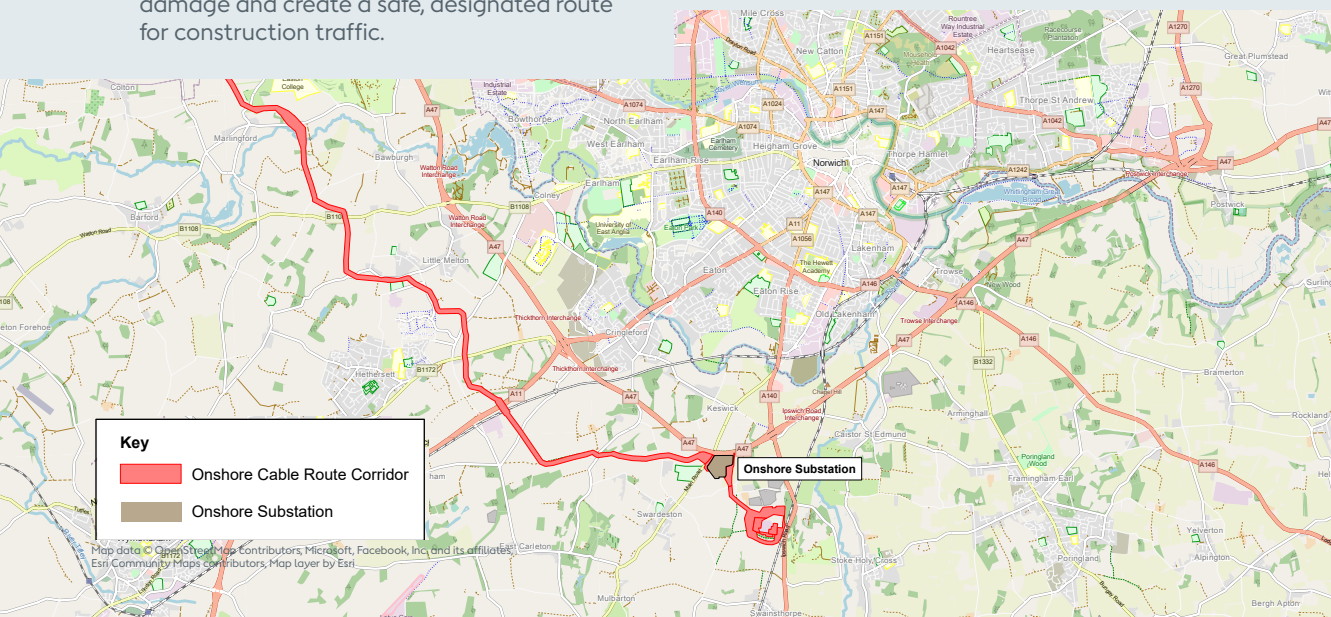


The Hornsea 3 cable route is split into work zones going through North Norfolk, Broadland, and South Norfolk. Here are some examples of the work we've done since starting construction in March 2024;

- Completed 67 construction access points for heavy machinery.
- Completed work in 34 locations to ensure soil drains effectively during trenching.
- Constructed 29 temporary haul roads by laying down stones to protect the subsoil from damage and create a safe, designated route for construction traffic.

Onshore Converter Station

The Onshore Converter Station site is located south of the A47 on the B1113 and north of Swardeston, covering 0.13km² of land. It will house the converter station infrastructure, temporary welfare facilities, offices, and a car park. Access to the Onshore Converter Station site is via a newly built site entrance adjacent to the B1113. Temporary security huts and gate guards have been installed. Works were completed in March 2023, and the site will be in use until winter 2026.



Kittiwake Update

In 2022 and 2023 we conducted pre-construction baseline monitoring of eight existing kittiwake colonies in the South East and North East England. Monitoring of these colonies, as well as of the artificial nesting structures that we installed for the birds in June 2023, will continue throughout the lifetime of the structures, which we expect to be about 35 years.

During May 2024, we will start our annual monitoring campaign, gathering data on colony counts as well as other ecological factors. The data collected will be used to better understand the kittiwakes' behaviour, colony formation and nest status.

As part of this work, we created 66 3D-printed kittiwake decoys that have been strategically placed on the artificial nesting platforms to entice the kittiwakes to the platforms and encourage the formation of new colonies. Created from a scanned taxidermy model and crafted from recycled plastic with a unique blue hue, the decoys were then coated with marine-safe paint to mimic the appearance of a real kittiwake. Their design received expert approval from ornithologists at The British Trust for Ornithology, Natural England, and The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds to ensure authenticity. We are eagerly waiting to see how successful these are but predict that colonisation may take several years.



Isaac dressed as a wind turbine for World Book Day

Photo of Isaac courtesy of his mum

Energising the minds of the future

Ørsted is pleased to have been a part of the Norwich Science Festival in February, where we had a stand to showcase our Hornsea 2 and Hornsea 3 offshore windfarms. We met a lot of people, but one visitor who left a lasting impression on the team was 5 year-old Isaac from Norwich. Isaac was very keen to talk to us about wind turbines. When he mentioned that his favourite books are the Guinness World Records, we showed him our entry for Hornsea 2 for the biggest windfarm in the world. He was very excited to meet a world record holder and we were honoured to have signed a copy of his own book at his request.

Isaac's mum, Phoebe, has since told us that Isaac is teaching his friends about wind turbines and how they produce electricity, even going so far as to dress up as a wind turbine for World Book Day. We hope Isaac's interest in windfarms continues and maybe we'll see him leading some of Ørsted's renewable energy projects in the future!



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Decoy kittiwake



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Decoy kittiwakes in situ

Community Benefit Fund

The Hornsea 3 Community Fund was launched in February 2024 and is now open to applications. Ørsted has committed £700,000 a year for an initial 10-year period.

There are two application closing dates each year to the Community Fund, with the dates for the next two application rounds detailed below. The previous round's deadline has just passed, with a decision expected around mid-August. The deadline for the next round is 27 November, with a decision expected in February 2025.

Closing Date:

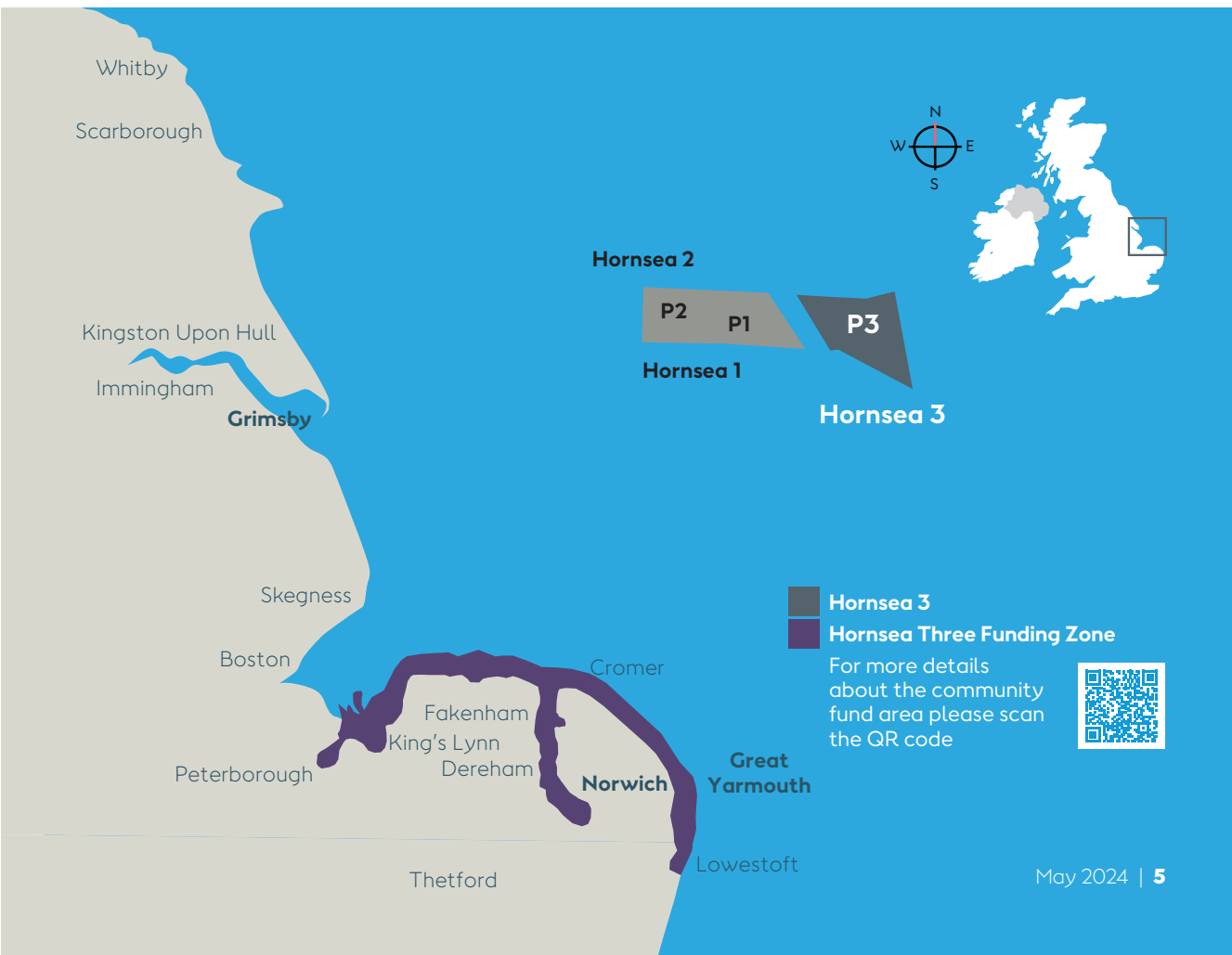
27 November 2024

Decision by:

February 2025

To be eligible to apply for a grant your project must be located, and be for the benefit of communities, within the funding area, as shown on the map. (Please note the area of benefit also includes the coastal tidal zones and marine area directly in line with the onshore areas).

If you have questions about whether your project is located within the eligible area of the Hornsea 3 Community Fund, please call the GrantScape team on 01908 247634 and hornsea3@grantscape.org.uk



Day in the life – Will Coxon, Community Engagement Officer

At Ørsted, we are on a journey to create a world that runs entirely on green energy. Every one of our employees plays a vital role in working towards this vision.

We want to highlight some of the people carrying out key roles within our organisation so that you can get to know members of the project team helping to deliver Hornsea 3. In this edition, we are exploring the work that our Community Engagement Officer, Will Coxon, undertakes:

My name is Will Coxon and I am one of the Community Engagement Officers for Hornsea 3. I joined the project in September 2022, having previously worked for the civil service and a homelessness charity.

My role is to support our Community Liaison Officers by providing a helping hand to ensure we are engaging with the community as effectively as we can. On a project as large as Hornsea 3, there are many moving parts that require a team working closely together to bring all the pieces together.

I joined Hornsea 3 because I enjoy working with people and getting out and about in local communities. Meeting people at our Community Information Events last year was a particular highlight for me as I am a firm believer in the efficacy of in-person conversations. With our main aim being to build trust and strong relationships, being able to connect with local people in person is very important.

I don't usually have a 'typical day', as the development of Hornsea 3 is so varied and can bring about something new and different each day. Part of my role is to respond to stakeholder enquiries and prepare notices or letters to inform people about our upcoming works. This often involves working closely with our principal contractor, VolkerFitzpatrick, to make sure the information we're sharing is detailed, accurate and easy to understand. I also provide regular internal updates across the project to ensure there is a good understanding about the activities we are undertaking in local communities and the feedback we're receiving.

When I'm not engaging with the community or responding to enquiries, I enjoy spending my spare time walking, exercising, or seeing friends and family. One of my great passions is cooking (I make a mean short rib ragu), and I love nothing better than ending a busy week relaxing with a good book.



Working with local communities

We have a range of communication tools which allow you to follow the progress of the project. We encourage you to use these channels to share your feedback on our construction activities or to contact us with your questions.

Hornsea 3 Project Website

Our Hornsea 3 website includes a dedicated community engagement page. Here you can find links to our engagement activities on Hornsea 3. We have also published the Hornsea 3 Community Information Events Summary Report and the Hornsea 3 Community Fund Consultation Summary Report.

Communication Relations Team

A Community Relations Team is on hand to respond to any enquiries via direct email correspondence or phone. The free telephone line is open between the hours of 9 am and 5:30 pm, however you can leave a voicemail outside of these times and a member of the project team will get back to you. Email: community@hornsea3.co.uk Telephone: 0800 158 2354

Construction Briefings

We are committed to providing stakeholders located close to or with an interest in our construction activities with advance information and updates before these activities commence. We are now implementing an additional channel of communication in the form of Construction Briefings which we are offering to stakeholders located close to construction activities. If you would be interested in receiving these briefings, then please email our Community Relations Team at community@hornsea3.co.uk or call us on 0800 158 2354.

Quarterly Newsletters

If you would like to get our quarterly newsletters delivered straight to your inbox, please sign up by emailing: community@hornsea3.co.uk



Contact us

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