



Hornsea Project Four: Consultation Report

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This SoCC has been produced solely for Hornsea Project Four, which is in the early pre-application stage for a DCO situated to the western edge of the former Hornsea Zone (west of Hornsea One, Hornsea Two, and Hornsea Three projects). We will provide full details about what this means from a community consultation perspective in the following sections.

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With a proposed capacity of over 100 MW, Hornsea Project Four is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). Our project must therefore apply for a DCO through the NSIP planning process. Consents for the offshore array, offshore and onshore cable routes, and offshore and onshore substations, will be included in the DCO.

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This includes identifying statutory consultees for the proposed consultation under section 42 of the Planning Act, as explained in Section 5 of this SoCC. It also includes setting out how we propose to consult with the community in vicinity of the project under section 47 of the Planning Act, with this SoCC being published in accordance with this requirement.

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The project will be located approximately 60 km offshore and will be to the west of Hornsea Project One, Two and Three. The project is investigating an offshore generating area of up to 800 km². If built, Hornsea Project Four will comprise of up to 180 wind turbines and provide clean, renewable energy to power UK homes.

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We will consult with individuals and communities living within the vicinity of the land affected by the DCO application.

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In addition, we will also be discussing our proposed project with a range of statutory and non-statutory consultees including:

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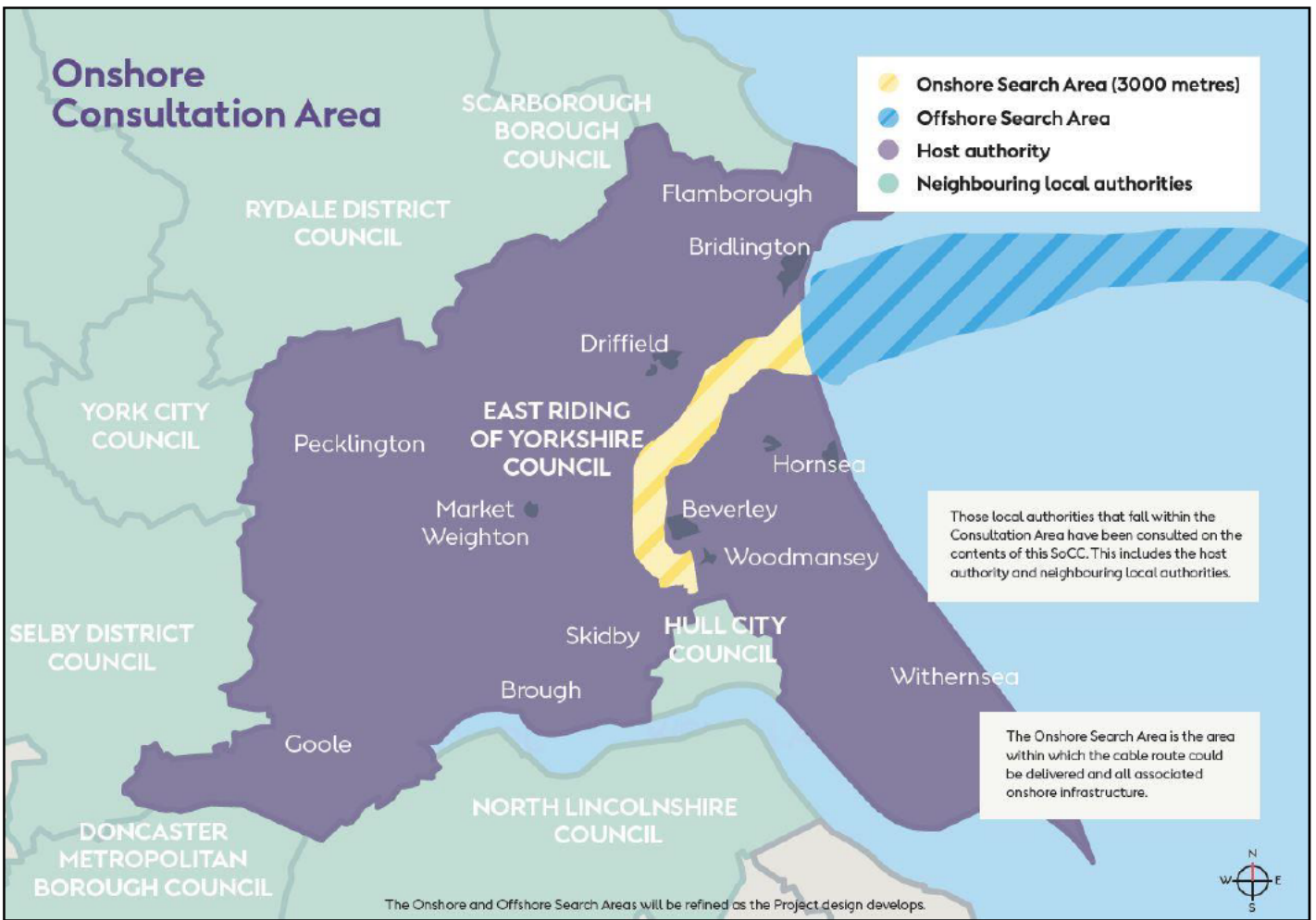
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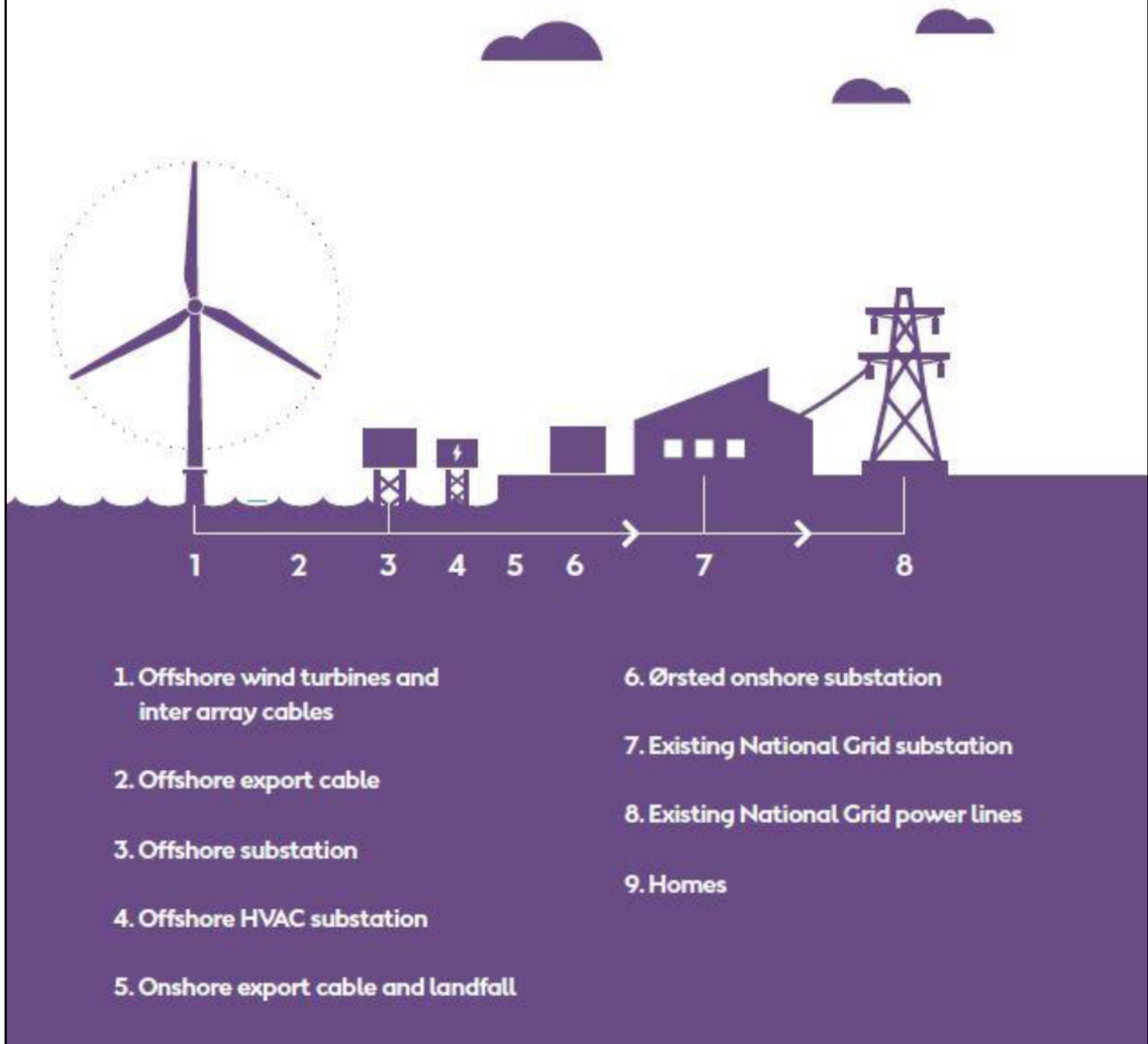
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