



# Hornsea Project Four: Consultation Report

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## S46 Notification

Your ref. Hornsea Project Four S46  
Our ref. S46\_03129809

Dear Sir

### **Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm**

### **Notice of Duty to Notify Secretary of State of proposed application in accordance with Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008**

We are writing to notify you in accordance with S. 46 'Duty to notify Secretary of State of proposed application' that Orsted Hornsea Project Four Ltd, of 5 Howick Place, London, SW1P 1WG (the applicant) intends to apply to the Secretary of State (SoS) under S.37 of the Planning Act 2008 (here after referred to as 'The Act') for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to construct, operate, maintain and decommission an offshore wind farm known as the Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm (HornseaFour).

The Applicant will commence consultation with the consultation bodies identified under S.42 of the Act on 13 August 2019. This consultation will close on 23 September 2019. In accordance with S.45(2) of the Act the deadline date for the receipt of comments is not less than a period of 28 days, beginning with the day after the day on which the person receives the consultation documents.

The Applicant has also taken the decision to consult with a number of 'non-prescribed' bodies who may be interested in the proposed development over the same period. The relevant consultation bodies will also be sent a copy of the S.48 Notice in accordance with Regulation 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

Our ref. S42

In accordance with S. 46(1) of the Act please find enclosed the S.42 consultation information comprising:

- Copy of the S.42 Covering letter (web version);
- Copy of the Onshore and Offshore Statutory Consultation Plans;
- Copy of notice publicised in accordance with S.48 of the Act. This notice includes details of public consultation events and locations where the consultation material can be inspected free of charge; and,
- Copy of Hornsea Project Four Statutory Community Consultation Leaflet which is being sent out by post to those located within our core consultation zone (2km centre line buffer) and which will also be available at the community access points which are acting as deposit points for the consultation materials.

All consultation documentation regarding Hornsea Four can be found on the Hornsea Four website from 12 August 2019:

<https://hornseaprojects.co.uk/Hornsea-Project-Four>

This comprises: full Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) including a Non-Technical Summary, Introductory Chapters (Volume A1), offshore chapters (Volume A2), onshore chapters (Volume A3), Introductory Chapter Annexes (Volume A4), offshore chapter annexes (Volume A5) and onshore chapter annexes (Volume A6), a Draft DCO (Volume C1), statutory consultation plans and Works Plans (Volume D1) and outline protocols, plans and strategies (Volume F2).

A USB card containing this information is included and has also been sent to the Consultation Access Points along with the hard copy statutory consultation material. As detailed above paragraph

The S. 42 letter and S. 48 notice confirms:

- Hornsea Four is located in the southern North Sea and has a generating capacity greater than 100MW.
- The offshore wind turbines will be located in the array area, which has a total area of 600 km<sup>2</sup> and is located approximately 65km east of the Yorkshire coast and the electricity generated from Hornsea Four will be transmitted via subsea electricity cables. The Hornsea Four offshore cable corridor extends from the Yorkshire coast, offshore in an easterly direction to the western and southern boundary of the array area.
- From the Yorkshire coast, underground onshore cables will connect the offshore wind farm to an onshore high voltage direct current (HVDC) converter station or a high voltage alternating current

(HVAC) substation, which in turn, will connect to the existing Creyke Beck National Grid substation, located to the north of Cottingham. The mode of transmission will be either HVDC, HVAC or a combination of the two. Depending on the mode of transmission, a HVAC booster station may be required (offshore). The onshore cable corridor search area currently comprises an 80 metre wide corridor within which a refined onshore cable corridor (60 metre wide) will be located.

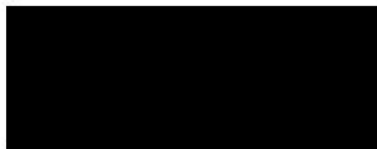
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- As the proposed generating capacity of Hornsea Four exceeds 100 megawatts (MW) it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project as defined by S.15(3) of the Act.
- The DCO application will contain full details of Hornsea Four and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement prepared under S.37(3) of the Act and in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.
- A DCO application is expected to be submitted in Quarter 1 of 2020.
- Consultation documents can be accessed free of charge during the consultation period. Details of where the documents are deposited, including opening times are provided in the S.48 Notice.
- The Applicant will hold a series of public exhibitions in September 2019, details for which are provided in the S.48 Notice.
- Further information regarding Hornsea Four can be found on the Hornsea Four website from 12 August 2019:

<https://hornseaprojects.co.uk/Hornsea-Project-Four>

If you have any queries or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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