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### North Falls Offshore Wind Farm

#### Section 48 Planning Act 2008

#### Regulation 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

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It is anticipated the proposed development consent order (DCO) will, among other things, authorise:

- The construction, operation and maintenance and decommissioning of an offshore wind generating station and its associated infrastructure
- The compulsory acquisition of land including rights in or over land and imposition of restrictions, powers to override suspend or extinguish rights over land and the temporary use of land
- The application, modification and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project including that relating to the compulsory acquisition of land, and
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

As North Falls is an offshore generating station with a proposed capacity of more than 100MW it is classified as a nationally significant infrastructure project under s15(3) Planning Act 2008. North Falls is an environmental impact assessment (EIA) development as defined in the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Therefore, the Applicant is making preliminary environmental information available and the proposed application for a DCO will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

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*Section 48 notice in Fishing News (15 May 2023)*

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

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*Section 48 notice in Lloyd's List (16 May 2023)*

**LEAD STORY:**

Doubling of machinery failures since 2012 leads casualty trend analysis

**WHAT TO WATCH:**

Fragmented regulation now a top risk for shipping, ICS survey finds

Iran claims another tanker seizure as US Navy set to increase presence in Strait of Hormuz

**MARKETS:**

Costamare Bulkers platform surges to 51 chartered-in vessels

Volume retreat hits HHLA's first-quarter earnings

Revived Hengli Heavy Industry wins largest order to date

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Management moves at Maersk units

Eurodry eyes 'supply squeeze' ahead in dry bulk

K Line and Mitsubishi pen 15-year charter for newbuild LNG carrier

## Doubling of machinery failures since 2012 leads casualty trend analysis



A STEADY RISE in the number of machinery damage or failure incidents in the decade between 2012 and 2022 is the main finding of a new survey of maritime casualties conducted by Lloyd's List Intelligence and DNV.

More than 700 ships reported machinery breakdowns at the beginning of the period, rising to almost 1,000 in 2015 and 1,500 in 2022. These involved all vessel types and sizes, with general cargoships, bulk carriers and ferries particularly being affected.

At the same time, there were significant falls in the number of incidents involving collision with other ships, fires, piracy and foundering.

A second trend picked out by the casualty analysis is the encouraging decline in the number of incidents for the years between 2015 and 2020. However, the subsequent increase in incidents during the pandemic years and in the past year of conflict between Russia and Ukraine suggests more needs to be done to understand why accidents happen and where further research should be targeted.

This survey covers the period before the full effects of decarbonisation are clear for shipping.

In his foreword to the Maritime Safety Trends report, DNV Maritime chief executive Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen observes that demand for a more decarbonised world and rapid technological advancements are “compelling us to calibrate our way of thinking about safety”.

He adds: “New engine types, fuels, and digital systems offer many solutions but also bring increased

uncertainty and new risks. The maritime industry needs to embrace safety as it adapts to these changes.”

Companies must develop a robust and trustworthy safety culture, Ørbeck-Nilssen urges, a culture that places people at its core.

There are several elements to this culture, which interact with one another, support and affirm when necessary, and warn of gaps when they appear. This report, subtitled ‘Advancing a culture of safety in a changing industry landscape’, advocates the creation of a safety culture that flows from the senior leadership team down through all layers of the business onshore and at sea, and then back to the chief executive.

There are several elements to this culture, which interact with one another, support and affirm when necessary, and warn of gaps when they appear. The report explores the overarching safety culture and each of the elements, from leadership and competence to collaboration and creative worry.

It concludes that shipping must share safety

experience if the 80% of incidents attributed to human error is to be seriously addressed.

Valuable contributions to the report come from DNV department safety advisory head Øystein Goksøyr who believes change management is critical if the industry is to successfully implement a transformation to smart shipping; from DNV safety regulation expert Kathrine Ilje Nerland who stresses that rules and guidelines must keep up with technological advancements to keep shipping safe; and from the Mission to Seafarers secretary-general Rev Canon Andrew Wright who comments that the work of the maritime welfare sector, in its diversity of approaches, is at the core of sustaining well-being, and consequently safety, among crews.

This report makes a clear case for the industry to pull together at a time of change and transformation, and to look beyond the competitive edge to a safe, secure and sustainable industry. There is nothing inevitable about human error, at any stage of the maritime venture, and no reason why shipping’s transition to an era of decarbonisation should put safety second.

In the words of DNV’s chief executive, “nothing will ever be more important than the safety of our people, vessels, and the environment”.

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## WHAT TO WATCH

# Fragmented regulation now a top risk for shipping, ICS survey finds

THE risk of fragmented and regional regulation has increased for shipping, amid regulations from the European Union, according to a new survey by the International Chamber of Shipping due to be published on Tuesday.

“Risk posed by unilateral or fragmented regulation is growing but can be reduced if regulators pursue a long-term strategy to align with maritime’s global regulatory framework,” reports the ICS.

The EU has stepped up its shipping regulations in 2023 after rubber stamping the industry’s inclusion in its Emissions Trading System and agreeing to set a 2% target for renewable hydrogen in bunker fuels from 2034.

But the bloc has indicated that its regional regulations may be revisited if the International Maritime Organization adopts similar measures.

The ICS’ latest maritime risk survey of more than 130 industry decision makers found that political and financial instability as well as cyber attacks were the top risks for the industry in 2023, a change from the leading risks identified in its 2021 survey, which were epidemics, supply chain fragility and trade barriers.

Shipping executives identified regulations, investor requirements and market-based measures as the most important risk multipliers for decarbonisation in 2023, whereas more emphasis was put on public funding and stranded assets in the 2021 survey.

The survey demonstrated concerns around availability of alternative fuels, creating the risk of “fossil drag”, with several respondents expressing preference for liquefied natural gas or fuel oil as their fuel of choice during the coming decade.

Current low production of zero-emission alternative fuels will likely increase concerns around these products and resulted in shipping executives to prefer fossil fuels for bunkering.

Potential competition for zero-emission marine fuels, such as green methanol and green ammonia from other industries, was likely another factor in this outcome.

“Heavy fuel oil and very low sulphur fuel oil are fuels that are almost exclusive to shipping, whereas all alternative fuel options will see shipping in competition with other sectors of the global economy,” an anonymous respondent of the survey said.

## Iran claims another tanker seizure as US Navy set to increase presence in Strait of Hormuz

THE US Navy will be bolstering its presence and coordination with allies in the Strait of Hormuz following the recent vessel hijackings by Iran, the Navy’s 5th fleet said in a statement on Friday.

“In addition to heightened patrols, US 5th Fleet is bolstering international maritime security collaboration among the International Maritime Security Construct and European Maritime Awareness in the Strait of Hormuz,” according to the statement.

The announcement came as Iranian media reported on Friday that Tehran’s armed forces have hijacked a third tanker in less than a month.

Iran’s state media outlet IRNA cited an official saying the 9,300 dwt combined product and chemical tanker *Purity* was seized by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and Ministry of Intelligence due to a court order.

The Iranian official said that the vessel had been illegally leased to a foreigner using falsified documents since 2018, while its Iranian owners were deprived of their interests.

A prosecutor allegedly issued an order to seize the vessel over a year ago, but the vessel was taken after Iranian security forces “discovered” its presence in the Middle East Gulf, according to the media reports.

However, vessel tracking data from Lloyd’s List Intelligence shows the vessel traded almost exclusively between the Middle East Gulf and India’s

Biofuels was the second-most popular fuel choice after LNG in the next 10 years for global maritime leaders. The increase in biofuel blending in conventional bunker fuels in recent years and successful tests with vessels running only on biofuels could be helping companies becoming more confident about refuelling with these products.

Maritime leaders were significantly sceptical about ammonia’s prospects to become a viable option in the next five years, with nearly 70% of respondents believing it will become viable in six to 15 years.

But a potential successful launch of ammonia dual-fuel engines in the coming years could alter this perception.

west coast in the past year, suggesting the timing of the seizure was not due to a serendipitous discovery by the IRGC.

Vessel-tracking data shows *Purity* left Sohar, Oman April 28 heading towards the Strait of Hormuz when its AIS signal was cut on May 4 west of Kooch Mobarak, Iran. It re-emerged on May 7 off Taban, Iran, and sailed to Asaluyeh the following day, arriving at Asaluyeh Anchorage on May 9.

### Forced move

India-based SALS Shipping, who serve as the vessel’s technical and ISM manager, told Lloyd’s List that the vessel was: “Illegally forced by [the Iranian] Navy to move to anchorage in Asaluyeh” after suffering an engine break down in international waters.

There are 18 crew onboard the *Purity*, all Indian nationals, the company said.

“[We are] not aware of what is being stated nor exchanged as no dispute has been stated and we are not in any ways connected with Iran,” SALS told Lloyd’s List, adding that their contract is with the owner, who they identified as UAE-based Riya Shipping Ltd.

Unlike the two other vessels hijacked within the last month by the Tehran, *Purity* has continued broadcasting its AIS.

Lloyd’s List Intelligence data shows that *Purity*’s registered owner since 2012 is Liberia-based Sun Ocean Shipping. Its technical and ISM manager

from October 2017 and September 2019 were Iran-based Far Sea Sun Asia Joint Stock Co, before it switched several India-based managers.

It was operated by Singapore-based WSC Shipping from November 2019 to May 2020 and has been operated by Hong Kong-based Unicorn Asia since June 2020, according to Lloyd's List Intelligence data. The vessel's name was changed *Sun Ocean* in July 2019.

The US 5th fleet did not respond to a request for comment.

On April 27, the IRGC hijacked the Marshall Islands-flagged aframax *Advantage Sweet* (IMO: 9587192) as it was transiting the Gulf of Oman on its way to Houston, Texas, in what is believed to have been retaliation to an earlier seizure by the US of suspected Iranian cargo on board the suezmax *Suez Rajan* (IMO: 9524475).

A week later, IRGC fast-attack craft swarmed the very large crude carrier *Niovi* (IMO: 9292498) as it was transiting the Strait of Hormuz, but unlike *Advantage Sweet*, VLCC *Niovi* did not appear to be carrying cargo.

As with *Purity*, Iran media stated that *Niovi* was

seized because of a judicial order, this one preceded by a "private complaint".

Leaked emails by Wikiran revealed *Niovi* was part of a legal dispute over suspected Iranian cargo that was discharged in China in 2020.

The cargo owners, Oman-based Nimr International and Türkiye-based ASB Group affiliate Baslam Nakliyat, were sanctioned by the US in 2021 and 2022, respectively, for ties to the IRGC's Quds Force.

In the leaked emails, Baslam, which was in dispute with the cargo's consignee La Mere Maritime, alleged that they were not paid for the cargo and that La Mere sold it without their knowledge and approval.

The US Navy said in a statement that Vice-Admiral Brad Cooper, commander of the US Naval Forces Central Command, 5th Fleet and Combined Maritime Forces spoke with Vice-Admiral Emmanuel Slaars, joint commander of the French forces deployed in the Indian Ocean.

"In coordination with French assets operating in the area, the US is increasing the rotation of ships and aircraft patrolling in and around the Strait of Hormuz after Iran's recent unlawful merchant vessel seizures."

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## MARKETS

# Costamare Bulkers platform surges to 51 chartered-in vessels

COSTAMARE, the Greece-based containership and dry bulk carrier owner, has rapidly built up its new dry bulk operating platform for chartering larger bulkers.

Reporting strong profits for the first quarter of the year, the New York Stock Exchange-listed company said that it already has 51 bulkers fixed, predominantly under index-linked period charters.

Of these, 39 vessels have so far been delivered to the Costamare Bulkera (CBI) platform. The three-month period was the platform's first full operational quarter.

Comprising 31 newcastlemaxes and capesizes, 19 kamsarmaxes and panamaxes, and a single ultramax, the operated fleet is distinct from Costamare's owned dry bulk fleet, acquired in a secondhand acquisition spree in 2021.

The owned fleet of 43 vessels trades primarily on the spot market and it comprises mainly handysizes, supramaxes and ultramax, with just seven kamsarmaxes and one classic panamax.

Costamare has agreed to invest up to \$200m in the platform.

"Our goal is to grow the dry bulk operating platform business on a prudent basis and realise healthy returns for our shareholders," said chief financial officer Gregory Zikos.

The first quarter also saw Costamare become the leading investor in Neptune Maritime Leasing.

Mr Zikos said that the investment, amounting to up to \$200m, was "a favourable employment of the company's increased liquidity" and "synergetic" to the shipowning activities.

The new venture “is expected to further enhance the strong relationships built over the past decades with shipowners and commercial lenders in the ship financing sector”, he said.

Costamare had more than \$1bn of liquidity at the end of the quarter, including cash and cash equivalents of \$853.8m.

Containerships remain the company’s main business and about \$3.1bn in contracted revenue has been lined up for the current fleet of 71 boxships.

Mr Zikos said that boxship charter rates were “on a rising trend” and there was “high demand across the board”. But the orderbook for new vessels remained a threat to the market.

The company posted first-quarter net income of \$148.9m, compared with a \$123m profit in the same quarter last year.

## Volume retreat hits HHLA's first-quarter earnings

FALLING demand amid a weak economic environment dragged on performance at Hamburger Hafen und Logistik, known as HHLA, in the first quarter of this year, slashing revenues and profits.

“A significant weakening in the demand for logistical services was already evident at the end of 2022,” said HHLA chief executive Angela Titzrath.

“Geopolitical tensions, the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, high inflation and the corresponding reduction in consumption in Europe are reflected in an economically weak start to the year worldwide. As we expected, container throughput and transport in the first quarter of the year were weak at HHLA as well.”

Group revenues were down 5.6% to €364.7m (\$396.1m) in the first quarter, while earnings before interest and tax fell by almost 60% to €22.9m.

HHLA put the declines down to the reduced demand for container throughput, the decrease in storage fees at the Hamburg container terminals and the suspension of seaborne handling at the Odesa container terminal, which was closed due to the war in Ukraine.

In the container segment, throughput at HHLA’s container terminals decreased by 18.6% to 1.4m teu. Volumes at Hamburg fell 15.9% to 1.3m teu.

This includes net capital gains of \$89.1m from deals concluded in the first quarter to sell two older 6,648 teu containerships and one handysize bulker.

Excluding gains from vessel sales, gains on derivatives and accrued charter revenue, adjusted net income came to \$46.5m.

Voyage revenues decreased by 7.2% to \$248.8m. The company attributed this mainly to decreased charter rates for some of its bulkers and the effect of a number of sales, mainly of containerships, during last year and in this 2023’s first quarter.

The decrease, though, was partly offset by increased charter rates for certain container vessels as well as revenue stemming from CBI.

“The main driver of this development was the strong decline in volumes in the Far East shipping region, particularly China,” HHLA said.

“The positive momentum from North American cargo volumes was unable to compensate for this.”

Feeder volumes were also significantly down from the previous year, with Russian volumes in particular sharply down year on year as a result of EU sanctions.

Revenues were down nearly a fifth in this segment as lower volumes and an easing of congestion led to shorter container dwell times at the group’s Hamburg container terminals.

Throughput at its international terminals was down by over half following the suspension of services at Odesa following the Russian incursion into Ukraine last February.

Despite the weak performance, HHLA said it would maintain its guidance for the year.

“The economic development of HHLA in the first quarter of 2023 was largely in line with expectations,” it said.

But it warned that the situation in Ukraine and other geopolitical tensions, alongside rising

inflation, meant the outlook was subject to “considerable uncertainty”.

“We expect to see a market recovery in the second quarter,” Titzrath said.

## Revived Hengli Heavy Industry wins largest order to date

HENGLI Heavy Industry has won its largest newbuilding order since the Chinese builder was launched in January.

The deal was signed with domestic shipowner Fortune Ocean Shipping for four 82,000 dwt bulk carriers, the shipbuilder said in a statement without disclosing the delivery time.

Financial details were also not revealed, but ships of similar type and size typically cost about \$34m each.

As a major bulk carrier type, each of the new vessels will measure 229 metres in length and 32.3 m wide, the company said, noting that they will meet the requirements of IMO’s Energy Efficiency Design Index phase III.

Before this order, Hengli Heavy Industry had won an order for four 20,000 dwt bulk carriers for parent company Hengli Group and reportedly also secured two 61,000 dwt bulk carriers from unknown clients.

“Overall, HHLA’s strategy of positioning itself broadly along the logistical value chain and continuously expanding its network has proven its worth. Despite the challenging times, HHLA continues to implement its strategy based on sustainability and profitable growth.”

The restructured shipbuilder now has 10 vessels on its orderbook.

Earlier this year, broker reports suggested Hengli Heavy Industry was also in talks with John Fredriksen’s shipping arm about a shipbuilding project for long range two tankers.

Parent company Hengli Group, a Suzhou-based petrochemical and textile conglomerate, bought the assets of STX Dalian, which was part of South Korea’s STX Group and went bankrupt in 2014 after many years of heavy losses, for Yuan1.7bn (\$244.5m) in July 2022.

Since then, Hengli Heavy Industry has been active in hiring several ship design and manufacturing roles.

In February, Zhang Tao, former sales vice-president of Yangzijiang Shipbuilding, joined Hengli Heavy Industry as vice-president leading the ship sales team.

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## IN OTHER NEWS

### Management moves at Maersk units

TINA Revsbech has been appointed chief executive at Maersk Tankers to replace Christian Ingerslev, who has moved over to Maersk Supply Service following the latter company’s acquisition by AP Moller Holdings.

Revsbech previously spent 15 years at Maersk Tankers before stints at Torm, Fednav and BW Tankers.

“Tina joins Maersk Tankers at a crucial time in shipping with energy security disrupted and global energy markets increasingly fragmented due to geopolitical developments,” said AP Moller

chief executive and Maersk Tankers chairman Robert Uggla.

### Eurodry eyes ‘supply squeeze’ ahead in dry bulk

A SLUMP in dry bulk charter rates has pitched Greece-based EuroDry into the red for the first quarter but the company is positioning itself for better days.

The Nasdaq-listed owner of 10 bulkers said that first-quarter charter revenues fell by 37.9% to \$11.3m, although the market has improved since mid-February.

Eurodry posted a \$1.5m net loss, versus net income of \$10.5m for the same quarter in the past year.

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K LINE has signed a long-term charter agreement with Diamond Gas International for a 174,000 liquefied natural gas carrier recently ordered in South Korea.

The Japanese shipping group said it is the first such deal between the two companies involving a newbuilding, adding it has concluded a contract with Samsung Heavy Industries to construct the ship.

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- Up to two offshore substation platforms
- Platform interconnector cables
- Inter-array cables
- Three options for transmission infrastructure:

**Option 1:** Onshore electrical connection at a National Grid connection point within Tendring, Essex, with a project alone onshore cable route and onshore substation infrastructure;

**Option 2:** Onshore electrical connection at a National Grid connection point within Tendring, Essex, sharing all or part of an onshore cable route with separate onshore export cables with another project (such as Five Estuaries) where practicable, or

**Option 3:** Offshore electrical connection supplied by a third-party electricity network provider. Such a connection will potentially be identified through the Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR) process.

It is anticipated the proposed development consent order (DCO) will, among other things, authorise:

- The construction, operation and maintenance and decommissioning of an offshore wind generating station and its associated infrastructure
- The compulsory acquisition of land including rights in or over land and imposition of restrictions, powers to override suspend or extinguish rights over land and the temporary use of land
- The application, modification and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project including that relating to the compulsory acquisition of land, and
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

As North Falls is an offshore generating station with a proposed capacity of more than 100MW it is classified as a nationally significant infrastructure project under s15(3) Planning Act 2008. North Falls is an environmental impact assessment (EIA) development as defined in the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Therefore, the Applicant is making preliminary environmental information available and the proposed application for a DCO will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

From the start of the statutory consultation on 16 May 2023, the North Falls Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), a non-technical summary (NTS) providing an overview of the proposals, consultation booklet and other documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the project will be available to view and download free of charge via the consultation portal ([www.stat.northfallsoffshore.com](http://www.stat.northfallsoffshore.com)). The consultation portal can also be accessed from the website ([www.northfallsoffshore.com](http://www.northfallsoffshore.com)).

The documents, plans and maps will all be available online for at least the duration of the statutory consultation period ending at 11.59pm on 14 July 2023. Alternatively, copies of the documents can be requested by calling **0800 254 5340** or by emailing [contact@northfallsoffshore.com](mailto:contact@northfallsoffshore.com). These contact details can also be used for any enquiries relating to the documents, plans and maps accompanying this consultation.

Electronic copies of the documents on a USB stick can be requested free of charge along with paper copies of the NTS, consultation booklet and previously published statement of community consultation (SoCC). However due to the size of the PEIR, a charge of £3500 would be applied for a paper copy, to cover the production costs. Paper copies of all the consultation documents – including the PEIR – will be available to view at the following drop-in consultation events:

Venue	Date (2023):	Time:
<b>Great Bromley Village Hall</b> Parsons Hill, Great Bromley, Colchester, CO7 7JA	Friday 2 June	3.30pm to 7.30pm
<b>Tendring Village Hall</b> Tendring, Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 0BG	Saturday 3 June	9am to 1pm
<b>McGrigor Hall</b> 85 Fourth Ave, Frinton-on-Sea, CO13 9EB	Thursday 8 June	3.30pm to 7.30pm
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<b>Ardleigh Village Hall</b> Station Road, Ardleigh, Essex, CO7 7RS	Saturday 10 June	9am to 1pm

As part of the consultation there will also be two online webinars which require registration in advance. Details of how to register can be found on the consultation portal:

<b>Webinar (Zoom)</b>	Tuesday 13 June	6pm to 7:30pm
<b>Webinar (Zoom)</b>	Wednesday 21 June	6pm to 7:30pm

Responses can be submitted via a feedback form or the interactive map on the project consultation portal ([www.stat.northfallsoffshore.com](http://www.stat.northfallsoffshore.com)); via feedback forms or postcards available at the consultation events; by email [contact@northfallsoffshore.com](mailto:contact@northfallsoffshore.com), or in writing to **FREEPOST NORTH FALLS**. Any responses related to North Falls statutory consultation should be received by the Applicant by **11.59pm on 14 July 2023**.

Please note that representations received and any accompanying personal data, such as the names of persons over 18, may be made public. Those not wishing their personal information to be made public should state so when submitting their representation. Responses and personal data may be provided to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate or other relevant statutory authorities in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008. To find out about how the Applicant will manage your personal data please refer to our Privacy Notice (<https://stat.northfallsoffshore.com/privacy>)

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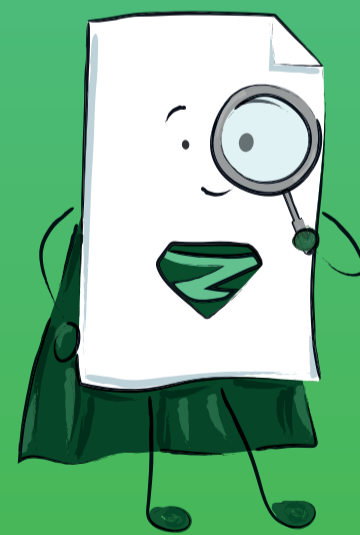


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*Stage 3 (statutory) consultation Instagram posts*



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**northfallsoffshore** Our statutory consultation phase starts today and will run until Friday 16 July 2023. We are presenting initial findings from our environmental assessment work, potential impacts and how they can be dealt with. Input from communities can be invaluable so we hope to encourage people to take part by attending an event, returning completed feedback forms or commenting via our consultation portal. The link is in the bio. @northfallsoffshore @rwe\_uk #srenewables #offshorewind #communityconsultation #haveyoursay  
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**andrewentwise72** I will be excited to see the final plan! Glad to have been a part of the journey  
58w 1 like Reply

14 likes  
May 16, 2023

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**northfallsoffshore** Five in-person consultation events will be held in Essex as part of our current consultation - starting in Great Bromley on Friday 2 June. The events offer people the chance to find out more about the project and talk with members of the North Falls team. The five events in Great Bromley, Tendring, Frinton-on-Sea, Thorpe-le-Soken and Ardleigh are a key part of the consultation, which is being held to gather feedback from communities and the wider public on our current project proposals. For venues, dates and times of the events visit our consultation portal (link in the bio). @rwe\_uk #srenewables @northfallsoffshore #greatergabbard #consultation #communityevents #offshorewind #development  
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northfallsoffshore Two in-person events completed but still three opportunities to come and talk to the North Falls team about the project proposals this week: \*Thursday, McGrigor Hall, Frinton-on-Sea (3.30 to 7.30) \*Friday, Women's Institute Hall, Thorpe-le-Soken (3.30 to 7.30) or \*Saturday, Ardleigh Village Hall (9 to 1). @northfallsoffshore @rwe\_uk #srenewables #offshorewind #development #consultation #findoutmore #haveyoursay  
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June 5, 2023

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northfallsoffshore One webinar to go! Our five face-to-face events are completed as well as the first webinar. For one more chance to hear about the project's preliminary environmental information report direct from the North Falls team, register for our final webinar taking place 6pm on Wednesday 21 June. Registrations can be made via the programme on the Welcome page of the consultation portal (link in the bio). @northfallsoffshore @rwe\_uk #srenewables #consultation #offshorewind #webinar #findoutmore #PEIR #ask #haveyoursay #statutoryconsultation  
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northfallsoffshore While our face-to-face and online events are now over there are still two weeks to go to respond to the North Falls statutory consultation. Closes 14 July 2023. A young visitor in Ardleigh left this bright colouring-in however we are looking for responses via the consultation portal, our freepost address or email. Link with details in the bio. @northfallsoffshore @rwe\_uk #srenewables #consultation #14Julyclose #offshorewindfarm #haveyoursay #feedback #communityinvolvement

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northfallsoffshore Thanks to everyone who took part in our statutory consultation which is now closed. Whether you were one of the 231 people who attended our events, or one of the more than 600 who responded in writing, we appreciate all the time and effort taken. Next up we will collate and review the feedback and address issues raised by respondents, as we work towards refining the proposals that will be included in our final application. @northfallsoffshore @rwe\_uk #srenewables #offshorewind #consultation #community #development #NSIP #engagement #PEIR #preapplication

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### F.56

*FAQs on website*



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

This page provides answers to questions that were asked during our consultation and are likely to be of interest to stakeholders and the wider local community. They will be regularly reviewed to ensure they are up to date and relevant.

### Local involvement

*Question:*

How can the local supply chain and local companies benefit from this project?

*Answer:*

An early study indicated that for the onshore construction phase, local small-to-medium enterprises could benefit from contracts totalling more than £250 million. This initial assessment was built on by a specific socio-economic benefit study that has found the gross value add (GVA) for the local area could be up to £400 million across the supply chain for the lifetime of the project. Local companies will be well placed to take advantage of the opportunities which will be promoted via both the project and its Tier 1 and 2 suppliers as the project progresses. Initiatives such as supply chain events, supplier registration and facilitated sessions will be used to maximise transparency of opportunities. Companies interested in being informed of future opportunities can send their details to be added to the project supplier database.

What will you do to ensure local people are well-placed to have opportunities with the project?

There will be a wide range of local jobs during the lifetime of the project, from highly skilled to more manual roles (direct, indirect and induced), working with the project itself, as well as with local suppliers and contractors across the whole supply chain. Our initial socio-economic benefit study has put the total number of annual full-time equivalent local jobs at around 4000 over the lifetime of the project. North Falls will implement careers awareness, training and skills initiatives with local schools, educational institutions and training providers. These are likely to include apprenticeships, internships and other skills-related initiatives.

Will the energy be used locally?

It is not possible to say exactly who will use the electricity produced by North Falls as it will enter the national grid and be transmitted for use by homes, businesses and industries connected to the network.

How will you work with the local community?

During the development phase we will undertake consultation where we will gather feedback, input and ideas on our proposals, including on ways to engage with the community for the lifetime of the project. The information will be used during and post-consent to develop a detailed plan of how to most effectively work with the community in terms of initiatives with schools and other education facilities, community groups and charities. Community input will be sought to ensure it meets local needs and requirements.

Can local people invest in offshore wind farms?

At this stage it is not possible for individuals to invest in offshore wind farms other than through shareholdings with the owner companies listed on stock exchanges.

### Planning process

*Question:*

Will the decision to proceed with the project be decided locally or nationally?

*Answer:*

As North Falls is an offshore wind energy development greater than 100MW it is classed as a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP) which means it will follow a six-step development consent order process managed by the Planning Inspectorate. The first step, lasting over a period of approximately three years, is pre-application, which is the key time for the local community, including local Government, to input into the plan. This is followed by acceptance (within 28 days), pre-examination (typically three months) and examination (six months) before the Planning Inspectorate prepares a report on the application, including a recommendation, and provides it to the relevant Secretary of State. They will then decide whether to grant or refuse development consent. In summary the decision will be made nationally, though as part of the process there will be a significant amount of local input throughout. More information about the process can be found on the Planning Inspectorate website.

How will the local councils be involved in the selection of the landfall or cable route?

Councils located within, and neighbouring, the development area are statutory stakeholders and will be consulted throughout the pre-application process. The feedback and responses received will be taken into account when preparing the final application proposals.

What is the timescale for the project?

Broadly North Falls is anticipating receiving consent around 2025/26, and getting underway with construction relatively soon afterwards to be operational by the end of the decade therefore helping the UK Government meet its targets of 50GW offshore wind by 2030.



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## APPENDIX F

### F.57

*PEIR on website*

## PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REPORT (PEIR)

### Guide and non-technical Summary

- North Falls Guide to PEIR
- North Falls Non-technical Summary

### PEIR technical chapters, figures and appendices

- **Chapter 1 Introduction**
  - Chapter 1 Introduction (Volume I)
  - Figures – Chapter 1 Introduction (Volume II)
- **Chapter 2 Need for the Project**
  - Chapter 2 Need for the Project (Volume I)
- **Chapter 3 Policy and Legislative Context**
  - Chapter 3 Policy and Legislative Context (Volume I)
- **Chapter 4 Site Selection and Assessment of Alternatives**
  - Chapter 4 Site Selection and Assessment of Alternatives (Volume I)
  - Figures – Chapter 4 Site Selection and Assessment of Alternatives (Volume II)
  - Appendix 4.1 North Falls Site Selection Golden Rules (Volume III)
- **Chapter 5 Project Description**
  - Chapter 5 Project Description (Volume I)
  - Appendix 5.1 Crossing Schedule (Volume III)



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## APPENDIX F

### F.58

*Stage 3 (statutory) consultation summary  
on website*

# CONSULTATION RESULTS

The information on this page was correct at the time of publishing (July 2023). The project has since evolved and we would encourage you to read our [September update](#) for more information.

Here are some key statistics about our consultation:



45,595  
invitations mailed



147,946  
impressions from online advertising



Five  
public events



Two  
webinars



4,624  
visits to consultation portal



641  
pieces of written feedback

## Issues and actions from the consultation

A wide range of issues were raised during the statutory consultation that will be addressed either via further consultation and engagement or in the Environmental Statement and Consultation Report. This is a high level summary of a number of the most commonly raised issues and what actions the project is taking to address them.

### *Issue raised during consultation*

### *What we are doing*

#### **Offshore**

##### **Visual impact of the turbines**

People were concerned about the visual impact of the wind farm, particularly from the Suffolk coast, and any tourism or seascape impacts.

North Falls has decided to remove the northern array which was the section of the project that was closest to shore and where the turbines would have potentially been most visible. This means the closest turbine to shore will no longer be 22 kilometres but rather 42 kilometres, which will significantly reduce what people onshore will be able to see.

Removal of the northern array will also reduce the offshore footprint, alleviating concerns from the shipping sector and reducing the impact on birds.

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##### **Visual impact of the turbines-size of the turbines**

A number of responses felt the maximum turbine sizes included in the proposals were too large and would impact visually.

The maximum height of the turbines has been reduced by 20 metres (from 397m to 377m) and the maximum number of turbines likewise has been reduced by 15 (from 72 to 57). Combined with the removal of the northern array, the reduction in turbine height and number should alleviate most of people's concerns around visibility.

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##### **Offshore grid connection**

The majority of consultation responses stated a preference for North Falls to have a grid connection offshore, rather than the proposed onshore grid connection in Ardleigh, primarily due to its link to National Grid's proposed Norwich-Tilbury reinforcement project.

North Falls continues to play an active role in the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero's Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR) with other key stakeholders involved in the delivery of offshore wind and remains committed to include an offshore grid connection option within the development consent order application we submit to the Planning Inspectorate.

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##### **Number of export cable circuits required (offshore)**

Consultees with a marine focus questioned the need for four circuits for the offshore export cables, as initially proposed by both North Falls and neighbouring Five Estuaries.

Both North Falls and Five Estuaries have carried out additional design and engineering work and concluded that the projects can progress with two circuits each.

Offshore this will mean fewer cables on the seabed, reducing shipping and navigation concerns. It also means both projects can potentially utilise the same landfall location, and reduces the onshore construction impacts considerably due to reduced working widths (more details under onshore below).

## Landfall

### Landfall construction compound

A preference was for North Falls' landfall construction compound to be located away from the Holland Haven marshes and site of special scientific interest (SSSI) and to keep disturbance to Frinton Golf Club and beach huts to a minimum.

North Falls will place its construction compound to the east of Kirby Brook. It will avoid Holland Haven Marshes and be outside of the SSSI. This location means that the cables will no longer go underneath Frinton beach huts. Horizontal directional drilling will be used under the golf club, with the construction compound placed to the edge of its western end to reduce impacts. The decision from North Falls means the construction compound will now be closer to Five Estuaries announced preferred landfall (the northern option presented in its statutory consultation). This gives greater opportunity for the projects to coordinate landfall works.

## Onshore

### Number of export cable circuits required (onshore)

Consultees, including many landowners, questioned the need for four circuits per project for the onshore export cables, as initially proposed by both North Falls and neighbouring Five Estuaries.

As with offshore, the onshore export cable circuits will also be reduced from four per project to two per project. This will decrease the overall footprint of the cable corridor, reduce the impacts on land take and the environment. It will result in reduced widths of the cable corridor during construction and the legal easement post-construction.

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### Onshore cable corridor width during construction

Consultation responses asked that both North Falls and Five Estuaries reduce the number of export cable circuits and consequently the width of their combined onshore construction cable corridor.

Having reduced the number of export cable circuits from four to two, per project, this also means the proposed combined onshore cable corridor will predominantly be 90 metres rather than the originally proposed up to 250 metres. This allows for soil storage, internal haul roads and possible micro-siting plus flexibility for use of horizontal directional drilling (HDD) under constraints, such as roads. There is ongoing work to identify the final combined construction cable corridor which may lead to further refinements.

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### Onshore cable corridor alignment with Five Estuaries

As well as requesting a narrower cable corridor, consultation responses also asked or North Falls and Five Estuaries to more fully align their onshore cable route so as to minimise the local impacts.

The cable corridor for both projects is now almost fully aligned along its length, and joint work is ongoing around both the route and the future planning in terms of construction. The projects have signed a 'good neighbour agreement' which enables greater cooperation, coordination and transparency as the projects head towards submission of their development consent order applications.

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### Construction traffic

Responses expressed concern about potential increases in traffic due to the construction of the project, particularly bringing attention to narrow local roads, already limited cycling and walking tracks and existing congestion.

North Falls PEIR Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport includes measures to reduce the effects of construction traffic upon local roads. When we submit our application, it will be accompanied by an Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan which will detail these measures such as: how HGV movements will be controlled, monitored and enforced; a 'Travel Plan' to manage the number of single occupancy car trips; restriction of HGV movements through Thorpe-le-Soken; use of a temporary haul road along the onshore cable route to reduce the need for vehicles to travel via the public highway; and use of trenchless techniques to cross roads wherever possible to reduce the need for temporary road closures. To ensure safety of cyclists we are also assessing options for a cycle path.

### Size of onshore substation

While noting that the majority of respondents stated a preference for the offshore grid connection option, in the event of an onshore grid connection there were numerous queries about the amount of land required for the onshore substation.

North Falls consulted based on a substation footprint of eight hectares. Taking into account the consultation feedback, and also given further engineering design studies, this has now been reduced by two hectares to a total of six.

### Thorpe-le-Soken cable route options

As part of the consultation North Falls included a northern, central and southern option for the cable corridor near the village of Thorpe-le-Soken and asked the community for their preferred route.

Having reviewed the consultation feedback, undertaken further engineering design and re-assessed ways to mitigate potential impacts on the community, environment and residential properties, the southern route will now be progressed. This route is closest to Thorpe-le-Soken village and was selected because it is outside the Hamford Water Special Protection Area (SPA), and is more linear therefore will better enable creation of a continuous haul road within the corridor, which will help to reduce construction traffic impacts locally.

### Construction management

A number of responses mentioned disruption during construction as an issue of concern. North Falls was also asked whether it would produce a Code of Construction Practice (equivalent to a Construction Management Plan) to include the measures that contractors will be required to adhere to during construction.

North Falls will now produce an outline version of this document for the project's development consent order application. The outline will cover a large range of topics including how the effects from dust, noise, light, air quality, water/pollutant management, waste, and so on will be mitigated. It will be publicly available and will include details of how to raise a query regarding non-compliance of any of the contactors during construction.

### Private water supplies

Responses from local residents made points with regard to the potential effects of the development of the project upon private water supplies, in particular in the Little Bromley area.

As part of the project's environmental impact assessment, a hydrogeological risk assessment will be undertaken to identify any private water supplies potentially at risk during the project's construction. Once they have been identified, mitigation measures will be developed and presented within the North Falls Environmental Statement submitted with the project's development consent order application.

### Onshore ecology

There were general concerns expressed within the consultation responses around impacts of the project on local onshore ecology such as trees, hedgerows, habitats and birds and fauna.

North Falls has committed to at least 10% biodiversity net gain across the onshore area, which will lead to an overall increase in habitats through the project's lifetime. Following consultation, it has been confirmed that the development of the North Falls biodiversity net gain proposals will tie in with Essex County Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy. They will be secured through an Ecological Management Plan that is now being prepared.



## Project-wide

### Community benefits

North Falls received input and questions around how the project could benefit the communities likely to be impacted by construction works or by the longer term infrastructure, for example via potential legacy projects or funds.

The project acknowledges the expectation of the local community around potential benefits and there are ongoing discussions on potential options and ways to ensure they are anchored within the community. Local consultation will be held on this issue once the development consent order is approved, to develop a plan in partnership with those communities directly impacted.

### Local health services

There were some concerns around pressure being put onto the local health services because of a potential influx of workers during the project's construction.

North Falls will undertake a Health Impact Assessment, in line with the advice and best practice published by Public Health England. This assessment will consider the potential increase in demand on all healthcare services in the areas surrounding the proposed development, as well as the effects on other health factors. It will be published as part of the project's Environmental Statement.

To find out answers to all the key questions from the consultation please visit the 'frequently asked questions' page on the [North Falls website](#)

## Frequently asked questions

Our main [frequently asked questions](#) page includes answers to many of the questions that were asked at this consultation, as well as others which have been asked throughout our development process. If you can't see an answer to a question you have, please send it to us directly via one of the methods on the [contact us](#) page.

## Feedback form responses

The responses received via the completed feedback forms have been summarised and can be viewed in a number of ways. You can either view them [online here](#) or they can be downloaded as a PDF via the button below.

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### F.59

*Stage 3 (statutory) consultation events  
start soon press release*

## MEDIA RELEASES

24th May 2023

### Essex consultation events start next week

- *Consultation now underway for communities to provide feedback on the offshore wind farm proposals*
- *Third phase of consultation for project sited 20 kilometres off the East Anglia coast in the southern North Sea*
- *Essex in-person events start next week as part of the consultation which ends Friday 14 July 2023*

**Five consultation events will be held in Essex as part of the current consultation for the southern North Sea offshore wind farm, North Falls.**

Starting in Great Bromley on Friday 2 June, the events offer people the chance to find out more details on the project and have discussions with members of the North Falls team.

The project is a proposed extension to the existing 504-megawatt Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, and comprises an offshore site totaling 150km<sup>2</sup> around 20 kilometres off the East Anglia coast and an onshore grid connection in Tendring, Essex. Underground cables would carry power from landfall near Frinton-on-Sea inland 24 kilometres to a new onshore substation.

The five events in Great Bromley, Tendring, Frinton-on-Sea, Thorpe-le-Soken and Ardleigh are a key part of the consultation, which is being held to gather feedback from communities and the wider public on the North Falls project proposals. A [consultation portal](#) is now live with all the details, including how to provide input and where to register for two webinars.

## Programme of consultation events

Venue	Date (2023)	Time
<b>Great Bromley Village Hall</b> Parsons Hill, Great Bromley, Colchester, CO7 7JA	Friday 2 June	3.30pm to 7.30pm
<b>Tendring Village Hall</b> Tendring, Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 0BG	Saturday 3 June	9am to 1pm
<b>McGrigor Hall</b> 85 Fourth Ave, Frinton-on-Sea, CO13 9EB	Thursday 8 June	3.30pm to 7.30pm
<b>Thorpe Le Soken Women's Institute Hall</b> High Street, Thorpe Le Soken, CO16 0EF	Friday 9 June	3.30pm to 7.30pm
<b>Ardleigh Village Hall</b> Station Road, Ardleigh, Essex, CO7 7RS	Saturday 10 June	9am to 1pm

A key focus of the consultation is the preliminary environmental information report (PEIR), which sets out the initial findings of the thorough environmental impact assessment carried out by the project over the past three years.

The work to date has included onshore and offshore surveys, desk-based research and stakeholder consultation to identify potential impacts on the environment and community, and how those impacts could be dealt with.

The consultation will run **until Friday 14 July 2023**. All the reports, maps and details related to the consultation, including the dates and venues of the in-person events, are now available on the project's [consultation portal](#), which can also be accessed via the [website](#).

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm is being developed by a 50/50 joint venture company owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE.



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### F.59.1

*Coverage of Stage 3 (statutory) consultation  
events start soon press release*

# Essex: Opportunity to give views on windfarm proposals

24th May 2023

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By Julian Ford

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Five consultation events to offer communities the chance to give feedback on proposals for the southern North Sea offshore wind farm, North Falls, are to get under way in Essex next month.

The events form part of the third stage of consultation for the wind farm project sited 20 kilometres off the East Anglian coast.

Starting in Great Bromley on Friday June 2, the events offer people the chance to find out more details on the project and have discussions with members of the North Falls team.

The project is a proposed extension to the existing 504-megawatt Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, and comprises an offshore site of 150km<sup>2</sup> in total and an onshore grid connection in Tendring. Underground cables would carry power from landfall near Frinton-on-Sea inland 24 kilometres to a new onshore substation.

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The programme for the five consultation events is as follows:

Great Bromley Village Hall, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley, Colchester,

Friday June 2, 3.30pm to 7.30pm; Tendring Village Hall Tendring, Clacton-on-Sea, Saturday June 3, 9am to 1pm; McGrigor Hall, 85 Fourth Ave, Frinton-on-Sea, Thursday June 8, 3.30pm to 7.30pm; Thorpe Le Soken Women's Institute Hall, High Street, Thorpe Le Soken, Friday June 9, 3.30pm to 7.30pm; Ardleigh Village Hall, Station Road, Ardleigh, Saturday June 10, 9am to 1pm.

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RESIDENTS are being invited to have their say on a planned extension to a wind farm off Tendring.

The North Falls offshore wind farm is a proposed extension to the existing Greater Gabbard wind farm, 20km off the East Anglian coast.

The third phase of consultation for project is underway and in-person events are taking place this week.

The Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons group is protesting against the proposed works, which include "significant" onshore works on a swathe of land from Frinton beach to Ardleigh.

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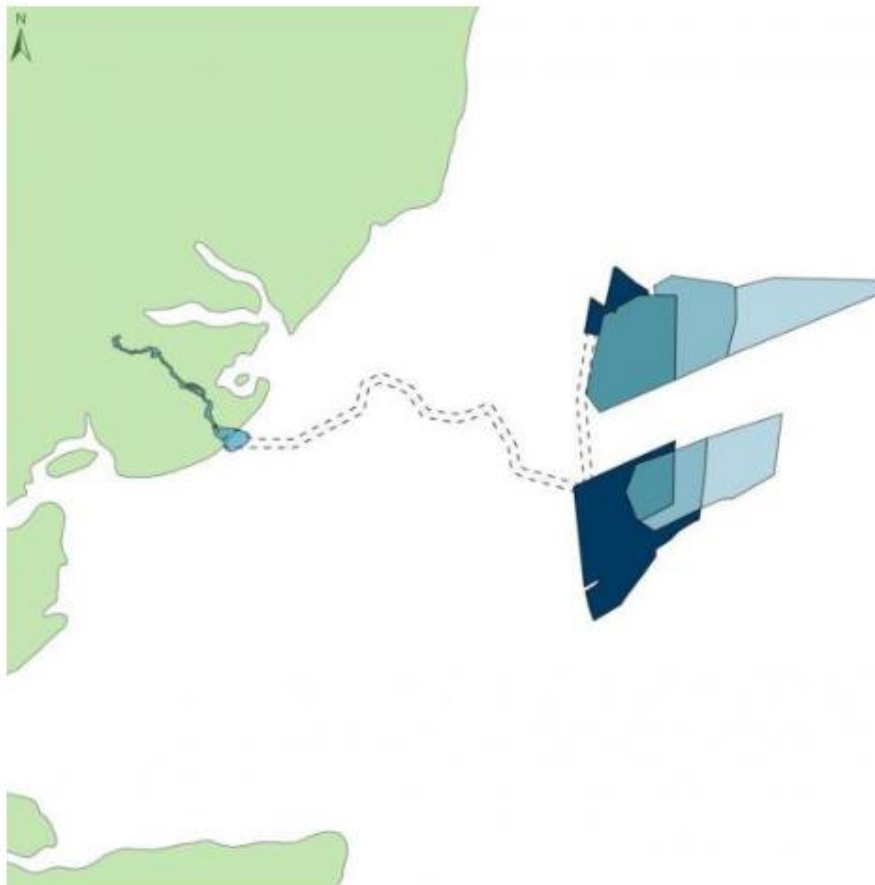


Five Estuaries Offshore Windfarm has proposed the works following instruction from National Grid on how to direct power to its proposed East Anglia GREEN pylons project.

A spokesman said: "The project is a proposed extension to the existing 504-megawatt Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, and comprises an offshore site totaling 150km squared around 20km off the East Anglia coast and an onshore grid connection in Tendring.

"Underground cables would carry power from landfall near Frinton inland 24km to a new onshore substation.

"The events are a key part of the consultation, which is being held to gather feedback from communities and the wider public on the North Falls project proposals."



**Consultation - North Falls Offshore Wind Farm is being developed as a joint venture company owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE**



A consultation event is taking place at Great Bromley Village Hall, today, Friday, June 2, from 3.30pm to 7.30pm, and tomorrow, June 3, at Tendring Village Hall, from 9am to 1pm.

There will also be events at the McGrigor Hall, Fourth Avenue, Frinton, on Thursday, June 8, and at Thorpe Women's Institute Hall on Friday, June 9, from 3.30pm to 7.30pm.

The final consultation event will take place at Ardleigh Village Hall on Saturday, June 10, from 9am to 1pm.

The statutory consultation runs until July 14. Go to <https://stat.northfallsoffshore.com/>

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## APPENDIX F

### F.60

*Stage 3 (statutory) consultation reminder  
press release*

30th June 2023

## Two weeks until end of North Falls statutory consultation

- Consultation on proposed North Falls Offshore Wind Farm closes in two weeks
- Around 250 attended statutory consultation events on the project's proposals
- Online consultation runs until Friday 14 July with details at <https://stat.northfallsoffshore.com/>

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Five face-to-face events were held in Tendring, Essex along with two webinars, which were designed to give communities and stakeholders the chance to find out about the project proposals and talk to members of the North Falls team. The local events in Frinton-on-Sea, Great Bromley, Tendring, Thorpe-le-Soken and Ardleigh, and the two webinars, were held in early June.

For those in coastal regions potentially impacted by views of the wind farm, North Falls has also created a **3D interactive computer model** with visualisations from 17 different coastal locations to be able to see how it could look.

The online consultation portal with all relevant details, including how to respond, remains open – <https://www.stat.northfallsoffshore.com/> – and the project team urges anyone who has comments about the proposals to send them to North Falls before the consultation closes

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## APPENDIX F

### F.60.1

*Coverage of Stage 3 (statutory) consultation  
reminder press release*



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