

# Hornsea Offshore Wind Farm

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Project Two

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Amber Rudd's speech on a new direction for UK energy policy

**Offshore Wind**

That's why we should also support the growth of our world leading offshore wind industry.

In the global context this is a technology which has the scale to make a big difference.

It is one area where the UK can help make a lasting technological contribution.

On current plans we expect to see 10GW of offshore wind installed by 2020.

This is supporting a growing installation, development and blade manufacturing industry. Around 14,000 people are employed in the sector.

This ground breaking expertise has helped the costs of contracts for offshore wind come down by at least 20% in the last two years.

But it is still too expensive.

So our approach will be different - we will not support offshore wind at any cost.

Further support will be strictly conditional on the cost reductions we have seen already accelerating.

The technology needs to move quickly to cost-competitiveness.

If that happens we could support up to 10GW of new offshore wind projects in the 2020s.

The industry tells us they can meet that challenge, and we will hold them to it.

If they don't there will be no subsidy.

No more blank cheques.

Today I can announce that – if, and only if, the Government's conditions on cost reduction are met – we will make funding available for three auctions in this Parliament.

We intend to hold the first of these auctions by the end of 2016.

Investors have a right to clarity on our objectives. And that is what I am providing today.

New nuclear, new gas and, if costs, come down, new offshore wind will all help us meet the challenge of decarbonisation.