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Application for Development Consent for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects under the Planning Act 2008

* required information

Application Form

Please read guidance documents relating to the submission of applications prior to completing this form including [government guidance](#) and the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note Six: Preparation and submission of application documents](#).

* Do you have a reference number?

Yes No

* Reference number

1. Applicant

* Organisation

Address

* Building number or name

* Street

* City or town

County or administrative area

* Postcode

* Country

* Name of contact

* Telephone number

Fax number

* Email

2. Agent

* Are you an agent acting on behalf of the Applicant?

Yes No

3. Fee

* State the arrangement for the application fee payment:

BACS CHAPS Cheque

* Please provide payment reference details



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£8,244.00 has been transferred by BACS to the account of the Planning Inspectorate using reference EN010119 on 20 June 2024. The Planning Inspectorate confirmed receipt via email on the 24 June 2024.

4. Confirming why the Planning Inspectorate should receive the application



* Brief statement to explain why this application is, or is to be treated as, a development for which development consent is required under the Planning Act 2008

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm (the 'Project' or 'North Falls') will comprise an offshore generating station with a capacity exceeding 100 megawatts (MW).

The Project is therefore classified as a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP) under sections 14(1)(a) and 15(3) of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act) and requires development consent in accordance with section 31 of the Act. This is an application for a development consent order (DCO).

5. Non-technical description of the Proposed Development



* Brief non-technical description of the Proposed Development

North Falls is an offshore wind farm located in the outer Thames Estuary. The DCO application is for the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of an offshore wind farm proposed approximately 40km off the East Anglia coastline in the southern North Sea. The Project comprises: a single offshore array area covering an area of 95 square kilometres with up to 57 wind turbine generators, the installation of underground cables and associated infrastructure; construction of up to two offshore substation platforms, or, up to one offshore substation platform and up to one offshore converter platform; the construction of up to two cable circuits and associated ducting with the onshore landfall taking place at between Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea; the construction of an electrical substation between Little Bromley and Ardleigh to connect to National Grid's proposed East Anglia Connection Node (EACN) substation; and all associated development and ancillary works. All of the onshore infrastructure works would be within the administrative area of Essex County Council and Tendring District Council.

6. Location or route of the Proposed Development



* Description of location of application site(s), or route of development (reference to appropriate plans)

North Falls is proposed as a single array area approximately 40km off the East Anglia coastline, in the southern part of the North Sea. The offshore cable corridor follows a westerly axis for approximately 57km from the north-western corner of the array area to make landfall at Kirby Brook between Clacton-on-sea and Frinton-on-sea (see Location Plan (Offshore) – Document Reference: 5.2). The onshore export cable corridor is proposed to proceed inland for approximately 24 km on a north-westerly axis to a new electrical substation located between the villages of Little Bromley and Ardleigh with a connection to connect to National Grid's proposed East Anglia Connection Node (EACN) substation (see Location Plan (Onshore) – Document Reference: 5.1).

* Is the site a single site or a linear site?

- Single site Linear site

Start grid reference

* Easting

* Northing

Middle grid reference

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* Easting

* Northing

End grid reference

* Easting

* Northing

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7. Associated Development



* Associated Development is included within this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

* Document reference

8. a) Consultation Report



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* Document reference

8. b) Copies of newspaper notices



* Document reference

9. Draft Development Consent Order



* Document reference

10. Explanatory Memorandum



* Document reference

11. Land Plan



* Document reference

12. Works Plan



* Document reference

* Document reference

13. Compulsory Acquisition of land or an interest in land or right over land



* Issues are relevant for this application:

- Yes No

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Statement of reasons
document reference

Statement of Reasons (Document
Reference: 6.5)

Add another reference

Funding statement
document reference

Funding Statement (Document Reference:
6.4)

Add another reference

Book of Reference
document reference

Book of Reference (Document Reference:
6.3)

Book of Reference
document reference

Schedule of Negotiations (Document
Reference: 6.6)

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Book of Reference
document reference

Statutory Undertakers Schedule
(Document Reference: 6.7)

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Book of Reference
document reference

Land Plans (Document Reference: 5.3)

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Book of Reference
document reference

Draft Development Consent Order
(Document Reference: 6.1)

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Book of Reference
document reference

Explanatory Memorandum (Document
Reference: 6.2)

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14. a) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)



* Environmental Statement (ES) required:

Yes

No

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* ES Document Reference ES Non Technical Summary and Chapters 0-34 (Volume 3.1) (Document References: 3.1.1 - 3.1.36)

* ES Document Reference ES Chapter Figures 1-32 (Volume 3.2) (Document References: 3.2.1 - 3.2.28)

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* ES Document Reference ES Appendices (Volume 3.3) (Document References: 3.3.1.1 - 3.3.71)

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14. b) Screening Opinion/ Direction and Scoping Opinion/ Direction



* Screening Opinion sought, or direction received:

Yes No

* Scoping Opinion sought:

Yes No

Document reference Scoping Opinion (Document Reference: 7.25)

Add another reference

14. c) Publicity required under Regulation 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (or where the transitional provisions apply, Regulation 11 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009)



In addition to publishing the notice, a copy of the notice was sent to:

* the consultation bodies

* Yes

* the persons notified to the Applicant in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(c) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (or where the transitional provisions apply, Regulation 9(1)(c) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009):

Yes No, not applicable

15. European sites (to which Regulation 63 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and/ or Regulation 28 of the Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 applies) or a Ramsar site.



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* Report required for this application:

Yes

No

* Document reference

Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment
Part 1 Introduction (Document Reference:
7.1.1)

* Document reference

Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment
Appendix 1.1 Habitats Regulations
Assessment Screening (Document
Reference: 7.1.1.1)

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* Document reference

Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment
Part 2 Benthic Ecology (Annex I habitat in
Special Areas of Conservation and Special
Protection Areas supporting habitat)
(Document Reference: 7.1.2)

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* Document reference

Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment
Part 3 Marine Mammals (Annex II species)
(Document Reference: 7.1.3)

Remove this reference

* Document reference

Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment
Appendix 3.1 Unexploded Ordnance
Clearance Information and Assessment
(Document Reference: 7.1.3.1)

Remove this reference

* Document reference

Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment
Part 4 Offshore Ornithology (Birds
Directive Annex 1 and Migratory Species)
(Document Reference: 7.1.4)

Remove this reference

* Document reference

RIAA Appendix 4.1 Modelling the
abundance of red-throated divers in the
area of overlap between North Falls digital
aerial surveys (12km buffer) and the Outer
Thames Estuary Special Protection Area
(Document Reference: 7.1.4.1)

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* Document reference Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment Appendix 4.2 Population Viability Analysis (Document Reference: 7.1.4.2)

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* Document reference Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment Part 5 Onshore European and Ramsar Sites (Document Reference: 7.1.5)

Remove this reference

* Document reference Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment Part 6 Summary (Document Reference: 7.1.6)

Remove this reference

* Document reference Habitats Regulations Derogation: Provision of Evidence (Document Reference: 7.2)

Remove this reference

* Document reference Appendix 1 Compensatory Measures Overview (Document Reference: 7.2.1)

Remove this reference

* Document reference Annex 1A Habitats Regulations Assessment Compensation Consultation (Document Reference: 7.2.1.1)

Remove this reference

* Document reference Annex 1B Compensation Funding Statement (Document Reference: 7.2.1.2)

Remove this reference

* Document reference Annex 1C In Principle Letter of Agreement from Dogger Bank South (East and West) (Document Reference: 7.2.1.3)

Remove this reference

* Document reference Appendix 2 Lesser Black-Backed Gull Compensation Document (Document Reference: 7.2.2)

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* Document reference

Annex 2A Outline Lesser Black-backed Gull Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (CIMP) (Document Reference: 7.2.2.1)

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* Document reference

Appendix 3 Red Throated Diver Compensation Document (Document Reference: 7.2.3)

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* Document reference

Annex 3A Outline Red Throated Diver Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (CIMP) (Document Reference: 7.2.3.1)

Remove this reference

* Document reference

Appendix 4 Kittiwake Compensation Document (Document Reference: 7.2.4)

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* Document reference

Annex 4A Outline Kittiwake Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (CIMP) (Document Reference: 7.2.4.1)

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* Document reference

Appendix 5 Guillemot and Razorbill Compensation Document (Document Reference: 7.2.5)

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* Document reference

Annex 5A Outline Guillemot and Razorbill Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (CIMP) (Document Reference: 7.2.5.1)

Remove this reference

Add another reference

16. A plan, with accompanying information, identifying any statutory or non statutory sites or features of nature conservation, geological or landscape importance; habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and water bodies in a River Basin Management Plan - together with an assessment of any effects likely to be caused by the Proposed Development.



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* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

* Document reference

* Document reference

* Document reference

* Document reference

17. A plan, with accompanying information, identifying any statutory or non statutory sites or features of the historic environment such as scheduled monuments, World Heritage sites, listed buildings and other historic structures, archaeological sites and registered battlefields, together with an assessment of any effects likely to be caused by the Proposed Development



* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

* Document reference

18. Flood Risk Assessment



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* Flood Risk Assessment required:

Yes No

* Document reference

19. Matters set out in section 79(1) (statutory nuisances etc) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990



* Statement required for this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

20. A plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land



* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

21. A plan identifying new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets or any diversions, extinguishments or creation or rights of way or public rights of navigation



* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

* Document reference

* Document reference

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* Document reference

Temporary Traffic Regulation Order Plan
(Document Reference: 5.19)

Remove this reference

Add another reference

22. Additional information for specific types of infrastructure



* Additional information is required to be submitted in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009:

Yes No

* Provide a brief description

Yes. The DCO application is for an offshore generating station with a capacity exceeding 100MW.

Details of the proposed route and method of installation of the cables has been provided within the Cable Statement (Document Reference: 7.27). Section 5.5, 5.6, and 5.7 of ES Chapter 5 Project Description (Document Reference: 3.1.7) provides a description of the proposed cable infrastructure offshore, at the landfall location, and onshore. The Draft Development Consent Order (Document Reference: 6.1), the Works Plans (Offshore) (Document Reference: 5.6) and Works Plans (Onshore) (Document Reference: 5.7) identify the route of and seek authorisation for the construction and laying of the cables as required.

Details in the form of a statement in relation to an application for a safety zone are included within the Safety Zone Statement (Document Reference: 7.23) and discussed in Section 5.5.11.4 of ES Chapter 5 Project Description (Document Reference: 3.1.7).

* Document reference

Cable Statement (Document Reference:
7.27)

* Document reference

Safety Zone Statement (Document
Reference: 7.23)

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Regulation 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 requires additional information to be submitted with the following types of development.

* Please check any of the following boxes that apply:

- Construction or extension of a non offshore generating station (Reg. 6 (1a))
- Construction or extension of an offshore generating station (Reg. 6 (1b))
- Highway related development (Reg. 6 (2) (part 1))
- Construction or alteration of a railway (Reg. 6 (2) (part 2))
- Construction or alteration of harbour facilities (Reg. 6 (3))
- Construction of a pipeline (Reg. 6 (4))
- Construction or alteration of a hazardous waste facility (Reg. 6 (5))
- Construction of a dam or reservoir (Reg. 6 (6))

Construction or extension of an offshore generating station (Reg. 6 (1b))

* Provide details of the proposed route and method of installation for any cable

The Cable Statement (Document Reference: 7.27) sets out a description of the proposed route and method of installation for the cable components required for the Project under the different grid connection options: Options 1 and 2 are outlined in Section 1.4; and Option 3 in Section 1.5.

Section 4 of the Cable Statement (Document Reference: 7.27) provides details on the proposed offshore cable installation methods which includes the array cables, offshore export cables, and offshore cable crossings. Section 5 provides details on the proposed methods for the cables being brought ashore and how they would join the onshore cables at the landfall location.

Section 6 of the Cable Statement (Document Reference: 7.27) provides details on the proposed onshore cable installation methods which includes the pre-construction activities to prepare the site and access, as well as the method of trenching and trenchless techniques where required.

The proposed cable route is shown on the Work Plans (Offshore) (Document Reference: 5.7) and the Works Plans (Onshore) (Document Reference: 5.6) and is authorised via Work No. 3, Work No. 4A, 4B, 4C and 4D, Work No. 6, Work No. 12 and Work No. 14 as detailed in Schedule 1 of the draft Development Consent Order (Document Reference: 6.1).

* Provide a statement as to whether applications will be made for safety zones

The Applicant's intention is to make an application for safety zones around the wind turbine generators and offshore platforms (offshore substation platform(s) and/or the offshore converter platform) during construction and major maintenance. A Safety Zone Statement (Document Reference: 7.23) is submitted with the Application.

23. Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the proposal for which development consent is sought, and any other documents, reports or information to support the application



Provide a brief description of any other plans, drawings and sections that are being submitted with this application

The application is supported by the following plans set out below (not already listed).

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Document reference

Special Category Land (Document Reference: 5.5)

Add another reference

Provide a brief description of any other documents considered necessary to support the application

The Application is also supported by a number of documents (not already listed) that are set out below.

Document reference

Cover Letter (Document Reference: 1.1)

Document reference

Guide to the Application (Document Reference: 1.3)

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Document reference

Planning Inspectorate Electronic Index (Document Reference: 1.4)

Remove this reference

Document reference

Draft Section 55 Checklist (Document Reference: 1.5)

Remove this reference

Document reference

Needs Case and Project Benefits Statement (Document Reference: 2.1)

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Document reference

Planning Statement (Document Reference: 2.2)

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Document reference

Design Vision (Document Reference: 2.3)

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Document reference

Design and Access Statement (Document Reference: 2.4)

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Document reference Offshore In-principle monitoring plan (IPMP) (Document Reference: 7.10)

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Document reference Outline Offshore Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (Document Reference: 7.11)

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Document reference Outline Onshore Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (Document Reference: 7.12)

Remove this reference

Document reference Outline Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) (Document Reference: 7.13)

Remove this reference

Document reference Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Strategy (OLEMS) (Document Reference: 7.14)

Remove this reference

Document reference Outline Horizontal Directional Drill Method Statement and Contingency Plan (Document Reference: 7.15)

Remove this reference

Document reference Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (OCTMP) (Document Reference: 7.16)

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Document reference Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan (OPRoWMP) (Document Reference: 7.17)

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Document reference Outline Skills and Employment Plan (Document Reference: 7.18)

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Document reference	Outline Operational Drainage Strategy (Document Reference: 7.19)
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Document reference	Outline Offshore Operations and Maintenance Plan (Document Reference: 7.20)
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Document reference	Outline Vessel Traffic Monitoring Plan (Document Reference: 7.21)
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Document reference	Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy (Document Reference: 7.22)
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Document reference	Outline Navigation and Installation Plan (Document Reference: 7.24)
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Document reference	Site Characterisation Report (Document Reference: 7.26)
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Document reference	District Level Licence (DLL) Draft Certificate (Document Reference: 7.29)
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Provide a brief description of any other information provided that is in support of the application, but which has not been explicitly required

The Application documents are as listed in this form no other information or plans are submitted.

Document reference	<input type="text"/>
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24. Other consents/ licences required under other legislation



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* Other consents/ licences are required:

Yes No

* Provide a list of consents/licences

Electricity generation licence
Appropriate Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Decommissioning programme
Crown consent
Marine licence for site investigation and unexploded ordnance (UXO) clearance works
Coast Station Radio Licence
European Protected Species (EPS) Licence
Safety Zones
F10 – Notification of Construction Project
Building Regulations approval (if necessary) Licence for work affecting badgers
Notice of Street Works
Permit for transport of abnormal loads
Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (if required)
Environmental permit Water discharge/ groundwater activity Waste operations/registration of exempt waste operations
Section 16 Wildlife and Countryside Act Licence
Water abstraction licence (if required)

You must cite the document references as appropriate

* Document reference

25. Declaration ?

I declare to the best of my knowledge that the information given in this form and enclosed maps, plans and other documents are true.

Please note there is a requirement for one hard copy of the form to be signed. Please ensure that when you submit you include at least one signed copy. Further copies do not require the hand written signature.

Signature

Daniel

Digitally signed by
Daniel Harper

(For and on behalf of the Applicant) **Harper**

Date: 2024.07.26
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* Name

(In block letters)

* Date / /
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* Organisation

* Position within the organisation



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