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Dear Occupier

**Re: Update on Sofia Offshore Wind Farm and Dogger Bank C Offshore Wind Farm, and notification of joint non-material change application**

This letter is to update you on two offshore wind farms that will have their onshore electrical infrastructure constructed in your local area.

If you are aware of the Dogger Bank offshore wind development, it will have been some time since you received any communication about the wind farms that were granted consent by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change in 2015.

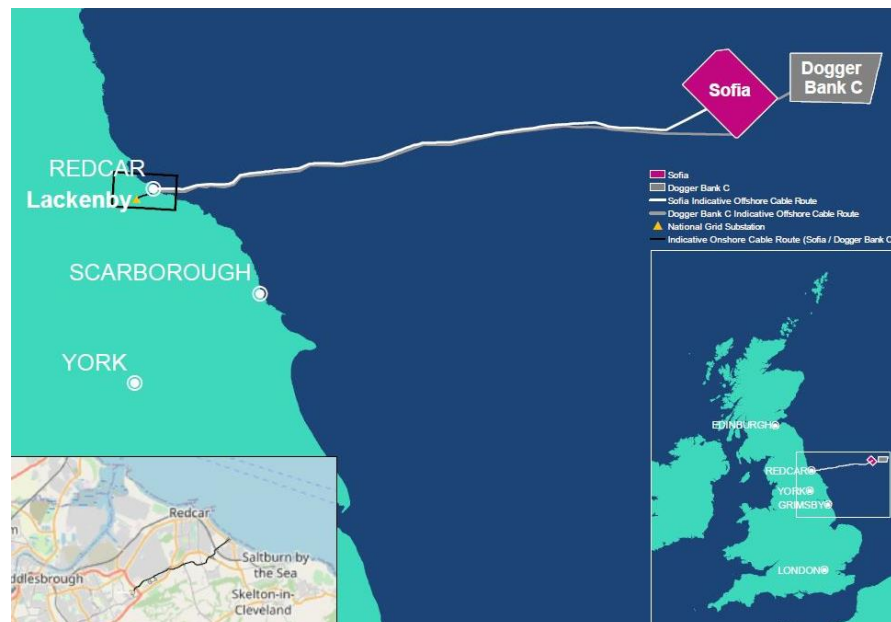
Originally developed by the Forewind consortium, the development comprises a total of four wind farms sited on Dogger Bank, a large shallow area in the centre of the North Sea.

Two of the projects will bring the power they generate to shore in East Riding of Yorkshire, while the other two will have their landfall at a site between Redcar and Marske-by-the-Sea. These latter two projects – now called Sofia and Dogger Bank C – will each comprise offshore wind turbines and an offshore converter station, as well as export cables to bring the power to shore. The projects are located next to each other on Dogger Bank and their export cables will run in parallel for more than 200 kilometres each.

Each export cable will connect to an onshore cable that will run 7 kilometres to a new converter station – one for each project - to be constructed to the north east of Lazenby. Each project will have a further 2 kilometre cable to transport power to the existing substation at Lackenby, where it will enter the national grid.

The Forewind consortium no longer exists and the Dogger Bank projects are now being progressed by different owners. Sofia is 100% owned by innogy, while Dogger Bank C is owned by Dogger Bank Wind Farm, a 50/50 joint venture between SSE Renewables and Equinor.

Although the two project's share much in terms of geography, because they are owned by separate companies, their construction programmes will largely differ. While the aim is for some joint onshore working to reduce the impacts of construction on local residents, the projects have their own milestones and timeframes.



For this reason, innogy and Dogger Bank Wind Farm have submitted a joint non-material change application to amend aspects of the original Development Consent Order, thereby enabling flexibility in the approach to construction.

As well as updating you on the projects, this letter is to inform you of the application and invite you to read the relevant documentation, which you will find at the National Infrastructure Planning website. The documents are also available on both the Sofia and Dogger Bank C websites (addresses below). If you would like a copy of the documentation sent on memory stick or hard copy, please email us your name and address details and preferred format.

The proposed amendments are seeking to split a number of the construction activities so that:

- (a) certain works can be carried out for one project by its owner
- (b) certain works can be carried out for both projects by one owner on behalf of the other; and
- (c) certain works can be either be carried out for one project by its owner or for both projects by one owner on behalf of the other.

The proposed changes are principally administrative and functional in effect and do not result in a different environmental assessment outcome compared to the original application. The joint application will also seek to make some straightforward corrections. Further details about the proposed amendments can be found in the Explanatory Memorandum submitted with the non-material change application.

While the application does in some ways seek to separate the projects, it is recognised by the project owners - innogy and Dogger Bank Wind Farm - that there remain many synergies and therefore we intend to seek to cooperate as and when it is feasible. We will also aim to minimise disruption and work together to reduce intrusive works if possible.

The first project-related construction activity in your area is likely to take place in the Spring of 2021. However you will receive communications in advance of the works to ensure you have a full understanding of the activity that will take place.

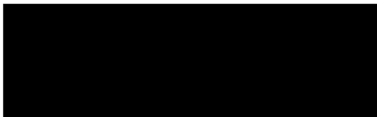
For more information about Sofia Offshore Wind Farm please visit [www.sofiawindfarm.com](http://www.sofiawindfarm.com) and for more information about Dogger Bank C please visit <https://doggerbank.com/>

You can also contact us via:

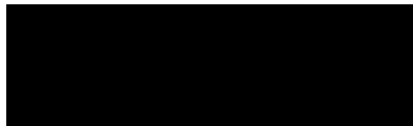
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Yours faithfully,  
on behalf of both projects



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