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1 Publicity of Phase Two Section 47 Community Consultation Events

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NEWS

‘It’s the people’ - The secret to the most sought



The Great Massingham village sign

Right, The Dabbling Duck pub owners Mark and Sally Dobby, front, with staff members, back from left, Jazz Hollister, waitress; Dale Smith, head chef; Rachel Eagle, general manager; Dan Mooney, assistant manager; and Joe Clark, bar manager, in Great Massingham village

Pictures: DENISE BRADLEY

It's safe to say Norfolk has many beautiful villages and towns, and Great Massingham with its stunning greens, church, and community has proven to be up there with the best.

The once sleepy village, believed to date back to the 5th century, is now a thriving hub for locals, ducks, and visitors alike.

Now when houses in the village are listed for sale, they are "snapped up" straight away and have proven to be more and more desirable.

Mark and Sally Dobby, owners of The Dabbling Duck in the heart of the village, said the town had become busier with people moving their lives to Norfolk over the last few years.

Mr Dobby said: "You have everything you could need in this village, a church, shop where you could do a weekly shop if you wanted to, GP, two schools, a social club and a pub."

His wife added: "No matter how much it grows, it still feels like a village."

"As beautiful as the coast is unfortunately a lot of that is a bit lost which is a real shame."

"You need that balance of locals and visitors and we have that."

After being mentioned in 'The Telegraph's list of 'it towns' some

Reporter ABIGAIL NICHOLSON asks the people of Great Massingham how they feel about being named one of the UK's most fashionable 'It towns' by The Telegraph.

residents did not agree.

Gary Dawes said: "A beautiful Norfolk village that is rapidly being changed by people moving in from outside the county, people who are looking for their idealistic country life, but not understanding country life."

Other locals were also concerned the attention would turn the village into a tourist hot-spot like the Norfolk coast, something which Hugh Symington and his wife, Heidi, who own Hill Farm Barns, disagree with.

"I don't think Massingham can become like the coast," said Mr Symington. "It doesn't have the facilities or the makeup for it, it

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Female bricklayer goes viral as she inspires women to join the industry

A female bricklayer in Norfolk is paving the way for women in the industry after videos of her work went viral online.

Darcie Richards, a 25-year-old bricklayer from Attleborough, has been inspiring women and young girls to take up a career in the construction industry.

Ms Richards started labouring around two years ago after returning home from travelling and she loved it so much she asked her dad Ollie Richards, a bricklayer for 30 years, if he could show her the ropes.

Now Ms Richards has become a valued member of their family-run business – Richards Builders – and also a hit online after posting videos of her work, tutorials, and funny moments on-site with her dad and brothers,

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Louis and Jody, on TikTok.

One video has reached more than nine million views and 93,000 followers on the social media platform.

Ms Richards said: "For the last year my dad has been teaching me bricklaying and I love it.

"It was my brother's idea to start posting online so we started a TikTok account. They caught wind there was a female bricklayer on our team and our videos went crazy.

"People don't expect somebody quite so small and young to be doing bricklaying, especially a woman.

"They are mostly shocked but



Builder Darcie Richards works for her dad's building company with her brothers

Picture: SONYA DUNCAN

really impressed and a lot of people are getting in contact with me saying how much of an inspiration I am to them.

"One lady messaged me the other day and said her little girl wants to be a bricklayer after watching my videos."

After a huge response online, Ms Richards wants to encourage

more women to join her and hit back at the stereotype that it is "a man's job".

"If you want to be a plasterer, electrician or carpenter, do it and don't care what people think," she said.

"It's a really rewarding job and it's so satisfying to look at what you have built at the end of the

day.

"And bricklaying is something you can take with you anywhere in the world.

"I really would like to see more women in the industry. Everyone I have worked with have been so accepting and supportive. It's refreshing for them to see a woman on-site."

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from the editor

Welcome to the latest edition of Just Cromer as lockdown begins to lift and the seasons begin to change.

Does anything say "summer's here" more than tennis? The happy twang of racket on ball is now bouncing around Cromer's long-standing lawn tennis club after it opened its grass courts. The town is lucky to have such a quality sports facility in its midst - and it's open to everyone. Find out more on page 4.



We've all been appreciating the countryside more during the pandemic. If you love trees, a new group Wild About Trees (page 8) is looking for volunteers - and donations of plants - to help their efforts to improve our roadsides and countryside.

Everyone's missed going to the theatre because of Covid - so it's great to see our local "am dram" group CSODS (page 6) is gearing up for a fun summer production which will provide much-needed funds for a community theatre.

There's lots happening, and we'd love to hear your stories as we move into summer. Keep well and keep in touch.

Tracey

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from the editor

Hello! Flaming June is just around the corner (it may already have arrived by the time you read this) but it looks more like March out there!

Harry at Taverham Mill Nature Reserve says everything is a bit behind this year, and no wonder! But they are gearing up for a busy summer – there's more on page 12.

It's always sad to have bad news to report, but the youngsters at Drayton Youth Football Club have been hit several times by vandals who have damaged their equipment and storage shed. Grassroots clubs such as this one don't have much money and rely on the kindness of parents and supporters when they hit a bump in the road. See if you can help them on page 5.

But there is lots of good news to report, too – from the Taverham High School Rag Week on page 7 to the Draituna Trees group getting out and about tidying our local woodlands on page 12, and the Beaver Cubs being able to get together once more after a long time apart. There are more photos like the one on the cover on page 13.

I hope you enjoy this magazine – there's lots of news in it as usual, so keep sending in your submissions. I look forward to receiving them and I will see you next month when I hope it will have warmed up a bit!

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from the editor

By the time you read this – if all goes to plan – we will be meeting up inside and having a hug with people we haven't been able to be close to for far too long.

The children at Holt Primary are looking further ahead with a plea for buckets, tubs and flowerpots so they can take part in a big musical event to mark a main date on the lockdown roadmap – June 21. Turn to page 5 to see what they are up to – and how you can help them.

It has been a lonely 18 months for many people, but a new addition to Holt Country Park hopes to alleviate that sense of isolation. The Happy to Chat benches (pictured here) are places where you can meet others for a bit of company to pass five minutes or make new friends. Find out more on page 7.

Another sign of life getting back to normal is the return of the Sunday market, with its stalls and food and entertainment. It's a great way of attracting new shoppers to the town and give residents something fun to do on a sunny Sunday. There's more on page 9.

And no doubt local sports fans will be celebrating the return to action at Holt Rugby Club. You can catch up with their news on page 14.

Keep sending in your news and I will see you next month!



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from the editor

One thing I really hate doing is throwing food away, and it was a real eye-opener to learn just how much perfectly good fruit, veg, bread and other foodstuffs end up in landfill. The opening of the town's new community fridge was really good news to hear this month. Anyone can go along and help themselves to what's on offer – there's no need to be in need, and you're doing your bit to cut down on waste. Find out more on page 6.



We are looking forwards and backwards in this edition, with the welcome return of Tim Groves and his column from Sheringham Museum on page 6 and a plea for things to put in a time capsule which will be buried at the Reef leisure centre on page 7.

I wonder how the Tim Groves of 2121 will write about us...? I hope he will say we were kind and friendly, and mention the new Happy to Chat benches which have been put in Pretty Corner Woods so anyone wanting some company can take a seat and have a chat. Turn to page 9 to have a look.

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1.11 Lynn News 27/04/2021

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Stereo equipment seized after noise complaints

Council say equipment will now be destroyed after conclusion of case

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Stereo equipment including an amplifier unit, speakers and sub-woofers were seized from a property in St Nicholas Close, Lynn, and have now been forfeited and will be destroyed following a successful prosecution by West Norfolk Council.

Complaints were received in 2020 regarding the repeated and prolonged playing of loud music from a second-floor flat, which was audible more than 50m away.

An abatement notice was served on November 6. The next day, the notice was breached, witnessed by the council's out-of-hours team.

The noise nuisance continued and, on November 25, a warrant was obtained



Seized stereo equipment from St Nicholas Court in Lynn

from the magistrates' court, and the equipment was seized by council officers on November 27.

Jamie Mitchelson, 53, of

Lynn, did not attend and the court permitted the case to proceed in his absence.

The court ordered £660 fine, plus a victim surcharge

of £66.00, forfeiture of the equipment seized and costs of £2,014.41.

Community safety and neighbourhood nuisance

officer Hannah Marsters said: "We take these matters seriously. This type of anti-social behaviour can be a real blight on people's lives.

"We prefer to try to talk to people to get them to adjust their behaviour so that everyone can enjoy their properties.

"In this instance, there were opportunities to correct the behaviour and comply with the law, but the continued reports of loud music made it clear that the situation wasn't going to improve without court intervention."

Noise nuisance can be reported online by going to west-norfolk.gov.uk and putting noise nuisance into the search box.

To report noise nuisance the address from which the noise is coming must be supplied, along with an explanation of the frequency and type of noise that is causing the nuisance.

Woman pleads brownie spiked

A 20-year-old woman blamed a spiked hash brownie.

Rosie Armstrong-Sanz was over the specified limit for cannabis when she drove in Loke Road, Lynn.

Appearing before town magistrates on Thursday, she pleaded guilty to drug-driving on October 2, 2020.

The offence carries a mandatory minimum driving ban of 12 months but a defendant can put forward a special reasons argument for not being disqualified.

Armstrong-Sanz, of Gillingham, Kent, said she does not drink, smoke or take drugs. She had been given a brownie at a friend's. "I think it must have been spiked," she said.

A test showed that she had 2.2 micrograms of the cannabis metabolite per litre of blood, the limit being two. Unconditional bail was granted as the case was adjourned to September 21.

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1.13 Norwich Evening News 28/04/2021

Norwich Evening News | Wednesday, April 28, 2021

News

No light means no green light for bid to convert offices into flats

A bid to convert a block of city centre offices into flats has hit a snag after being knocked back by the city council.

Plans were lodged earlier this year to use De Vere House, on St Faith's Lane in Norwich, for residential use, more than a year after it was placed on the market for £1.7m.

Three separate applications were submitted to Norwich City Council for the site, for 32, 30 and three flats respectively, across the building's three floors.

However, planners at City Hall have used delegated powers to turn down all three of the proposals as it was judged some of the flats would not receive sufficient sunlight.

In her report refusing the plans, case officer Lara Emerson wrote: "The proposals would not provide adequate natural light in all

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habitable rooms of the dwelling houses."

Richard Divey, the council's public protection officer, raised concerns over how residential properties would sit alongside neighbouring Prince of Wales Road, where much of the city's late night entertainment was.

He did not, however, object to the proposals and offered recommendations of conditions that could be applied.

He said: "This property is in a situation with significant background noise arising from nearby uses.

"Norwich City Council has therefore included measures designed to control noise in the



De Vere House, on St Faith's Lane in Norwich

planning permission for this property."

He added that should the developer return with alternative plans that they provide measures to protect potential occupants from noise pollution, such as acoustic glazing and ventilation.

Were the application to have been approved, it would have been

the latest in a number of residential developments on the horizon for the Prince of Wales Road area, part of the city more associated with nightlife than homes.

In recent weeks, works began to convert the former Mercy nightclub into a housing-led development, while permission

has also been granted to turn the former Alan Boswell offices, also on St Faith's Lane, into flats.

It is not yet known whether Nachmen Leifer, the applicant, will submit an alternative proposal.

Redwood Projects, the planning agent behind the scheme, has been approached for comment.

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1.14 Cover Letter to Stakeholder Organisations Regarding Social Media Posts.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Equinor New Energy Limited – Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extension Projects – Phase Two Consultation

I am contacting you on behalf of Equinor who are proposing to extend the existing Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon windfarms off the Norfolk coast. I spoke over the phone with one of your team members recently about sharing some information around our consultation, as we are trying to engage with as many different organisations and members of the Norfolk community as possible, including the members of your organisation.

Today we are launching our Phase Two Consultation which will run between 29 April and 10 June 2021. Please visit our consultation website and virtual event space to learn more about the projects via [REDACTED]

We would really appreciate if you could share some information about our consultation in an upcoming newsletter, to help us engage with members of your organisation. We have provided an example of what you could write in your newsletter in the attached document, although if you wish to change this into your own style, please feel free to do so.

Alternatively, please find an information poster attached. We would be grateful if you could display this poster to make members of your organisation and the local community aware of our consultation. We have also attached our Phase Two Community Consultation Leaflet if you wish to share that with your members.

Additionally, we have also posted about the launch of our phase two consultation across social media and would appreciate if you could share our posts on your preferred social media, to help us engage with your members. Please click here for our [Twitter](#) post to share at your convenience. We will be in touch soon to share our Facebook post with you. Alternatively, we have drafted some suggested social media posts in the attached document.

Finally, we would be happy to send any hard copies of our documentation to you or your members, so please do get in touch by the details below if this would be of interest.

If you have any questions about our phase two consultation, or our proposals for the Extension Projects, please get in touch using the communication lines below.

Email: info@sepandddep.co.uk
Freephone: 0808 1963 673
Freepost: FREEPOST DUDGEON AND SHERINGHAM EXT

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards,

Rebecca
Community Relations

1.15 Local Information Points Poster



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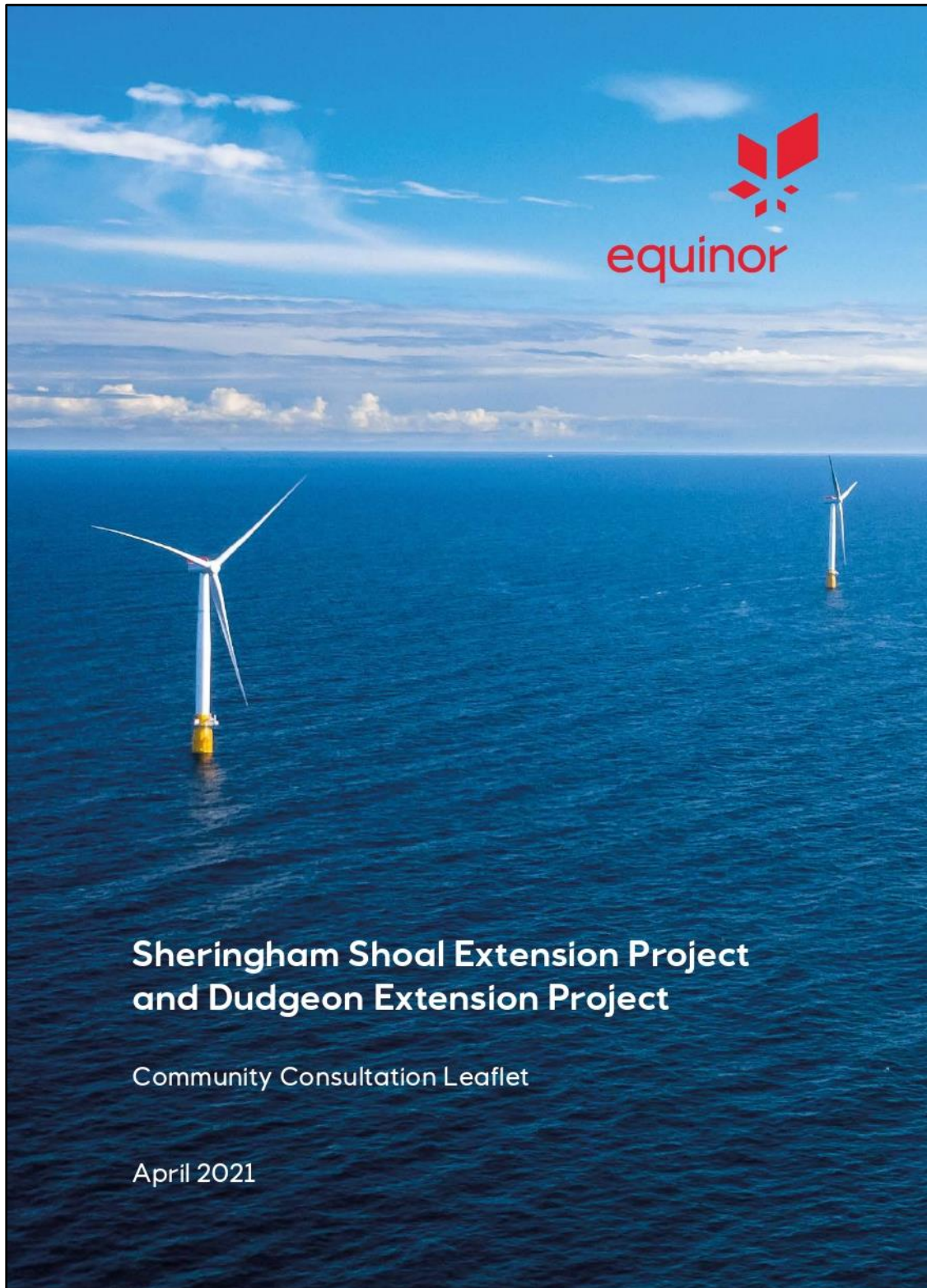
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2 Phase Two Section 47 Community Consultation Leaflet (April 2021)

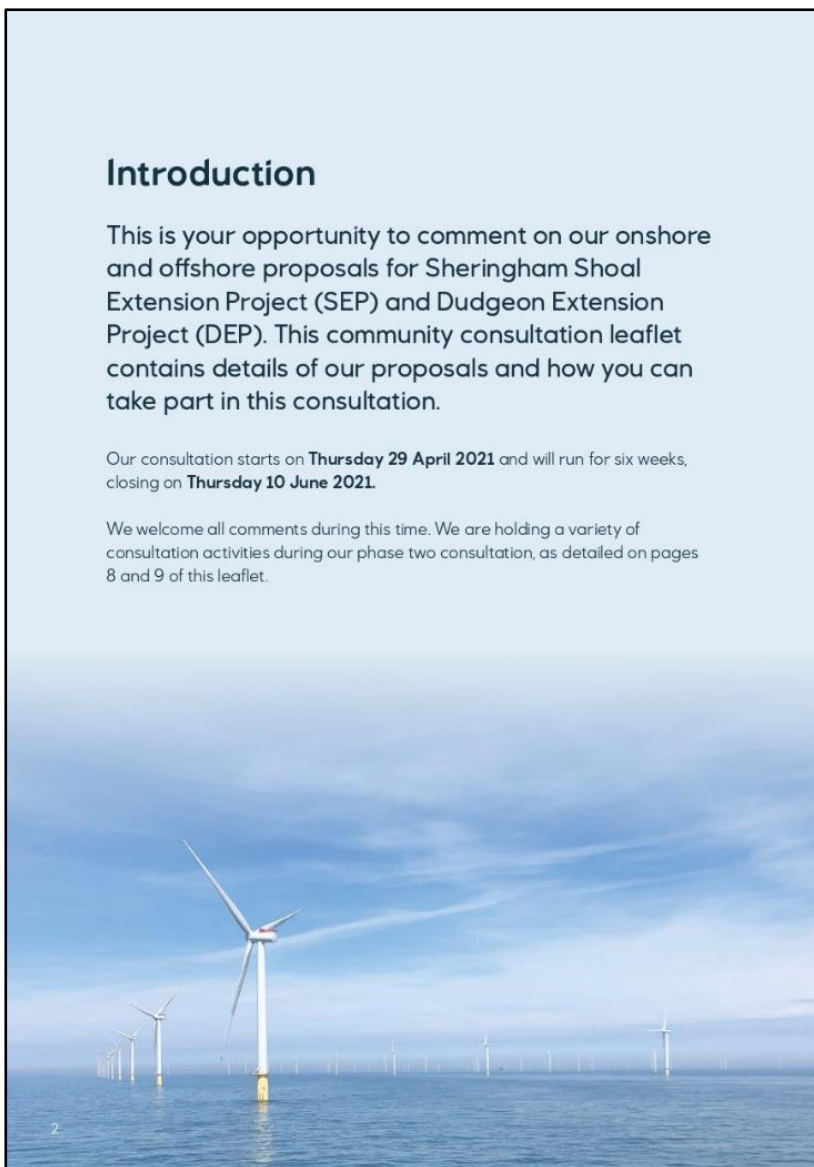


Introduction

This is your opportunity to comment on our onshore and offshore proposals for Sheringham Shoal Extension Project (SEP) and Dudgeon Extension Project (DEP). This community consultation leaflet contains details of our proposals and how you can take part in this consultation.

Our consultation starts on **Thursday 29 April 2021** and will run for six weeks, closing on **Thursday 10 June 2021**.

We welcome all comments during this time. We are holding a variety of consultation activities during our phase two consultation, as detailed on pages 8 and 9 of this leaflet.



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Sheringham Shoal Extension Project and Dudgeon Extension Project

Equinor is the operator of the existing Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farms and is now proposing to extend these assets on behalf of their two operational partnerships. SEP and DEP will be located off the coast of North Norfolk, adjacent to the operational windfarms, and will help the UK to address climate change and reach its target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

We will apply for a joint Development Consent Order (DCO) which will be determined by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). Submission of the joint DCO is indicatively planned for the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2021.



We are investigating offshore generating areas of up to 196 kilometres squared in total, where up to **56 turbines** could be located.



We have been offered a grid connection at **Norwich Main Substation** by National Grid. A site for the onshore substation in the vicinity of the existing National Grid Norwich Main Substation is currently being identified.



We are seeking to minimise potential impacts on the **community and the environment** by adopting a shared onshore footprint for SEP and DEP.



SEP and DEP could generate enough electricity to power **820,000 UK homes**.



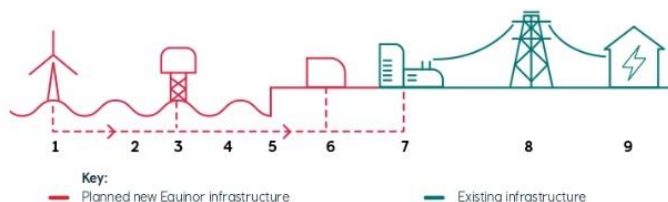
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Components of a typical offshore wind farm

The graphic below provides an overview of the typical components of an offshore wind farm.

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| 1. Offshore wind turbines and interarray cables | 6. Equinor onshore substation(s) |
| 2. Interlink cables | 7. Existing National Grid Substation |
| 3. Offshore substation(s) (Alternating Current (AC)) | 8. Existing National Grid power lines |
| 4. Offshore export cables | 9. UK homes |
| 5. Cable landfall and onshore export cables | |



About Equinor

Equinor is a broad energy company that has been operating in the UK for over 35 years and is the UK's largest energy supplier.

In the UK, we currently power around 750,000 homes through our three wind farms: Sheringham Shoal, Dudgeon, and the world's first floating wind farm, Hywind Scotland.

As a key contributor to the UK's efforts to meet its net zero carbon target, Equinor is leading the way in decarbonisation. Equinor supports the UK economy, investing billions of pounds in crucial energy infrastructure, employing over 650 people based in the UK, and working with over 700 suppliers across the country.

Equinor's plans for SEP and DEP will double its offshore wind capacity off the coast of Norfolk. Equinor will also operate Dogger Bank, the largest offshore wind farm in the world, off the North East coast of England. When complete it will be capable of generating around 5% of the UK's electricity demand.

Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm and Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm



Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm is owned by Equinor, Masdar and China Resources. **Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm** is owned by Equinor, Equitix and Green Investment Group.



Both wind farms have established community funds of **£100,000** per year which in total have awarded over **£1 million** to projects in Norfolk.



The funds were set up to provide grants to **Norfolk community groups**, including schools and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), seeking financial assistance for initiatives that focus on renewable energy, marine environment and safety, sustainability, or education.

Supporting coordination in offshore wind

The UK Government has set a target of reaching net zero by 2050, with the goal of producing 40 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind by 2030 to support this aim. However, they have also recognised the need to balance these goals with the desire for greater coordination in the sector.

Equinor is fully supportive of efforts for greater coordination and we are continuing to work with trade body RenewableUK, the teams at the Department for BEIS, Ofgem and National Grid, to feed into the Government's ongoing Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR).

Our preferred option is to develop SEP and DEP as an integrated project, with an integrated grid option, providing electrical infrastructure which services both wind farms. This strategic approach will particularly benefit the planning and construction of the electrical infrastructure system, and is likely to reduce the overall environmental impact, as well as responding to concerns regarding the lack of a holistic approach to offshore wind development in general.

However, because each project has different ownership, a separated grid option (i.e. infrastructure which allows each project to transmit electricity separately) will allow SEP and DEP to be constructed in a phased approach, if necessary. Therefore, the DCO application will seek consent for alternative development scenarios, including the development of either SEP or DEP in isolation, or both SEP and DEP developed together, either at the same time or one after the other.

To find out more about how Equinor is supporting offshore wind industry coordination, please visit our virtual exhibition.




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The consultation process

SEP and DEP each have an expected generating capacity greater than 100 MW and as such are classified as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).

We must therefore apply for a DCO through the NSIP planning process. The DCO application will be dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), the agency responsible for managing the examination process for NSIPs. If accepted, it will then be examined by an independent Examining Authority Panel, which 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.

To develop our proposals, we have considered:

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 Feedback from statutory consultees such as your local council, local representatives, local interest groups and residents throughout our consultation area.
- 
 Feedback from community members interested in the onshore substation, landfall search area, onshore cable corridor, and offshore proposals.
- 
 Findings from environmental, technical and feasibility studies.

Since May 2018, we have undertaken a series of environmental studies and assessments as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process. These have informed the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which is available as part of our phase two consultation.

During this consultation, **between Thursday 29 April and Thursday 10 June 2021**, we are inviting you to provide feedback on our refined proposals. This is your opportunity to influence the project prior to submitting our DCO application at the end of 2021.

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Viewing and commenting on our proposals

From **Thursday 29 April**, all consultation documents, the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and associated plans, maps and reports will be available electronically on the SEP and DEP website.

You can access our consultation material and provide your views in the following ways:



Virtual exhibition: visit our virtual exhibition to view information about SEP and DEP. Go to our consultation website or visit event.sepanddep.co.uk.



Consultation website: our consultation website is live for you to find out more information about SEP and DEP and to provide your feedback online at sepanddep.commonplace.is.



By post: you can also fill out the feedback form included with this leaflet and post it back to us free of charge using the envelope provided.



You can also **email us, call us or write to us** using the details on the back page of this leaflet.

Consultation accessibility and requesting consultation documents

If you wish to read our PEIR in full and do not have access to the internet, we will send you a USB preloaded with all our PEIR documentation. Additionally, we can send hard copies of phase two consultation documentation, such as the PEIR non-technical summary, PEIR boundary plans, virtual exhibition boards, and our consultation leaflet and feedback form.

Consultation documents are also available in large print, audio or braille. Hard copies of the totality of PEIR chapters are also available if required, for a set charge.

Please get in touch via the contact details on the back of this leaflet to enquire about PEIR USBs or other hard copy documentation.

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Community Q&As

We are holding a series of virtual Q&A sessions during our phase two consultation period to provide you with the opportunity to learn about our proposals from the project team and ask them your questions.

These events will be themed around different aspects of our proposals that have been highlighted by the community as important. However, if you are unable to attend your preferred event, your questions will be answered at any session.

The Q&As will be held through an accessible online platform, with the option for attendees to dial in via phone. The Q&As will be attended by the SEP and DEP project team, and presentations on the Q&A topics are available to watch via our consultation website prior to the Q&A.

A detailed step-by-step guide for how to access our community webinars, along with webinar links, telephone dial-in details and topic presentations, is available on our consultation website: sepanddep.commonplace.is

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If you have any questions about our community Q&As, please get in touch via the contact details on the back of this leaflet.

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What we are consulting on

During our formal consultation, we are seeking your feedback on our proposals to help us refine them further, prior to the submission of our DCO application at the end of 2021. This includes our environmental survey and assessment work, proposed mitigation solutions and project infrastructure proposals.

Key areas we are requesting your feedback on include:

- Refinement of the 200 metres wide onshore cable corridor
- Our preferred options for onshore construction compound locations
- Refinement of the landfall working area
- Landfall cable corridor routing proposals
- Shortlisted onshore substation site options
- Onshore substation access options
- Offshore array area and seascape views



Figure 1: Map showing SEP and DEP phase two PER onshore boundaries

Onshore cable corridor

We have now identified an onshore cable corridor between landfall and the onshore substation that is typically 200 metres wide, as shown in figure 1. This has been refined after careful consideration of phase one consultation feedback, inputs from landowner discussions, environmental surveys, and engineering studies. For more information on how we have defined our onshore cable corridor, please view our previous updates in our documents library: via our consultation website sepanddep.commonplace.is.

The main principles that have informed the refinement of the onshore cable corridor include:

- avoiding populated areas
- avoiding key sensitive features where possible
- a preference for the shortest route

Following phase two consultation, the onshore cable corridor will be further refined to a width of 60 metres for the DCO application (except for trenchless crossing zones, such as main rivers and A roads where the width will be 100m). This will be informed by phase two consultation feedback, as well as further technical studies and ongoing environmental survey and assessment work.

For the onshore elements of SEP and DEP we are currently exploring opportunities for net gain and will work with stakeholders to identify good projects with the aim of delivering a positive contribution to biodiversity, such as woodland planting, field boundary improvements and grassland habitat restorations as possible measures to achieve this commitment. We are welcoming suggestions on relevant environmental initiatives to assist our aim of reaching biodiversity net gain during this consultation.

Your feedback:

We are asking for your feedback to help us refine this onshore cable corridor further, prior to our DCO application submission. Please provide your feedback on our onshore cable corridor PEIR boundary via our interactive map, where you can search specific locations and pin your comments to the map: sepanddepmap.commonplace.is



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Choosing compound locations

Temporary construction compounds are required to support the onshore cable installation. This will include several secondary compounds along the onshore cable corridor, and up to two main compounds for project offices, welfare facilities, staff parking, and material and equipment storage. In addition, the landfall and substation works would have their own dedicated construction compounds.

We are still in the process of identifying locations for the construction compounds. Key criteria for identifying potential main compound locations include areas with existing infrastructure to reduce the need for initial site establishment works, and suitable access to and from the compounds to reduce disruption to the local road network. The total size of the main compound(s) will be up to 60,000 metres squared, approximately 14.8 acres, however it may be preferable to use two smaller sites, which could potentially reduce traffic impacts from being concentrated in one area. A main compound site selection report, with more details on the criteria used and specific construction compound locations, can be viewed on our virtual exhibition at event.sepanddep.co.uk.

At this stage, a number of secondary compound locations have been identified, and we have also shortlisted four preferred locations for the main compound, from which we will choose up to two main compound locations, as shown in figure 1:

- A1067 Fakenham Road
- A1067 Norwich Road
- Woodforde Farm
- RAF Oulton

Your feedback:

We are asking for your feedback on our four shortlisted sites for the main compound. Additionally, we are welcoming suggestions of additional main compound locations which may be suitable for SEP and DEP. These should be areas larger than 20,000 metres squared, approximately 6.2 acres, with existing hard-standing, located in proximity to the onshore cable corridor.

You can give your feedback through our hardcopy feedback forms or via our consultation website here: sepanddep.commonplace.is



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Onshore substation

Equinor has been offered a grid connection at Norwich Main Substation by National Grid. Following an extensive site selection and refinement process, we have identified two preferred site options for the onshore substation, based on your phase one consultation feedback, and environmental and technical assessment, as shown in figure 2. To find out more on the full site selection process, please visit our virtual exhibition.

A number of factors have influenced the selection of the two preferred sites. Both sites are close to the existing Norwich Main Substation and benefit from existing screening that restricts views from surrounding areas. The sites also allow sufficient space for the Hornsea Project Three connection to Norwich Main Substation.

The onshore substation will require an operational area of up to 6.25 hectares, which will be large enough to accommodate the electrical infrastructure for both SEP and DEP. We will use feedback from our phase two consultation, along with technical, environmental and landscape considerations, to bring forward one site option as part of our DCO application.

As part of our Environmental Impact Assessments, we have carried out a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA). The LVIA has considered the potential visual effects of the onshore substation from a number of viewpoints, which have been agreed with the relevant local authorities and other stakeholders. Visualisations of the onshore substation site options have also been prepared for this consultation from a selection of viewpoints. View our onshore substation photomontages on our virtual exhibition.

Your feedback:

We want to understand your views on our onshore substation proposals, including: the locations of the two site options for the onshore substation; factors to consider in refining our site access proposals; and the onshore substation visualisations.

You can give your feedback through our hardcopy feedback forms or via our consultation website here: sepanddep.commonplace.is



Onshore substation access

Onshore substation access during both construction and operation is an important consideration for determining the final onshore substation location.

Our preferred access option is entering via the existing National Grid Norwich Main Substation access, however this would need to be managed carefully to avoid impacting existing operations at the Norwich Main Substation. Work is ongoing with National Grid to establish the best solution for substation access. As part of this we are also considering the value of other access options, which could be temporary or permanent.

Read more about the onshore substation access proposals in our virtual exhibition. We will refine our proposals using phase two consultation feedback, alongside ongoing technical, environmental and landscape considerations. Our final access proposals may include one access route or a combination of the shortlisted routing options.



Figure 2: Map of shortlisted onshore substation sites.

Landfall

Following our selection of Weybourne as the landfall location we have refined our proposals further. To find out more about how we refined our proposals to this point, please view our previous updates in our documents library on our consultation website: sepanddep.commonplace.is

Since our phase one consultation, through technical assessments and working with local stakeholders, we have identified a preferred landfall location to the west of Weybourne beach car park at the Muckleburgh Military Collection.

This location benefits from favourable conditions for Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) to install cable ducts beneath Weybourne beach, minimising disruption to the shoreline. Additionally, the Muckleburgh landfall location minimises the need for site access works that would otherwise be required for landfall to the east of Weybourne.

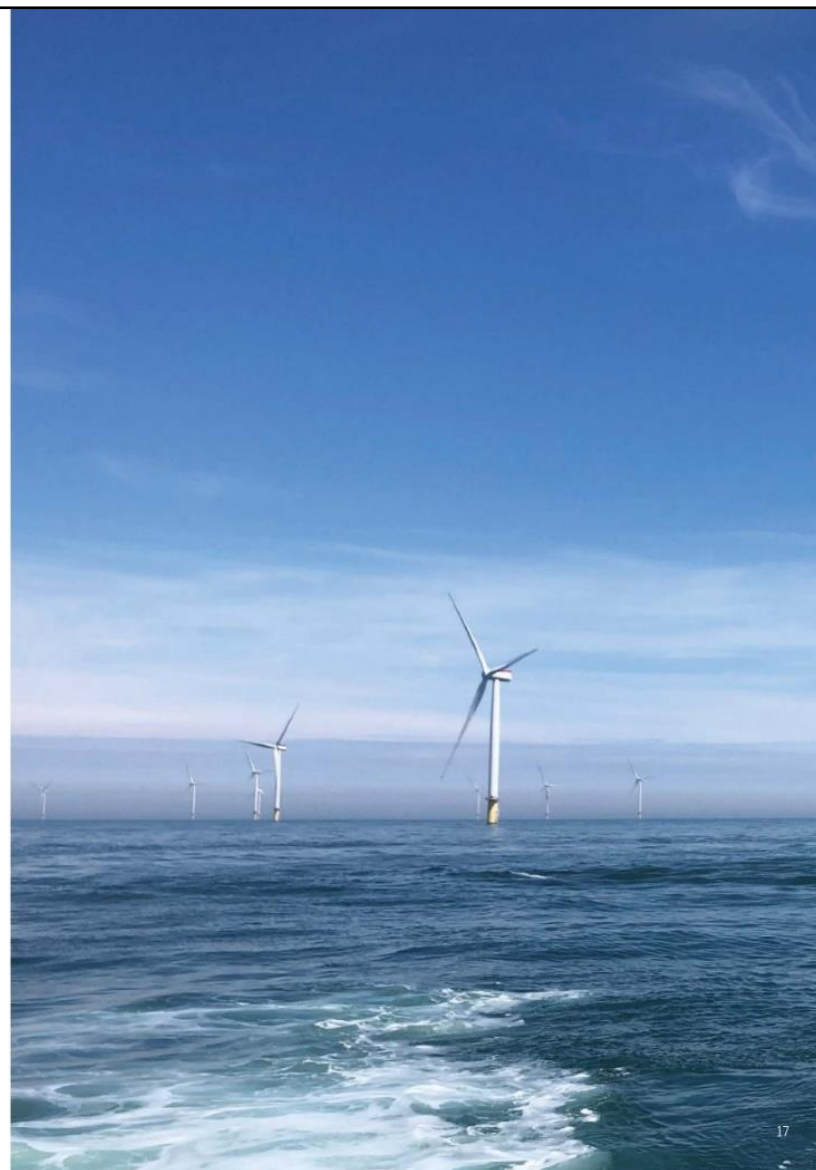
We are in the process of refining the onshore cable corridor routing from Weybourne to Bodham. Our goal is to select the best route from a balance of technical, environmental and landscape considerations, whilst minimising disruption to local communities. Refinement will be based on a balance of technical and environmental considerations, your phase two feedback and further survey results, such as ground conditions surveys.

Currently, we are considering three routing options. For more information about our landfall routing options, please visit our virtual exhibition.

Your feedback:

We want to understand your views on our refined landfall location at the Muckleburgh Military Collection, and what you think is important for us to consider when refining our onshore cable routing options from Weybourne to Bodham.

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Offshore array area and seascape views

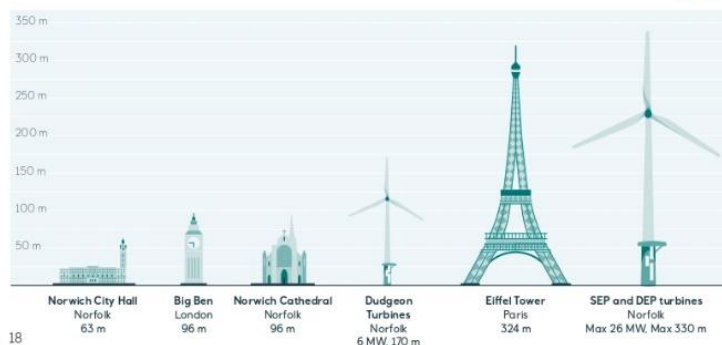
SEP and DEP will be located approximately 14 kilometres (8.7 miles) and 25 kilometres (15.5 miles) offshore at the nearest point to shore, respectively. We are investigating offshore generating areas of up to 196 kilometres squared in total, where 30 to 56 turbines could be located. Each offshore turbine could be between 14 and 26 megawatts (MW) in capacity and be between 246 and 330 metres in height.

A Seascape Visual Impact Assessment (SVIA) has been included in our PEIR. This considers the potential visual effects of SEP and DEP from a number of coastal viewpoints, which have been agreed with the relevant local authorities and other stakeholders. Visualisations of the proposed offshore array areas can be viewed on our virtual exhibition.

Your feedback:

We want to hear your comments on the offshore array area proposals presented as part of our PEIR.

You can give your feedback through our hardcopy feedback forms or via our consultation website here: sepanddep.commonplace.is



Key

- Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Site
- Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension Site
- Offshore Cable Corridors
- Existing Offshore Wind Farm

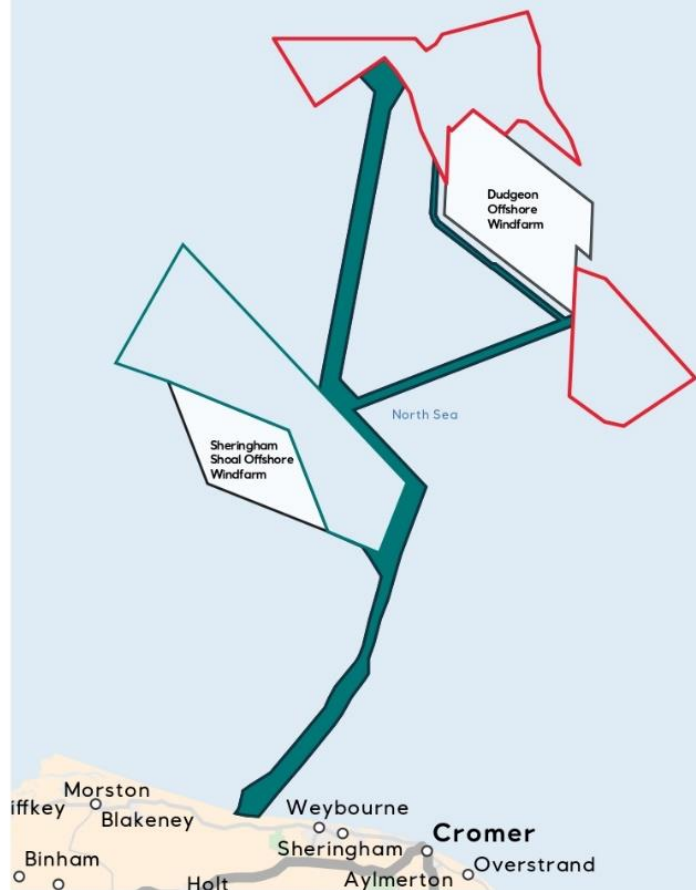


Figure 3: Map of offshore proposals for SEP and DEP

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process

EIA is a process to allow stakeholders and the community to develop an informed view of the impacts that a proposed development may have, both on the environment and on people. Impacts can be positive or negative and it is our responsibility to seek to enhance positive impacts and reduce negative impacts. Reducing negative impacts can be achieved through project design decisions (also known as embedded mitigation) and also through proposing additional mitigation measures to avoid impacts or reduce them to acceptable levels.

The preliminary EIA findings for SEP and DEP are reported within the PEIR, which is being consulted on as part of our formal phase two consultation.

The PEIR has been informed by site specific surveys, desk based studies, and consultation with relevant stakeholders. All potential impacts of the construction, operation and decommissioning of SEP and DEP have been identified across a wide range of onshore and offshore topics, and an assessment made on the significance of each potential impact.

You can view further PEIR documentation via our virtual exhibition including a non-technical summary and the full suite of PEIR technical documents.

Additionally, as the full PEIR is a large and technical document, we have provided summaries of some of the key chapters in our virtual exhibition.

Visit our virtual exhibition and view the PEIR here: event.sepanddep.co.uk



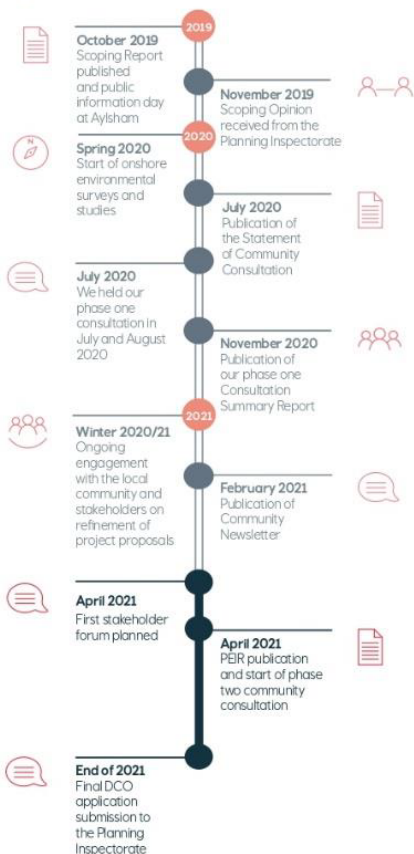
Our consultation process

We have been inviting feedback from the community throughout the development of SEP and DEP.

We will have held two phases of community consultation to help inform the development of our plans for SEP and DEP before we submit our DCO application.

Following phase two consultation, we will continue to engage with the community. We will publish a Consultation Summary Report, outlining the feedback received at phase two consultation and how we have considered this. We will also continue to hold stakeholder forums with key parish councils to help us continue to refine our proposals.

To apply for planning permission for SEP and DEP, we are required to submit an application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate. As part of our DCO application we will submit a comprehensive Consultation Report which records and reports all of the feedback we have received, and how our final application has had regard to this.



Stay informed

Community Liaison Officer



All our communication channels overleaf remain open for you to get in touch and ask any questions. You can also contact our Community Liaison Officer (CLO), Nigel Tompkins, who is based locally and available to answer any questions about SEP and DEP.

Should you wish to speak to Nigel or meet with him, please contact him using the details below.

 **Email:** [Redacted]

 **Telephone:** [Redacted]

Landowner interests

If you are a landowner, have an interest in any of the land which interacts with our proposals, or if you have any questions relating to land interests in the area, please contact the SEP and DEP Land Team at Dalcour Maclaren by:

 **Calling:** 01869 352725

 **Emailing:** equinorukextensions@dalcourmaclaren.com

 **Alternatively, you can write to Simon Hinchliffe or Rhiannon Price at:**
Dalcour Maclaren, 1 Staplehurst Farm, Weston on the Green, Oxfordshire, OX25 3QU

Contact us

You can get in touch with our community relations team at any time by any of the methods below:



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3 Phase Two Section 47 Community Consultation Materials

3.1 Phase Two Feedback Form

Sheringham Shoal Extension Project and Dudgeon Extension Project Phase Two Consultation Feedback Form







Formal Consultation: Thursday 29 April to Thursday 10 June 2021

We want to hear your thoughts on our proposals.

We invite you to view and provide feedback on our latest proposals for Sheringham Shoal Extension Project (SEP) and Dudgeon Extension Project (DEP), which can be accessed in our virtual exhibition at event.sepanddep.co.uk.

If you do not have computer or internet access, please let us know, and we can arrange to send you hard copies of phase two consultation documentation, such as the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) Non-Technical Summary, PEIR boundary plans, virtual exhibition boards, and our consultation leaflet and feedback form. We can also send you a USB preloaded with all our PEIR documentation. Hard copies of PEIR chapters are also available if required, for a set charge.

You can provide feedback using this form, through our consultation website, or contacting us by email, freephone or freepost:

-  Access our consultation website directly at sepanddep.commonplace.is
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Please note that the deadline for the submission of feedback is **11.59pm on Thursday 10 June 2021**.

If you are a landowner, have an interest in any of the land which interacts with our proposals, or if you have any questions relating to land interests in the area, please contact the Dudgeon and Sheringham Extension Projects Land Team at Dalcour Maclaren by calling **01869 352 725** or by emailing equinor.ukextensions@dalcourmaclaren.com. Alternatively, you can write to Simon Hinchliffe or Rhiannon Price at **Dalcour Maclaren, 1 Staplehurst Farm, Weston on the Green, Oxfordshire, OX25 3QU**.

You do not have to supply personal details, however, it will help us to work towards meeting the needs of the public during the consultation period and enable us to contact you regarding the SEP and DEP. Your personal details will be stored in compliance with GDPR by Counter Context, acting on behalf of Equinor New Energy Limited and will not be shared with third parties.

About you

Name: Title: Date:

Organisation: (if applicable)

Address:

Postcode: Telephone:

E-mail address:

More about you

Q1: How would you describe your interest in SEP and DEP?

Local resident
 Local representative
 Landowner
 Local business owner
 Regular visitor
 Local interest group member (if so, please name)
 Statutory organisation
 Other (please specify):

Our consultation process

Q2: How did you find out about this consultation?

I received a leaflet
 I saw it advertised in the media
 I saw it advertised on social media
 Via a local community group
 Word of mouth
 Other (please specify):

Q3: Have you visited our virtual exhibition or consultation website to view information about SEP and DEP?

Yes
 No
 (please access our virtual exhibition space at event.sepanddep.co.uk)

Q4: How informative did you find our virtual exhibition and/or our consultation materials?

Very informative
 Quite informative
 Not informative
 No opinion

Q5: Do you think there is anything we can improve about our consultation?

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General

Q6: Based on the information presented in our virtual exhibition, the PEIR and other consultation materials, what are your views on SEP and DEP?

I strongly support SEP and DEP
 I support SEP and DEP
 I am neither supportive nor unresponsive
 I do not support SEP and DEP
 I strongly oppose SEP and DEP

Our onshore and offshore proposals

In order to answer these questions, you may find it useful to view information on SEP and DEP via our consultation website, which can be accessed at sepanddep.commonplace.is where you can also provide your feedback.

Electricity generated by SEP and DEP offshore will be brought ashore via subsea cables and will reach the coastline at Weybourne. They will then be installed in a trench heading south towards our new onshore substation near to the existing National Grid Norwich Main Substation.

As part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application, SEP and DEP will have a shared point of connection at the National Grid Norwich Main Substation and will have a shared onshore project footprint in order to minimise potential impacts on the community and environment.

During our formal consultation, we are seeking your feedback on our proposals to help us refine them further, prior to the submission of our DCO application at the end of 2021. This includes our environmental survey and assessment work, proposed mitigation solutions and project infrastructure proposals.

Key areas we are requesting your feedback on include:

- Refinement of the 200 metres wide onshore cable corridor
- Our preferred options for onshore construction compound locations
- Refinement of the landfill working area
- Landfall cable corridor routing proposals
- Shortlisted onshore substation site options
- Onshore substation access options
- Offshore array area and seascape views

In addition, we would like to further develop and refine the mitigation measures proposed for potential impacts identified within the PEIR. This includes feedback on the following topic areas:

- Agriculture, recreation and local amenities – such as locally important public rights of way and other recreational sites of local value
- Archaeology and local heritage
- Ecology and nature conservation – including opportunities for biodiversity net gain
- Fisheries and potential impacts to the local fishing industry
- Landscape and visual impacts – from both onshore and offshore elements
- Noise impacts during construction
- Tourism and the local economy
- Traffic and access during construction
- Water resources and flood risk
- Other – any other issues, concerns or topics of interest that are important to you and your community

Questions continue overleaf

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Landfall

Please visit our virtual exhibition to learn more about our proposals for SEP and DEP at landfall, via event.sepanddep.co.uk.

Since our phase one consultation, through technical and environmental assessments and working with a wide range of stakeholders, our proposals have been refined to present a preferred landfall location to the west of Weybourne beach car park at the Muckleburgh Military Collection, and a preliminary landfall working area that will be refined to a construction working area of approximately 3 hectares.

We are in the process of refining the onshore cable corridor routing from Weybourne to Bodham. Our goal is to select the best route from a balance of technical, environmental and landscape considerations, whilst minimising disruption to local communities. Refinement will be based on a balance of technical and environmental considerations, your phase two feedback and further survey results, such as ground conditions surveys.

We are currently assessing three options for the cable routing to Bodham, and you can read more via our virtual exhibition.

Q7: Do you have any comments on our preferred landfall location, and the routing of onshore cables out of Weybourne?

We will use feedback from our phase two consultation, along with technical, environmental and landscape considerations, to refine our proposals at this location.

Q8: Which aspects of SEP and DEP are important to you as we refine our landfall proposals?

We will use feedback from our phase two consultation, along with technical, environmental and landscape considerations, to refine our proposals at this location.

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Please elaborate on the impacts or effects that you are concerned about using the textbox below. If your comments relate to a specific location, please let us know. Alternatively, you can also comment on a specific location via our consultation website:

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Onshore cable corridor

Please visit our virtual exhibition to learn more about our onshore cable corridor proposals for SEP and DEP, via event.sepanddep.co.uk.

We have now identified an onshore cable corridor between landfall and the onshore substation area that is typically 200 metres wide. This has been refined after careful consideration of phase one consultation feedback, inputs from landowner discussions, environmental surveys, and engineering studies.

Following phase two consultation, the onshore cable corridor will be further refined to a width of 60 metres for the DCO application (except for trenchless crossing zones, such as main rivers and A roads where the width will be 100m). We are asking for your feedback to help us refine the onshore cable corridor prior to our DCO application submission.

For the onshore elements of SEP and DEP, we will work with stakeholders to identify good projects with the aim of delivering a positive contribution to biodiversity, such as woodland planting, field boundary improvements and grassland habitat restoration.

Q9: Which aspects of SEP and DEP are important to you as we further refine our proposals for the onshore cable corridor?

Please tick all that apply:

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We are also investigating local environmental initiatives along the onshore cable corridor that are looking for support, to assist our aim of delivering a positive contribution to biodiversity. Please suggest any relevant initiatives below.

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Onshore construction compounds

Temporary construction compounds are required to support the onshore cable installation. This will include several secondary compounds along the onshore cable corridor, and up to two main compounds for project offices, welfare facilities, staff parking, and material and equipment storage. In addition, the landfill and substation works would have their own dedicated construction compounds.

We are still in the process of identifying locations for the construction compounds. Key criteria for identifying potential main compound locations include areas with existing infrastructure to reduce the need for initial site establishment works, and suitable access to and from the compounds to reduce disruption to the local road network. The total size of the main compound(s) will be up to 60,000 metres squared, approximately 14.8 acres, however it may be preferable to use two smaller sites, which could potentially reduce traffic impacts from being concentrated in one area.

A main compound site selection report, with more details on the criteria used and specific construction compound locations, can be viewed on our virtual exhibition at event.sepanddep.co.uk. At this stage, a number of secondary compound locations have been identified, and we have also shortlisted four preferred locations for the main compound, from which we will choose up to two main compound locations:

- A1067 Fakenham Road
- Woodforde Farm
- A1067 Norwich Road
- RAF Oulton

We are asking for your feedback on our four shortlisted sites for the main compound. Additionally, we are welcoming suggestions of additional main compound locations which may be suitable for SEP and DEP. These should be areas larger than 20,000 metres squared, with existing hard-standing, located in proximity to the onshore cable corridor.

Q10: Do you have any additional information or feedback on our four shortlisted sites for us to consider as we select our final one or two main compound locations?

- No, there is nothing further to consider
 Yes, there are further matters to consider

If yes, please elaborate any further matters that should be considered when selecting our main compound location(s).

Please also feel free to add any alternative sites which are larger than 20,000 metres squared with hardstanding areas that are in close proximity to the cable corridor.

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Onshore substation

Please visit our virtual exhibition to learn more about our onshore substation proposals, via event.sepanddep.co.uk

Equinor has been offered a grid connection at Norwich Main Substation by National Grid. Following an extensive site selection and refinement process, we have identified two preferred site options for the onshore substation, based on your phase one consultation feedback, and environmental and technical assessment. To read more on the full site selection process, please visit our virtual exhibition.

The onshore substation will require an operational area of up to 6.25 hectares, which will be large enough to accommodate the electrical infrastructure for both SEP and DEP. We will use feedback from our phase two consultation, along with technical, environmental and landscape considerations, to bring forward one site option as part of our DCO application.

As part of our Environmental Impact Assessments, we have carried out a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA). The LVIA has considered the potential visual effects of the onshore substation area from a number of viewpoints, which have been agreed with the relevant local authorities and other stakeholders. Visualisations of the onshore substation site options have also been prepared for this consultation from a selection of viewpoints. View our onshore substation photomontages on our virtual exhibition.

Q11: Do you have any comments on our onshore substation visualisations and photomontages, as presented in our PEIR?

After viewing our onshore substation visualisations, please comment on any aspects of the design and/or mitigation solutions that you would like to see in the onshore substation.

Q12: Which aspects of SEP and DEP are important to you as we select and design our preferred onshore substation site?

Please tick all that apply

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Onshore substation access

Please visit our virtual exhibition to learn more about our substation site access options, via event.sepanddep.co.uk.

Substation access during both construction and operation is an important consideration for determining the final onshore substation location, including concerns about traffic disruption for local residents.

Our preferred access option is entering via the existing National Grid Norwich Main Substation access, however this would need to be managed carefully to avoid impacting existing operations at the Norwich Main Substation. Work is ongoing with National Grid to establish the best solution for substation access. As part of this we are also considering the value of other access options, which could be temporary or permanent.

We will refine our proposals using phase two consultation feedback, alongside ongoing technical, environmental and landscape considerations. Our final access proposals may include one access route or a combination of the shortlisted routing options.

Q13: Do you have any comments on what it is important for us to consider when refining our onshore substation access options?

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| <input type="radio"/> Water resources and flood risk | <input type="radio"/> Other (please detail) | | |

Please elaborate on any important factors for us to take into consideration when refining our access options. This local knowledge and expertise, alongside ongoing technical, environmental and landscape considerations, will help us select preferred access options as part of our DCO application.

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Offshore array area and seascape views

Please visit our virtual exhibition to learn more about our offshore array area proposals for SEP and DEP, via event.sepanddep.co.uk.

SEP and DEP will be located approximately 14 km (8.7 miles) and 25 km (15.5 miles) offshore at the nearest point to shore, respectively. We are investigating offshore generating areas of up to 196 kilometres squared in total, where 30 to 56 turbines could be located. Each offshore turbine could be between 14 and 26 megawatts (MW) in capacity and be between 246 and 330 metres in height.

A Seascape Visual Impact Assessment (SVIA) has been included in our PEIR. This considers the potential visual effects of SEP and DEP from a number of coastal viewpoints, which have been agreed with the relevant local authorities and other stakeholders. Visualisations of the proposed offshore array areas can be viewed on our virtual exhibition.

Q14: Do you have any comments on our offshore array area proposals presented as part of our PEIR?

Q15: Which aspects of SEP and DEP are important to you as we refine our offshore proposals?

Please tick all that apply.

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Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

The preliminary EIA findings for SEP and DEP are reported within the PEIR, which is being consulted on as part of our formal phase two consultation.

The PEIR has been informed by a combination of site specific surveys, desk based studies, consultation and site specific surveys. All potential impacts of the construction, operation and decommissioning of SEP and DEP have been identified across a wide range of onshore and offshore topics.

An Environmental Statement (ES) will be prepared detailing the finalised EIA findings for SEP and DEP and will be informed by stakeholder responses to the PEIR during this consultation. The ES will accompany the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) and will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) later in 2021.

Q16: Do you have comments on the approach to the EIA undertaken to date?

In addition, we would like feedback to further develop and refine the mitigation measures proposed for potential impacts identified within the PEIR.

The full suite of PEIR documents, along with a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the full PEIR, which summarises the key findings of our surveys and assessments, is available to view online at sepanddep.commonplace.is

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Traffic and transport

We are working with Norfolk County Council and Highways England to deliver a Draft Construction Traffic Management Plan. Where possible, we will try to avoid using sensitive roads to reduce traffic on local roads. However, due to the rural nature of the project area, not all sensitive roads can be avoided. Therefore, where possible, we will introduce mitigation options to reduce impacts to the community as much as possible. Preliminary proposed mitigation measures are detailed on our virtual exhibition, at event.sepanddep.co.uk.

Q17: Having viewed our virtual exhibition, and based on your understanding of the area, do you have any comments and/or suggestions to our proposals for traffic management and mitigation measures?

Before commenting, please view our full virtual exhibition board that summarises traffic and transport proposals for SEP and DEP. This is available at event.sepanddep.co.uk

Q18: Do you have any further comments on our proposals for SEP and DEP?

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Q19: We would like to keep you updated on news and activity for SEP and DEP by post and email. If you agree to be contacted via these methods, please tick the relevant boxes below.

If you agree to being contacted, please provide your postal and/or email address in the 'About you' section of this feedback form.

Post

Email

Get in touch

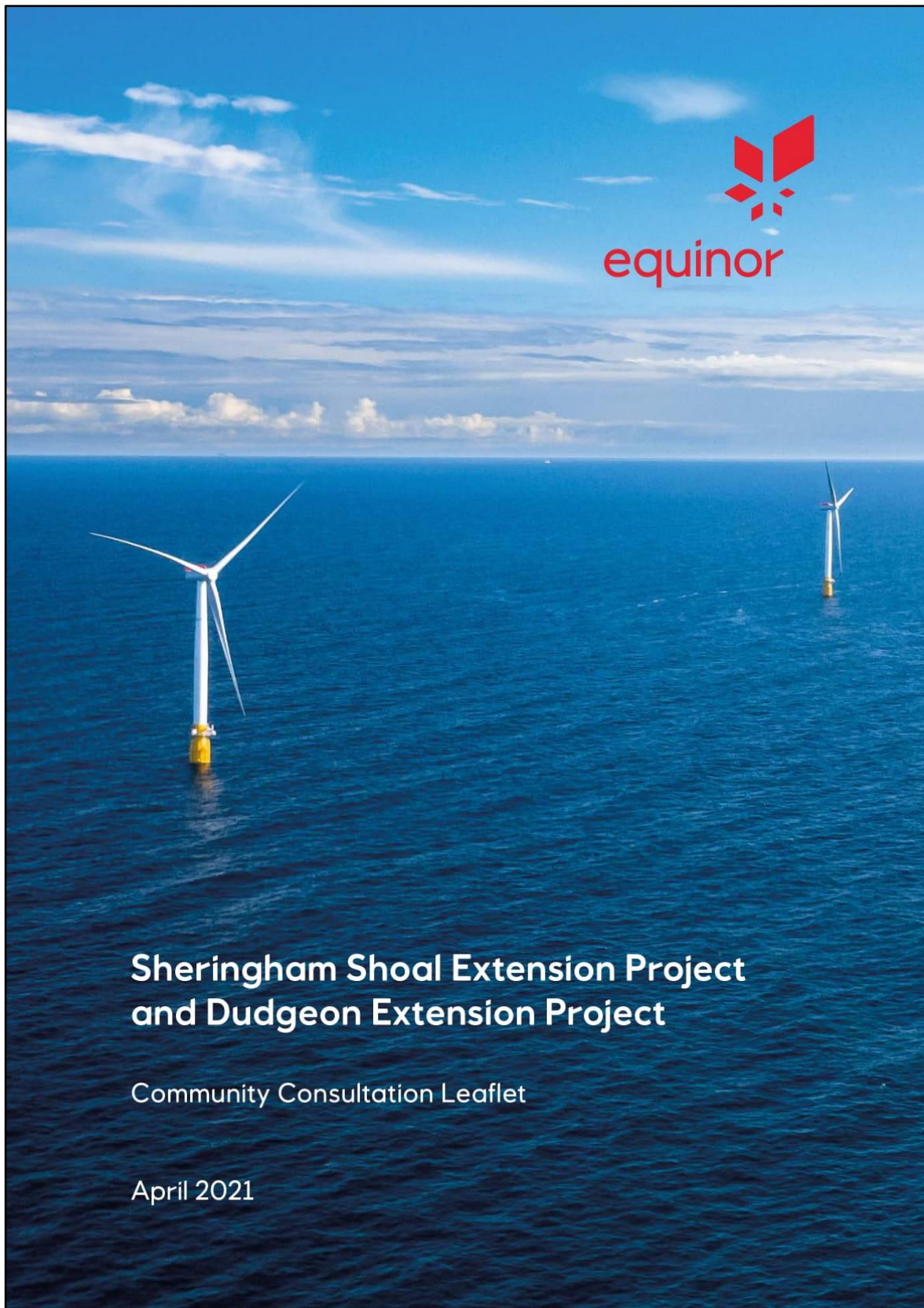
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3.2 Phase Two Consultation Leaflet

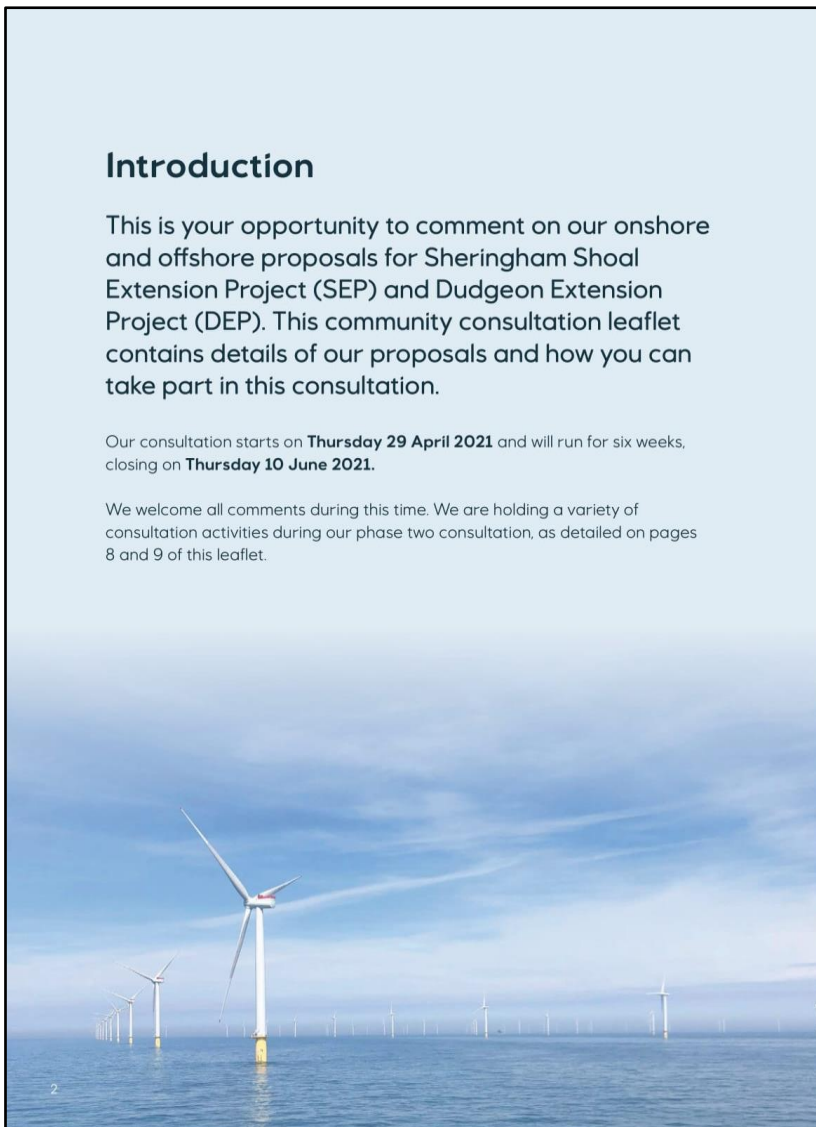


Introduction

This is your opportunity to comment on our onshore and offshore proposals for Sheringham Shoal Extension Project (SEP) and Dudgeon Extension Project (DEP). This community consultation leaflet contains details of our proposals and how you can take part in this consultation.

Our consultation starts on **Thursday 29 April 2021** and will run for six weeks, closing on **Thursday 10 June 2021**.

We welcome all comments during this time. We are holding a variety of consultation activities during our phase two consultation, as detailed on pages 8 and 9 of this leaflet.



Sheringham Shoal Extension Project and Dudgeon Extension Project

Equinor is the operator of the existing Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farms and is now proposing to extend these assets on behalf of their two operational partnerships. SEP and DEP will be located off the coast of North Norfolk, adjacent to the operational windfarms, and will help the UK to address climate change and reach its target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

We will apply for a joint Development Consent Order (DCO) which will be determined by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). Submission of the joint DCO is indicatively planned for the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2021.



We are investigating offshore generating areas of up to **196 kilometres squared** in total, where up to **56 turbines** could be located.



We have been offered a grid connection at **Norwich Main Substation** by National Grid. A site for the onshore substation in the vicinity of the existing National Grid Norwich Main Substation is currently being identified.



We are seeking to minimise potential impacts on the **community and the environment** by adopting a shared onshore footprint for SEP and DEP.



SEP and DEP could generate enough electricity to power **820,000 UK homes**.

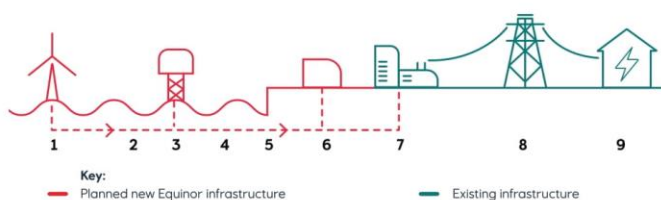


For the onshore elements of SEP and DEP, we will work with stakeholders to identify good projects with the aim of delivering a positive contribution to biodiversity, such as woodland planting, field boundary improvements and grassland habitat restoration.

Components of a typical offshore wind farm

The graphic below provides an overview of the typical components of an offshore wind farm.

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| 1. Offshore wind turbines and interarray cables | 6. Equinor onshore substation(s) |
| 2. Interlink cables | 7. Existing National Grid Substation |
| 3. Offshore substation(s) (Alternating Current (AC)) | 8. Existing National Grid power lines |
| 4. Offshore export cables | 9. UK homes |
| 5. Cable landfall and onshore export cables | |



About Equinor

Equinor is a broad energy company that has been operating in the UK for over 35 years and is the UK's largest energy supplier.


In the UK, we currently power around 750,000 homes through our three wind farms: Sheringham Shoal, Dudgeon, and the world's first floating wind farm, Hywind Scotland.


As a key contributor to the UK's efforts to meet its net zero carbon target, Equinor is leading the way in decarbonisation. Equinor supports the UK economy, investing billions of pounds in crucial energy infrastructure, employing over 650 people based in the UK, and working with over 700 suppliers across the country.

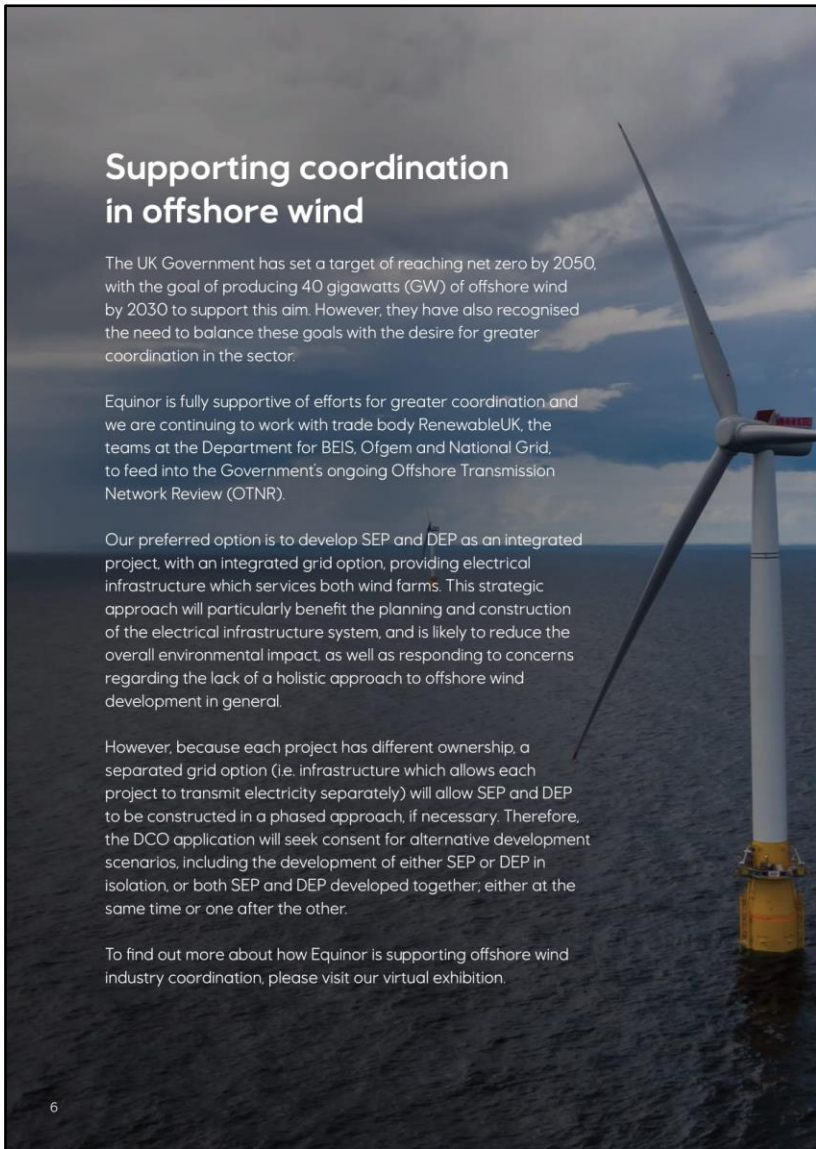
Equinor's plans for SEP and DEP will double its offshore wind capacity off the coast of Norfolk. Equinor will also operate Dogger Bank, the largest offshore wind farm in the world, off the North East coast of England. When complete it will be capable of generating around 5% of the UK's electricity demand.

Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm and Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm

 **Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm** is owned by Equinor, Masdar and China Resources. **Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm** is owned by Equinor, Equitix and Green Investment Group.

 Both wind farms have established community funds of **£100,000** per year which in total have awarded over **£1 million** to projects in Norfolk.

 The funds were set up to provide grants to **Norfolk community groups**, including schools and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), seeking financial assistance for initiatives that focus on renewable energy, marine environment and safety, sustainability, or education.



Supporting coordination in offshore wind

The UK Government has set a target of reaching net zero by 2050, with the goal of producing 40 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind by 2030 to support this aim. However, they have also recognised the need to balance these goals with the desire for greater coordination in the sector.

Equinor is fully supportive of efforts for greater coordination and we are continuing to work with trade body RenewableUK, the teams at the Department for BEIS, Ofgem and National Grid, to feed into the Government's ongoing Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR).

Our preferred option is to develop SEP and DEP as an integrated project, with an integrated grid option, providing electrical infrastructure which services both wind farms. This strategic approach will particularly benefit the planning and construction of the electrical infrastructure system, and is likely to reduce the overall environmental impact, as well as responding to concerns regarding the lack of a holistic approach to offshore wind development in general.

However, because each project has different ownership, a separated grid option (i.e. infrastructure which allows each project to transmit electricity separately) will allow SEP and DEP to be constructed in a phased approach, if necessary. Therefore, the DCO application will seek consent for alternative development scenarios, including the development of either SEP or DEP in isolation, or both SEP and DEP developed together; either at the same time or one after the other.




To find out more about how Equinor is supporting offshore wind industry coordination, please visit our virtual exhibition.

The consultation process

SEP and DEP each have an expected generating capacity greater than 100 MW and as such are classified as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).

We must therefore apply for a DCO through the NSIP planning process. The DCO application will be dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), the agency responsible for managing the examination process for NSIPs. If accepted, it will then be examined by an independent Examining Authority Panel, which 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.

To develop our proposals, we have considered:

-  Feedback from statutory consultees such as your local council, local representatives, local interest groups and residents throughout our consultation area.
-  Feedback from community members interested in the onshore substation, landfall search area, onshore cable corridor, and offshore proposals.
-  Findings from environmental, technical and feasibility studies.

Since May 2018, we have undertaken a series of environmental studies and assessments as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process. These have informed the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which is available as part of our phase two consultation.

During this consultation, **between Thursday 29 April and Thursday 10 June 2021**, we are inviting you to provide feedback on our refined proposals. This is your opportunity to influence the project prior to submitting our DCO application at the end of 2021.

Viewing and commenting on our proposals

From **Thursday 29 April**, all consultation documents, the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and associated plans, maps and reports will be available electronically on the SEP and DEP website.

You can access our consultation material and provide your views in the following ways:



Virtual exhibition: visit our virtual exhibition to view information about SEP and DEP. Go to our consultation website or visit event.sepanddep.co.uk.



Consultation website: our consultation website is live for you to find out more information about SEP and DEP and to provide your feedback online at sepanddep.commonplace.is.



By post: you can also fill out the feedback form included with this leaflet and post it back to us free of charge using the envelope provided.



You can also **email us, call us or write to us** using the details on the back page of this leaflet.

Consultation accessibility and requesting consultation documents

If you wish to read our PEIR in full and do not have access to the internet, we will send you a USB preloaded with all our PEIR documentation. Additionally, we can send hard copies of phase two consultation documentation, such as the PEIR non-technical summary, PEIR boundary plans, virtual exhibition boards, and our consultation leaflet and feedback form.

Consultation documents are also available in large print, audio or braille. Hard copies of the totality of PEIR chapters are also available if required, for a set charge.

Please get in touch via the contact details on the back of this leaflet to enquire about PEIR USBs or other hard copy documentation.

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Community Q&As

We are holding a series of virtual Q&A sessions during our phase two consultation period to provide you with the opportunity to learn about our proposals from the project team and ask them your questions.

These events will be themed around different aspects of our proposals that have been highlighted by the community as important. However, if you are unable to attend your preferred event, your questions will be answered at any session.

The Q&As will be held through an accessible online platform, with the option for attendees to dial in via phone. The Q&As will be attended by the SEP and DEP project team, and presentations on the Q&A topics are available to watch via our consultation website prior to the Q&A.

A detailed step-by-step guide for how to access our community webinars, along with webinar links, telephone dial-in details and topic presentations, is available on our consultation website: sepanddep.commonplace.is

Community Q&A topics and dates

Onshore substation and the grid connection **11 May, at 2pm-3pm**

Landfall **18 May, at 6pm-7pm**

Onshore cable corridor **25 May, at 10am-11am**

Offshore proposals and seascape impacts **27 May, at 6pm-7pm**

Onshore cable corridor **2 June, at 6pm-7pm**



If you have any questions about our community Q&As, please get in touch via the contact details on the back of this leaflet.

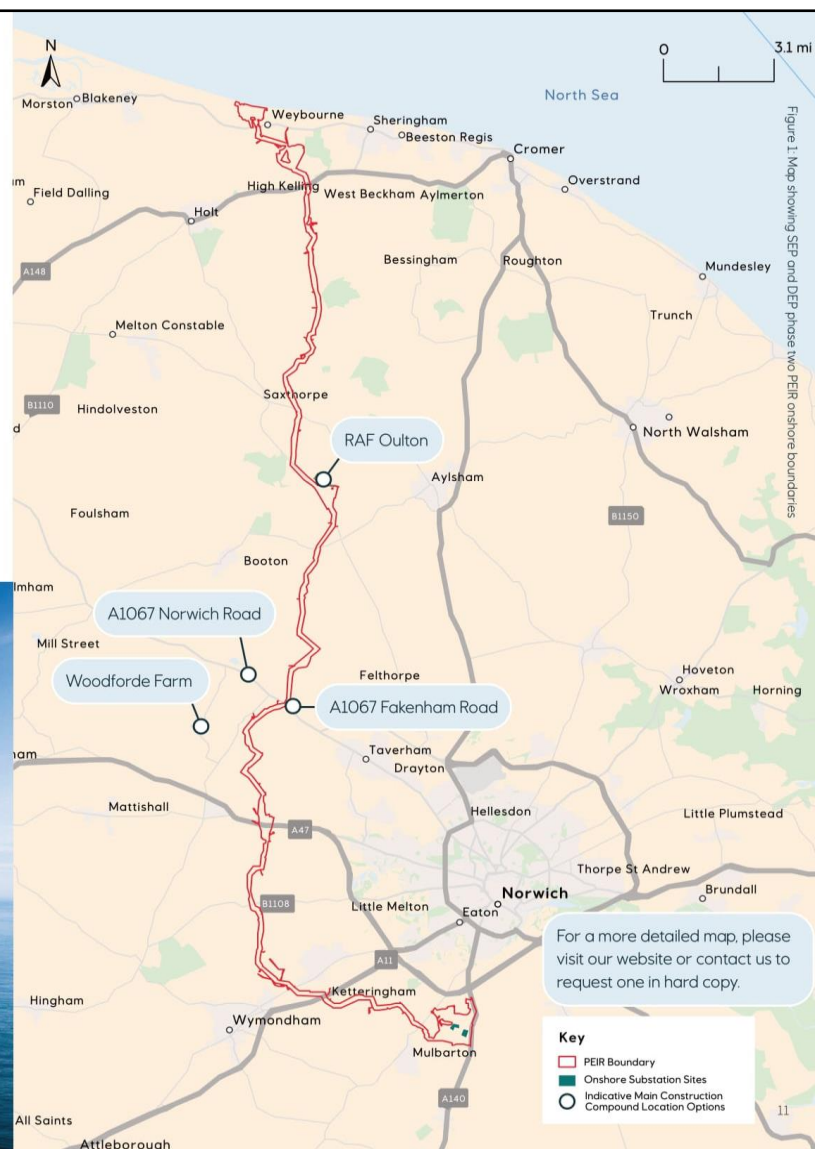
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What we are consulting on

During our formal consultation, we are seeking your feedback on our proposals to help us refine them further, prior to the submission of our DCO application at the end of 2021. This includes our environmental survey and assessment work, proposed mitigation solutions and project infrastructure proposals.

Key areas we are requesting your feedback on include:

- Refinement of the 200 metres wide onshore cable corridor
- Our preferred options for onshore construction compound locations
- Refinement of the landfall working area
- Landfall cable corridor routing proposals
- Shortlisted onshore substation site options
- Onshore substation access options
- Offshore array area and seascape views



Onshore cable corridor

We have now identified an onshore cable corridor between landfall and the onshore substation that is typically 200 metres wide, as shown in figure 1. This has been refined after careful consideration of phase one consultation feedback, inputs from landowner discussions, environmental surveys, and engineering studies. For more information on how we have defined our onshore cable corridor, please view our previous updates in our documents library: via our consultation website sepanddep.commonplace.is.

The main principles that have informed the refinement of the onshore cable corridor include:

- avoiding populated areas
- avoiding key sensitive features where possible
- a preference for the shortest route

Following phase two consultation, the onshore cable corridor will be further refined to a width of 60 metres for the DCO application (except for trenchless crossing zones, such as main rivers and A roads where the width will be 100m). This will be informed by phase two consultation feedback, as well as further technical studies and ongoing environmental survey and assessment work.

For the onshore elements of SEP and DEP we are currently exploring opportunities for net gain and will work with stakeholders to identify good projects with the aim of delivering a positive contribution to biodiversity, such as woodland planting, field boundary improvements and grassland habitat restorations as possible measures to achieve this commitment. We are welcoming suggestions on relevant environmental initiatives to assist our aim of reaching biodiversity net gain during this consultation.

Your feedback:

We are asking for your feedback to help us refine this onshore cable corridor further, prior to our DCO application submission. Please provide your feedback on our onshore cable corridor PEIR boundary via our interactive map, where you can search specific locations and pin your comments to the map: sepanddepmap.commonplace.is

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Choosing compound locations

Temporary construction compounds are required to support the onshore cable installation. This will include several secondary compounds along the onshore cable corridor, and up to two main compounds for project offices, welfare facilities, staff parking, and material and equipment storage. In addition, the landfall and substation works would have their own dedicated construction compounds.

We are still in the process of identifying locations for the construction compounds. Key criteria for identifying potential main compound locations include areas with existing infrastructure to reduce the need for initial site establishment works, and suitable access to and from the compounds to reduce disruption to the local road network. The total size of the main compound(s) will be up to 60,000 metres squared, approximately 14.8 acres, however it may be preferable to use two smaller sites, which could potentially reduce traffic impacts from being concentrated in one area. A main compound site selection report, with more details on the criteria used and specific construction compound locations, can be viewed on our virtual exhibition at event.sepanddep.co.uk.

At this stage, a number of secondary compound locations have been identified, and we have also shortlisted four preferred locations for the main compound, from which we will choose up to two main compound locations, as shown in figure 1:

- A1067 Fakenham Road
- Woodforde Farm
- A1067 Norwich Road
- RAF Oulton

Your feedback:

We are asking for your feedback on our four shortlisted sites for the main compound. Additionally, we are welcoming suggestions of additional main compound locations which may be suitable for SEP and DEP. These should be areas larger than 20,000 metres squared, approximately 6.2 acres, with existing hard-standing, located in proximity to the onshore cable corridor.

You can give your feedback through our hardcopy feedback forms or via our consultation website here: sepanddep.commonplace.is



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Onshore substation

Equinor has been offered a grid connection at Norwich Main Substation by National Grid. Following an extensive site selection and refinement process, we have identified two preferred site options for the onshore substation, based on your phase one consultation feedback, and environmental and technical assessment, as shown in figure 2. To find out more on the full site selection process, please visit our virtual exhibition.

A number of factors have influenced the selection of the two preferred sites. Both sites are close to the existing Norwich Main Substation and benefit from existing screening that restricts views from surrounding areas. The sites also allow sufficient space for the Hornsea Project Three connection to Norwich Main Substation.

The onshore substation will require an operational area of up to 6.25 hectares, which will be large enough to accommodate the electrical infrastructure for both SEP and DEP. We will use feedback from our phase two consultation, along with technical, environmental and landscape considerations, to bring forward one site option as part of our DCO application.

As part of our Environmental Impact Assessments, we have carried out a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA). The LVIA has considered the potential visual effects of the onshore substation from a number of viewpoints, which have been agreed with the relevant local authorities and other stakeholders. Visualisations of the onshore substation site options have also been prepared for this consultation from a selection of viewpoints. View our onshore substation photomontages on our virtual exhibition.

Your feedback:

We want to understand your views on our onshore substation proposals, including: the locations of the two site options for the onshore substation; factors to consider in refining our site access proposals; and the onshore substation visualisations.

You can give your feedback through our hardcopy feedback forms or via our consultation website here: sepandep.commonplace.is

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Onshore substation access

Onshore substation access during both construction and operation is an important consideration for determining the final onshore substation location.

Our preferred access option is entering via the existing National Grid Norwich Main Substation access, however this would need to be managed carefully to avoid impacting existing operations at the Norwich Main Substation. Work is ongoing with National Grid to establish the best solution for substation access. As part of this we are also considering the value of other access options, which could be temporary or permanent.

Read more about the onshore substation access proposals in our virtual exhibition. We will refine our proposals using phase two consultation feedback, alongside ongoing technical, environmental and landscape considerations. Our final access proposals may include one access route or a combination of the shortlisted routing options.

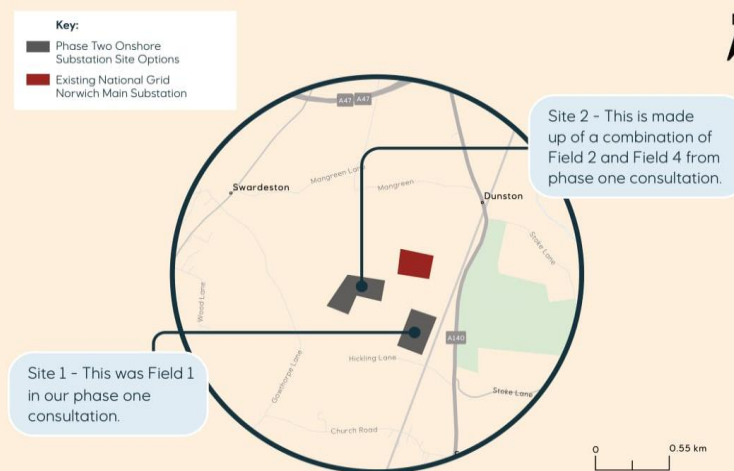


Figure 2: Map of shortlisted onshore substation sites.

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Landfall

Following our selection of Weybourne as the landfall location we have refined our proposals further. To find out more about how we refined our proposals to this point, please view our previous updates in our documents library on our consultation website: sepanddep.commonplace.is

Since our phase one consultation, through technical assessments and working with local stakeholders, we have identified a preferred landfall location to the west of Weybourne beach car park at the Muckleburgh Military Collection.

This location benefits from favourable conditions for Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) to install cable ducts beneath Weybourne beach, minimising disruption to the shoreline. Additionally, the Muckleburgh landfall location minimises the need for site access works that would otherwise be required for landfall to the east of Weybourne.

We are in the process of refining the onshore cable corridor routing from Weybourne to Bodham. Our goal is to select the best route from a balance of technical, environmental and landscape considerations, whilst minimising disruption to local communities. Refinement will be based on a balance of technical and environmental considerations, your phase two feedback and further survey results, such as ground conditions surveys.

Currently, we are considering three routing options. For more information about our landfall routing options, please visit our virtual exhibition.

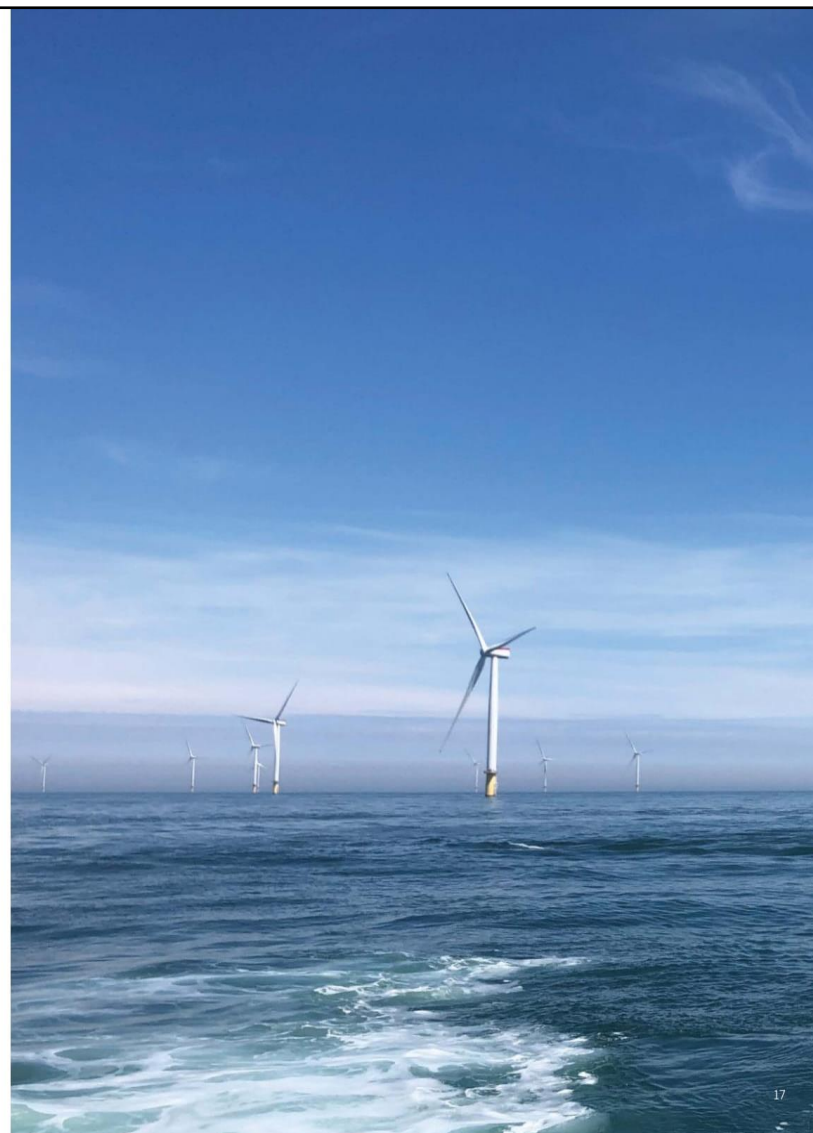
Your feedback:

We want to understand your views on our refined landfall location at the Muckleburgh Military Collection, and what you think is important for us to consider when refining our onshore cable routing options from Weybourne to Bodham.

You can give your feedback through our hardcopy feedback forms or via our consultation website here: sepanddep.commonplace.is



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Offshore array area and seascape views

SEP and DEP will be located approximately 14 kilometres (8.7 miles) and 25 kilometres (15.5 miles) offshore at the nearest point to shore, respectively. We are investigating offshore generating areas of up to 196 kilometres squared in total, where 30 to 56 turbines could be located. Each offshore turbine could be between 14 and 26 megawatts (MW) in capacity and be between 246 and 330 metres in height.

A Seascape Visual Impact Assessment (SVIA) has been included in our PEIR. This considers the potential visual effects of SEP and DEP from a number of coastal viewpoints, which have been agreed with the relevant local authorities and other stakeholders. Visualisations of the proposed offshore array areas can be viewed on our virtual exhibition.

Your feedback:

We want to hear your comments on the offshore array area proposals presented as part of our PEIR.

You can give your feedback through our hardcopy feedback forms or via our consultation website here: sepanddep.commonplace.is

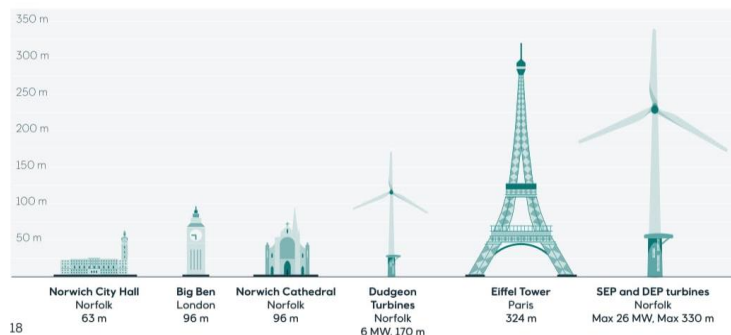


Figure 3: Map of offshore proposals for SEP and DEP

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process

EIA is a process to allow stakeholders and the community to develop an informed view of the impacts that a proposed development may have, both on the environment and on people. Impacts can be positive or negative and it is our responsibility to seek to enhance positive impacts and reduce negative impacts. Reducing negative impacts can be achieved through project design decisions (also known as embedded mitigation) and also through proposing additional mitigation measures to avoid impacts or reduce them to acceptable levels.

The preliminary EIA findings for SEP and DEP are reported within the PEIR, which is being consulted on as part of our formal phase two consultation.

The PEIR has been informed by site specific surveys, desk based studies, and consultation with relevant stakeholders. All potential impacts of the construction, operation and decommissioning of SEP and DEP have been identified across a wide range of onshore and offshore topics, and an assessment made on the significance of each potential impact.

You can view further PEIR documentation via our virtual exhibition including a non-technical summary and the full suite of PEIR technical documents.

Additionally, as the full PEIR is a large and technical document, we have provided summaries of some of the key chapters in our virtual exhibition.

Visit our virtual exhibition and view the PEIR here: event.sepanddep.co.uk



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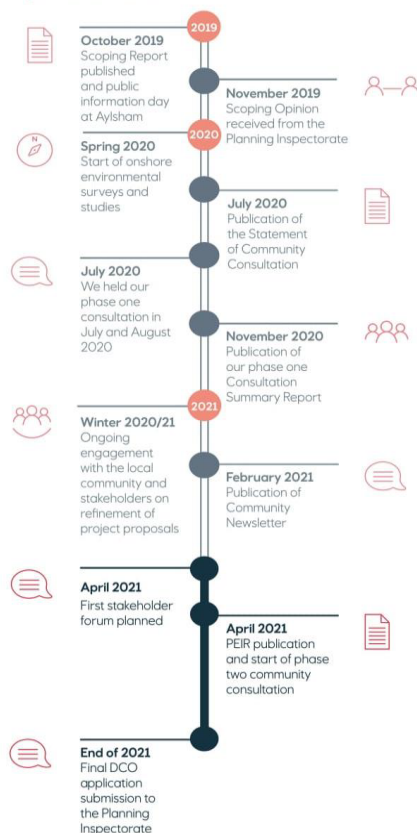
Our consultation process

We have been inviting feedback from the community throughout the development of SEP and DEP.

We will have held two phases of community consultation to help inform the development of our plans for SEP and DEP before we submit our DCO application.

Following phase two consultation, we will continue to engage with the community. We will publish a Consultation Summary Report, outlining the feedback received at phase two consultation and how we have considered this. We will also continue to hold stakeholder forums with key parish councils to help us continue to refine our proposals.

To apply for planning permission for SEP and DEP, we are required to submit an application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate. As part of our DCO application we will submit a comprehensive Consultation Report which records and reports all of the feedback we have received, and how our final application has had regard to this.



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Stay informed

Community Liaison Officer



All our communication channels overleaf remain open for you to get in touch and ask any questions. You can also contact our Community Liaison Officer (CLO), Nigel Tompkins, who is based locally and available to answer any questions about SEP and DEP.

Should you wish to speak to Nigel or meet with him, please contact him using the details below:

Email: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted]

Landowner interests

If you are a landowner, have an interest in any of the land which interacts with our proposals, or if you have any questions relating to land interests in the area, please contact the SEP and DEP Land Team at Dalcour Maclaren by:

Calling: 01869 352725

Emailing: equinor.ukextensions@dalcourmaclaren.com

Alternatively, you can write to Simon Hinchliffe or Rhiannon Price at:
Dalcour Maclaren, 1 Staplehurst Farm, Weston on the Green, Oxfordshire, OX25 3QU

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Contact us

You can get in touch with our community relations team at any time by any of the methods below:



Send us an email: info@sepanddep.co.uk



Call our Freephone information line: 08081 963 673



Visit our website: sepanddep.commonplace.is



Visit our virtual exhibition: event.sepanddep.co.uk



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Benefits of SEP and DEP

Equinor is a long-term partner for Norfolk and has been an active member of the community for over a decade through the Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon wind farms it operates off the Norfolk coast.


Equinor is the operator of the existing Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farms and is now proposing to extend these assets on behalf of their two operational partnerships. By proposing to extend both offshore wind farms, Equinor is contributing towards achieving the UK Government's ambition of 40 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind capacity by 2030. This will help the UK to address climate change and reach its target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm and Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm

 **Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm** is owned by Equinor, Masdar and China Resources. **Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm** is owned by Equinor, Equitix and Green Investment Group.

 Both wind farms have established community funds of **£100,000** per year which in total have awarded over **£1 million** to projects in Norfolk.

 The funds were set up to provide grants to **Norfolk community groups**, including schools and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), seeking financial assistance for initiatives that focus on renewable energy, marine environment and safety, sustainability, or education.

 Through educational outreach with schools and the Sheringham Shoal Information Centre at the Mo, we have been engaging with young people and the public about our offshore wind activities and operations for more than a decade.

 **For further information**, please continue to look around our exhibition space.

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If built, SEP and DEP will:



Increase opportunities for the local supply chain and economy.



Save a total of approximately **810,000** tonnes of CO₂, which is the equivalent of taking **365,000** petrol cars off the road.



Provide clean, renewable energy to power **820,000** UK homes.



Help the UK reach its ambitious net zero targets by **2050**.



Aim to deliver a biodiversity net gain onshore by working with stakeholders to identify good projects.



Help the UK meet its target of **40 GW** of offshore wind capacity by **2030**.

Karl Butler - Power Plant Manager at Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm

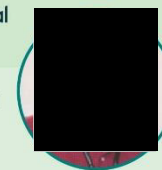
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I work for Equinor as the Power Plant Manager of the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm based in Egmore. The day to day variety within my role is extremely motivating and engaging. One morning, I can be discussing budgets, and then in the afternoon, be meeting members of the community or presenting in a school!

I joined the renewables industry in 2013 following 12 years' service within The Royal Air Force, leaving with the rank of Corporal. My first role was as Health and Safety Site Representative. After two years, I moved into the role of Maintenance Manager and I moved into my current role as Power Plant Manager in 2018. In this role, I have responsibility for Safe and Efficient operations of the wind farm, which includes everything from risk ownership and management, budgeting, people management and leadership all the way through to stakeholder management and community engagement.

To achieve Safe and Efficient Operations, I have a team of highly skilled and motivated individuals based here in Norfolk, covering all aspects of the business and operations including marine and logistics, finance and control, safety security and sustainability, procurement and operations and maintenance. We collaborate closely with our suppliers and receive support from the wider Equinor organisation.

I particularly enjoy engaging with the community and schools to help inspire the next generation to carry the renewable energy torch. Through my involvement with the Sheringham Shoal community fund, I really appreciate meeting members of the community, and seeing the extent of people's ingenuity and ideas in support of a sustainable future. //



Our consultation process and how to get involved

Phase one consultation

During our phase one consultation during July and August 2020 we asked for feedback on our refined proposals. We welcomed over 1,700 visitors to our virtual exhibition and received almost **300 pieces of feedback**.

Since then, we have been using this feedback, along with findings from technical and environmental surveys, and landowner discussions, to further refine our proposals for SEP and DEP.

To learn more about our phase one consultation and the feedback we received, please read our Phase One Consultation Summary Report in the documents library on our consultation website: se panddep.commonplace.is


Phase two consultation

This phase two consultation started on Thursday 29 April 2021 and will run for six weeks, closing on Thursday 10 June 2021.

During this consultation we are asking for your feedback on our refined plans for SEP and DEP and our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).


You can provide your feedback in the following ways:

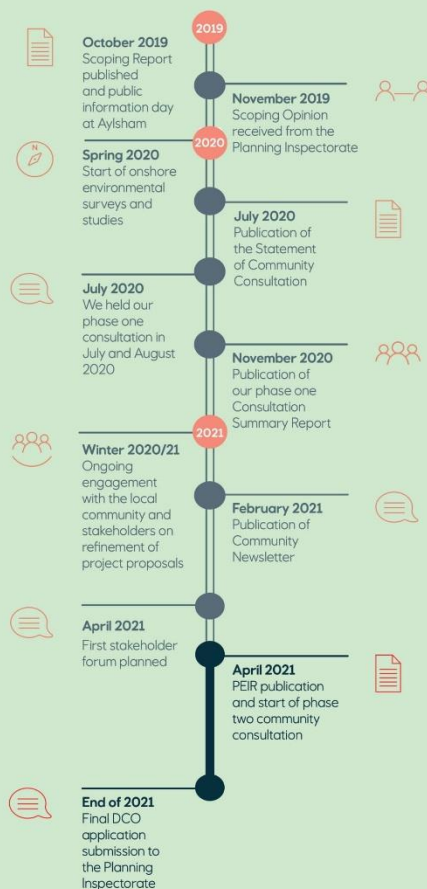
 **Consultation website:** our consultation website is live for you to find out more information about SEP and DEP and to provide your feedback online: se panddep.commonplace.is

 **By post:** you can also fill out our feedback form, available in the documents library on our consultation website, and post it back to us free of charge via our freepost address: FREEPOST DUDGEON AND SHERINGHAM EXT

 **Send us an email:** info@se panddep.co.uk

 **Call our Freephone information line:** 08081 963 673

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The consultation process

SEP and DEP each have an expected generating capacity greater than 100 megawatts (MW) and as such are classified as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).

We 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 (PINS), the agency responsible for managing the examination process for NSIPs. If accepted, it will then be examined by an independent Examining Authority panel. If accepted, it will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State (SoS) for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). The SoS will review and comment on this before making a decision on whether to grant a DCO.

To develop our proposals, we have considered:

-  Feedback from consultees such as your local council, local representatives, local interest groups and residents throughout our consultation area.
-  Feedback from community members interested in the onshore substation, landfall search area, onshore cable corridor, and offshore proposals.
-  Findings from environmental, technical and feasibility studies.

Since May 2018, we have undertaken a series of environmental studies and assessments as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process. These have informed the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which is available as part of our phase two consultation.

Supporting coordination in offshore wind

The UK Government has set a target of reaching net zero by 2050, with the goal of producing 40 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind by 2030 to support this aim. However, they have also recognised the need to balance these goals with the desire for greater coordination in the sector.

Equinor is fully supportive of efforts for greater coordination and we are continuing to work with trade body RenewableUK, the teams at the Department for BEIS, Ofgem and National Grid, to feed into the Government's ongoing Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR). This review expects the necessary shared infrastructure to be in place by 2030 at the earliest, which will be too late to serve SEP and DEP, with both SEP and DEP estimated to be constructed prior to this date.

Our preferred option is to develop SEP and DEP as an integrated project, with an integrated grid option, providing electrical infrastructure which services both wind farms. This strategic approach will particularly benefit the planning and construction of the electrical infrastructure system, and is likely to reduce the overall environmental impact, as well as responding to concerns regarding the lack of a holistic approach to offshore wind development in general.

However, because each project has different ownership, a separated grid option (i.e. infrastructure which allows each project to transmit electricity separately) will allow SEP and DEP to be constructed in a phased approach, if necessary. Therefore, the DCO application will seek consent for alternative development scenarios, including the development of either SEP or DEP in isolation, or both SEP and DEP developed together, either at the same time or one after the other.

The need for greater coordination

The current system causes a number of problems for the connection of large amounts of offshore wind capacity to the onshore grid. Issues with the current system include:

- Disruption and environmental impacts following the repeated deployment of cables in the same areas
- Lack of physical space for cable corridors in nearshore areas
- Lack of grid network capacity
- Potential delays in future projects if connection points and timings are not well planned
- Lack of sufficient onshore and offshore transmission network development coordination
- Potential for reduction in transmission network cost



What is the Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR)?

The OTNR was launched in 2020 to look into the existing regime and address the challenges for coastal communities, the environment, and cost. The aim is to ensure that the further deployment of offshore wind is coordinated.

How is Equinor contributing to the OTNR?

We are engaging with authorities in the early opportunities workstream in order to:

- Accelerate thinking about future frameworks
- Deliver early insights into how coordination between projects can be achieved
- Pioneer the aim for better coordination between projects



Read more about how Equinor is supporting coordination in offshore wind on our information sheet in this [virtual exhibition](#).

Our onshore substation sites

A new onshore substation will be constructed to accommodate both SEP and DEP. We are consulting on two site options close to the existing Norwich Main Substation. Only one of these two options will be taken forward for the Development Consent Order (DCO) application.

Our site selection process

In April 2019 National Grid made Equinor a grid connection offer at Norwich Main Substation that would accommodate both SEP and DEP.

Since then, we have been conducting a site selection process to identify the best possible location for the onshore substation. This process began with a three kilometre search area from the existing Norwich Main Substation, within which a total of 17 fields were identified as potential sites for the substation. Following a comparative assessment of these options, five different fields for the onshore substation were shortlisted and presented during our phase one consultation.

In response to your phase one consultation feedback, and further environmental and technical assessment, we have now selected two preferred site options for the location of the onshore substation, as shown in **Figure 1**.

Both sites are close to the existing Norwich Main Substation and benefit from existing screening that restricts views from surrounding areas. The sites also allow sufficient space for the Hornsea Project Three connection to Norwich Main Substation.

Read more about the site selection process for the SEP and DEP onshore substation in Chapter 4 Site Selection and Assessment of Alternatives of the PEIR, by clicking here.

Our current proposals

Visualisations from key surrounding viewpoints have been prepared for both onshore substation site options. These visualisations are based on worst case design parameters for the onshore substation, without any mitigation in place. It is expected that additional planting to further screen the substation will be identified as part of the final application.

To view our onshore substation photomontages, please see the 'Visualising our proposals' section of this virtual exhibition.

The onshore substation will require an operational area of up to 6.25 hectares, which will be large enough to accommodate the electrical infrastructure for both SEP and DEP. If only one project comes forward, the substation will be up to 3.25 hectares in size. For both scenarios the maximum building heights within the onshore substation will be 15 metres.



Which aspects of SEP and DEP are important to you as we select and design our preferred onshore substation site? **Have your say here.**

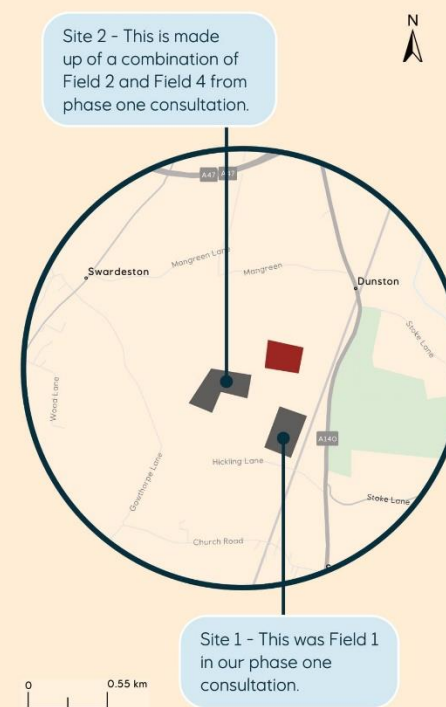


Figure 1 – Map of SEP and DEP shortlisted onshore substation sites

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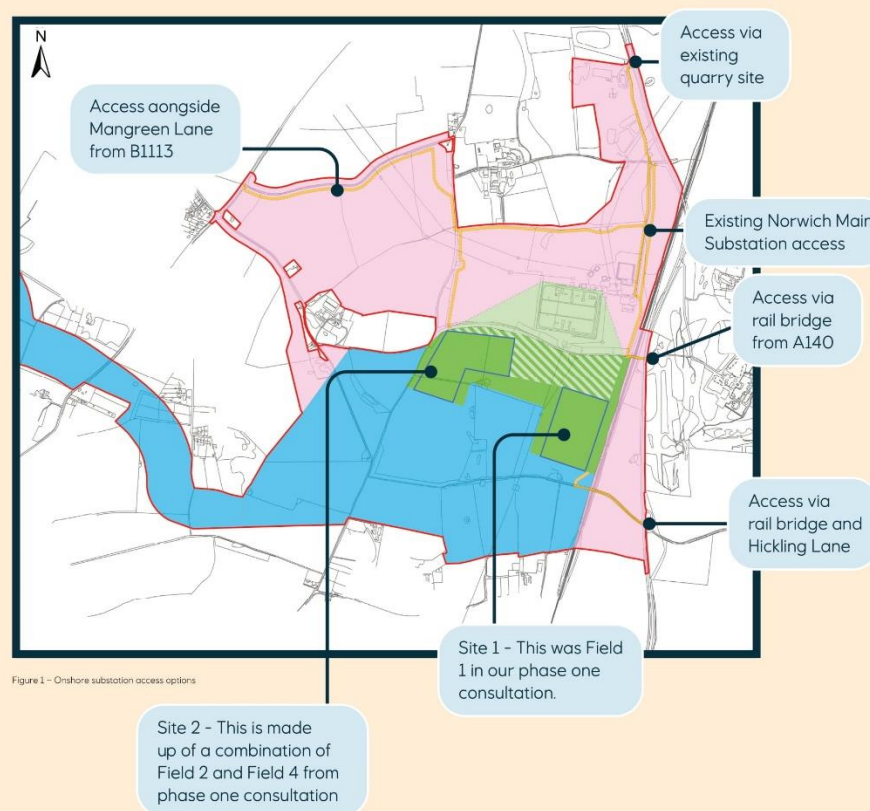
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- Existing National Grid Norwich Main Substation

Our onshore substation site access

Onshore substation access during both construction and operation is an important consideration for determining the final onshore substation location.

Our preferred access option is entering via the existing Norwich Main Substation access from the A140, however this would need to be managed carefully to avoid impacting existing operations at the Norwich Main Substation. Work is ongoing with National Grid to establish the best solution for substation access. As part of this, we are also considering the value of other access routes into the substation area.

We will use the feedback from our phase two consultation, along with further technical and environmental considerations, to bring forward one substation site option, along with defined areas for temporary works, permanent and temporary access and landscape mitigation proposals.



Do you have any comments on what is important for us to consider when refining our onshore substation access options?
Have your say here.

Construction compounds

Temporary construction compounds are required to support the onshore cable installation.

This will include several secondary compounds along the onshore cable corridor, and up to two main compounds for project offices, welfare facilities, staff parking, and material and equipment storage. In addition, the landfall and substation works would have their own dedicated construction compounds.

We are still in the process of identifying locations for the construction compounds. Key criteria for identifying potential main compound locations include areas with existing infrastructure to reduce the need for initial site establishment works, and suitable access to and from the compounds to reduce disruption to the local road network. The size of the main compound(s) will be up to 60,000 metres squared, approximately 14.8 acres, however it may be preferable to use two smaller sites. The full site selection report is viewable in the information sheets section of this virtual exhibition.

In addition to parish council and stakeholder input, key criteria for identifying potential main compound locations included:

- Engineering feasibility – such as proximity to the cable corridor, location along the cable corridor, existing hard standing, available space and existing services
- Land availability during construction
- Community/disturbance effects – such as proximity to nearest residential properties, proximity to nearest Public Rights of Way (PROW) and cumulative community impacts with other similar projects
- Traffic/transport – such as highway network constraints, access constraints and proximity of access routes to sensitive receptors (schools, retirement homes, residential dwellings, etc.)
- Road safety
- Proximity to sites designated for nature conservation
- Proximity to sites designated for historic significance

At this stage, a number of satellite compound locations have been identified, and we have also shortlisted four preferred locations for the main compound, as shown in the adjacent map, from which we will choose up to two main compound locations:

- A1067 Fakenham Road
- Woodforde Farm
- A1067 Norwich Road
- RAF Oulton

The compound site selection report, available in the information sheets section of this virtual exhibition, shows the location of the four shortlisted compound locations in greater detail. Please note that the areas shown in the information sheet are approximate areas, and are not fixed for the proposed main compound locations.

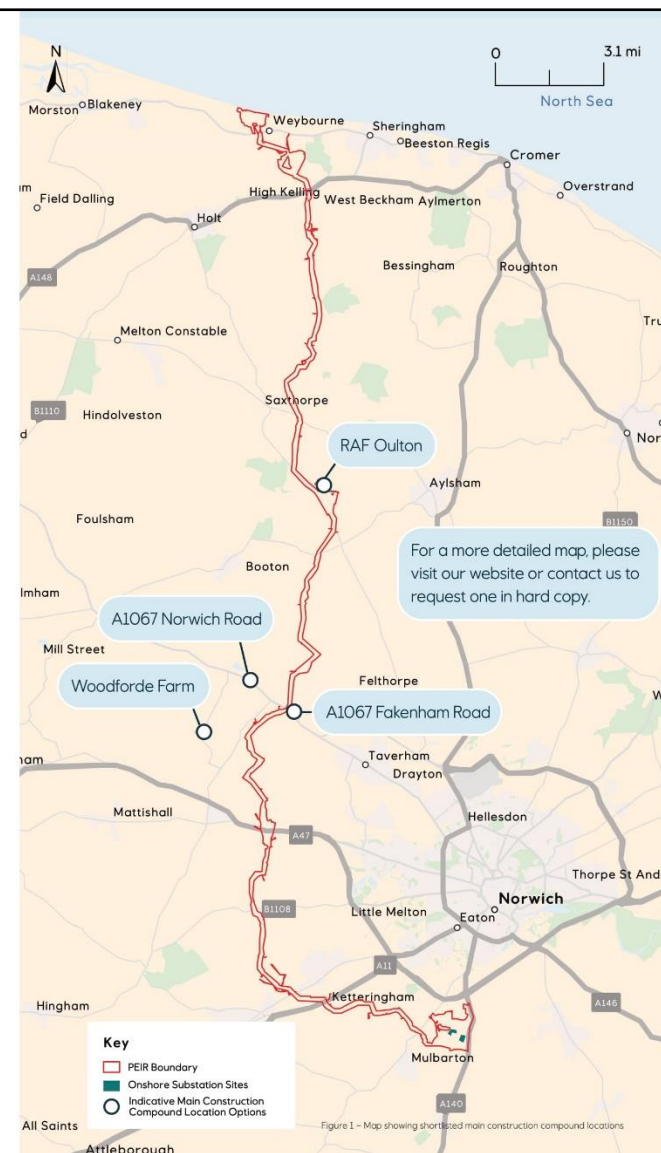
We are welcoming suggestions of additional compound locations which may be suitable for SEP and DEP. These should be areas larger than 20,000 metres squared, with existing hard standing, located in proximity to the onshore cable corridor.

[View our full main compound site selection report here.](#)



Do you have any additional information or feedback on our four shortlisted sites for us to consider as we select our final one or two main compound locations?

Have your say here.



Landfall

Electricity generated by our SEP and DEP turbines offshore will be brought onshore via subsea cables, which will reach the coastline at a point known as the landfall. From the landfall the export cables will be buried underground along a cable route leading to a new onshore substation close to the grid connection point at Norwich Main Substation.

Landfall site selection and Muckleburgh Military Collection

At the time of publishing our Scoping Report in October 2019, two landfall search areas at Weybourne and Bacton were under consideration.

However, following a more detailed assessment of each option's technical and environmental constraints, a landfall at Weybourne was selected, to the west of Weybourne beach car park at the Muckleburgh Military Collection.

This location benefits from favourable conditions for horizontal directional drilling, to install cable ducts beneath Weybourne beach, minimising disruption to the shoreline and avoiding the need for open trenching within an environmentally sensitive area. The landfall location also benefits from existing access, minimising the need for site access works that would otherwise be required for landfall to the east of Weybourne.

[Click here to read more about the selection of the SEP and DEP landfall location in Chapter 4 Site Selection and Assessment of Alternatives of our PEIR.](#)

The landfall area comprises a 1,500 metres stretch of coastline that extends west, beyond the preferred drilling location. This provides space for the drilling compound, as well as an extended area adjacent to the beach for preparing the ducts within which the cables are installed. The landfall area also extends inland to allow the transition joint bays (where the onshore and offshore cables meet) to be located beyond any areas at risk of natural coastal erosion.

We are in the process of refining the working areas at the landfall, including compound and access arrangements. We will present a more refined landfall area within our DCO application.

[Click here to read more about the landfall proposals in Chapter 5 Project Description of our PEIR.](#)



Figure 1 - Map of landfall location



What do you think it is important for us to consider as we refine our landfall proposals?
Have your say here.

Onshore cable corridor routing from Weybourne to Bodham

We are in the process of refining the onshore cable corridor route from Weybourne to Bodham. Our goal is to select the best route from a balance of technical, environmental and landscape considerations, whilst minimising disruption to local communities.

A number of potential routing options are under consideration through this area, which will be refined down to a single preferred option for the DCO application.

The options include:

- Following the alignment of Sandy Hill Lane – the cable(s) would be laid through open cut trenching in the carriageway.
- Following the alignment of Sandy Hill Lane – using trenchless crossing techniques.
- Through commercial forestry (Weybourne Wood) – either by open cut trenching along existing forest tracks, or using trenchless crossing techniques.

It is our preference to use a trenchless crossing beneath Sandy Hill Lane, however more detailed investigation into the ground conditions at this location is required to confirm that this is a feasible option from an engineering perspective. The final option will therefore be based on a balance of technical and environmental considerations as well any feedback received at phase two consultation.

Onshore cable corridor

Electricity generated by SEP and DEP offshore will be brought onshore via subsea cables, which will reach the coastline at a point known as landfall. To avoid the use of permanent overground infrastructure, the cables are then buried underground, along a cable route leading to an onshore substation close to the grid connection point.

The onshore cable corridor is the area between the landfall and the onshore substation, within which the onshore export cables will be installed along with other temporary works for construction.

In parallel with the identification of the landfall location, a process to identify the onshore cable corridor was undertaken. This process initially involved the identification of an onshore cable corridor between both potential landfall locations (i.e. Weybourne and Bacton) and the grid connection point at Norwich Main Substation.

Weybourne was selected as the preferred landfall location in early 2020 and therefore ongoing refinement of the onshore cable corridor for the PEIR focused on the route between Weybourne and Norwich Main Substation.

We have now identified an onshore cable corridor between landfall and the onshore substation that is 60 kilometres long and typically 200 metres wide. This has been refined using phase one consultation feedback, inputs from landowner discussions, environmental surveys, and engineering studies.

Read more about how the refinement of the onshore cable corridor in Chapter 4 Site Selection and Assessment of Alternatives of our PEIR.

Following phase two consultation, the onshore cable corridor will be further refined to a width of 60 metres for the DCO application (except for trenchless crossing zones, such as main rivers and A roads where the width will be 100m). This will be informed by phase two consultation feedback, as well as further technical studies and ongoing environmental survey and assessment work.

Read more about how the onshore export cables would be installed and the anticipated construction timescales in Chapter 5 Project Description of our PEIR.



To view a more detailed map of our proposals, and give your feedback on the refinement of our 200 metre wide onshore cable corridor, please visit our consultation website: sepanddep.commonplace.is.



Offshore array area and seascape views

SEP and DEP will be located approximately 14 kilometres (8.7 miles) and 25 kilometres (15.5 miles) offshore at the nearest point to shore, respectively. We are investigating offshore generating areas of up to 190 kilometres squared in total, where 30 to 56 turbines could be located.

Offshore array area

We currently have a range of scenarios for the turbine heights and generating capacities for the projects. Each offshore turbine could be between 14 and 26 megawatts (MW) in capacity and be between 246 and 330 metres in height. The larger the installed capacity per turbine, the less turbines we will need to use.

The refinement of our offshore array areas will be based on a balance of technical, visual and environmental considerations. For example, we will need to balance how we minimise impacts on ornithology and navigation with the visual impacts for coastal communities.

SEP and DEP will include the following new infrastructure offshore:

- Turbines and associated foundations
- Array cables and interlink cables to connect the offshore wind turbines to an offshore substation
- Up to two offshore substations and associated foundations
- Subsea export cables
- Cable and scour protection

[Click here to read more about the offshore proposals in Chapter 5 Project Description of our PEIR.](#)

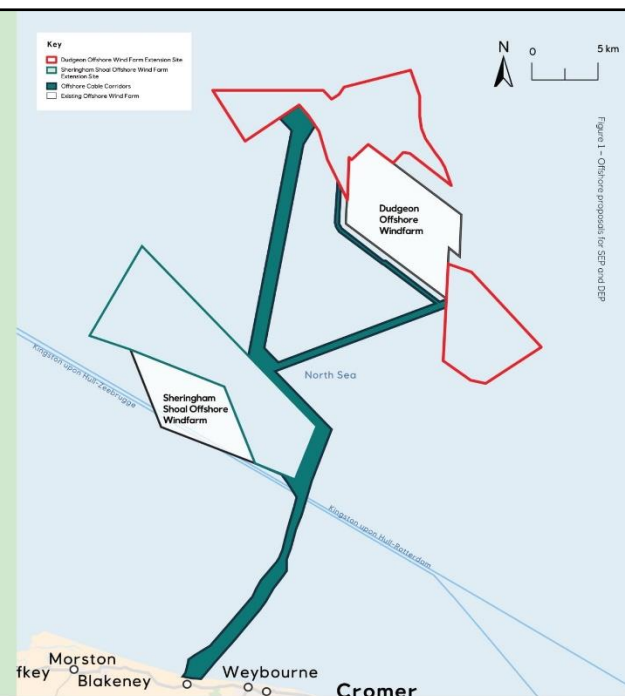


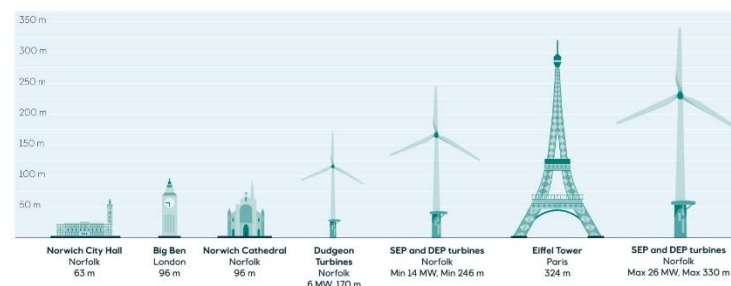
Figure 1 - Offshore proposals for SEP and DEP

Seascape impact

As part of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), we have undertaken a Seascape Visual Impact Assessment (SVIA) specific to how the offshore infrastructure will look from different locations on the coastline. The full SVIA has been included in our PEIR, which is viewable on our consultation website.

The SVIA considers the potential visual effects of SEP and DEP from a number of coastal viewpoints, which have been agreed with the relevant local authorities and other stakeholders. Visualisations of the proposed offshore array areas can be viewed in the 'Visualising our proposals' section of this virtual exhibition.

Additionally, we have created a video of our offshore proposals for SEP and DEP. These can also be viewed in the 'Visualising our proposals' section of this virtual exhibition.



Do you have any comments on our offshore array area and proposals presented as part of our PEIR? **Have your say here.**

Our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process

EIA is a process to identify potential effects a proposed development may have on the environment, people and local communities.

An EIA process involves stakeholders and the affected communities such that they are able to develop an informed view of the relevant impacts the proposed development may have. Stakeholders are invited to engage with the proposed development and to provide feedback through formal and informal consultation and engagement activities. Impacts generated by the development can be positive or negative and it is the responsibility of the developer to seek to enhance positive impacts and reduce negative impacts. Reducing negative impacts can be achieved through project design decisions (also known as embedded mitigation) and through proposing additional mitigation measures to avoid impacts or reduce them to acceptable levels.

The preliminary EIA findings for SEP and DEP are reported within the preliminary environmental information report (PEIR), which is being consulted on as part of our formal phase two consultation. The PEIR has been informed by a combination of desk-based studies, consultation and site-specific surveys. All potential impacts of the construction, operation and decommissioning of SEP and DEP have been identified across a wide range of onshore and offshore topics, and an assessment made on the significance of each potential impact has been undertaken by EIA specialists.

Once we have completed our EIA, all the potential impacts of SEP and DEP, as well as any requirements for mitigation and enhancement, will be included within our final Environmental Statement (ES) as part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application.

Development scenarios

Whilst SEP and DEP are each Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) in their own right, a single application for development consent will be made covering both wind farms, and the infrastructure required to connect SEP and DEP to the grid. A single planning process is intended to provide for consistency in the approach to the assessment, consultation and examination.

Furthermore, Equinor will seek to develop SEP and DEP as an integrated project, with an integrated grid option providing transmission infrastructure which serves both of the wind farms being the preferred option. This strategic approach will particularly benefit the planning and construction of the electrical infrastructure system, is likely to reduce the overall environmental impact and disruption, and responds to concerns regarding the lack of a holistic approach to offshore wind development in general.

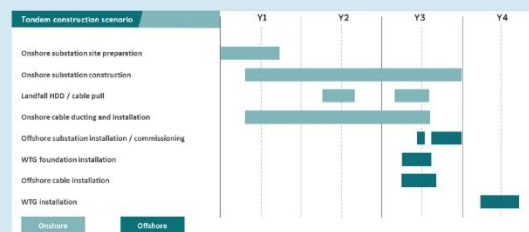


Figure 1 – Construction timeline if SEP and DEP are built concurrently

However, given the different ownership arrangements for SEP and DEP, a separated grid option (i.e. transmission infrastructure which allows each Project to transmit electricity entirely separately) will allow SEP and DEP to be constructed in a phased approach, if necessary. Therefore the DCO application will seek consent for alternative grid solutions in the same overall corridors to allow for both the integrated and separated grid options.

The PEIR has therefore considered the following development and build out scenarios:

- Build SEP or build DEP in isolation
- Build SEP and DEP concurrently (Figure 1) – reflecting the maximum peak effects
- Build SEP and DEP sequentially (Figure 2) with a gap of up to four years between the start of construction of each project – reflecting the maximum duration of effects

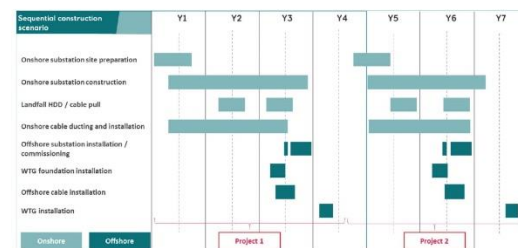


Figure 2 – Construction timeline if SEP and DEP are built sequentially

Onshore ecology and nature conservation

For the onshore elements of SEP and DEP we will work with stakeholders to identify opportunities to deliver a positive contribution to biodiversity.

As part of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for SEP and DEP, we are assessing the potential impact of the projects on local onshore ecology. We have consulted a wide range of stakeholders as part of this process, including Natural England, RSPB, Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the Environment Agency. So far, we have undertaken the following surveys:

- Extended Phase 1 Habitat surveys (including the collection of biodiversity net gain baseline data)
- Wintering and breeding bird surveys
- Bat activity surveys
- Great crested newt surveys.

These surveys will continue in summer 2021 and will include surveys for breeding birds, bats, water voles, otters, white-clawed crayfish, reptiles, invertebrates, great crested newts and badgers.



Figure 1 – Barbastelle bat



Figure 2 – Great crested newt

What we are doing

In addition to our extensive surveys, we have also outlined a number of mitigation measures in our PEIR, a selection of which are listed below:



To avoid direct impacts on the internationally designated River Wensum, we will be crossing this area using a trenchless crossing technique. The site includes species such as the white-clawed crayfish, Desmoulin's whorl snail, brook lamprey and bullhead. A number of other main rivers will also be crossed using trenchless crossing techniques to avoid direct interaction with the watercourses.



We have routed our onshore cable corridor to avoid woodland habitat wherever possible, such as Mossmere Wood (in the Civil Parishes of Itteringham and Corpusty and Saxthorpe), Colton Wood (in the Civil Parish of Marlingford and Colton) and Smeeth Wood (in the Civil Parish of Ketteringham).



Where the onshore cable corridor crosses through woodland and hedgerows, the working corridor would be reduced to a typical working width of 20 metres. The reinstatement of hedgerows would occur during the first planting season following completion of construction.

In addition to the above, our commitment to reducing impacts to onshore ecology will strongly influence the next phase of onshore cable corridor refinement to a typical width of 60 metres. For example, we will seek to:

- Avoid woodland that is currently within the PEIR boundary
- Avoid locally designated sites for nature conservation (such as County Wildlife Sites)
- Avoid trees with bat roost potential, ponds, grassland habitat and other features of ecological importance

Our aim to improve biodiversity onshore

'Net gain' is a term which is used to describe an approach to development that leaves biodiversity in an overall better state than it was before. Although there is no requirement on Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) to deliver a biodiversity net gain, we see it as our responsibility to improve biodiversity wherever we can, and so Equinor has made a voluntary commitment to achieve a biodiversity net gain for the onshore elements of SEP and DEP.

Opportunities to deliver a biodiversity net gain for SEP and DEP include woodland planting, field boundary improvements and grassland habitat restoration. We have begun engaging with Natural England and other key stakeholders on this topic, however we are also asking for suggestions from the wider community of any local environmental initiatives that could assist in our aim of delivering a positive contribution to biodiversity.

If you have any suggestions for opportunities to deliver biodiversity net gain, please visit our consultation website at sepanddep.commonplace.is



For more information relating to onshore ecology and biodiversity net gain please visit **Chapter 22 Onshore Ecology and Ornithology of the PEIR** via our PEIR library.

Offshore ecology

As part of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for SEP and DEP, we are assessing the potential impact of our projects on offshore ecology, including ornithology (birds), benthic communities and marine mammals. In our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), we have published the results of the offshore ecological surveys we have undertaken to date.

We have consulted multiple stakeholders as part of this process, including Natural England, the Marine Management Organisation (MMO), RSPB, Cefas, Wildlife Trusts, and Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.

We carried out project specific aerial surveys over two years, conducted at least monthly. These surveys covered the SEP and DEP offshore areas and surrounding waters and have been used to inform our understanding of the presence of birds and marine mammals. We have also carried out a benthic ecology survey with particular focus on the Cromer Shoal Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ).

Our assessments looked at how:



The planned activities, with focus on direct impacts such as collision risk, displacement, barrier effects and indirect impacts through effects on habitats and prey species, will overall have a low impact on seabirds. The assessment concludes that significant impacts to offshore ornithology would not occur.



Marine mammals are impacted through noise generation, increased vessel traffic and general disturbance. The assessment concludes that significant impacts to marine mammals would not occur. However, we will include measures to reduce the impact with particular focus on minimizing impact from underwater noise.



Benthic habitats and communities may be impacted by our activities. Although we have assessed the impacts on benthic communities in the entire project area, we have had particular focus on the Cromer Shoal MCZ. The assessment concludes that significant impacts to offshore ornithology would not occur. However, we will continue to focus on the Cromer Shoal MCZ to minimize impact to the extent possible by focusing on cable installation techniques and cable protection.



For more information relating to offshore ecology, please visit the following chapters of the PEIR in our PEIR library:

- **Chapter 10 - Benthic and Intertidal Ecology**
- **Chapter 11 - Fish Ecology**
- **Chapter 12 - Marine Mammal Ecology**
- **Chapter 13 - Offshore Ornithology**



Figure 1 - Harbour porpoise



Figure 2 - Sandwich tern



Figure 3 - Seal

Traffic and transport

We recognise that construction traffic is a key concern for local communities. We are therefore working with key stakeholders towards the aim of delivering SEP and DEP in the most efficient way possible, whilst minimising impacts on the local road network.

As part of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for SEP and DEP, we are assessing the potential impact of the projects on traffic and transport. To date, we have consulted multiple highway stakeholders including Norfolk County Council and Highways England, to ensure all road users are considered. Our assessment work so far has been informed by desk studies and the collection of existing traffic flow and collision data.

A total of 156 roads identified within the traffic and transport study area have been assessed for potential effects including severance (when a community becomes separated either side of a road experiencing major increases in traffic), pedestrian amenity (the relative pleasantness of the pedestrian experience which is affected by traffic), road safety and driver delay.

To ensure we are assessing a worst-possible case scenario in the PEIR, we have assessed a situation where both SEP and DEP are built at the same time. An assessment of the other construction scenarios will be included as part of the full Development Consent Order (DCO) application. Details of the worst case peak daily traffic flows occurring on each road link within the traffic and transport study area are presented in Chapter 26 Traffic and Transport of the PEIR.

A number of measures have already been identified and incorporated into the design of SEP and DEP to reduce impacts on traffic and transport during construction. This includes:



Commitment to trenchless crossing techniques of sensitive roads to minimise impacts on road users. This includes the following roads: A11, A47, A148, A149, A1067, B1145, B1149, B1354, Old Fakenham Road and Norwich Western Link Road (not yet constructed).



Construction of a haul road to reduce the number of access points and Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) movements on the local road network.



The avoidance of certain road links at the request of highway stakeholders.

In addition to the above, we are working with the highway stakeholders to carefully select delivery routes that are most suitable for construction traffic and which have the least potential to impact sensitive receptors. This will also take into account other planned development in the area.

Mitigation is proposed within the PEIR for potentially significant impacts. The measures are intended to provide an indicative and proportionate means of mitigating the potential impacts. Final measures will be agreed with the relevant stakeholders through the development of the Outline Traffic Management Plan, to be submitted with the DCO application.

For more information relating to traffic and transport please visit Chapter 26 Traffic and Transport of the PEIR via our PEIR library.



Do you have any comments and/or suggestions to our proposals for traffic management and mitigation measures? Have your say by going to se panddep.commonplace.is

Water resources and flood risk


Our experience of working in the area for over ten years has shown us that flood risk is an issue that is important to the community.


As part of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for SEP and DEP, we are assessing the potential impact of the projects on water resources and flood risk using data from the Environment Agency and Internal Drainage Boards, as well as our own data from walkover surveys at key watercourse crossings.


Our preliminary impact assessment has considered potential impacts to watercourses such as the disturbance of rivers and streams during cable duct installation, increased soils entering watercourses due to run off from exposed ground and the risk of accidental fuel spills. Overall, the impacts to rivers will be short-term and would be reversible once activities have been completed.


Both of the onshore substation site options have been located within Flood Zone 1, which represents a low risk of flooding (less than 0.1% chance of flooding in any year). Furthermore, a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) has been undertaken, which concludes that SEP and DEP is appropriate in terms of flood risk and is in accordance with the relevant national policy on flood risk for new developments.

The findings of the impact assessment summarised above takes into account a range of measures that we are proposing to manage issues relating to water resources and flooding. This includes:

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Crossing the most sensitive rivers and streams by using trenchless crossing techniques, rather than trenching through them.
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Appropriately storing and managing soils during excavation works.
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Installing drainage systems to manage excess water.
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Capturing surface water at the onshore substation and discharging it in a controlled manner, mimicking the run-off rate for the existing land.



For more information relating to water resources and flood risk please visit **Chapter 20 Water Resources and Flood Risk of the PEIR via our PEIR library.**



Figure 1 – Image of the River Wensum taken during walkover surveys



Figure 2 – Image of the Inwood Stream taken during walkover surveys

Archaeology and local heritage

As part of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), we have published the emerging findings from our archaeology and local heritage research. We also set out how we will avoid and mitigate any impacts on archaeology and local heritage.

As part of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for SEP and DEP, we are assessing the potential impact of the projects on onshore archaeology and local heritage. We are doing this through desk-based assessments, aerial photographic assessments and non-intrusive surveys to identify potential archaeological features underground.

The avoid and mitigate any direct impacts on archaeology and local heritage we are:



Avoiding all direct physical impacts on designated heritage assets such as Scheduled Monuments and Listed Buildings.



Analysing archaeological data from non-intrusive surveys to inform the refinement of the onshore cable corridor.



Committing to a programme of post-consent survey to further inform our understanding of potential archaeology and heritage assets – such as targeted field-walking, metal detecting and the excavation of shallow trenches to investigate any features identified.

Indirect impacts also have the potential to occur, such as impacts to the setting of a heritage asset. The heritage setting assessment work is ongoing, and the final impact assessment conclusions have not yet been determined. The settings assessment work will, however, be progressed and reported in full in the DCO application.



For more information relating to archaeology and local heritage please visit **Chapter 23 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage of the PEIR** via our PEIR library.



Figure 1 – The south-western extent of the Caistor St Edmund Roman Fort is one kilometre north-east of the proposed substation locations.
(Image Source: Norfolk Archaeological Trust)

Other key issues

Noise and vibration

Noise modelling was undertaken as part of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in order to determine any potential impacts relating to the construction and operation of SEP and DEP at agreed locations. The key findings of the noise impact assessment are summarised below.



Noise assessments found potential noise impacts from construction works in a small number of locations along the onshore cable corridor. However, acoustic screening and other best practice measures to reduce noise impacts would be implemented to avoid significant impacts at these locations. No impacts from vibration have been identified in the assessment.



The operation of the onshore substation has the potential to generate noise that would represent a disturbance during night time at the nearest residential properties for both substation site options. However, there are many proven mitigation options that can be combined to ensure that noise levels at the nearby properties remain below the night time noise levels agreed with the local planning authority. These includes noise reduction technologies in the form of equipment housing and refining the layout of the substation during the detailed design process.



The assessment also found no impact on residential properties that were included in the operational noise impact assessment for the Hornsea Project Three substation. Therefore, no cumulative noise impacts at these receptors were identified as a result of SEP and DEP.



For more information relating to noise and vibration please visit **Chapter 25 Noise and Vibration of the PEIR** via our PEIR library.

Electromagnetic Fields (EMFs)

An EMF study has been undertaken for SEP and DEP to demonstrate compliance with relevant standards

As with any electrical current carrying device, the buried cable system associated with SEP and DEP will produce EMFs. However, calculations performed by National Grid have shown that the level of EMFs produced by SEP and DEP will be significantly lower than the thresholds set by Public Health England, above which there is the potential for human health effects.

This has been demonstrated through a project specific EMF study performed by National Grid in accordance with relevant standards to provide impartial, accurate and reliable analysis. The study assessed the potential worst-case strength of EMFs, which will be applicable to all areas along the onshore cable corridor.

The study concluded that there would be no effect from SEP and DEP alone, or cumulatively with other projects to population health due to EMFs.



Read the full study undertaken by National Grid as part of **Chapter 30 Health of the PEIR** via our PEIR library.

Other key issues

Commercial fisheries

Impacts of SEP and DEP on commercial fishing activity has been assessed as part of our Environmental Impact Assessment. Commercial fishing activity has been characterised using landings statistics, vessel monitoring, surveillance data, and consultation with the fishing industry.

The key fishing fleets considered in the assessment included:

- UK potters targeting lobster, brown crab and whelk
- UK beam trawlers targeting brown shrimp
- French demersal and midwater trawlers targeting whiting and mackerel
- Dutch beam trawlers and fly shooting targeting sole, plaice and mixed demersal finfish species
- Belgian beam trawlers targeting sole, plaice and mixed demersal finfish species
- Danish demersal trawlers targeting sand eel throughout the North Sea with occasional effort overlapping the project area

The assessment has established that the UK potting fleet is likely to be moderately impacted as a result of reduction in access to, or exclusion from, established fishing grounds, and displacement from the wind farm site leading to increased pressure on adjacent grounds. However, potential impacts on the UK potting fleet will be mitigated through justifiable disturbance payments in line with the Fishing Liaison with Offshore Wind and Wet Renewables Group best practice guidance, reducing the significance of residual impacts.



For more information relating to commercial fisheries please visit **Chapter 14 Commercial Fisheries of the PEIR** via our PEIR library.

Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

The SEP and DEP onshore cable corridor will cross numerous public rights of way (including footpaths, bridleways and byways) and some National Trails and cycle paths. This includes key routes such as the Peddars Way and Norfolk Coast Path and the Marriott's Way.

We have committed that access along public rights of way and other recreational routes will be maintained throughout construction through methods such as appropriately fenced crossing points. If a temporary closure is required a suitable diversion will be agreed in advance with the Countryside Access Officer at Norfolk County Council. Our commitment to bring the cables onshore at the landfall using horizontal directional drilling (HDD) will also minimise disruption to users of Weybourne beach.

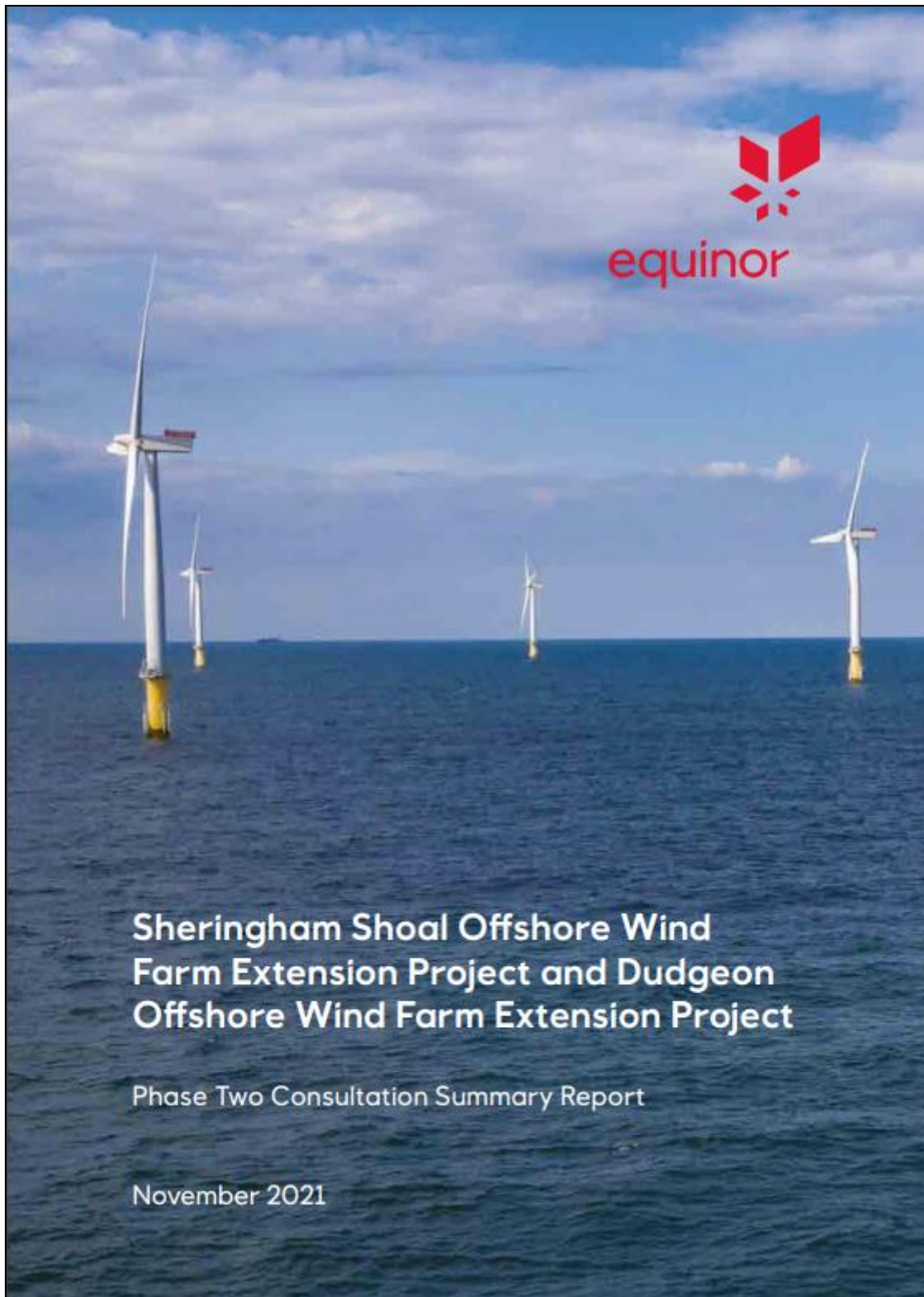


Figure 1 – Marriott's Way Public Right of Way



For more information relating to PRoWs and other recreational routes please visit **Chapter 21 Land Use, Agriculture and Recreation of the PEIR** via our PEIR library.

4 Phase Two Section 47 Consultation Summary Report



Introduction

Equinor is bringing forward proposals for the **Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project (SEP)** and **Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project (DEP)**, located off the North Norfolk Coast.

Thank you to those who participated in our phase two community consultation, which ran between Thursday 29 April and Thursday 10 June 2021.

We welcomed over **1,260** visitors to our virtual exhibition and received over **320** pieces of feedback from the community on our proposals for SEP and DEP. This is in addition to the almost 300 pieces of feedback we received during our phase one consultation.

This Consultation Summary Report provides an overview of the feedback we received during our consultation and what we are doing in response to this feedback.

We also explain the next steps for the project, and our decision to extend our DCO application submission to early summer 2022.



About Equinor


Equinor is a broad energy company that has been operating in the UK for over 35 years and is the UK's largest energy supplier. In the UK, we currently power around **710,000** homes through our three wind farms: Sheringham Shoal, Dudgeon, and the world's first floating wind farm, Hywind Scotland.


As a key contributor to the UK's efforts to meet its net zero carbon target, Equinor is leading the way in decarbonisation. Equinor supports the UK economy, investing billions of pounds in crucial energy infrastructure, employing over **650** people based in the UK, and working with over **700** suppliers across the country.

Equinor's plans for SEP and DEP will double its offshore wind capacity off the coast of Norfolk. Equinor will also operate Dogger Bank, the largest offshore wind farm in the world, off the North East coast of England. When complete it will be capable of generating around 5% of the UK's electricity demand.

Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm and Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm

 **Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm** is owned by Equinor, Masdar and China Resources. **Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm** is owned by Equinor, Equitix and Green Investment Group.

 Both wind farms have established community funds of **£100,000** per year, which in total have awarded over **£1 million** to projects in Norfolk.

 The funds were set up to provide grants to **Norfolk community groups**, including schools and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), seeking financial assistance for initiatives that focus on **renewable energy, marine environment and safety, sustainability, or education.**

Sheringham Shoal Extension Project and Dudgeon Extension Project

Equinor is the operator of the existing Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farms and is now proposing to extend these assets on behalf of their two operational partnerships. SEP and DEP will be located off the coast of North Norfolk, adjacent to the operational windfarms, and will help the UK to address climate change and reach its target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

We will apply for a joint Development Consent Order (DCO), which will be determined by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). Submission of the joint DCO application is indicatively planned for early summer 2022.

Our phase two consultation

We welcomed over 1,260 visitors to our virtual exhibition and 3,637 visitors to our consultation website and during our phase two consultation we received **325 pieces of feedback** from the community.

We held five online community Q&A sessions, focused on different parts of SEP and DEP that took place on:

- Tuesday 11 May 2pm – 4pm – Onshore substation and the grid connection
- Tuesday 18 May 6pm – 8pm – Landfall
- Tuesday 25 May 10am – 12pm – Onshore cable corridor
- Thursday 27 May 6pm – 8pm – Offshore proposals and seascape impacts
- Wednesday 2 June 6pm – 8pm – Onshore cable corridor

We publicised our consultation locally and online by:



Holding a virtual exhibition to display all the information on SEP and DEP. You can still visit our virtual exhibition at event.sepanddep.co.uk.



Distributing our community consultation leaflet to over **11,500** local residents and businesses within our core consultation zone.



Placing advertisements in a number of local newspapers, including: North Norfolk News, Eastern Daily Press, Dereham & Fakenham Times, Norwich Evening News, Diss Mercury, Lynn News, Just Regional and Lincolnshire Echo.



Engaging with your parish, district, and county councillors across the consultation zone.



Displaying posters at **local information points** across our consultation zone, such as at grocery shops, post offices and libraries.



Advertising our consultation across Equinor UK's Twitter and Facebook accounts, including targeted localised campaigns.

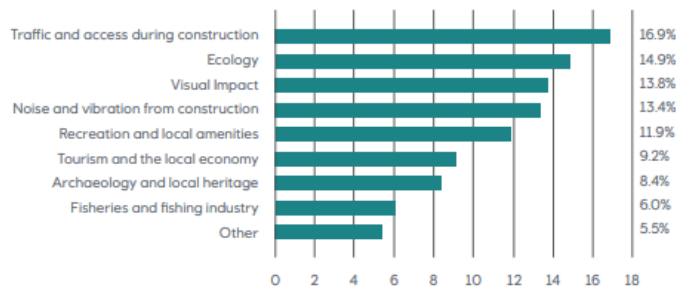


Your feedback

Our phase two community consultation provided an opportunity for people to view and comment on our latest proposals.

The feedback we have received as part of this consultation has helped to improve our understanding of the local area. We also gained an appreciation of the aspects of SEP and DEP that are important to the community and that we need to consider as we refine our proposals.

Key themes during phase two consultation



50% of respondents either supported or strongly supported SEP and DEP. 32% either did not support or strongly opposed SEP and DEP, and 18% provided a neutral view.



64% of respondents found our virtual exhibition or consultation materials very informative or quite informative.

How we've listened

There were a number of key themes which emerged from the feedback we received. These are listed below with information on what we plan to do in response.

All comments received as part of the phase two consultation will be responded to in our Consultation Report, which will be submitted as part of our DCO application.



Theme

Ecology, nature conservation and biodiversity net gain



Your comments

Respondents highlighted the importance of considering and mitigating ecological and environmental impacts of SEP and DEP, mentioning multiple specific species that should be taken into consideration.



What we are doing

Avoiding and minimising ecological impacts has been important throughout the development of SEP and DEP.

In our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) we included the outcomes of our ecological surveys to date, and we have been continuing these surveys throughout the year.

This additional data has directly influenced the refinement of our proposals. For example, since the phase two consultation we have:

- Refined the PEIR boundary to exclude key ecological features such as ponds, known badger setts and trees with bat roost potential.
- Introduced additional trenchless crossings to avoid tree and hedgerow removal.
- Committed to cross all woodland habitat using trenchless crossing techniques.
- Reduced the size of the landfall area to minimise the impact to grassland habitat.
- Identified land within the DCO boundary to deliver long term ecological enhancements and a biodiversity net gain.



Theme
Offshore Transmission Network Review



Your comments
A number of local residents and some parish councils have expressed concerns that North Norfolk has been subject to multiple windfarm developments and questioned whether Equinor could utilise an Offshore Transmission Network as an alternative.



What we are doing
The Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR) is a government process which they have recently consulted on to identify potential legislation to enable coordination between wind farms, and their related infrastructure. The OTNR is focussed on finding short, medium and long term solutions to coordination, depending on where projects are in their planning timeline.

We held an OTNR virtual information session for parish and town councils to provide further explanation for the context of the OTNR process being led by BEIS, and how SEP and DEP are feeding into this government review. We understand that this is an important issue locally and have put SEP and DEP forward to be a pathfinder project within the OTNR.

Additionally, we are engaging with government, industry bodies, and other developers to support the work going into this coordination project. To learn more about SEP and DEP's role in the OTNR, please watch the recording of the OTNR Virtual Information Session on our website: <https://sepanddep.commonplace.is/proposals/10-community-q-as>

While there will be no viable offshore transmission network for Equinor to utilise within the timeframes for SEP and DEP, we have committed to reducing impacts on local communities by taking a joined-up approach and bringing together two separately owned offshore wind farm extensions into one single DCO application and it's our intention to install both cables within a shared onshore footprint.



Theme
Electromagnetic fields (EMFs)



Your comments
People questioned whether there would be any health impacts associated with EMFs from the onshore cables.



What we are doing
As with all electrical appliances and equipment used at home (TV, vacuum cleaners, electric razors, etc.), the required infrastructure for SEP and DEP will generate EMFs. However, EMFs fall rapidly with distance from the source, and the electric field is shielded in order to remain significantly below guideline EMF levels for public health protection.

To demonstrate the above we commissioned an independent study by National Grid which assessed the strength of EMFs along the onshore cable corridor. The study can be found in Appendix 30.1 within our PEIR: <https://sepanddep.commonplace.is/proposals/11-peir-documentation>

These calculations were performed by an independent third party in accordance with relevant standards to provide impartial, accurate and reliable analysis, and which demonstrate that the magnetic fields will be significantly lower than the exposure levels identified by Public Health England as being safe to human health.

Furthermore, the study explains that the view of health protection bodies, based on a wide-ranging health evidence, is that low-frequency EMF is not a cause of health risks and that the guideline exposure standards in place are appropriate to protect health.

The EMF study is currently being updated to account for design changes in other projects in the vicinity of SEP and DEP to give the correct assessment of any potential cumulative effects. The final report will be shared as part of our DCO application.



Theme
Traffic and access during construction



Your comments

As flagged during phase one consultation, people expressed concerns about disruption caused by construction traffic and access to the narrow road network in Norfolk. Additionally, consultees requested further detailed traffic information and stated the importance of keeping the community informed on possible traffic disruption.



What we are doing

We know that traffic and access during the construction of SEP and DEP is one of the key concerns for the local community. In our phase two consultation we presented information on the estimated traffic numbers on local roads and the potential impacts of this. We also set out the mitigation that would be required to ensure that these impacts are not significant.

Based on the feedback received during our phase two consultation and further studies and engagement we have:

- More than doubled the number of proposed trenchless road crossings.
- Committed to access the onshore substation from the A140, thereby avoiding access from the B1113, unless in exceptional circumstances.
- Repositioned numerous construction access locations to meet landowner requests, avoid ecological features and to ensure road safety.
- Worked with Norfolk County Council and National Highways to further refine the construction routing strategy access points, and main construction compound location. Information on the main construction compound can be found on pages 18 and 19.
- Refined the vehicle movement data that will feed into the updated assessment work for our DCO application.

As part of our DCO application we will also be producing an Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan, which will incorporate measures to address concerns raised during the phase two consultation. For example, the use of pilot vehicles on narrow roads to avoid hard engineering (i.e. passing places) where possible.



Refining our proposals

The feedback we received has helped us to refine our proposals for SEP and DEP.

Landfall

Using feedback from phase two consultation and further environmental and technical analysis, we have now reduced the size of the landfall area considerably. The route of the onshore cable corridor from landfall at Weybourne to Bodham, has also been refined. Please read the 'Landfall' section of this leaflet to learn more.

Onshore cable corridor

Using a wide range of data and information, including feedback from the phase two consultation, the width of the onshore cable corridor has been reduced from 200 metres to 60 metres. A wider corridor of 100 metres has been maintained for trenchless crossings at locations such as main rivers and woodland.

Construction compounds

We have now selected our preferred main construction compound location following an extensive site selection process. Please read the 'Onshore construction compounds' section of this leaflet to learn more about the range of considerations that fed into this decision.

Onshore substation search area

Feedback from the phase two consultation, alongside technical and environmental considerations played a key part in the decision to select Site 1 as our preferred onshore substation site. Please read the 'Onshore substation and access' section of this leaflet to learn more.



A detailed map of our refined proposals will be available with our DCO application.

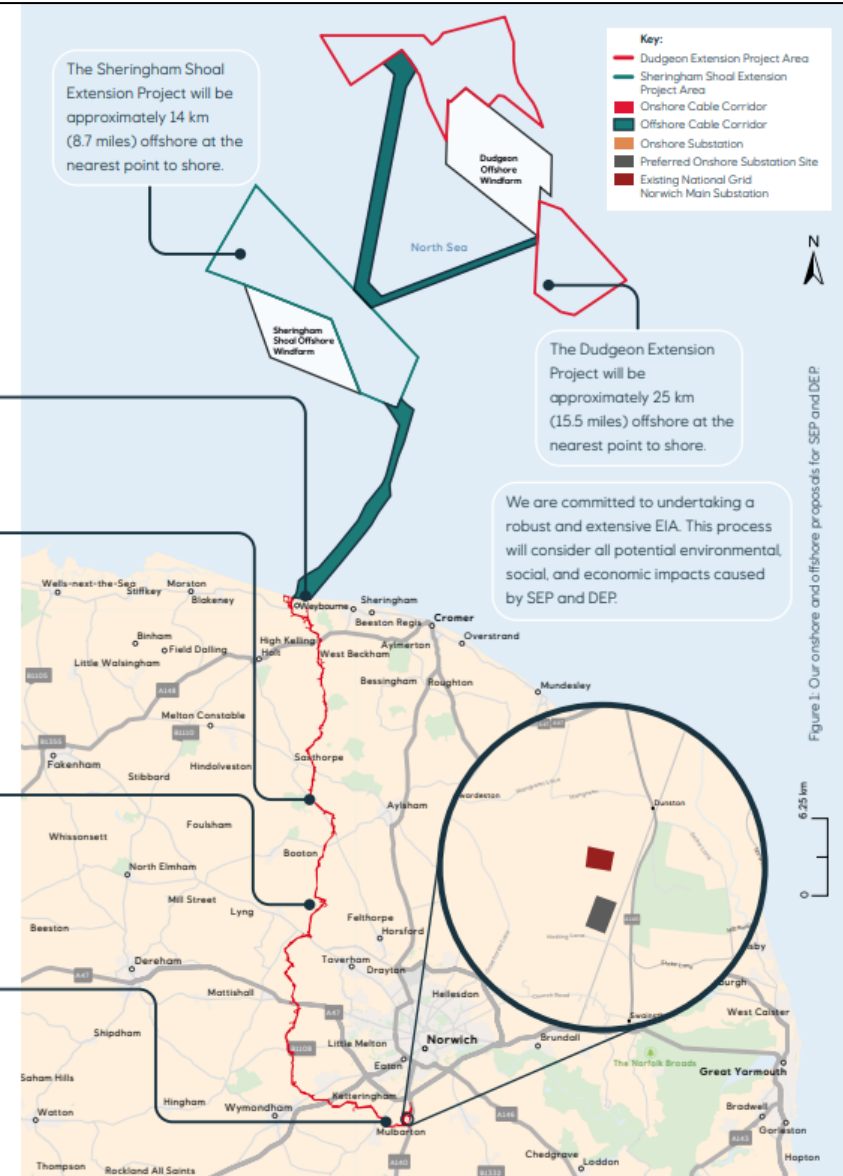


Figure 1. Our onshore and offshore proposals for SEP and DEP

Landfall

At the phase two consultation we presented a preferred landfall location to the west of Weybourne beach car park at the Muckleburgh Estate.

This location benefits from favourable conditions for horizontal directional drilling to install cable ducts beneath Weybourne beach, minimising disruption to the shoreline. Environmental surveys and engagement with the landowner have since allowed us to refine the landfall area significantly.

Firstly, the landfall compound has been positioned and reduced in size to minimise impacts to the surrounding habitat. This has been informed by a range of surveys including a national vegetation survey, alongside surveys for reptiles and invertebrates. We have also identified vehicle access routes and space for cable duct preparation that makes use of existing access tracks within the Muckleburgh Estate.

To find out more about how we selected the Muckleburgh Estate as the preferred landfall location, please view our previous updates in our documents library on our consultation website: <https://sepanndep.commonplace.is>

Since our phase two consultation we have also refined the onshore cable corridor at Weybourne Woods. During our phase two consultation we were considering a number of options to route the cables across this sensitive area.

Based on results from ground investigations carried out late summer 2021, we have confirmed the feasibility of a horizontal directional drill beneath Weybourne Woods.

The horizontal directional drill will be undertaken in two parts, each approximately 400 metres in length. The midway point (400 metres into Weybourne Woods) has been the subject of an arboricultural survey, which has been used to locate a drilling compound within an existing gap in the wood. The surveys have indicated a low density of trees with limited ecological value in this area. We are also exploring long-term opportunities to create an alternative mitigation habitat within this area that will improve species and structural diversity.

The preferred route was selected over the other options because:

- It avoids using open cut installation requiring an extended closure of Sandy Hill Lane.
- It avoids an open cut installation through the woodland resulting in more widespread tree loss and a greater impact to ecological receptors and recreational use.
- It is the most direct and shortest distance, minimising the overall footprint and number of receptors that will be impacted.
- It is technically feasible while maximising the distance to the nearest receptors.

Figure 2 SEP and DEP onshore cable corridor from Weybourne to Bodham.



Onshore substation and access

Equinor has been offered a grid connection at Norwich Main Substation by National Grid.

The site selection process for the onshore substation began with a three kilometre (km) search area from the existing Norwich Main Substation, which was presented in our October 2019 Scoping Report. Following a comparative assessment of a total of 17 options, the process identified five shortlisted fields for the onshore substation area, as shown in Figure 3. These fields were presented during our phase one consultation during July and August 2020

In response to your phase one consultation feedback, and further environmental and technical assessments, we selected two preferred site options for the location of the onshore substation area, as shown in Figure 4.

We have now selected our preferred onshore substation site, presented as Site 1 during phase two consultation, as shown in Figure 5. This site was selected because:

- There is existing screening from mature trees and woodland that effectively enclose the site, resulting in no clear views to the substation from nearby residential areas.
- It is sited closest to existing industrial landscape features, and at a natural low point within the landscape, reducing visual impact to the Tas Valley.
- It has the fewest residential properties located in proximity, and any potential operational noise impacts to residential properties can be mitigated.
- It avoids sites that are likely to be of high potential for archaeology.
- There was a slight preference for this site from community feedback.

Onshore substation access remains an important consideration in the refinement of our proposals. Having selected our preferred onshore substation location, we are continuing to refine our substation access options and are having detailed conversations with both Norfolk County Council and National Grid about the proposed access strategy.

At this stage a decision has been made to access the substation during both construction and operation via the A140. Access will not be taken via the B1113, unless in exceptional circumstances which is in response to feedback received during our phase two consultation.

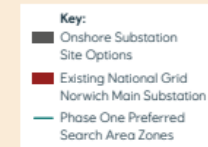
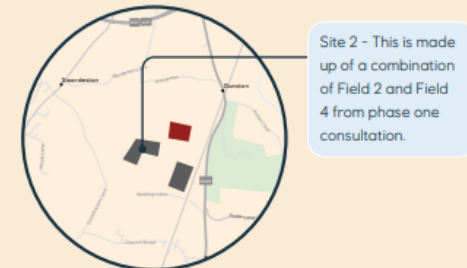


Figure 3. Phase one onshore substation search options.



Site 2 - This is made up of a combination of Field 2 and Field 4 from phase one consultation.

Figure 4. Phase two onshore substation search options.



Site 1 - Our preferred onshore substation option.

Figure 5. Preferred substitution site option.

Main construction compound

Temporary construction compounds are required to support the onshore cable installation. During phase two consultation we explained that this will include several secondary compounds along the onshore cable corridor; and up to two main compounds for project offices, welfare facilities, staff parking, and material and equipment storage. In addition, the landfall and substation works would have their own dedicated construction compounds.

During our phase two consultation we presented four shortlisted main compound locations. Following feedback from the phase two consultation, engagement with the Local Highways Authority, and discussions with landowners, Equinor has now identified that the preferred main construction compound will be located adjacent to the A1067 (Fakenham Road) near Attlebridge.

The site benefits from being connected to the onshore cable corridor and is adjacent to the A1067, which is a main distributor road. Other key considerations for selecting this site were:

- It has sufficient space to accommodate the entire footprint required.
- There is a good distance of separation to the nearest residential receptors (at least 200 metres).
- The A1067 accommodates significant industrial development (between Attlebridge and Lenwade) and associated HGV traffic.
- The A1067 provides a key link to the main east west A1270 (Norwich Northern Distributor) and onwards links to the main north south A140.
- The A1067 would provide a direct link to the planned Norwich Western Link road.
- The location facilitates direct access to the A1067, minimising construction traffic movements through local communities.
- Norfolk County Council has provided in principle support (subject to detailed access design) to an access for this compound.
- No significant road safety concerns were identified at the junction of the A1067 and Old Fakenham Road.

A report outlining the full site selection process for the main compound has been updated to explain all the factors leading to the identification of the preferred compound location, including the reasons for discounting the alternative options.

In addition to the main compound site selection report, we have also prepared a document which sets out the potential environmental impacts associated with the preferred compound location. It also sets out how the compound will be accessed by construction vehicles, including measures to control and enforce the routing of construction vehicles and measures to enhance road safety.

The preferred compound location will now be taken forward for detailed assessment as part of the DCO application.

Figure 6: SEP and DEP onshore cable corridor and main construction compound location.



Offshore proposals

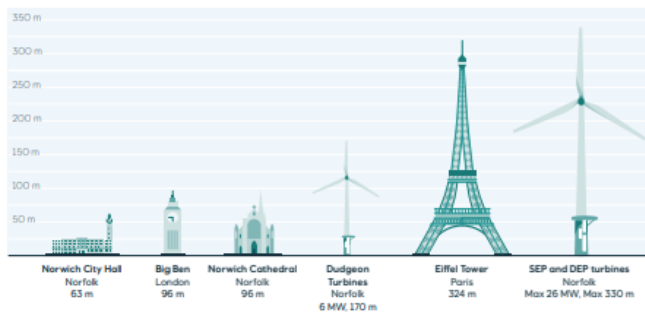
SEP and DEP will be located approximately 14 kilometres (8.7 miles) and 25 kilometres (15.5 miles) offshore at the nearest point to shore, respectively.

At phase two consultation, we outlined that we are investigating offshore generating areas of up to 196 kilometres squared in total, where 30 to 56 turbines could be located. Each offshore turbine could be between 14 and 26 megawatts (MW) in capacity and be between 246 and 330 metres in height.

In response to feedback received from phase two consultation, and in discussion with technical stakeholders through ongoing environmental technical group meetings, we are continuing to refine and assess our offshore proposals.

Ornithological impacts associated with SEP and DEP will be an important consideration and additional analysis on seabird species is being undertaken as we refine our proposals.

We are engaging with technical stakeholders, including Natural England and the RSPB, as part of our ongoing discussions on mitigation and in principle compensatory measures.



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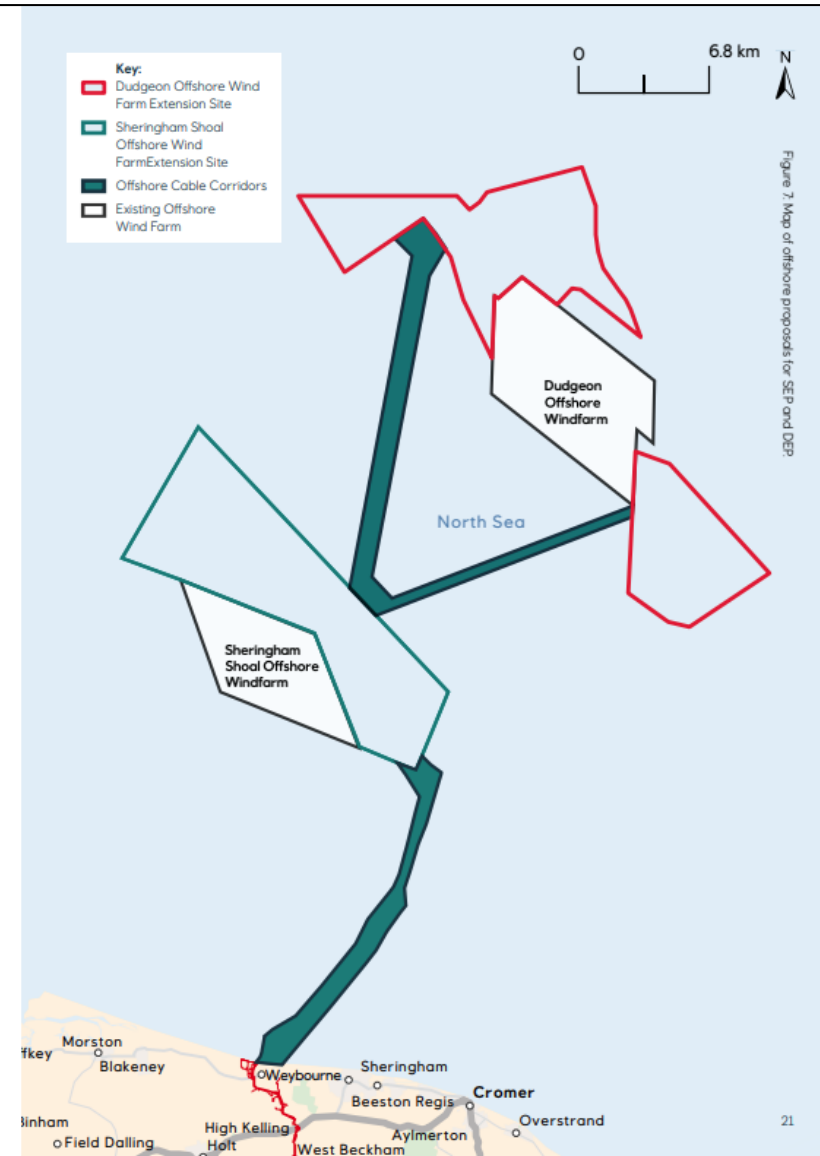


Figure 7. Map of offshore proposals for SEP and DEP

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What's Next?

Over the coming months, we will continue to refine our proposals ahead of our DCO application submission. We have taken the decision to extend our DCO application submission to the second quarter of 2022. This extension allows us time to further develop proposals, and allows additional engagement on impacts to seabird species with Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies and other stakeholders, in case environmental mitigation and ornithology compensatory measures are required.

Additionally, we will be undertaking further targeted consultation with affected landowners on our main construction compound early next year and will be contacting relevant landowners to receive their feedback on our refined proposals for the main construction compound.

In the meantime, we will be continuing engagement with all stakeholders, including parish, district and county councillors.

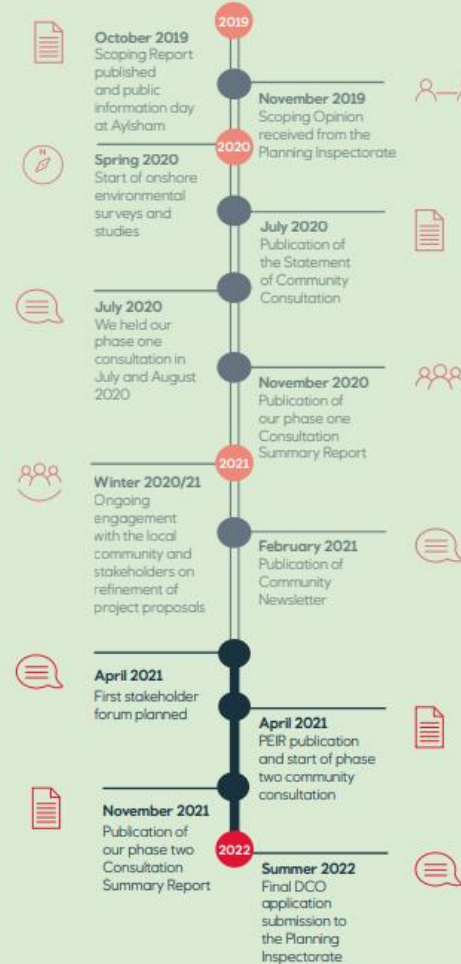
You can sign up to receive project news via our digital engagement platform (sepanndep.commonplace.is/news) or communications channels, as listed on the back of this leaflet.

Public Information Days

During our phase two consultation, feedback highlighted the additional value of coming to Norfolk to meet you in person, depending on the COVID situation. We hope the extension to our DCO application submission also allows us extra time to come and meet you in person and hold more public information days, subject to any evolving COVID guidelines. We will advertise this in local media and online via our mailing list.

Our information events will be an opportunity to view our refined proposals and we encourage anyone with an interest in these proposals to come along.

We hope to host public information days in early 2022. Further details will be provided nearer to the time.



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