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# **APPENDIX G**

## **G.1**

Stage 4 (targeted) consultation brochure



## NORTH FALLS

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# TARGETED CONSULTATION

Thursday 14 March 2024 to Monday 22 April 2024

https://targetedconsultation.northfallsoffshore.com

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PROJECT DIRECTOR

**Andy Paine**, Project Director, North Falls Offshore Wind Farm

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We're at an advanced stage of the pre-application phase of the Project and the feedback people have provided so far has been invaluable in helping us get here. Thank you. We feel that the proposed localised changes we're presenting in this brochure will help improve the Project's overall design and further mitigate potential effects. We hope people continue to engage with the Project and provide us with the feedback needed to finalise our proposals ahead of submitting our application for development consent later this year.

To keep up-to-date with the Project's progress beyond this targeted consultation, as we head towards the submission of our application, please register for updates using these details



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## READING THIS BROCHURE

This brochure provides an overview of proposed localised changes to North Falls Offshore Wind Farm's onshore **Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)** red line boundary (hereafter referred to as the 'onshore PEIR **boundary**'). This has resulted in additional land being included within the proposed **Development Consent Order (DCO)** application boundary (hereafter referred to as the '**DCO boundary**'). These changes have been made as a result of feedback received during our previous **statutory consultation**, which closed in summer 2023, as well as further technical, engineering and environmental work.

As well as this brochure, there are other resources available to help you understand our updated proposals in more detail. These materials are available to read on the Project's consultation website (https://targetedconsultation.northfallsoffshore.com) and explained on the opposite page.

#### **Project website**

As well as hosting digital versions of this brochure and the other materials referred to below, the Project website provides more information and context relating to North Falls. It also includes an interactive map, where you can zoom in, search by postcode,



explore our updated proposals in more detail and provide feedback. Scanning the QR code with your phone's camera will take you straight to our Project's consultation website.

#### Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) Addendum

Our PEIR, which has previously been consulted on in accordance with the DCO process, is a technical document describing the Project. It provides information on the results of the preliminary assessment of the likely significant effects of North Falls, including any proposed mitigations. This acted as a status update on the Project's **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)** process and was published to coincide with the launch of our previous statutory consultation on Tuesday 16 May 2023.

As a result of the additional land included in the proposed DCO boundary, we have now published a supplement to the PEIR that focuses specifically on the proposed localised changes presented in this brochure. This document is referred to throughout this brochure as the 'PEIR Addendum'. It can be viewed and downloaded from the Project's consultation website, and we would encourage you to read it alongside this brochure.

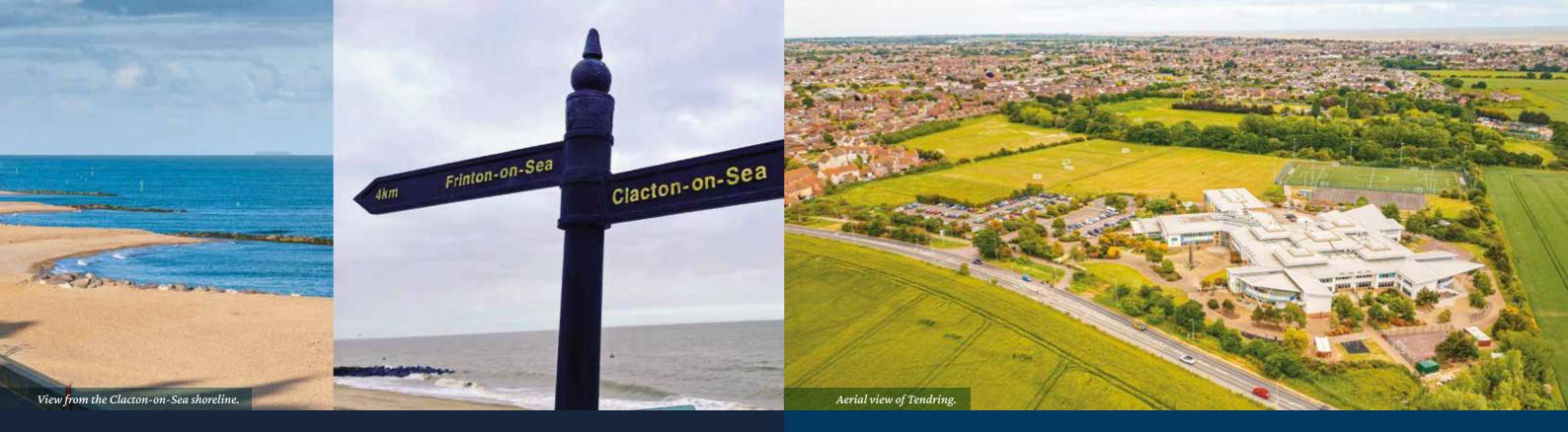
### Feedback form

We have enclosed a feedback form along with this brochure for you to complete and return to us. There is a digital version of this feedback form on the Project website if you would prefer to submit your feedback electronically. Should you need to ask any questions while preparing your feedback, please email **contact@northfallsoffshore.com** or call **0800 254 5340**. More information on how to submit feedback is included on page 27.

#### Glossary

Certain terms are written in **green** throughout this brochure. Explanations of these terms are included in an online glossary. You can view this on the Project website.

Should you require this brochure, our feedback form, or our PEIR Addendum in an alternative format, please contact the Project team.



## INTRODUCTION TO THIS TARGETED CONSULTATION



Since the close of the Project's statutory consultation in July 2023, the proposed DCO application for North Falls has continued to develop. This has resulted in the need for a further stage of targeted consultation on updated proposals following localised changes to the Project's onshore PEIR boundary. These localised changes result in additional land being included in the proposed DCO boundary.

This targeted consultation will run from Thursday 14 March 2024 to 11:59pm on Monday 22 April 2024.\*

The reasons for these proposed localised changes relate to the engineering and construction of the Project's onshore electrical connection, as well as the safety of road users during construction and feedback received from our previous consultations.

Your views are important to us, which is why we are holding this further stage of consultation and giving you the opportunity to provide feedback on the updates we're proposing in this brochure.

\*Please note that feedback received after the consultation closing date may not be considered.

## WHAT WE ARE CONSULTING ON

This targeted consultation is focused on proposed localised changes to the Project's onshore PEIR boundary. Page references for further information within this brochure are outlined in the table below. You can also view all of our updated proposals in more detail on the interactive map on our Project's consultation website: https://targetedconsultation.northfallsoffshore.com

Additional land required at National Grid Electricity Transmission's substation site, the East Anglia Connection Node (the Project's Nati Connection Point), to align with land ownership boundaries.

10 locations where we require additional land to make localised cha onshore PEIR boundary to accommodate the **onshore cable corrid** Clacton Road, south of Walton Road, north of Tendring Road, and b Road and Spratts Lane, as well as access to temporary construction

14 locations where we've identified access points for operating and nonshore electrical connection throughout the Project's lifespan (her as 'O&M access points').

Inclusion of 11 construction traffic visibility splays, where we need a hedgerow adjustment to meet the requirements of road safety audit proposals for construction access points, allowing safe movement o the public highway and the onshore cable corridor.

12 proposed locations of temporary construction compounds (TCCs

Improvements and widening of Bentley Road to facilitate the Project as well as potential use of Bentley Road for maintenance during the operational lifespan.

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## **ABOUT THE PROJECT**



North Falls is being developed by North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited, a 50/50 joint venture company owned by SSE Renewables and RWE. It is a proposed extension to the southern array of the existing Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, and is being developed in the southern North Sea approximately 42 kilometres (km) off the East Anglia coast. Its site comprises one **offshore array area** totalling 95 square kilometres (km<sup>2</sup>).

The site previously comprised two offshore array areas totalling approximately 150 km², but after our 2023 statutory consultation the decision was made to remove the whole of the northern offshore array area. This decision followed consideration of feedback received relating to mitigating the effects of the offshore PEIR boundary in several key areas, including: landscape and visual impact, seascape, shipping and navigation, offshore ornithology and benthic ecology. Removal of the northern offshore array area has significantly reduced a number of potential effects on each of these areas.

The Project has accepted an offer from National Grid for an onshore grid connection in Tendring, North Essex. Approximately 24 kilometres of onshore electricity cables are proposed to be installed underground from the Project's landfall location between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea to this new substation.

## **STORY SO FAR**

The Agreement for Lease between North Falls and The Crown Estate was signed in Autumn 2020 and the Project is now is now in its pre-application phase with the aim of submitting its application to the Planning Inspectorate later in 2024. As a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), North Falls must be consented under the Planning Act 2008 DCO process, which was introduced to streamline the decisionmaking for such projects. If the Project's application is successful, we anticipate being granted a DCO in 2025.

The Project is at an advanced stage of the pre-application phase of the DCO process. One of the primary tasks in the pre-application phase is to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) – a systematic and iterative approach to assessing the environmental, social and economic effects the Project may have. Throughout this period there has also been ongoing technical design and engineering work to ensure the Project can be constructed.

The EIA process has included three previous stages of consultation: two non-statutory consultations, which ran from 25 October to 10 December 2021 and 17 October to 09 December 2022, and one statutory consultation, which ran from 16 May to 14 July 2023.

More information about these previous stages of consultation can be found by visiting **www.northfallsoffshore.com** and clicking on 'consultation' in the navigation panel. This current targeted consultation will be the Project's second statutory consultation and fourth consultation overall.



The feedback the Project received during its previous three stages of consultation, as well as further technical, engineering and environmental work, has allowed us to:

- Increase the distance from shore to the nearest point of the offshore array area by approximately 20km
- Reduce the offshore array area by approximately 55km<sup>2</sup>
- Reduce the number of **wind turbine generators (WTGs)** we will need by 15
- Reduce the overall onshore cable corridor width at various locations from what was presented in our PEIR
- Reduce the amount of onshore export cables we'll need to connect the Project from four to two, significantly reducing the amount of land we'll need throughout our cable corridor

These changes have been made to mitigate the overall impact of the Project.

No further changes have been made since September 2023 to the offshore elements of the Project. **The changes presented at this targeted consultation are exclusively focused on the Project's onshore elements.** Visit **www.northfallsoffshore.com/newsroom** to read our September 2023 update.



## **OVERVIEW MAP**

The map on pages 10-11 provides an overview of the proposed localised changes to the Project's onshore PEIR boundary.

To help explain the proposals we've categorised and labelled each of the localised changes. Each category of localised change is also briefly summarised below.

The Project's onshore PEIR boundary is coloured yellow on the overview map, and the Project's proposed onshore DCO boundary is outlined in red.

### **OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE** (O&M) ACCESS POINTS

There are 14 locations where O&M access points fall outside the onshore PEIR boundary. These are coloured purple and covered in more detail on pages 16-19 of this brochure. More information can be found in the PEIR Addendum and O&M access points can be viewed on the interactive map on our Project's consultation website.

### **TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION COMPOUNDS** (TCCs)

12 proposed locations for TCCs are located within the onshore PEIR boundary. These are coloured bright green and covered in more detail on page 21 of this brochure. More information can be found in the PEIR Addendum, and TCCs can be viewed on the interactive map on our Project's consultation website.

### BENTLEY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Bentley Road is labelled number 17 and is covered in more detail on pages 22-25 of this brochure. More information can be found in the PEIR Addendum and Bentley Road can be viewed on the interactive map on our Project's consultation website.

## FIND OUT MORE AND SUBMIT FEEDBACK

- Use the Project website: https://targetedconsultation.northfallsoffshore.com
- Send an email to: contact@northfallsoffshore.com
- Complete the enclosed feedback form and send it to our freepost address: **FREEPOST North Falls**
- Ask any questions you might have by calling: **0800 254 5340**
- Visit our website and read our PEIR Addendum

### **NATIONAL GRID CONNECTION POINT**

NGET's East Anglia Connection Node is the grid connection for the Project and is labelled 'National Grid Connection Point'. More information can be found in the PEIR Addendum, and National Grid's proposed substation site can be viewed on the interactive map on our Project's consultation website.

## **VISIBILITY SPLAYS**

11 visibility splays fall outside the onshore PEIR boundary. These are coloured bright blue. More information can be found on page 20 of this brochure and in the PEIR Addendum. Visibility Splays can be viewed on the interactive map on our Project's consultation website.

### **ADJUSTMENTS TO ONSHORE CABLE CORRIDOR**

10 adjustments to the onshore cable corridor are coloured dark blue. More information can be found on pages 12-15 of this brochure and in the PEIR Addendum. Adjustments to the onshore cable corridor can be viewed on the interactive map on our Project's consultation website.

### ONSHORE PROJECT AREA OVERVIEW MAP

### LEGEND

- Onshore PEIR boundary (as of July 2023)
   Proposed onshore DCO boundary (as of March 2024)
   Numbered label of permanent works, temporary works, and O&M access points
   Onshore cable corridor adjustments
   Changes relating to temporary construction haul roads
   Bentley Road
   The Project's National Grid Connection Point (NGET's East Anglia Connection Node)
- Visibility splay
- O&M access point
- Proposed TCC location
- North Falls and Five Estuaries' proposed co-located onshore substation zone

#### Permanent works relating to onshore cable corridor

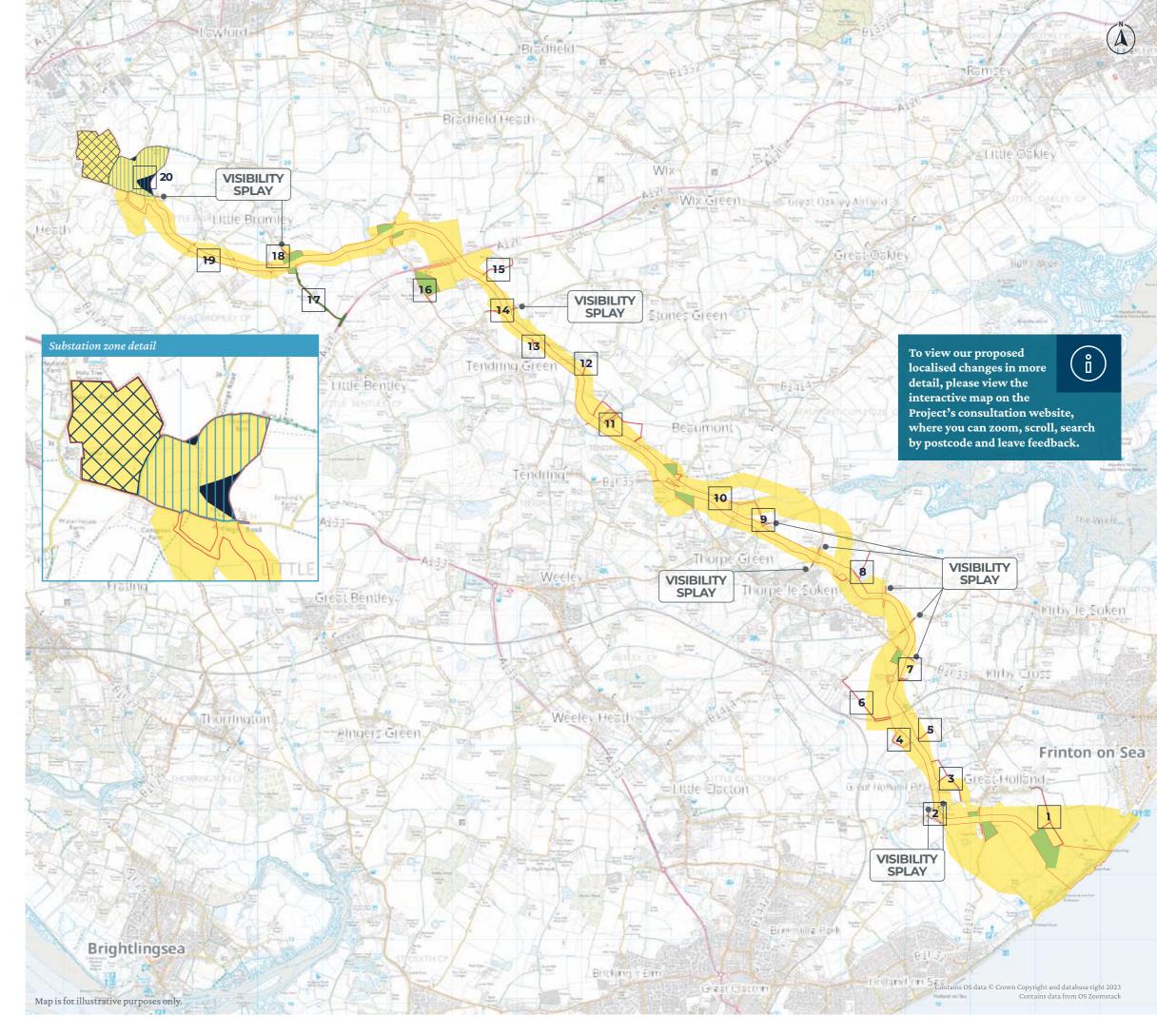
- 2 Fields south of Little Clacton Road
- 8 South of Walton Road
- **10** North of Tendring Road
- 17 Bentley Road
- 19 Between Barlon Road and Spratts Lane
- 20 North Falls and Five Estuaries' proposed co-located onshore substation zone

#### Temporary works relating to construction haul roads

- 3 North of Little Clacton Road
- 4 South of Railway Line (Sunshine Coast Line)
- **9** Fields around Golden Lane
- **10** North of Tendring Road
- **16** South of the A120 / B1035 roundabout

#### O&M access points

- 1 Fields south of Short Lane
- 2 Fields South of Little Clacton Road
- 3 North of Little Clacton Road
- 5 Field west of Pork Lane
- 6 Southern part of field north and field south of the railway (Sunshine Coast Line)
- **7** Fields west of Pork Lane
- 8 South of Walton Road
- **9** Fields around Golden Lane
- $\fbox{1}$  Fields around Tendring Brook
- 12 Fields south of Wolves Hall Lane
- **13** Fields north of Wolves Hall Lane
- 14 Fields north of Stones Green
- **15** Fields south of the A120
- **18** Field east of Bentley Road



## **ONSHORE CABLE CORRIDOR ADJUSTMENTS**

A number of localised changes to the Project's onshore cable corridor are proposed to accommodate the cable route at Little Clacton Road, south of Walton Road, north of Tendring Road and between Barlon Road and Spratts Lane.

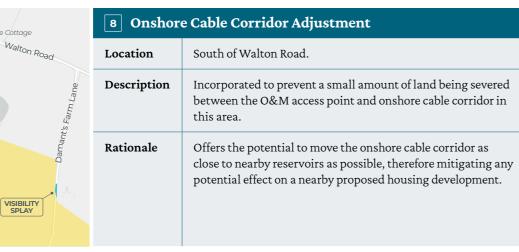
These adjustments will also enable access to proposed temporary construction haul roads required to build the Project.

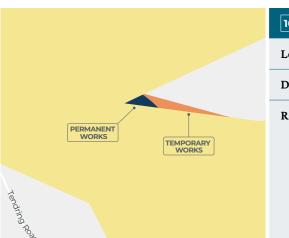
The maps shown on pages 12-15 include a description and rationale and have been separated between:

• Permanent works relating to the onshore cable route, meaning these works will remain in place throughout the Project's operational lifespan

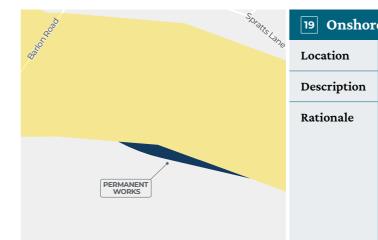
### PERMANENT WORKS RELATING TO ONSHORE CABLE CORRIDOR

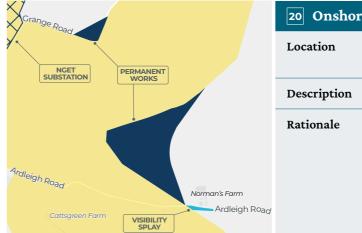
MIL	2 Onshore Cable Corridor Adjustment		
VISIBILITY SPLAYS	Location	Fields south of Little Clacton Road.	
UTITE CLECOL ROOD	Description	Inclusion of a slightly wider area at the western crossing of Little Clacton Road. Other options previously considered for crossing Little Clacton Road have been removed.	
O&M ACCESS POINTS	Rationale	Using the additional eastern crossings of Little Clacton Road requires additional works, including further topsoil strips and temporary construction haul roads. This also helps to avoid potential archaeological features north of Little Clacton Road.	





<b>10</b> Onshore Cable Corridor Adjustment			
Location	North of Tendring Road.		
Description	Moved further north, closer to the field boundary.		
Rationale	Made as a result of feedback received saying to avoid mature trees to the south of the onshore cable corridor as far as possible.		





To view our proposed permanent works relating to the onshore cable corridor in more detail, please view the interactive map on the Project's consultation website, where you can zoom, scroll, search by postcode and leave feedback.

O&M ACCESS POINTS

PERMANENT WORKS

• Temporary works relating to access to temporary construction haul roads, meaning these works will remain in place only while the Project is being built

#### **19** Onshore Cable Corridor Adjustment

Between Barlon Road and Spratts Lane.

Moved further south.

Avoids potential archaeological feature in the onshore cable corridor.

#### **20** Onshore Cable Corridor Adjustment

North Falls and Five Estuaries' proposed co-located onshore substation zone.

Incorporated to mitigate potential engineering constraints.

As well as mitigating potential engineering constraints, this also enables coordination with Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm.

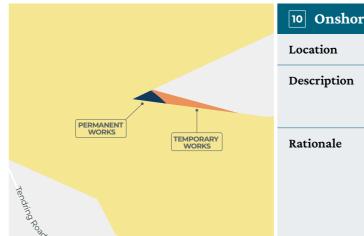


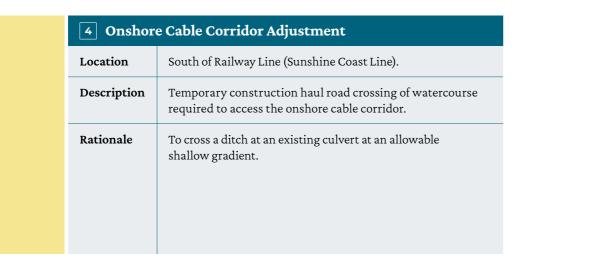
### TEMPORARY WORKS RELATING TO HAUL ROADS FOR CONSTRUCTION



TEMPORARY WORKS

Onshore Cable Corridor Adjustment			
tion	North of Little Clacton Road.		
ription	The temporary construction haul road needs to cross the hedgerow as far east as possible.		
onale	To avoid archaeological features and target gaps in the hedgerow.		







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9 Onshore Cable Corridor Adju TEMPORARY WORKS VISIBILIT SPLAY O&M ACCESS POINTS

9 Unshor	9 Onshore Cable Corridor Adjustment		
Location	Fields around Golden Lane.		
Description	Temporary construction haul road around the horse paddock near Golden Lane required to access the onshore cable corrid		
Rationale	To mitigate potential effects to the horse paddocks.		

To view our proposed temporary works relating to the onshore cable corridor in more detail, please view the interactive map on the Project's consultation website, where you can zoom, scroll, search by postcode and leave feedback.

### **10** Onshore Cable Corridor Adjustment

North of Tendring Road.

Additional section of temporary construction haul road to connect to the onshore cable corridor while avoiding the horse paddocks near Golden Lane.

To better align the temporary construction haul road with the onshore cable route.

#### **16** Onshore Cable Corridor Adjustment

South of the A120 / B1035 roundabout.

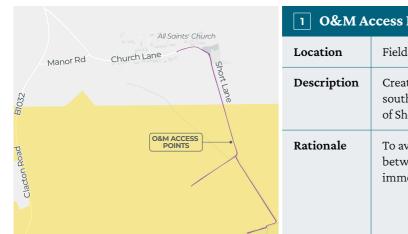
Access from the public highway onto the onshore cable corridor off the B1035, south of Horsley Cross.

Access required off the public highway to a temporary construction compound in this area.



## **O&M ACCESS POINTS**

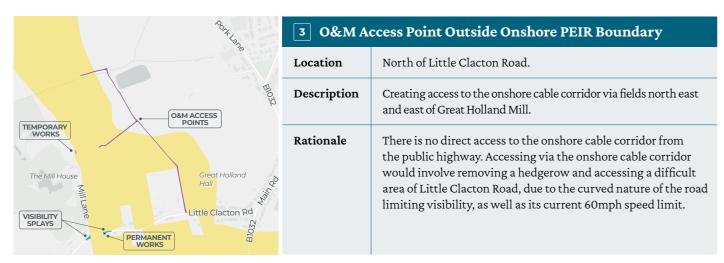
The maps on pages 16-19 show 14 locations where we've identified O&M access points that fall outside the onshore PEIR boundary. The intention is to use existing field access points rather than accessing along the onshore cable corridor from the public highway, therefore mitigating potential effects to crops in agricultural fields. The use of O&M access points is intended to be limited to infrequent use by light vehicles in the event of emergency repairs and routine maintenance.

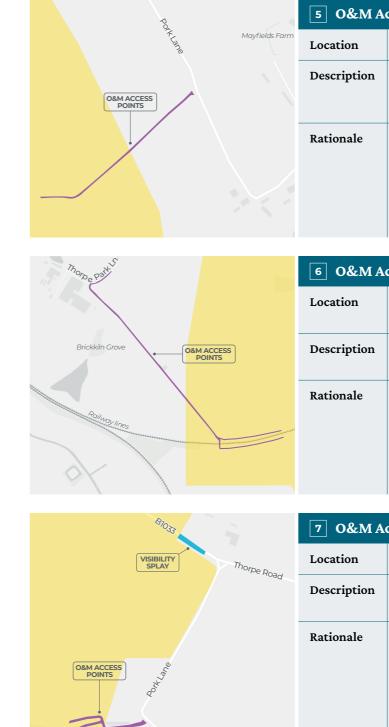


O&M Access Point Outside Onshore PEIR Boundary			
ation	Fields south of Short Lane.		
scription	Creating access to landfall <b>transition joint bays</b> in the fields south of Short Lane using the southern fork and the fields north of Short Lane using the northern fork.		
ionale	To avoid interference with farm buildings south of the junction between the B1032 and Manor Road. Also to avoid a hedgerow immediately north of Short Lane.		



O&M Access Point Outside Onshore PEIR Boundary			
ocation	Fields south of Little Clacton Road.		
escription	Reduction of the length of cabling running through the farmstead.		
ationale	There is no direct access to the onshore cable corridor from the adjacent public highway. Creating a new road would involve removing a hedgerow and accessing a difficult area of Little Clacton Road due to limited visibility and an existing 60mph speed limit. A safer way to access the field is through the farmstead. Access to the field has been sought on both the eastern and western sides to mitigate possible effects on areas of cropping.		





To view our O&M access points in more detail, please view the interactive map on the Project's consultation website, where you can zoom, scroll, search by postcode and leave feedback.

### 5 O&M Access Point Outside Onshore PEIR Boundary

Field west of Pork Lane.

Extension of access required north of Little Clacton Road (as per **O&M Access Point Outside Onshore PEIR Boundary – 3**).

As per rationale for **O&M Access Point Outside Onshore PEIR Boundary – 3**. There is also an additional hedgerow and a watercourse on the southern field boundary, which is a protected habitat.

### **6** O&M Access Point Outside Onshore PEIR Boundary

Southern part of field north and field south of the railway (Sunshine Coast Line).

Additional access to the onshore cable corridor from Thorpe Park Lane.

Due to the field location and a watercourse and railway line, access to either side of the railway is constrained from an engineering and environmental perspective. This route allows for easier access to these fields and mitigates any potential effects on the land.

### O&M Access Point Outside Onshore PEIR Boundary

Fields west of Pork Lane.

Allowing access to the onshore cable corridor via the northernmost part of the field north of the railway.

This prevents the need to track across the field. Direct access from the B1033 could cause significant damage to the field and cropping areas.



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8 O&M Access Point Outside Onshore PEIR Boundary		
Location	South of Walton Road.	
Description	Utilises an existing access to the onshore cable corridor.	
Rationale	Direct access from the public highway to the onshore cable corridor would require the unnecessary removal of a hedgerow.	

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	Location
• O&M ACCESS POINTS	Description
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O&M ACCESS POINTS

<b>9</b> O&M Access Point Outside Onshore PEIR Boundary		
Location	Fields around Golden Lane.	
Description	Utilises an existing access to the onshore cable corridor.	
Rationale	Direct access from the the public highway to the onshore cable corridor would would require the unnecessary removal of a hedgerow.	

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O&M ACCESS POINTS

<b>11</b> O&M Access Point Outside Onshore PEIR Boundary		
Location	Fields around Tendring Brook.	
Description	Utilises existing access to the onshore cable corridor and an existing crossing of Tendring Brook.	
Rationale	Alternative access to the field north of Tendring Brook would require tracking around the field boundary.	

Queach Grove Wolves Hall Lane	12 O&M Access Point Outside Onshore PEIR Boundary		
	Location	Fields south of Wolves Hall Lane.	
	Description	Utilises an existing access to the onshore cable corridor.	
I ACCESS OINTS	Rationale	Due to the size of the field, access from Lodge Lane is required. Alternative accesses would be through the farmstead and across the field via Lodge Lane.	

#### ccess Point Outside Onshore PEIR Boundary

Fields north of Wolves Hall Lane.

Utilises an existing access to the onshore cable corridor.

Direct access from the public highway to the onshore cable corridor would require the unnecessary removal of a hedgerow.

### 14 O&M Access Point Outside Onshore PEIR Boundary

Fields north of Stones Green.

Utilises an existing access to the onshore cable corridor.

Direct access from the public highway to the onshore cable corridor would require the unnecessary removal of a hedgerow.

#### **15** O&M Access Point Outside Onshore PEIR Boundary

Fields south of the A120.

Utilises an existing access to the onshore cable corridor.

Utilising the existing access is likely more safe than traffic accessing and leaving the field from the A120 and avoids disturbance to the operational farm in this area.

### **18** O&M Access Point Outside Onshore PEIR Boundary

Field east of Bentley Road.

Utilises an existing access to the onshore cable corridor.

Access direct from the public highway to the onshore cable corridor would require the unnecessary removal of a hedgerow.



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North Falls' work may differ.

## **CONSTRUCTING THE ONSHORE CABLE ROUTE**

### **VISIBILITY SPLAYS**

Visibility splays are locations where the Project is proposing to reduce the height of vegetation to improve overall road safety by ensuring construction vehicles leaving a site have good visibility before joining the local road network. The proposed works associated with the visibility splays represent small scale changes in isolated areas along the onshore cable corridor.

There are 11 locations that have been identified following discussion with Essex County Council's highways department and more detailed design work, including safety audits. These seek to allow safe access and egress for construction vehicles onto the public highway, allowing them to more clearly see other traffic approaching.

These visibility splays are shown on the overview map on pages 10-11 of this brochure. They can be viewed in more detail on the interactive map on the Project's consultation website and more information can be found in our PEIR Addendum. The 11 locations of the visibility splays are as follows:

- Fields south of Little Clacton Road
- Thorpe Road
- Sneating Hall Lane
- Damant's Farm Lane
- B1414 / Landermere Road
- Fields around Golden Lane
- Fields north of Stones Green
- South of the A120 / B1035 roundabout
- Field east of Bentley Road
- Payne's Lane
- Ardleigh Road

### TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION COMPOUNDS (TCCs)

There will be a requirement to have TCCs in place in strategic locations along the onshore cable corridor. These will provide the Project with facilities to service the installation of approximately 24km of onshore cable, build the Project's onshore substation, and store construction materials and plant.

The proposed locations of TCCs are shown on the overview map on pages 10-11 of this brochure and listed below. They can be viewed in more detail on the interactive map on the Project's consultation website and more information can be found in our PEIR Addendum.

- Landfall TCC off Short Lane
- East of B1032 / Clacton Road
- West of B1032 / Clacton Road
- South of B1033 / Thorpe Road
- North of B1035 / Tendring Road, south of Swan Road
- North of B1035 / Thorpe Road, west of Swan Road
- South of A120 off B1035 / Thorpe Road
- North of A120, east of B1035 / Clacton Road
- North of A120, west of B1035 / Clacton Road
- East of Bentley Road
- West of Bentley Road, north of onshore cable corridor
- West of Bentley Road, south of onshore cable corridor



As part of our ongoing work, we'll carry out further surveys of proposed TCC locations and continue to liaise with Essex County Council with regard to their suitability and the safety of other road users.

TCCs may include:

- Temporary fencing, the requirements of which will be determined by security factors and land use
- Temporary site signage and potentially other site safety requirements
- Temporary facilities for site personnel, although there will be no overnight accommodation on any of our sites
- Storage of construction materials and plant
- Temporary access to and from the site

Once we have finished using the TCCs we will, as far as practicable, reinstate the surface of the affected land to a condition similar to that which existed prior to entry, as evidenced by a pre-entry schedule of condition which dictates the condition in which land used by the Project must be left after completion.

## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO BENTLEY ROAD**

North Falls is proposing to use Bentley Road to transport plant and materials needed to build its onshore substation and onshore cable route.

To reduce the amount of construction traffic on the local road network, the Project is proposing to use a temporary construction haul road to route as much traffic as practicable along the onshore cable corridor. Bentley Road will be used as the access point to this temporary construction haul road.

In preparation for this work to take place, a number of alterations to Bentley Road are required. The overarching need being to allow the safe passing of two way heavy goods vehicle (HGV) traffic. Bentley Road – approximately 5.15m wide at its narrowest point – is currently not wide enough to allow two HGVs to pass each other safely.

Proposed alterations to Bentley Road are described on pages 22-25 of this brochure and explored in more detail in our PEIR Addendum, which is available to read on the Project's consultation website. The extent of the main alterations we would need to make to Bentley Road would fall within the shaded areas shown on the map opposite.

Our proposed plans for altering Bentley Road are being developed together with Five Estuaries and NGET, who may need to use Bentley Road to construct their own projects, and will be developed in collaboration with Essex County Council.

We would value your feedback on our Bentley Road proposals if you are someone who lives near Bentley Road or uses Bentley Road regularly.

### WHY BENTLEY ROAD WAS CHOSEN

The Project considered three other options in its PEIR before identifying Bentley Road as the preferred option.

Option	Reasons for discounting
New temporary construction haul road from Harwich Road roundabout. New temporary construction haul road from Park Lane.	These options would have required approximately 2.4km of new temporary construction haul road, which would have resulted in greater environmental effects, including negative effects on agricultural land and greater visual impacts from adjacent residences.
Accessing the onshore cable corridor from the B1035 at Horsley Cross.	This would have negatively affected an additional five to six agricultural fields and resulted in around 12 months of additional disruption. It would have also needed two watercourse crossings, adding significant engineering complexity.

Following assessments and consideration of the three alternative options outlined above, the use of Bentley Road was considered the option most likely to reduce engineering complexity and have the lowest overall impact. This was therefore taken forward as the preferred option.



### WHAT POTENTIAL EFFECTS WILL THERE BE?

North Falls will use Bentley Road for HGV and Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) movements for the purposes of the Project, the effects of which are described in more detail in our PEIR Addendum.

The cumulative effects of North Falls, Five Estuaries and NGET's project have also been considered in the PEIR Addendum and we will collaborate with these two projects to seek to mitigate traffic movements on local road networks.



All construction traffic will be governed by a Construction Traffic Management Plan, developed in collaboration with Essex County Council.



### WHAT WORK WILL BE UNDERTAKEN AND HOW WILL WE MITIGATE EFFECTS?

Proposed alterations to Bentley Road and the reasons for them are outlined in the following table.

The final details of these alterations are subject to the feedback we receive during this targeted consultation, as well as further technical, engineering and environmental work.

Alteration	Why it's needed
Widening the carriageway from 5.15m-5.5m currently to 6.5m, along the length of Bentley Road from the A120 to the access to the proposed temporary construction haul road to the west of Bentley Road.	To allow two HGVs to safely pass each other. Widening the road will also broadly straighten it in places, again improving visibility and safety for road users.
Addition of two access points.	To allow temporary access to a proposed temporary construction haul road, as well as North Falls' and Five Estuaries' onshore cable corridors.
Addition of a new merging lane off the Bentley Road / A120 junction.	To allow construction traffic to more easily and safely filter on to the A120 and to minimise the possibility of traffic queuing on Bentley Road.
Addition of a new temporary cycleway and footway, located in parallel to, but separate from, Bentley Road.	To make travelling along Bentley Road safer for pedestrians and cyclists during the construction period.

As well as the work outlined and shown on the map opposite, we will also need to undertake more minor alterations. This may include, but is not limited to, the inclusion of footways, verges, culvert crossings, and the diversion of utilities.

We currently anticipate that the alterations needed to prepare Bentley Road to facilitate construction could take between six and nine months, although this could be subject to change following further assessment and liaison with Five Estuaries, NGET and Essex County Council's highways department. These works, with the exception of the temporary cycleway and footway, are proposed to be handed over to Essex County Council for adoption following the completion of construction, subject to agreement from Essex County Council.

We are proposing a number of measures to mitigate any potential negative effects and safeguard those that use Bentley Road – whether by vehicle, cycle, or on foot – before and during construction. These are outlined below:

• The Project, in collaboration with Essex County Council, is considering imposing a reduced speed limit along Bentley Road to safeguard road users before and during construction

- While implementing alterations to Bentley Road it's likely that one lane will need to be closed at a time. If so, two-way temporary traffic lights could be used to keep the road open, although the road may need to be completely closed for short periods
- Roadside trees will be retained and protected as far as practicable, and any roadside hedgerows will be replaced following the completion of the construction works

The Project may also implement a range of other measures to mitigate potential effects, including temporary noise screening and the stockpiling of materials to reduce peak daily HGV demand.



View of a wind farm from the coastal town of Tankerton in Kent. North Falls' design and view from shore may differ.

## WAYS TO HAVE YOUR SAY

We need your feedback as we work to develop our final proposals for submission to the Planning Inspectorate and Secretary of State. To see how people's feedback has already influenced our Project, please refer to page 7.

Please ensure you submit your feedback by 11:59pm on Monday 22 April 2024.	
All the feedback we receive will be recorded and carefully considered ahead of submitting our DCO application.	
Responses received after 22 April 2024 may not be considered.	
We welcome any questions you may have about the Project via email or by calling: <b>0800 254 5340</b>	

## **PROJECT TIMELINE**

#### TARGETED CONSULTATION (MARCH-APRIL 2024)

The Project carries out a further stage of targeted consultation to gather feedback on proposed localised changes to the Project's design.

#### PRE-EXAMINATION

At this point you will be able to register as an interested party, which means you will be kept informed of the Project's progress and opportunities to share your views in a process led by the Planning Inspectorate. Inspectors assigned by the Planning Inspectorate will hold a Preliminary Meeting and set the timetable for Examination.

#### DECISION

A recommendation to the Secretary of State will be issued by the Planning Inspectorate within three months of the Examination stage concluding. The Secretary of State then has a further three months to issue a decision on the proposal.

#### **DCO SUBMISSION** (SUMMER 2024)

The Project submits its DCO application, including its Consultation Report and Environmental Statement, to the Planning Inspectorate. The Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, has 28 days to decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to Examination.

#### **EXAMINATION**

The Planning Inspectorate will examine the DCO application, with input from interested parties and statutory consultees. At this point you will be able to provide comments in writing or request to speak at a public hearing. The Planning Inspectorate has six months to carry out the Examination.

#### **POST-DECISION**

Following the Secretary of State's decision there will be a six-week judicial review period for any potential legal challenge.

You can take part and comment on our proposals by:

- Using the online feedback form on our Project's consultation website:
- https://targetedconsultation.northfallsoffshore.com
- Using the interactive feedback map on our Project's consultation website:
- https://targetedfeedbackmap.northfallsoffshore.com
- Sending an email to: contact@northfallsoffshore.com
- Completing the enclosed feedback form and sending it to our freepost address: FREEPOST North Falls. No stamp required.

### **CONSTRUCTION BEGINS (2027)**

We currently anticipate phased construction taking a maximum of five years, beginning with pre-construction works expected to take place from 2027.



Correct at time of publication: March 2024. Please note that this is an indicative timeline and subject to change.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Once this consultation closes at **11:59pm on** Monday 22 April 2024, we will carefully consider all the feedback received alongside our technical, engineering and environmental work, with the aim of developing our final design envelope for North Falls.

While we will not be able to respond to all feedback individually at this stage, we will address all the issues and themes raised in response to this and previous consultations in our Consultation Report. This will be submitted as part of our application for a DCO to the Secretary of State, via the Planning Inspectorate, in accordance with the Planning Act 2008.

The final design envelope for our DCO submission will consist of our onshore and offshore project area, which will continue to include:

- Our offshore array area, where the WTGs, subsea export cables and offshore substation platform(s) are located
- Our onshore project area, including the onshore cable route, onshore substation, and other associated infrastructure



The exact layout of the Project's infrastructure within the Project's proposed onshore DCO boundary will not be finalised until the Project has been granted consent by the Secretary of State. Due to the complexity of the Project, some details will likely remain unknown to us at the time of submitting our application, including the:

- Precise number, location and configuration of the WTGs, offshore substation platform(s), and any associated development
- Type of foundation to install the WTGs and any associated development
- Exact height of the tip of the turbine rotors and the diameter of the rotors

Once we have developed our final design envelope, we will submit an application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate and Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ). We expect to submit our application later this year.

#### Amongst a number of other documents, our application will include:

- A Consultation Report summarising people's responses to all our consultations and an explanation of how we have taken people's views into account
- An Environmental Statement setting out the environmental considerations for the Project and how
- we propose to mitigate them

The Planning Inspectorate will examine our proposals and prepare a report for the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State will then make the final decision on the Project's application.

We are unlikely to carry out any further consultation on our proposals ahead of submitting our application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate. However, subject to our application being accepted you will be able to directly register your interest in our proposals with the Planning Inspectorate.

This will ensure you are kept informed about the progress of our application during the Examination process and provide further opportunities to contribute. You can find out more about the application process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) on the Planning Inspectorate's website: infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

To stay up to date with the Project's progress beyond this targeted consultation, please register for updates by visiting https://targetedconsultation.northfallsoffshore.com or scanning the QR code with your phone's camera.



## **HOW NORTH FALLS HAS COORDINATED WITH FIVE ESTUARIES OFFSHORE WIND FARM**

Working together to streamline design and minimise local impacts as far as practicable is important to both North Falls and Five Estuaries.

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Through coordination, we have or will be able to:

- Almost fully align the onshore cable corridors
- Identify possible shared works accesses and construction compounds
- Exchange data and share surveys e.g. ecology and archaeology
- Agree on a shared location for each project's substation and identify possible shared access and screening concepts
- Increase the coordination of engagement with landowners
- Share our navigational risk assessments and measures to ensure vessel co-ordination during construction
- Exchange information on project design at an early stage to carry out cumulative seascape, landscape and visual impact assessments

Closely aligning the onshore cable routes, substation locations, and landfall areas for the projects has reduced the amount of land required to build and operate both projects, as well as creating the possibility of reducing potential construction impacts through coordinated works.

We will continue to coordinate so that we can reduce impacts, support local skills and create employment opportunities.







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## **APPENDIX G**

## **G.2**

Stage 4 (targeted) consultation feedback form



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## FEEDBACK FORM FOR NORTH FALLS TARGETED CONSULTATION

Comments due by 11.59pm on Monday 22 April 2024

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

Name		
Address		
	Postcode	
Telephone number		
Email address		
Do you represent an organisation? If so, which one?		
Do you wish to be kept updated on the project via email?		
Yes No		

## WHICH OF THE PROPOSED LOCALISED CHANGES TO THE PROJECT ARE YOU COMMENTING ON?

Additional land required at National Grid Electricity Transmission's (NGET) proposed substation site (the Project's National Grid Connection Point) (Refer to pages 10-11 of the targeted consultation brochure)	$\bigcirc$	Inclusion of construction traffic visibility splays (Refer to pages 10-11 and 20 of the targeted consultation brochure)	$\bigcirc$
Adjustment of the onshore cable corridor from the PEIR boundary (Refer to pages 10-11 and 12-15 of the targeted consultation brochure)	$\bigcirc$	<b>Proposed locations of temporary</b> <b>construction compounds (TCCs)</b> (Refer to pages 10-11 and 21 of the targeted consultation brochure)	$\bigcirc$
Location of operation and maintenance (O&M) access points (Refer to pages 10-11 and 16-19 of the of the targeted consultation brochure)	$\bigcirc$	Improvements and widening of Bentley Road (Refer to pages 22-25 of the targeted consultation brochure)	$\bigcirc$

In the box below, please provide any comments you have on the localised changes to the Project we are proposing. Please also make it clear which specific change(s) you are commenting on. For more information, refer to the targeted consultation brochure and the PEIR Addendum, which are available to read on the Project's consultation website: **www.targetedconsultation.northfallsoffshore.com**.

## PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO NORTH FALLS

Mail it to: FREEPOST North Falls following the instructions on the back cover.

Scan and email this feedback form to: contact@northfallsoffshore.com

If you would rather write us a letter or send us an email then please do so using the contact details above.

If you would like this feedback form in an alternative format, please let us know.

### THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN OUR TARGETED CONSULTATION

### DATA PRIVACY NOTICE

Camargue Group Limited is supporting North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited with its consultation process. Camargue Group Limited ("we" or "us") is committed to ensuring the privacy of your personal information. In this notice we explain how we hold, process and retain your personal data.

#### HOW WE USE YOUR PERSONAL DATA

We may process information that you provide to us. This data may include the following:

- Your name;
- Your address;
- Your telephone number;
- Your email address;
- Your employer or any group on whose behalf you are authorised to respond; and
- Your feedback in response to the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Targeted Consultation.

We will use your personal data for the following purposes:

- To record accurately and analyse any questions you raise during the consultation or feedback you have provided in response to the consultation.
- To report on our consultation, detailing what issues have been raised and how we have responded to that feedback (please note that the information contained in the consultation report will be aggregated and will not identify specific individuals).
- To personalise communications with individuals we are required to contact as part of future consultation or communications.
- The legal basis for processing this data is that it is necessary for our legitimate interest, namely for the purpose of ensuring the consultation process, analysis and reporting are accurate and comprehensive.
- In addition to the specific purposes for which we may process your personal data set out above, we may also process any of your personal data where such processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject.

#### PROVIDING YOUR PERSONAL DATA TO OTHERS

We may provide your personal data to the following recipients:

- North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited and SSE Renewables and RWE on whose behalf we are collecting your feedback in order to analyse and report on the responses received.
- Third party service providers and professional advisors who provide services to the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm project. This includes but is not limited to Barton Willmore now Stantec and Pinsent Masons LLP.
- Any relevant local planning authority or council.
- The relevant Secretary of State.
- The Planning Inspectorate, who may decide to publish this information on their website.

• Our insurers/ professional advisers. We may disclose your personal data to our insurers and/or professional advisers insofar as reasonably necessary for the purposes of obtaining and maintaining insurance cover, managing risks, obtaining professional advice and managing legal disputes.

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- Personal data that we process for any purpose shall not be kept for longer than is necessary for that purpose.
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Unless we contact you and obtain your consent for us to retain your personal data for a longer period, we will delete your personal data as soon as practicable following the outcome of the consultation process.

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- The right to restrict processing;
- The right to object to processing;
- The right to data portability; and
- The right to complain to a supervisory authority.

You may exercise any of your rights in relation to your personal data by writing to us using the details below.

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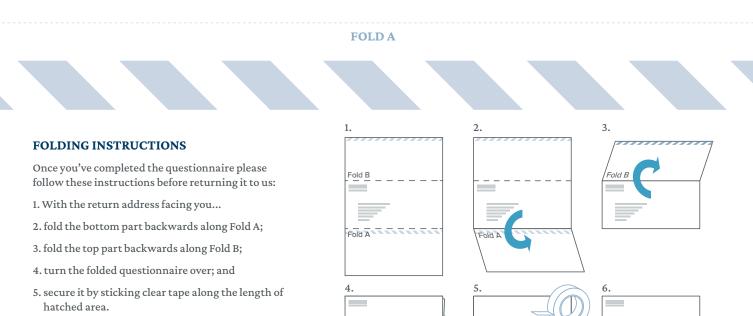
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# **APPENDIX G**



Stage 4 (targeted) consultation website pages



Since the close of the Project's statutory consultation in July 2023, the proposed DCO application for North Falls has continued to develop. This has resulted in the need for a further stage of targeted consultation on updated proposals following localised changes to the Project's onshore BEIR boundary. These localised changes result in additional land being included in the proposed DCO boundary.

The reasons for these proposed localised changes relate to the engineering and constructions of the Proyect's multi-relevant connection, as well as the safety of road term during construction and teethack received from our previous constitutions. Your views are important to us, which is why we are holding this further stage of consultation and giving you the opportunity to provide feedback on the updates we're proposing.

#### What are we consulting on?

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This carges al consultation is focused on preposed localised changes to the Project's enclose PER boundary. References for further information are outlined to the table below. You can also view all of our updated proposals in more detail on the interactive map.

VIEW INTERACTIVE MAP



#### Consultation menu

Read our consultation materials by clicking on the links below or by using the maximum has at the top of the page

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TEMPORARY WORKS	BROCHURE CLOSSARY	

Fly-through video of the onshore cable corridor



Onshore PEIR boundary (as of July 2028) Proposed onshore DCO boundary (as of March 2024)





#### About the project

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

It is a proposed extension to the southern array of the existing Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, and is being developed in the southern North Sea approximately 42 kilometres (km) off the East Anglia coast. Its site comprises one offshore array area totaling 95 square kilometres (km<sup>2</sup>).

The site previously comprised two offshore array areas totaling approximately 150km<sup>2</sup>, but after our 2023 statutory consultation the decision was made to remove the whole of the northern offshore array area.

This decision followed consideration of feedback received relating to mitigating the effects of the offshore PEIR boundary in several key areas, including: landscape and visual impact, seascape, shipping and navigation, offshore ornithology and benthic ecology. Removal of the northern offshore array area has significantly reduced a number of potential effects on each of these areas.

The Project has accepted an offer from National Grid for an onshore grid connection in Tendring, North Essex.

Approximately 24km of onshore electricity cables are proposed to be installed underground from the Project's landfall location between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea to this new substation.

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#### Story so far

Indicative image of an offshore wind farm. North Falls' design may differ

The Agreement for Lease between North Falls and The Crown Estate was signed in Autumn 2020 and the Project is now in its pre-application phase with the aim of submitting its application to the Planning Inspectorate later in 2024.

As a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), North Falls must be consented under the Planning Act 2008 DCO process, which was introduced to streamline the decision making for such projects. If the Project's application is successful, we anticipate being granted a DCO in 2025.

The Project is at an advanced stage of the pre-application phase of the DCO process. One of the primary tasks in the pre-application phase is to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) – a systematic and iterative approach to assessing the environmental, social and economic effects the Project may have.

Throughout this period there has also been ongoing technical design and engineering work to ensure the Project can be constructed.

The EIA process has included three previous stages of consultation: two nonstatutory consultations, which ran from 25 October to 10 December 2021 and 17 October to 09 December 2022, and one statutory consultation, which ran from 16 May to 14 July 2023.

More information about these previous stages of consultation can be found by clicking <u>here</u>. This current targeted consultation will be the Project's second statutory consultation and fourth consultation overall.



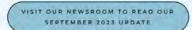
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- Increase the distance from shore to the nearest point of the offshore array area by approximately 20km
- Reduce the offshore array area by approximately 55km<sup>2</sup>
- Reduce the number of wind turbine generators (WTGs) we will need by 15
- Reduce the overall onshore cable corridor width at various locations from what was presented in our PEIR
- Reduce the amount of onshore export cables we'll need to connect the Project from four to two, significantly reducing the amount of land we'll need throughout our cable corridor

These changes have been made to mitigate the overall impact of the Project.

No further changes have been made since September 2023 to the offshore elements of the Project.

The changes presented at this targeted consultation are exclusively focused on the Project's onshore elements.



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The map below provides an overview of the proposed localised changes to the Project's onshore PEIR boundary. To help explain the proposals we've categorised and labelled each of the localised changes. Each category of localised change is also briefly summarised below. More information on each of these can be found in the PEIR Addendum

The Project's onshore PEIR boundary is coloured yellow on the overview map, and the Project's proposed onshore DCO boundary is outlined in red.

- Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Access Points: There are 14 locations where O&M access points fall outside the onshore PEIR boundary. These are coloured purple.
- Temporary Construction Compounds (TCCs): 12 proposed locations for TCCs are located within the onshore PEIR boundary. These are coloured bright green.
- Bentley Road Improvements: Bentley Road is labelled number 17. More information can be found here.
- National Grid Connection Point: NGET's East Anglia Connection Node is the grid connection for the Project and is labelled 'National Grid Connection Point'.
- Visibility Splays: 11 visibility splays fall outside the onshore PEIR boundary. These are coloured bright blue.
- Adjustments to Onshore Cable Corridor: 10 adjustments to the onshore cable corridor are coloured dark blue.



- Onshore PEIR boundary (as of July 2023) Proposed onshore DCO boundary (as of March 2024) Numbered label of permanent works, temporary works, and O&M access points
- Onshore cable corridor adjustments
- Changes relating to temporary construction haul roads

Bentley Road

Visibility splay O&M access point

The Project's National Grid Connection Point (NGET's East Anglia Connection Node)

- Proposed TCC location
- North Falls and Five Estuaries' proposed co-located onshore substation zone

#### To zoom in and view this map in more detail. you can view it as PDF. VIEW PDF Alternatively, you can use our interactive feedback map to view proposals in more detail and provide feedback on specific areas of our DCO boundary VIEW INTERACTIVE MAP ent works relating to onshore cable corridor Fields south of Little Clacton Road South of Walton Road 10 North of Tendring Road Bentley Road 12 Between Barlon Road and Spratts Lane 20 North Falls and Five Estuaries' proposed co-located onshore substation zone

Temporary works relating to construction haul roads

- North of Little Clacton Road
   South of Railway Line (Sunshine Coast Line)
- . Fields around Golden Lane
- 10 North of Tendring Road
- South of the A120 / B1035 roundabout 16

#### O&M access points

- Fields south of Short Lane
- Fields South of Little Clacton Road 2 3 North of Little Clacton Road
- Field west of Pork Lane 5
- Southern part of field north and field south of the railway (Sunshine Coast Line) .
- Fields west of Pork Lane 7
- . South of Walton Road
- . Fields around Golden Lane
- n Fields around Tendring Brook
- u. Fields south of Wolves Hall Lane 13
- Fields north of Wolves Hall Lane Fields north of Stones Green
- 14 15 Fields south of the A120
- 10 Field east of Bentley Road

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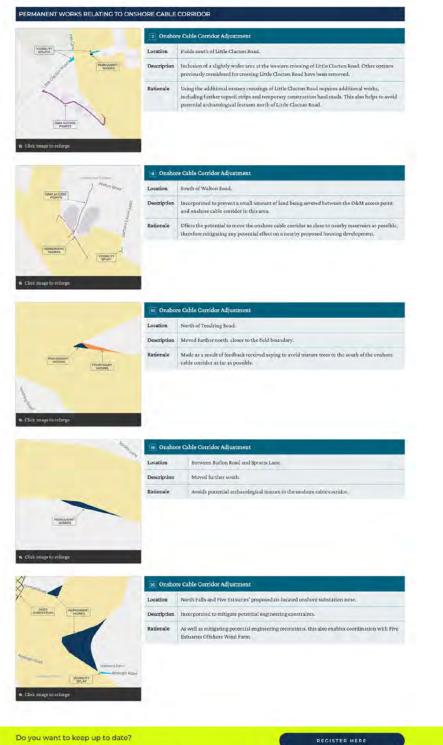


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These adjustments will also enable access to proposed temporary construction haul roads required to build the Project.

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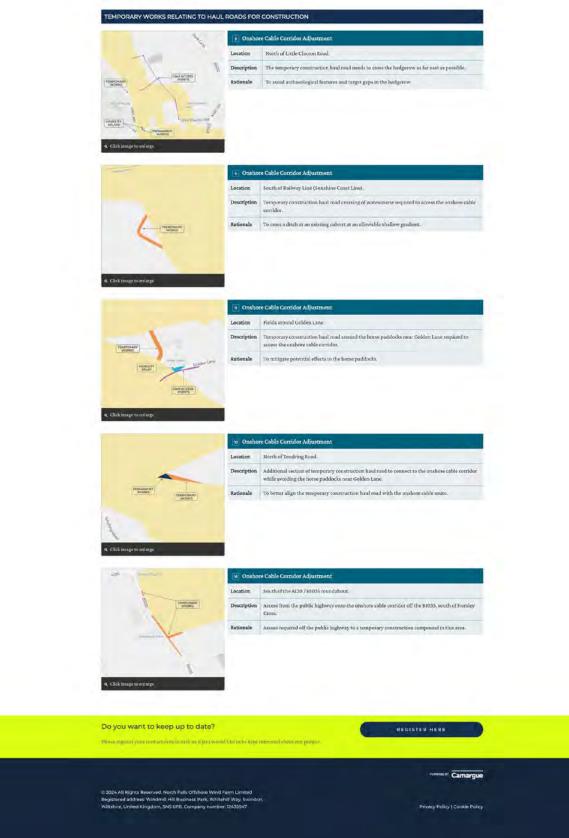


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#### Proposed Improvements to Bentley Road

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We would value your feedback on our Hendey Road proposals if you are someone who lives naw Hendey Road or uses Hendey Road regularly.





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The Project may also implement a range of other measures to mitigate presented effects, including temporary noise screening and the stockpling of materials on reduce peak duly HOV dension5.



#### Constructing the onshore cable route

#### Visibility splays

Visibility splays are locations where the Project is proposing to reduce the height of vegetation to improve overall road safety by ensuring construction vehicles leaving a site have good visibility before joining the local road network

The proposed works associated with the visibility splays represent small scale changes in isolated areas along the onshore cable corridor.

There are 11 locations that have been identified following discussion with Essex County Council's highways department and more detailed design work, including safety audits. These seek to allow safe access and egress for construction vehicles onto the public highway, allowing them to more clearly see other traffic approaching.

These visibility splays are shown on the overview map. They can be viewed in more detail on the interactive map link to interactive map and more information can be found in our PEIR Addendum.



#### Temporary construction compounds

There will be a requirement to have TCCs in place in strategic locations along the onshore cable corridor. These will provide the Project with facilities to service the installation of approximately 24km of onshore cable, build the Project's onshore substation, and store construction materials and plant.

The proposed locations of TCCs are shown on the overview map and listed below. They can be viewed in more detail on the interactive map and more information can be found in our PEIR Addendur

## VIEW OVERVIEW MAP

VIEW INTERACTIVE MAP

As part of our ongoing work, we'll carry out further surveys of proposed TCC locations and continue to liaise with Essex County Council with regard to their suitability and the safety of other road users.

TCCs may include:

- · Temporary fencing, the requirements of which will be determined by security factors and land use
- Temporary site signage and potentially other site safety requirements
- Temporary facilities for site personnel, although there will be no overnight accommodation on any of our sites
- · Storage of construction materials and plant
- Temporary access to and from the site

Once we have finished using the TCCs we will, as far as practicable, reinstate the surface of the affected land to a condition similar to that which existed prior to entry, as evidenced by a preentry schedule of condition which dictates the condition in which land used by the Project must be left after completion.

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#### The 11 locations of the visibility splays are as follows:

- · Fields south of Little Clacton Road
- · Thorpe Road Sneating Hall Lane
- Damant's Farm Lane
- · B1414 / Landermere Road
- Fields around Golden Lane
- Fields north of Stones Green • South of the A120 / B1035 roundabout
- · Field east of Bentley Road
- · Payne's Lane
- · Ardleigh Road

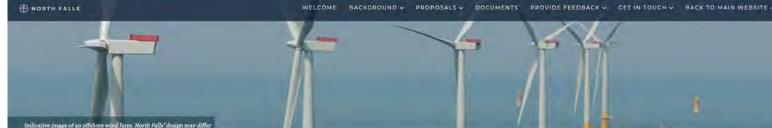
#### The 12 locations of the Temporary construction compounds are as follows:

- Landfall TCC off Short Lane
- East of B1032 / Clacton Road • West of B1032 / Clacton Road
- South of B1033 / Thorpe Road
- North of B1035 / Tendring Road, south of Swan Road
- North of B1035 / Thorpe Road, west of Swan Road
- South of A120 off B1035 / Thorpe Road
- North of A120, east of B1035 / Clacton Road
- North of A120, west of B1035 / Clacton Road
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#### Glossary

Certain terms are written in green throughout our website and brochure. Explanations of these terms are included in our online glossary below:

Agreement for Lease - An Agreement for Lease generally grants a developer an option over an area of seabed. Exercise of the option by the developer will be conditional on it satisfying certain conditions. If the conditions are satisfied and the developer exercises the option, The Crown Estate will be obliged to grant a lease of the seabed to the developer.

Consultation Report - A Consultation Report is the part of a DCO application that summarises an Applicant's consultation activities to date, the feedback received and how this feedback has been taken into account.

Development Consent Order (DCO) - A DCO is the means of obtaining permission for developments categorised as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). See below.

DCO boundary - A DCO boundary is the boundary (sometimes referred to as 'red line boundary" or 'order limits') submitted as part of a DCO application. In North Falls' case, the proposed DCO boundary represents a progression of the PEIR boundary it presented at its statutory consultation, which completed in July 2023.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) - proposal on the environment. EIAs ensure that project decision makers consider the likely effects on the environment at the earliest possible time and aim to avoid, reduce or offset those effects.

Environmental Statement - This will include a full factual description of the Project and its likely environmental effects. This is submitted as part of the Project's DCO application.

Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) - A Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) is the classification given to projects that are consented under the Planning Act 2008 DCO process. In the case of offshore wind, generating stations with a generating capacity above 100 megawatts (MW) are considered NSIPs.

Offshore array area - The offshore array area is the area that hosts a Project's offshore infrastructure, including WTGs (see below), offshore platforms, subsea cables, and scour protection around foundations and subsea cables where required.

Onshore cable corridor - This refers to the area from landfall to the Project's onshore substation zone, within which the onshore export cables and other associated infrastructure, such as cable ducts and link boxes, are located.

Onshore PEIR boundary - This relates to the extent of the project area presented in the Project's PEIR, as published during last year's statutory consultation

Planning Act 2008 - The Planning Act 2008 ('the Act') provides the consenting regime for granting planning and other consents for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). These are large scale developments, both onshore and offshore, such as new harbours, roads, railways, power stations, and electricity transmission lines. The Act sets out the thresholds above which certain types of infrastructure development are considered to be nationally significant and in relation to which developers must seek development conse The Secretary of State may also issue a direction, the effect of which is to bring a project into the remit of the Act.

Planning Inspectorate - The Planning Inspectorate is an executive agency with responsibility for making decisions and providing recommendations and advice on a range of land use planning-related issues across England and Wales

DCO applications are examined by a single inspector or a panel of inspectors from the Planning Inspectorate, known as the Examining Authority. On completion of the examination, the Examining Authority will provide a recommendation report to the Secretary of State who will decide whether development consent should be granted.

Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) - A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) is a technical document that details the potential environmental impacts of a Project and the mitigations that are proposed.

Statutory consultation - Carrying out a statutory consultation during a Project's pre-application stage is a formal requirement of the Planning Act 2008 and must be carried out in accordance with the Project's Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

The Crown Estate - The Crown Estate is a collection of lands and holdings in the United Kingdom belonging to the British monarch as a corporation sole, which is neither government property nor part of the monarch's private escate.

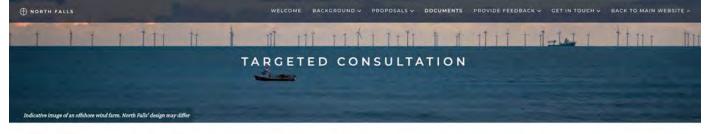
Transition joint bays - Transition joint bays are situated at a Project's landfall point and are used to connect the offshore cabling to the onshore cable corridor.

Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs) - WTGs use wind to make electricity. The wind turns the propellor-like blades of a turbine around a rotor, which spins a generator, which creates electricity.

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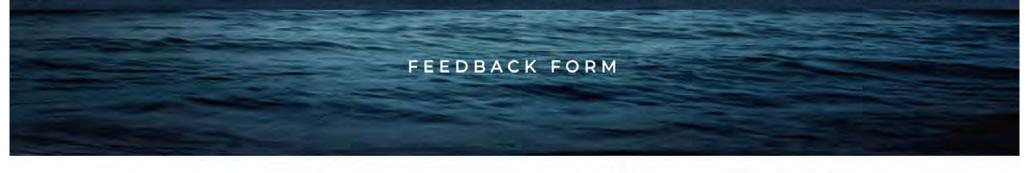
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	Location of operation and maintenance (O&M) access points (Click here or refer to pages 10-11 and 16-19 of the of the targeted consultation brochure)		Inclusion of construction traffic visibility splays (Click here or refer to pages 10-11 and 20 of the targeted consultation brochure)		
	Proposed locations of temporary construction compounds (TCCs) (Click here or refer to pages 10-11 and 21 of the targeted consultation brochure)	0	Improvements and widening of Bentley Road (Click here or refer to pages 22-25 of the targeted consultation brochure)		
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## Next steps

Once this consultation closes at 11:59pm on Monday 22 April 2024, we will carefully consider all the feedback received alongside our technical, engineering and environmental work, with the aim of developing our final design envelope for North Falls.

While we will not be able to respond to all feedback individually at this stage, we will address all the issues and themes raised in response to this and previous consultations in our Consultation Report.

This will be submitted as part of our application for a DCO to the Secretary of State, via the Planning Inspectorate, in accordance with the Planning Act 2008.

- The final design envelope for our DCO submission will consist of our onshore and
- Our offshore array area, where the WTGs, subsea export cables and offshore substation platform(s) are located
- Our onshore project area, including the onshore cable route, onshore substation, and other associated infrastructure

The exact layout of the Project's infrastructure within the Project's proposed onsh DCO boundary will not be finalised until the Project has been granted consent by the Secretary of State. Due to the complexity of the Project, some details will likely remain unknown to us at the time of submitting our application, including the Precise number, location and configuration of the WTGs, offshore substation

- platform(s), and any associated development
- Type of foundation to install the WTGs and any associated development

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- Exact height of the tip of the turbine rotors and the diameter of the rotors

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Once we have developed our final design envelope, we will submit an application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate and Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ). We expect to submit our application later this year.

- Amongst a number of other documents, our application will include
- A Consultation Report summarising people's responses to all our consultation and an explanation of how we have taken people's views into account.
- An Environmental Statement setting out the env ental considerations for the Project and how we propose to mitigate them

The Planning Inspectorate will examine our proposals and prepare a report for the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State will then make the final decision on the Project's applicatio

We are unlikely to carry out any further consultation on our proposals ahead of submitting our application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate. However, subject to our application being accepted you will be able to directly register your interest in our proposals with the Planning Inspectorate.

This will ensure you are kept informed about the progress of our application during the Examination process and provide further opportunities to contribute. You can find out more about the application process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) on the Planning Inspectorate's websites: infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk







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# WAYS TO HAVE YOUR SAY

We need your feedback as we work to develop our final proposals for submission to the Planning Inspectorate and Secretary of State. To see how people's feedback has already influence our project, please refer to our <u>project update</u>.

Please ensure you submit your feedback by 11:59pm on Monday 22 April 2024.

All the feedback we receive will be recorded and carefully considered ahead of submitting our DCO application.

Responses received after 22 April 2024 may not be considered.

We welcome any questions you may have about the Project via email or by calling: 0800 254 5340

You can take part and comment on our proposals by:

- Using the online feedback form on our Project's consultation website: https://targetedconsultation.northfallsoffshore.com
- Using the interactive feedback map on our Project's consultation website: <u>https://targetedfeedbackmap.northfallsoffshore.com</u>
- Sending an email to: <u>contact@northfallsoffshore.com</u>
- Write to us at freepost address: FREEPOST North Falls. No stamp required.

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## How we use your personal data

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- Your name;
- Your address:
- Your telephone number;
- Your email address;
- · Your employer or any group on whose behalf you are authorised to respond; and
- Your feedback in response to the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm consultation

#### We will use your personal data for the following purposes:

- To record accurately and analyse any questions you raise during the consultation or feedback you have provided in response to the consultation.
- To report on our consultation, detailing what issues have been raised and how we have responded to
  that feedback (please note that the information contained in the consultation report will be aggregated
  and will not identify specific individuals).
- To personalise communications with individuals we are required to contact as part of future consultation or communications.
- The legal basis for processing this data is that it is necessary for our legitimate interest, namely for the
  purpose of ensuring the consultation process, analysis and reporting are accurate and comprehensive.
- In addition to the specific purposes for which we may process your personal data set out above, we may also process any of your personal data where such processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject.
- · Providing your personal data to others

## We may provide your personal data to the following recipients:

- SSE Renewables and RWE on whose behalf we are collecting your feedback in order to analyse and report on the responses received.
- Third party service providers and professional advisors who provide services to the North Falls Offshore Wind farm project. This includes but is not limited to @arton Willmore now Stantec and Pinsent Masons LLP
- · Any relevant local planning authority or council.
- The relevant Secretary of State.
- The Planning Inspectorate, who may decide to publish this information on their website.
- Our insurers/professional advisers. We may disclose your personal data to our insurers and/or
  professional advisers insofar as reasonably necessary for the purposes of obtaining and maintaining
  insurance cover, managing risks, obtaining professional advice and managing logal disputes.
- · Retaining and deleting personal data
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- The right to erasure:
- The right to restrict processing:
- The right to object to processing:
- The right to data portability; and
- The right to complain to a supervisory authority.

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#### Our details

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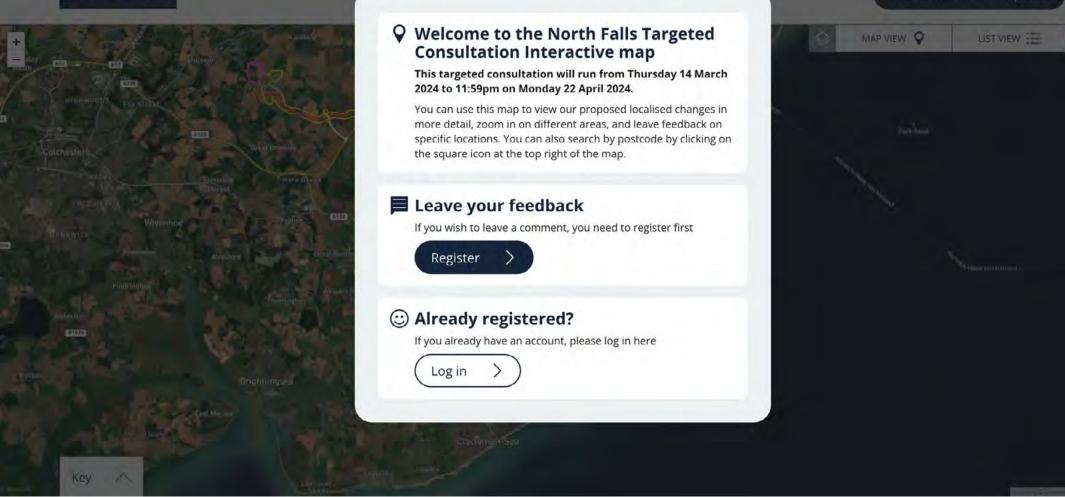


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Overview map presented at stage 4 (targeted) consultation

