

Statement of Community Consultation published in accordance with Section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008



Introduction

Forewind is publishing this Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) for the proposed Dogger Bank Teesside Offshore Wind Development and its associated infrastructure. This Statement explains how we will consult with the local community including residents living within a specified distance of the project, the general public, community groups, local businesses, technical consultees and land owners, as well as others who work in or use the area, both offshore and onshore.

Pre-application consultation provides the main opportunity for the local community to be engaged with, and to help shape, the proposals so it is important that you let Forewind know if you have any comments or information about any part of the Dogger Bank Teesside proposal during this consultation process.

Forewind and the Dogger Bank Offshore Wind Farm Zone

Forewind is a consortium comprising four leading international energy companies which joined forces to successfully bid for the right to develop the Dogger Bank Offshore Wind Farm Zone as part of The Crown Estate's third round of UK offshore wind farm leasing (Round 3).

The Dogger Bank Zone is in the North Sea, located between 156 and 310 kilometres off the Teesside coast. It extends over an area of approximately 8660 km² (approximately the same size as North Yorkshire) with its easternmost outer limit aligned to the UK continental shelf, as defined by the UK Hydrographic Office. The water depth ranges from 18 to 63 metres.

Forewind has committed to developing 9 Gigawatts (GW) of wind generation capacity at Dogger Bank but believes that the zone has the potential to accommodate approximately 13GW, which would make it capable of supplying up to 10% of the UK's electricity demand. To relieve the pressure on stakeholders and the supply chain, the zone will be developed in a series of up to 11 wind farms.

Dogger Bank Teesside is an offshore wind farm development with an installed capacity of up to 4.8GW, with the potential to generate almost 17 Terawatt Hours (TWh) of green power every year. That is equivalent to the

electricity used annually by approximately 3.6 million British homes. It will connect into the national grid at the existing Lackenby substation near Eston and potentially at one other new substation which is also expected to be located in Teesside. It will comprise up to four offshore wind farms, each with a maximum installed capacity of up to 1.2GW.

These four wind farms and their associated infrastructure will be presented together during consultation in order to clearly describe the largest possible scale of Dogger Bank Teesside to stakeholders, and to give them the opportunity to provide their comments on any or all of the project proposals as they feel appropriate.

At the end of the development phase, Forewind will either submit a single application for one wind farm development of up to 4.8GW or may submit up to four separate applications (with a combined total installed capacity of 4.8GW). This decision will be made and presented to stakeholders prior to the Phase Two consultation (described in more detail later in this document). It is Forewind's intention to include the associated offshore and onshore infrastructure for each offshore wind farm in each application.

Dogger Bank Teesside will comprise:

- Up to 1600 offshore wind turbine generators (WTG) (the number of WTGs is dependent on the size of WTG selected, which could be from 3MW to 10MW);
- Alternating current (AC) cabling between the offshore wind turbine generators (inter-array cabling) and offshore platforms;
- Offshore collector stations and offshore AC to direct current (DC) converter stations including foundations and scour protection measures;
- Offshore operations and maintenance infrastructure including offshore accommodation;
- Permanent moorings, navigational buoys and scour protection measures;
- Offshore meteorological masts and metocean equipment;
- Offshore high voltage direct current (HVDC) export cable systems from the offshore AC to DC converter stations to the landfall on the UK coastline;
- Crossing structures at the points where the export and inter-array cables cross existing subsea cables and pipelines;
- Buried onshore cable joints at the landfall

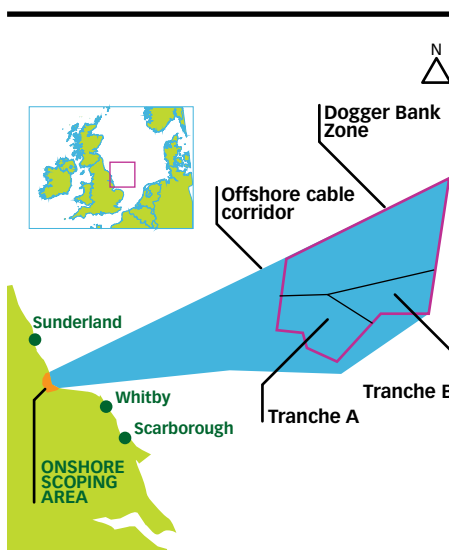


Figure 1
Location of Dogger Bank Teesside



- where the offshore export cables come onshore and join the onshore cables;
- Underground onshore HVDC cable systems from the landfall to the onshore DC to AC converter stations;
- Up to four onshore DC to AC converter stations which could be up to 30m in height and will require a combined permanent land take of up to 18 hectares. The converter stations could be sited together or split over up to four sites. Additional land would be required on a temporary basis during construction; and
- Underground high voltage alternating current (HVAC) cables from the onshore converter stations to National Grid’s substation(s).

Potential impacts

The development of Dogger Bank Teesside would be a major step towards achieving the Government’s renewable energy targets and improving energy security for the UK. It will also generate local and national employment opportunities.

There will be some potentially negative impacts for the local community, but Forewind intends to minimise them wherever it is reasonably feasible. These impacts are expected to include (but are not restricted to) temporary noise and disruption during construction, permanent visual impacts resulting from the construction of the onshore converter stations, increased marine traffic during construction and operation and limits or exclusions on movement through the offshore wind farms. No new overhead lines are proposed as part of this development.

The consenting process

Offshore wind farms with a capacity of more than 100MW are classified as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) under Section 14 of the Planning Act 2008 and require a Development Consent Order (DCO) before they can be built. The Planning Inspectorate is the Government agency responsible for examining applications for DCOs which authorise NSIPs. Therefore Forewind will submit an application for a DCO to the National Infrastructure Directorate of the Planning Inspectorate for examination.

For each application, the National Infrastructure Directorate will firstly decide whether or not the application should be accepted. If accepted, it will proceed to examine the application, and following the completion of the examination process will then recommend to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change (SoS) whether or not the application should be approved. In deciding whether or not to approve the application, the SoS must have regard to the relevant National Policy Statements (NPSs), which set out the need for new energy infrastructure and the issues to be considered in determining an application. For this project the relevant NPSs are EN1 – Overarching Energy, EN3 – Renewable Energy Infrastructure, and EN5 – Electricity Networks. If the SoS approves the application, the DCO will be made, authorising the construction and operation of the wind farm. For more information about the National Infrastructure Directorate and National Infrastructure Planning, please refer to <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk>.

Consultation objectives

- The objectives of the Dogger Bank Teesside community consultation process are to:
- Provide information to all sections of the local community in a clear and concise way;
 - Create a process through which local people can comment on the formal proposals;
 - Ensure that Forewind understands the views of the local community so that they can be considered during the development process; and
 - Provide feedback on how community consultation has influenced the proposal.

What we will consult on and when

The consultation will be carried out in two formal phases:

Phase One – the site selection process to date (summer 2012)

During Phase One, Forewind will clearly explain the site selection work done to date, including the process to narrow down the locations of the offshore wind farms, landfall and converter station(s). Forewind will set out why the preferred locations have been selected and what further refinement is required. Forewind will ask the local community to provide any comments or information on the site selection work that Forewind should consider when choosing the precise locations for onshore and offshore elements of the project.

Public Exhibition Venues

Venue	Date (2012)	Time
Kirkleatham Museum Redcar, TS10 5NW	Thursday 24 May	2pm – 8pm
Redcar Central Library Kirkleatham Street, Redcar, TS10 1RT	Friday 25 May	11am – 5pm
Lazenby Village Hall High Street, Lazenby, TS6 8DU	Saturday 26 May	11am – 5pm

Consultation documents (the Preliminary Environmental Information) will also be available at the locations listed below, and on the Forewind website www.forewind.co.uk from 24 May 2012.

The SoCC and PEI will be available for inspection at:

Venue	Address	Post Code
Grangetown Library	171 Birchington Avenue, Middlesbrough	TS6 7LP
Kirkleatham Museum	Redcar	TS10 5NW
Laburnum Road Library	Laburnum Road, Redcar	TS10 3QS
Marske Library	Windy Hill Lane, Marske	TS11 7BL
Mobile Library	For details of routes and timetables, please refer to www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk or call Redcar Central Library on 01642 472162 or the Mobile Library on 07909 906 324	
Redcar Central Library	Redcar and Cleveland House, Kirkleatham Street, Redcar	TS10 1RT
Roseberry Library	Roseberry Road, Redcar	TS10 4NY
Saltburn Library	Windsor Road, Saltburn-by-the-Sea	TS12 1AT
The Wilton Centre	Wilton, Redcar	TS10 4RF

This constitutes formal notice of the start of the Phase One Consultation. Consultation responses must reach Forewind by Friday 22 June 2012 to ensure that they are considered. However, Forewind will endeavour to consider any responses received outside this period, wherever possible.

Phase Two – the detailed proposals (anticipated to be in 2013)

During Phase Two, Forewind will ask the local community for comments on the detailed proposals for Dogger Bank Teesside. At this stage, Forewind will have gathered and assessed a comprehensive set of data and will be able to explain the potential impacts of the development and any proposed mitigation measures, which may include landscaping.

Prior to Phase Two, Forewind will inform the local community whether it will be submitting a single application for a DCO for the entirety of Dogger Bank Teesside, or whether separate applications will be submitted.

If separate applications are to be submitted, Forewind will explain how the consultation responses received will be applied to each application going forwards.

The exact dates and locations of the Phase Two consultation events have not yet been set but they will be published in the local press and marine journals, and on the Forewind website at least two weeks beforehand. Any response to consultation will need to reach Forewind before the consultation response deadline to ensure that it is considered. The period of the consultation and deadline for responses will be publicised when known.

Environmental Impact Assessment
Dogger Bank Teesside is a development which requires an Environmental Impact Assessment for the purposes of Schedule 2 to the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 and Forewind will compile the Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) required to assess the environmental impacts of the project.

PEI will be available during both stages of consultation.

Who we will consult

This process (both phases) is designed to engage with the local communities, both onshore and offshore, which may be affected by Dogger Bank Teesside. The consultation area is shown in figure 2.

Forewind will send newsletters and direct invitations to the consultation events to the following people:

- Community groups or organisations with postal addresses in the consultation area, or who are active within the consultation area;
- Parish councils wholly or partly within the consultation area;
- District and county councillors with wards/divisions wholly or partly within the consultation area; and
- Members of UK and European Parliaments with local constituencies wholly or partly within the consultation area.

Anyone else who may be interested in the project is welcome to take part in the community consultation. Events will also be advertised in local newspapers, marine journals and on the Forewind website.

Forewind is engaging with the local, national and international fishing communities directly to ensure that they are up to date with the development proposals and are given the opportunity to provide comments. Details of this consultation process have been published separately in Forewind's Fisheries Liaison Plan. Members of the fishing community are also welcome to engage in the community consultation process.

Forewind will work with the National Infrastructure Directorate and the relevant UK and EU governments to ensure that appropriate international stakeholders are consulted.

The methods we will use to consult

Public exhibitions – Anyone with an interest in Dogger Bank Teesside is welcome to attend the public exhibitions. In addition to the information panels and printed materials, Forewind staff will be at the exhibitions to answer questions. Visitors will be asked to submit feedback and comments via questionnaires.

Newsletters and factsheets – Forewind will produce zone level newsletters and subject-specific factsheets at key stages of the project.

Lodging of consultation documents in public

– All PEI documents, questionnaires, factsheets and newsletters will be lodged at Council libraries and other appropriate

Council buildings, as detailed. They will also be available to download from the Forewind website www.forewind.co.uk.

What we will do with responses to consultation

All responses received during consultation will be carefully considered. Details of any responses received during consultation and the account taken of those responses will be included in the consultation report.

This will be submitted with the application for a DCO to the National Infrastructure Directorate and will therefore be made public. For this reason, any responses to Forewind must not contain personal information about any third party without their consent. This is to ensure compliance with the Data Protection Act.

The Consultation Report will demonstrate how Forewind has complied with the consultation requirements of the Planning Act 2008 and will be considered by the National Infrastructure Directorate, both when determining whether to accept the application, and then in examining the application.

Other consultations

This community may be consulted by the promoters of other NSIPs. Where possible, Forewind will avoid scheduling consultation events that overlap with these other consultations. Currently the following NSIPs are listed on the Planning Inspectorate's website for this area:

- **Tees Refining Ltd** - Teesside Generating Station and Harbour Facilities
- **York Potash Limited** - Yorkshire Potash Pipeline

Forewind is aware that National Grid Electricity Transmission may also consult the community on the location of its new substation at an appropriate time in its development process.



Figure 2
Dogger Bank Teesside consultation area

How to get in touch with us or obtain more detailed information

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