Walney Extension
Offshore Wind Farm
Orsted
Welcome to Walney Extension

Walney Extension comprises 87 turbines with a combined total capacity of 659 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 12 operational offshore wind farms are powering 4.4 million homes and with another one in construction this number will rise to 5.6 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 by the end of 2021, we will have invested over £13 billion building offshore wind farms in the UK.

We are committed for the long-term, both to leading the green transformation, and to investing in the communities where we operate.
Where is Walney Extension?

Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm is located in the Irish Sea approximately 19 km (11.8 miles) from the Walney Island coast in Cumbria.
Ownership

The Walney Extension project is owned by Ørsted (50%) and our partners PFA (25%) and PKA (25%).

How big is it?

The area covered is **145 km².**

This is equal to **20,000** Holker Street football pitches, home to Barrow A.F.C.

87 turbines have been deployed. These are split between two leading manufacturers, 40 x MHI-Vestas 8.25 MW turbines and 47 x Siemens Gamesa 7 MW turbines.
What is the impact on the UK supply chain?

Walney Extension was constructed in two phases. For phase one we sourced the turbines from MHI Vestas with blades from their Isle of Wight facility. Siemens Gamesa were the preferred supplier for phase two. Blades were manufactured in Siemens Gamesa’s Green Port Hull factory and some towers were sourced from CS Wind’s factory in Campbeltown. We have increasingly sourced from UK factories, which helped to build the supply chain and maximise benefits to the UK economy.

Walney Extension uses the largest and most technologically advanced turbines from both these manufacturers. It is the first commercial project in the world to use the Siemens 7 MW turbine.
Community Benefit Fund

At Ørsted we are committed to continued engagement with the local areas in which we work. We have committed to a Community Benefit Fund worth up to £600,000 (£100,000 of this is ring-fenced for a “Skills Fund”) each year for Walney Extension’s 25-year lifetime. This fund recognises the long-term relationship which the Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm has with the local region and will support community and environmental projects in coastal areas of Lancashire and Cumbria.

There are two funding rounds each year and independent charity, Grantscape, is responsible for administering the fund. Many grants have already been awarded to inspirational causes.

To find out more, please visit: www.orsted.co.uk/communitybenefitfunds
How much clean electricity will it produce?

This project has a total capacity of up to **659 MW**

This means that each year it will provide enough power for around **590,000 homes**

What is our impact on the local economy and community?

Walney Extension’s inward investments in local supply chains are helping to drive regeneration in Barrow-in-Furness and the North West. The project has worked with more than 50 local suppliers and contractors from Carlisle down to Lancaster, including (but not limited to):

- Furness Fluid Power (fuel)
- MPM North West Ltd (design, construction and maintenance of lead-in-jetty landing and mooring systems)
- Underwater Diving Services (dredging and survey support)
- Larkin Engineering Services Ltd (facilities management, they will coordinate maintenance services to be provided by several contractors)

Up to 250 new jobs will be supported by the operations and maintenance phase of the project (please note: this figure includes jobs that are supported through Tier 1 supply chain as well as ‘direct’ Ørsted employees).

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1 This based on an average household electricity consumption of 3,861 MWh and five-year average load factor for offshore wind of 39.47% (BEIS, 2019; DUKES, 2020).
Project Timeline

May 2010
The Crown Estate awarded an agreement for the lease to extend the Walney Offshore Wind Farm by up to a further 750 MW, over a 145 km² area, under the Round 2 extension of leasing

November 2014
Consent awarded

August 2015
Onshore construction commenced

February 2017
Offshore construction commenced

August 2017
First power generated

June 2018
Offshore works complete

September 2018
Walney Extension Inauguration
The UK is the global leader in offshore wind and Walney Extension showcases the industry’s incredible success story. The project, completed on time and within budget, also marks another important step towards Ørsted’s vision of a world that runs entirely on green energy. The North West region plays an important role in our UK offshore wind operations and our aim is to make a lasting and positive impact here. We want to ensure that the local community becomes an integral part of the renewable energy revolution that’s happening along its coastline.

Howard Shields, Head of UK West Region