



# Hornsea Project Four: Consultation Report

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**Hornsea Project Four**

Hornsea Four is an offshore wind farm which Ørsted is proposing to develop in the North Sea, approximately 65km off the Yorkshire Coast.

The project is currently **in the pre-application phase** for a Development Consent Order (DCO), the major consent required to allow the development to proceed.

[Learn more about the project](#)

**Latest news**

News list

- 24.09.2019 09:00**  
**Hornsea Four formal consultation is now closed**  
Many thanks to those who commented on the Hornsea Four formal PIER consultation materials.
- 05.07.2019 11:00**  
**Graham Stuart MP pledges support for major proposed offshore wind farm project Hornsea Four**  
Graham Stuart, MP for Beverley and Holderness, met with Humphrey Laidlaw and Jamie Baldwin, Ørsted representatives for major local offshore wind farm project Hornsea Four. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss the company's response to feedback from local stakeholders and residents in its first-stage consultation. Graham was also interested to learn about the next steps for this project, and he offered his support in the transformation of the East Riding into the world-leading wind energy hub.
- 31.05.2019 09:00**  
**Hornsea Project Four publishes May newsletter**  
The latest community newsletter for Hornsea Project Four has now been published.
- 14.03.2019 08:00**  
**Hornsea Project Four publishes March newsletter**  
The latest community newsletter for Hornsea Project Four has now been published.
- 17.12.2018 15:00**  
**Consultation Summary Report now published**  
Download the Hornsea Project Four Consultation Summary Report (December 2018).
- 17.10.2018 08:00**  
**Hornsea Project Four local information events**  
We are planning to hold a number of local information events in October to let you know more about our proposals for Hornsea Project Four.
- 09.10.2018 16:00**  
**Scoping Report now available**  
The Hornsea Project Four Scoping Report is now available to view online.
- 08.10.2018 13:00**  
**Ørsted to Unveil Early Proposals for Hornsea Project Four**  
A series of local information events will be hosted by Ørsted to introduce early-stage proposals for Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm.



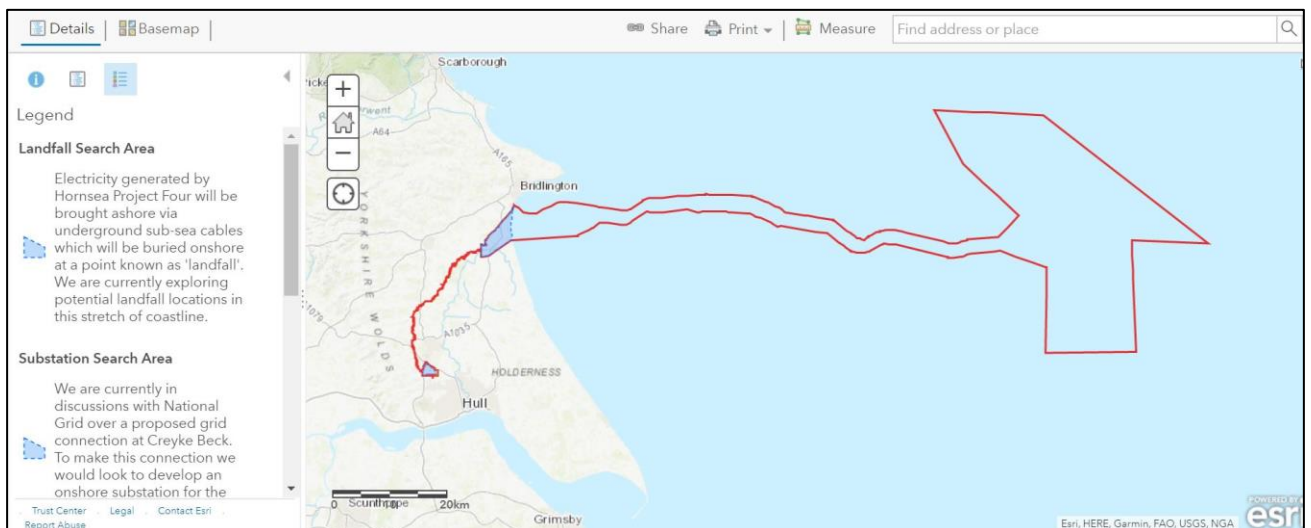
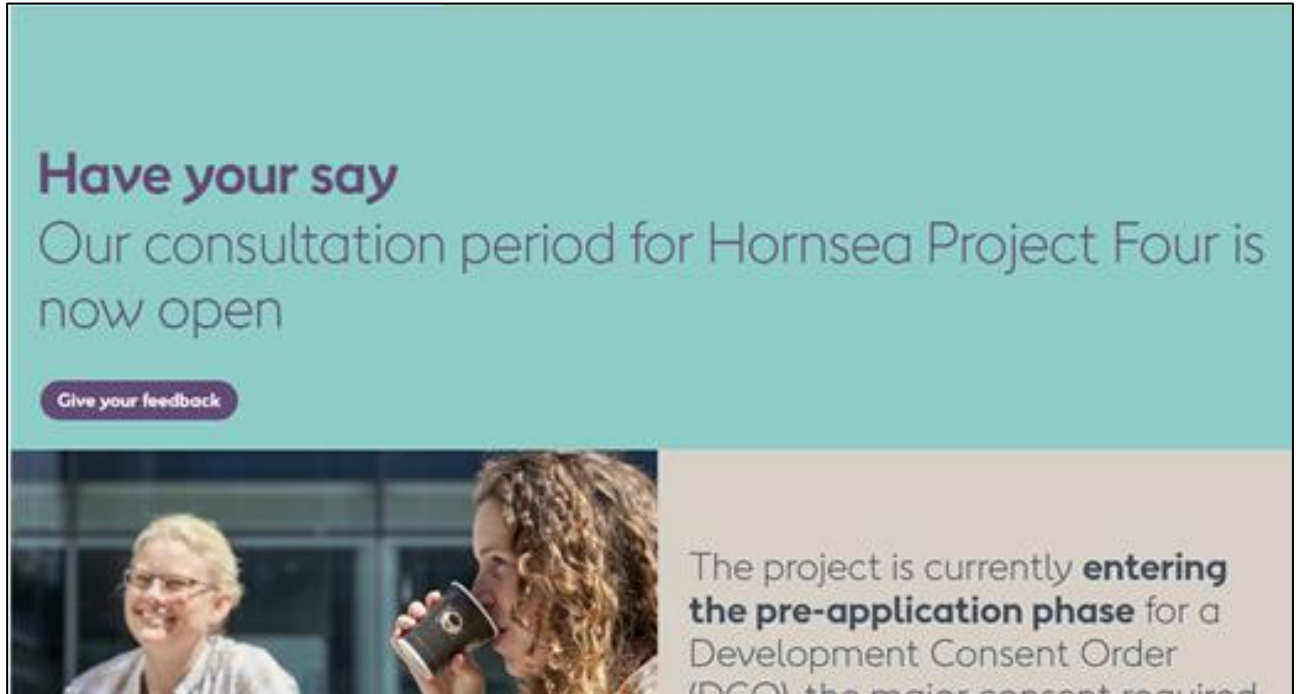
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## Screenshots of Hornsea Four website and GIS mapping tool during phase one section 47 consultation (extracted September 2018)



Screenshots of digital engagement tool (Commonplace) at the beginning of phase two section 47 consultation (extracted August 2019)



**This consultation**

This consultation

In accordance with our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) we are undertaking this formal phase of consultation which will begin on Tuesday 13 August and run until Monday 23 September 2019.


Hornsea Four has an expected generating capacity greater than 100 MW and as such is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). Our project must therefore apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) through the NSIP planning process. The DCO application will be dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate (PI-NS), the agency responsible for managing the examination process for NSIPs. It will then, if accepted, be examined by an Independent Examining Authority Panel, who will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State (SoS) for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). Finally, the SoS will review and comment on this before making a decision on whether to grant a DCO.

Our local information events

We are holding a series of local information events during our formal consultation period. These events will be an opportunity for you to view our plans, understand how our proposals have developed since our last round of consultation, speak to members of the project team and provide us with your feedback.

These events are as follows:


**Provide comments on our interactive map about what's important to you**



Place a pin on the map and let us know about what's important to you in your local area in relation to our proposals.

[View details](#)


**View and comment on the colours and finishes of the onshore substation**



In this section you can view indicative visualisations of the onshore substation from two viewpoints. Provide your views on the most appropriate colour finishes.

[View details & comment](#)


**View and comment on our landscape and screening mitigation plans**



In this section you can view our indicative landscape mitigation plan for the onshore substation. Provide your views on the proposed mitigation solutions.

[View details & comment](#)


**Please complete one of our feedback forms**



Once you have viewed our proposals, please answer the questions on our online feedback form. You can also download one our hard-copy feedback forms and send this back to us.

[View details & comment](#)


**Visit the Hornsea Four Documents Library**



This is where you can view our PEIR and associated plans, maps and reports.

[View details](#)

**Register your interest**



This is where you can register to receive regular updates related to Hornsea Four, including our regular community newsletters and information regarding the application.

[View details](#)



# Hornsea 4



2 simple steps to add a comment.

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1. Overall, how do you feel about Hornsea Four's proposals for this area?

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2. Which element of the project are you commenting on? (please use separate comments for each element or issue)

Please select...

If other, please specify:

3. Do you think the location of this element of Hornsea Four is suitable?

Please select...

Why do you feel this way?

4. What mitigation do you think Hornsea Four could use to improve the suitability of this location?

Landscape planting
Biodiversity enhancements
Reinstatement of landscape
Management plans
Local road network works
Noise attenuation
Drainage
Other

5. How informative did you find the information that you viewed today?

Please view the 6 colour options for each viewpoint and provide your feedback below.

[Viewpoint 1: View from PRoW west of Creyke Beck](#)

Option 1

Before (base level)      After (Option 1)

Option 2

Before (base level)      After (Option 2)

Please answer the questions below and let us know your thoughts on the colour finishes of the Hornsea Four OnSS.

Once you have answered these questions, click '[next proposal](#)' to view our proposed plans for landscape and visual mitigation for our onshore substation, or click '[browse proposals](#)' to return to our homepage.

You can also download and view our Design Vision Statement from the [Hornsea Four website](#). This document sets out methods and approaches that will guide the future development of all onshore infrastructure for Hornsea Four.

### Comment on this proposal

How do you feel about the colour options for the Hornsea Four onshore substation?

Having viewed the photomontages, what is your preferred colour option?

Why do you feel this way?

Do you have any further comments on these visualisations of Hornsea Four?

By commenting you agree to our terms of use. [Read our privacy policy.](#)



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## View and comment on the colours and finishes of the onshore substation

0 comments

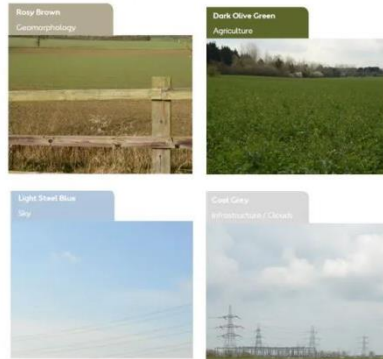
### Building materials, colours and finishes of the Hornsea Four onshore substation

We want to ensure that the future proposals for our onshore substation (OnSS) are sensitive to the local landscape setting. We have taken into consideration the character of the existing landscape and are asking for feedback on our proposed best practice solutions to integrate the development into the surrounding landscape, minimising visual impact where possible.

### Colours and finishes

A colour sampling exercise was undertaken to determine the most prominent colours within the local landscape. This has been used to inform the colour palette of the OnSS built form.

Using colours with a strong local context will help to integrate the development into the local landscape. Given the rural setting of the OnSS, the following colours are considered to be the most appropriate:



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## View and comment on our landscape and screening mitigation plans

0 comments

### Landscape mitigation around the Hornsea Four onshore substation

We are proposing to mitigate the visual impact of the Hornsea Four onshore substation through landscape and screening solutions. We have taken into consideration the character of the existing landscape and are asking for feedback on our proposed solutions to integrate the development into the surrounding landscape, minimising visual impact where possible.

Please view the information below and provide your feedback on our proposals

### Landscape treatments

Construction works for our onshore substation are expected to last up to 36 months. We are proposing landscape mitigation at the outset of construction works to ensure that mitigation is effective as quickly as possible.

Woodland and hedge planting will be incorporated around the perimeter of the onshore substation to provide visual mitigation whilst considering the site constraints and local environmental features, including any existing overhead powerlines, vegetation and boundaries. This will help to screen views to lower elements of the onshore substation and will help to integrate it into the landscape.

Woodland planting to the perimeter of the site should involve an organic layout which is consistent with the native woodland, fields and hedgerows found in the wider countryside. This will help to integrate the planting into the wider landscape.

The below graphic indicates typical boundary soft landscape treatment along with treatment adjacent to overhead power lines. This includes the:

- Field layer – This would include native grasslands species and herbs.
- Shrub layer – This would introduce native shrub species.
- Canopy layer – This would include native tree species such as beech, alder and oak.



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## Please complete one of our feedback forms

1 comment

We want to hear your thoughts on our proposals.

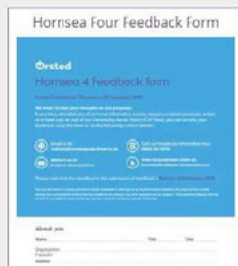
Having attended one of our local information events or viewed our latest proposals online or in hard copy at one of our Community Access Points (CAP Sites), please provide your feedback using the form on this page.

Alternatively, you can download a copy of our feedback forms and send this back to us at 'Freeport: Hornsea Four'.

You can also contact us and provide your feedback via the following details:

- Email us at: [contact@hornseaprojectfour.co.uk](mailto:contact@hornseaprojectfour.co.uk)
- Call our freephone information line: [REDACTED]
- Write to us at: Freeport: Hornsea Four

### Additional materials



### Comment on this proposal

How do you feel about the information you have viewed today?



Have you attended one of our local information events?

Please select...

How did you find the local information event and our updated proposals?

Please select...

Which aspects of the project are most important to you? Please select all that apply

- Onshore ecology  Hydrology and Flood Risk  Landscape and visual impact  Land use and agriculture  Socio-economics and recreation  
 Traffic and transport  Noise and vibration  Other

Please elaborate on the aspects that are important to you

Do you have any comments on the surveys and assessments carried out to date by the project as detailed in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)?

Based on the proposals you have seen presented and the information in the PEIR, what are your views on Hornsea Four?

Please select...

If you answered oppose or strongly oppose, please provide a brief explanation for your selection

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Save comment

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## Visit the Hornsea Four Documents Library

From Tuesday 13 August, all our consultation documents, including our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), non-technical summary and associated plans, maps and reports, will be available to view on the Hornsea Four website: <https://hornseaprojects.co.uk/Hornsea-Project-Four/Documents-Library/Formal-Consultation>



View more proposals

[Browse proposals](#)

[View next proposal](#)

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## Register your interest

We would like to keep you updated with our latest proposals. To register your interest in the project and sign-up to receive updates, including when you can view more plans on this site, please [click here](#).



View more proposals

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## Screenshots of updated digital engagement tool (Commonplace) following close of phase two section 47 consultation (extracted 23 September 2019)

Orsted Hornsea Four Homepage Latest news Admin

### View our latest proposals for Hornsea Four offshore wind farm

Please note that the formal phase of community consultation for Hornsea Four has now closed. Thank you to all of those who have provided their feedback.

You can still view our latest proposals and provide comment outside of this period by clicking 'Have your say' below.

[Have your say](#) [About](#)

### About

**Formal phase of community consultation: Tuesday 13 August - Monday 23 September 2019**

In accordance with our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) we undertook a formal phase of consultation which began on Tuesday 13 August and ran until Monday 23 September 2019.

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## Project news and updates

### Our formal phase of community consultation has now closed

Edit

Posted on Sep 24th 2019 by Hornsea Four  
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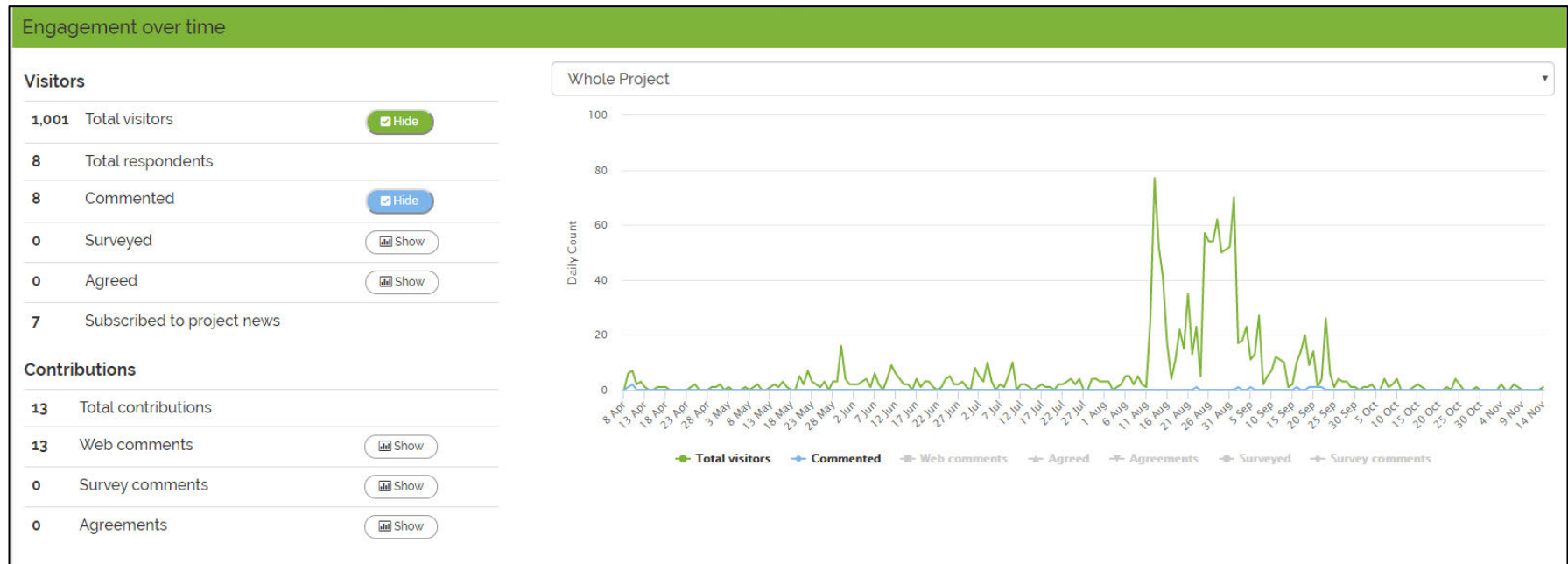
We will now review all the feedback we have received. Your comments will be considered and incorporated where possible into the final design, which we intend to submit to the Planning Inspectorate in 2020.

A Consultation Report will be produced and submitted as part of our application. This report will provide a summary of the responses received and will explain how we have taken your feedback into account in developing our final proposal.



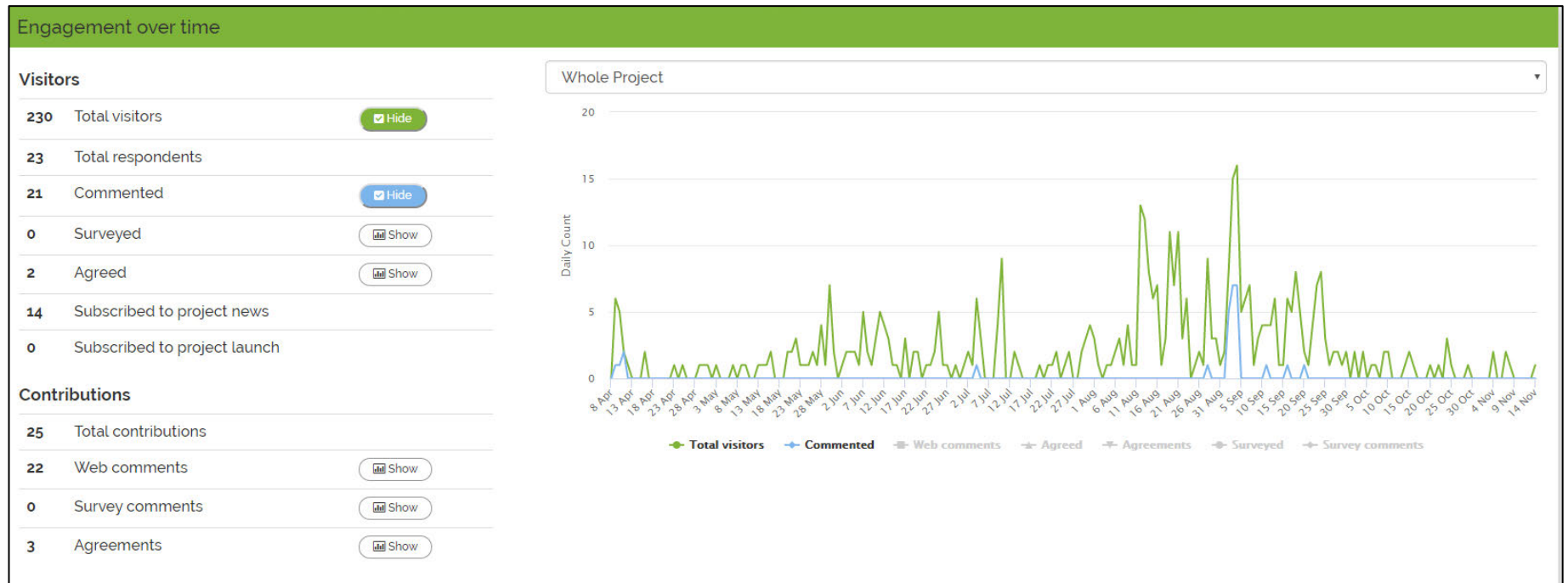
✉ Update email was sent to 14 subscribers on 24th Sep 2019.

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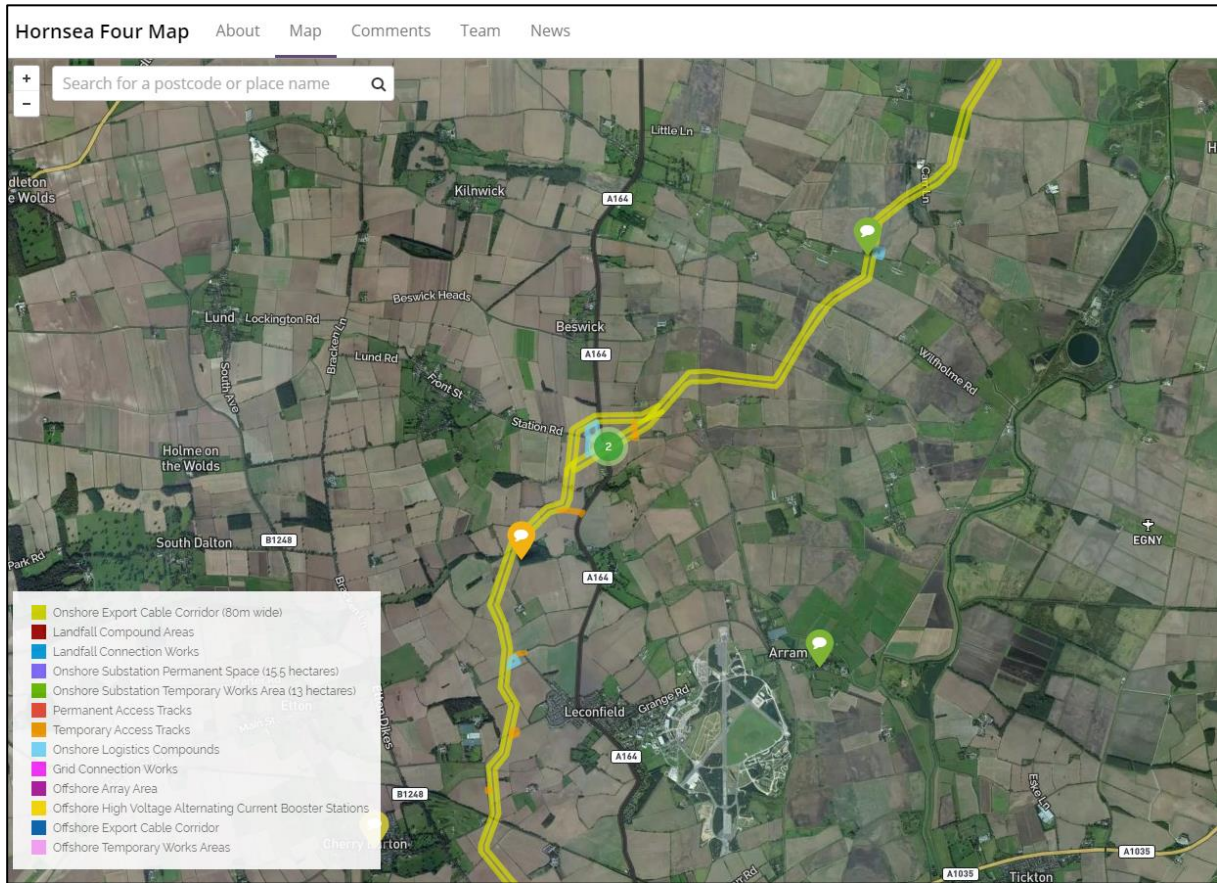




Analytics showing the number of visitors to the Hornsea Four interactive map (Commonplace) (extracted November 2019)



## Screenshot of updates to Hornsea Four interactive map (Commonplace) following phase two section 47 consultation



Screenshot of Hornsea Four website (<https://hornseaprojects.co.uk/en/hornsea-project-four/>) updates for targeted statutory consultation (extracted February 2020)

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## Targeted S42 Consultation

12.02.2020 09:00

Thank you for your comments during formal consultation. We received feedback on the project from statutory bodies, landowners, asset owners, local planning authorities, local representatives and the wider community. Many helpful topics were raised both at the consultation events and through our online and hard copy feedback forms.



Thank you for your comments during formal consultation

Having carefully considered all of this feedback, work to refine our proposals has resulted in minor amendments to the export cable corridor, logistics compounds and accesses. We have produced a figure summarising these changes, which can be viewed [here](#). Please also visit our Commonplace site, which contains an updated map with the new project boundary accessible via this link: <https://hornsea4feedback.commonplace.is/>

All materials supporting our Targeted Section 42 Consultation can be found in our [Documents Library](#).

Any interested parties are welcome to [get in touch](#) with us at any time. If you do wish to provide feedback on Hornsea Four you can continue to give us a call, e mail or sign up to our bi-annual newsletter to keep-up-to-date with the latest news and developments.

### Interactive map

View the latest plans for Hornsea Four

Explore our interactive map



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The Orsted vision is a world that runs entirely on green energy. Orsted develops, constructs and operates offshore and onshore wind farms, solar farms, energy storage facilities, and bioenergy plants, and provides energy products to its customers. Globally Orsted is the market leader in offshore wind and it is constructing the world's biggest offshore wind farms off the East Coast of the UK. Its UK offshore wind farms generate enough clean electricity for over three million UK





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<b>Targeted Section 42 Consultation</b> ^
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## Screenshot of COVID-19 update on Hornsea Four website

(<https://hornseaprojects.co.uk/en/hornsea-project-four/>) (extracted April 2020)

**Orsted**

### COVID-19 Update

17/04/2020 12:00

At this difficult time, we wanted to update you on how the Hornsea Four project is adjusting the way we work and how we will communicate with you. If you do have any concerns, please contact us using the information below.

## COVID-19 update

April 2020

In light of current circumstances and health risks surrounding COVID-19, Orsted has adapted the way it operates in accordance with UK government and expert guidance. This includes the avoidance of non-essential travel and for all employees to work from home unless it is impossible for them to do so. The health and safety of our employees and contractors, and of the communities where we work, is paramount.

We are still working to refine our plans as we progress towards submission of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application, expected in Q3 2020 and we are still committed to continuing to engage with you via alternative methods, which include:

- Keeping our communications lines open so that you can provide any enquiries about the project to a member of the team;
- Keeping you updated through regular project newsletters, providing updates on the project and the status of our timeline.
- Updating the Hornsea Four website (<https://hornseaprojects.co.uk/Hornsea-Project-Four/>), including access to all current project information and access to our digital engagement platform where you can continue to leave your comments: <https://hornsea4feedback.commonplace.is/>

If you have any further questions regarding Hornsea Four and wish to speak with a member of the team, please contact us via the following details:

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [contact@hornseaprojectfour.co.uk](mailto:contact@hornseaprojectfour.co.uk)

Community Liaison Officer, Andrew Acum: [REDACTED]@mercury-group.co.uk or [REDACTED]

Kind regards from the Hornsea Four Team