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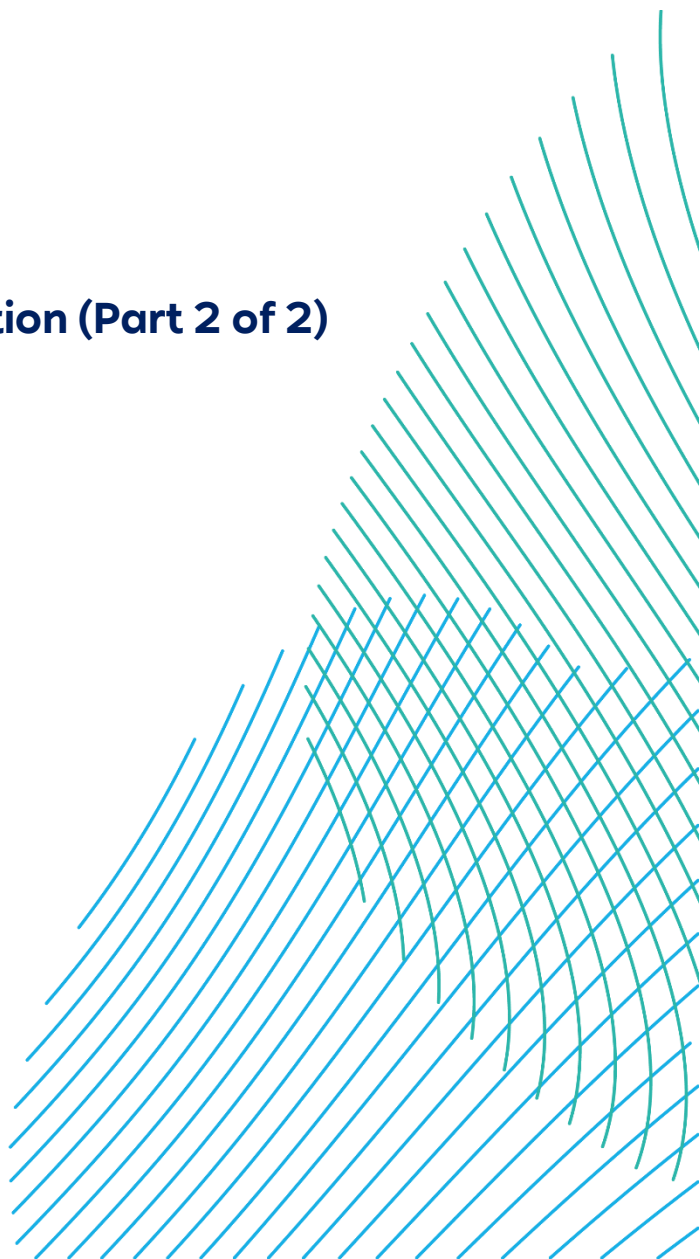
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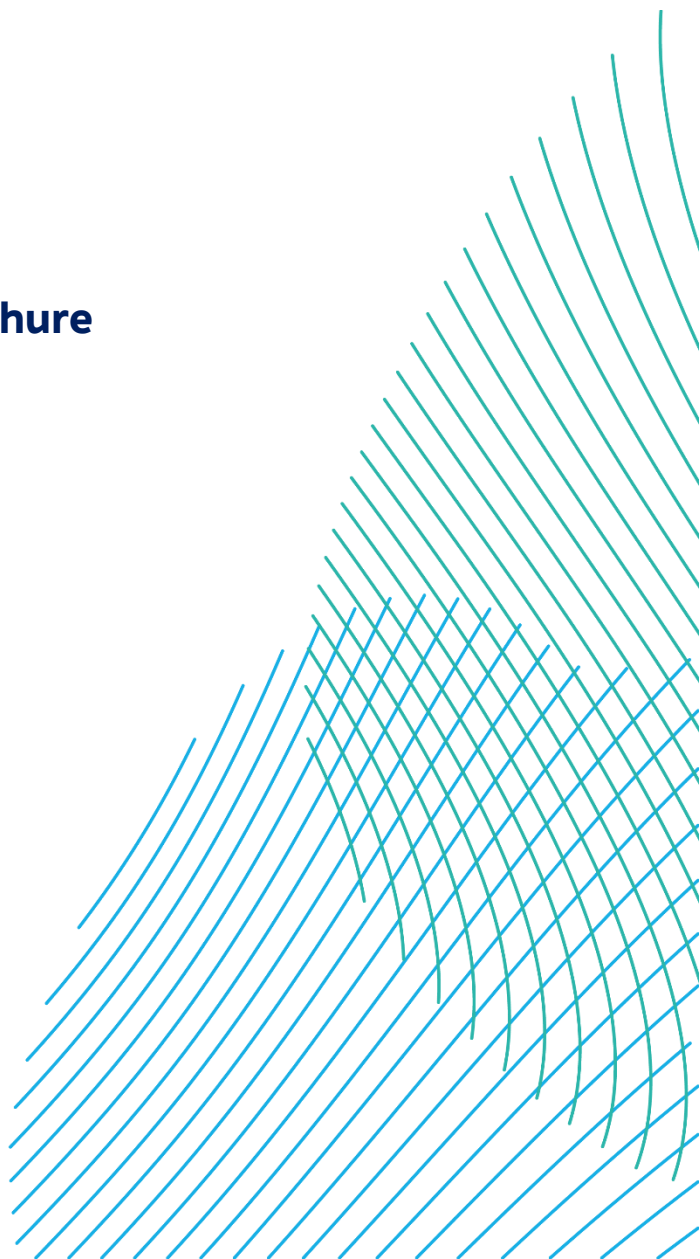
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# Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms

**Our statutory consultation**

**Tuesday 6 June to Monday 17 July 2023**

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# Welcome to our consultation

Our consultation is open from **Tuesday 6 June to Monday 17 July 2023.**

**The Dogger Bank South (DBS) offshore wind farm projects are planned to be located over 100 km off the northeast coast of England on the shallow offshore area of the North Sea known as Dogger Bank.**

**DBS will be made up of two separate sites, DBS East and DBS West, each with a proposed installed capacity of up to 1.5GW. When combined, the projects could generate enough clean renewable energy to power up to 3.4 million typical UK households per year.**

## The project so far

In January 2023 RWE entered into Agreements for Lease for the two projects with The Crown Estate, giving RWE exclusive seabed development rights for the sites.

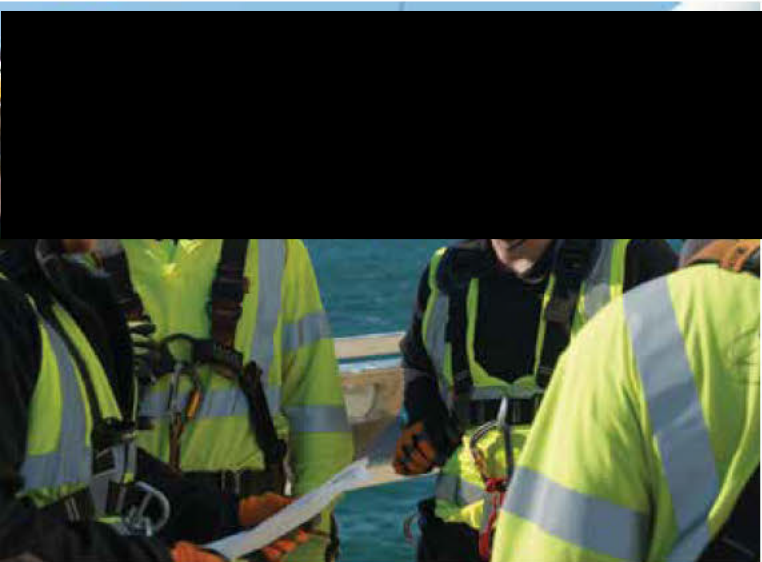
Although development of the projects continues, offshore and onshore surveys have been underway since March 2021, including metocean data collection (which looks at both meteorological and oceanographic conditions) and a series of geophysical geotechnical and environmental surveys. The surveys undertaken were designed following ongoing consultation with Expert Topic Groups made up of key stakeholders.

## Who we are

RWE is the UK's largest power producer and one of the country's largest renewables generators with the largest Offshore Wind fleet in the UK. Around 15% of all electricity generated in the UK is supplied by RWE sites.

We have been involved in offshore wind energy in the UK since the very start, having installed the first full scale offshore turbines at Blyth in 2000 and commissioned the UK's first commercial wind farm in 2003, the 60 MW North Hoyle.

RWE is dedicated to generating electricity using sustainable and environmentally friendly resources. We do this by harnessing the natural power of wind, water and biomass into significant sources of renewable energy for the UK's present, and future, electricity needs. Our offshore assets are presented in the map.



## Project facts and figures



DBS East and DBS West have a combined proposed installation capacity of up to 3GW.



Two possible cable landfall locations are being considered, both near to Skipsea. This acts as a connection point for the onshore and offshore elements of the project.



Between 96 and 200 wind turbines will be installed across both projects.



Two onshore substations where the electricity supplied from the offshore wind farm is collected and controlled before being transmitted to a new National Grid substation nearby.



There will be up to eleven offshore platforms.



The DBS projects are classified as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). This means that the application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination and the final decision is made by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.





# Key documents

## Scoping Report

In July 2022, RWE submitted the Scoping Report for the DBS projects to the Planning Inspectorate which then issued a Scoping Opinion in September 2022. The Scoping Report identifies and agrees on which potential environmental impacts will be assessed.

You can view a copy of the Scoping Report and Opinion on the Planning Inspectorate's website.

## Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

The PEIR has been published as part of this consultation. It is a technical document describing the project. It sets out any potential environmental, social and economic effects and the measures proposed to mitigate these potential effects. It also describes the benefits of the project.

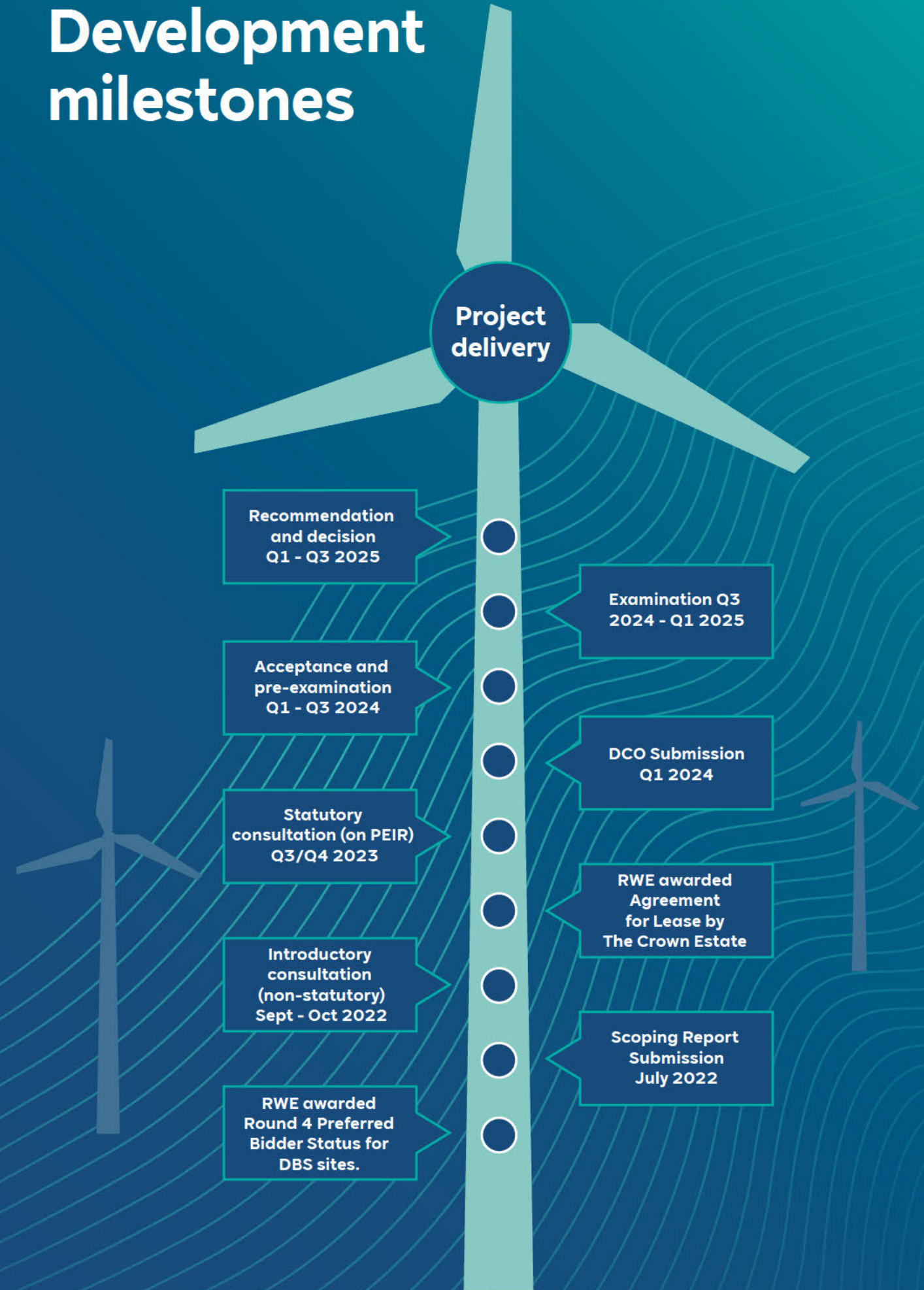
We are consulting on the information provided within our PEIR and it can be viewed in full on our website at [www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk](http://www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk)

Throughout this consultation brochure, you will see questions in coloured boxes, that relate to the section you've just read. Please do respond to each of these questions via our online feedback form, by email or at an in-person event, using our printed consultation feedback form.

### Question

Do you have any comments regarding the project's PEIR?

# Development milestones





# Progress so far

## Previous consultation

A non-statutory consultation on our proposals was held between 9 September and 14 October 2022. The purpose of this consultation was to:

- Introduce the DBS projects;
- Explain the site selection process and scenarios for the substation zones and onshore cable corridor, and;
- Collect feedback on our proposals.

Invitations were sent to around 19,000 homes and businesses within the non-statutory consultation zone, along with letters and emails to stakeholders including local MPs, councillors and parish councils.

We held 4 public consultation events which were attended by 393 people and we had 679 visitors to the consultation pages on our website.

We received 63 responses to the consultation.

## Key themes from consultation responses

**Archaeology and cultural heritage** – including location of sites, scheduled monuments and listed buildings.

**Ecology** – information on areas important to wildlife and details of species found in the area.

**Landscape and visual** – concerns about the potential visual impacts of development within the different substation zones, and how different views might be affected.

**Public rights of way (PRoW)** – importance of ensuring minimal impacts on PRoW during construction.

**Flood risk and drainage** – detailed information about historical flooding across the area, and the importance of minimising impact on local drainage systems.

**Cumulative impact** – other developments in the area were identified and concerns raised about the potential cumulative impact of the DBS projects.

## Expert topic groups and technical consultation

In addition to the introductory consultation, we have carried out technical consultation with a range of key stakeholders through expert topic groups to ensure that collaboration with key stakeholders has taken place throughout the design process. These organisations include;

Local authorities, Natural England, MMO, Cefas Environment Agency, National Highways, RSPB, Wildlife Trusts, Historic England, Water companies, Internal Drainage boards.

## Expert topic groups

### Offshore

- Seabed
- Offshore Ornithology
- Marine Mammal and Underwater Noise

### Onshore

- Terrestrial Ecology and Ornithology
- Traffic and Access, Onshore Noise and Air Quality
- Water Resource and Flood Risk

## Project Wide

- Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impacts Assessment
- Historic Environment (offshore and onshore)
- Site Selection
- Habitations Regulations Assessment

## This consultation

This stage of consultation is a statutory consultation. This means it's required as part of preparing our Development Consent Order (DCO) application which will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration.

The consultation is open from **Tuesday 6 June to Monday 17 July 2023**.

The purpose of this consultation is to present the PEIR assessment and updated plans following the technical work we've been doing following the introductory consultation.

## Others

- Commercial Fisheries
- Shipping and Navigation
- Aviation and Radar
- Other users
- Human Health
- Socio-Economics
- Tourism and Recreation

We are asking for feedback on:

- **Proposals for array areas**
- **Landfall scenarios**
- **The onshore cabling and substation locations**

The feedback we receive will help to finalise the design of DBS and will inform the DCO application.

## How to respond to this consultation – your views are important

We welcome your feedback and have provided a number of ways for you to respond to this consultation. You can find out more about how to respond on page 29 of this brochure.

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# Site selection overview

**Following a consultation of the Habitats Regulations Assessment process in July 2022, The Crown Estate announced its intention to enter into Agreements for Lease with RWE, giving seabed development rights for DBS East and DBS West. This set the limits of the offshore sites for the projects.**

We then engaged in a process of site selection for the components of the project, including the offshore and onshore export cable corridors, a cable landfall location and substation location for both projects, with the aim of connecting the wind farms to the transmission network, which is usually referred to as the national grid.

It is anticipated that each of the Dogger Bank South projects will be served by its own project specific infrastructure, but cable corridors, landfall locations and substation sites will be shared where possible to minimise impacts on communities and the environment.



## How has the connection point to the National Electricity Transmission System been chosen?

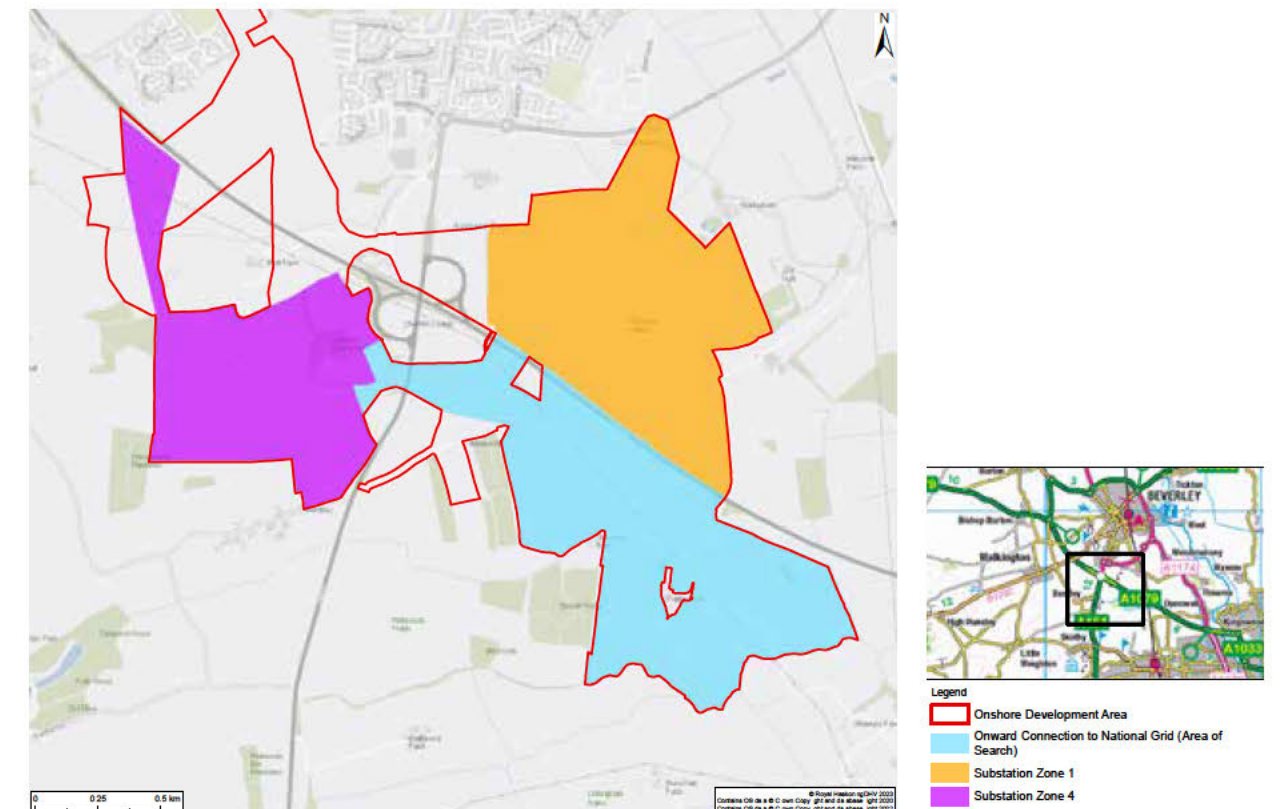
National Grid ESO, the UK electrical system operator, has completed the Holistic Network Design (HND) process.

The aim of the process was to design a coordinated solution for the national grid which takes account of planned offshore wind expansion in a way which is economic and efficient, deliverable and operable and which considers environmental impacts and the effects of infrastructure developments on local communities.

Through the HND process, National Grid ESO considered several potential grid connection locations for the Dogger Bank South projects.

In early Summer 2022, National Grid ESO published the results from the HND process and determined that connections to the national grid for both DBS West and DBS East would be made in the vicinity of a new National Grid substation located near Creyke Beck. This area has consequently been the focus of landfall, offshore and onshore cable corridor and substation site selection work undertaken by RWE.

In order to connect the electricity generated in the offshore wind farms to the National Electricity Transmission System further onshore cable connections are required between the DBS substations and a new National Grid substation in the vicinity of Creyke Beck. The exact location of the new National Grid substation was not confirmed at the time of printing however the likely location of the new National Grid substation and the area of search for the onward connection from the DBS substations is shown in the figure below.





# Offshore: Wind turbines and foundations

**Dogger Bank South is made up of two separate sites, DBS East and DBS West, which are located off the northeast coast of England at the shallow offshore area known as Dogger Bank.**

Each site has a proposed installed capacity of up to 1.5GW and when combined, the projects could generate enough clean renewable energy to power up to 3.4 million typical UK households per year.

We are planning for DBS East and DBS West to consist of between 48 and 100 wind turbines each, meaning that across both projects 96 to 200 wind turbines will be installed.

The Offshore array consists of:

- Wind turbines and foundations
- Array cables
- Offshore platforms and substations



Turbine installation at Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm

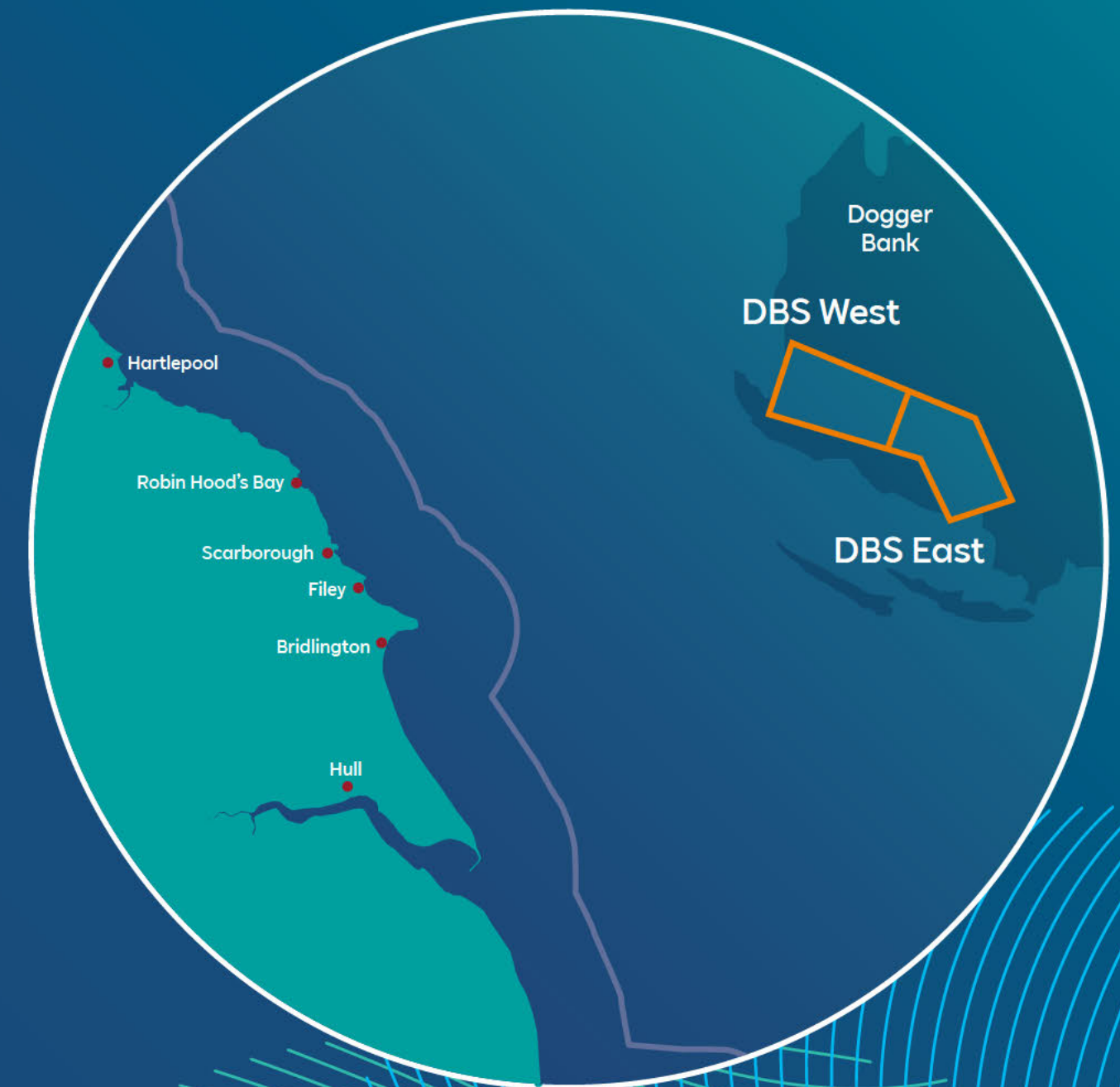
This map shows the indicative areas for DBS's wind farm arrays. The array areas are approximately 500km<sup>2</sup> in size and lie over 100km off the northeast coast of England, within the boundaries of the Dogger Bank Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Southern North Sea SAC.

The wind turbines will have a maximum blade tip height of 450 metres above sea level.

The exact wind turbine layout will not be finalised until much closer to the time of construction, following the completion of survey work, site investigations and to accommodate the ongoing rapid development in wind turbine technology.



**Enough clean renewable energy to power up to 3.4 million homes**



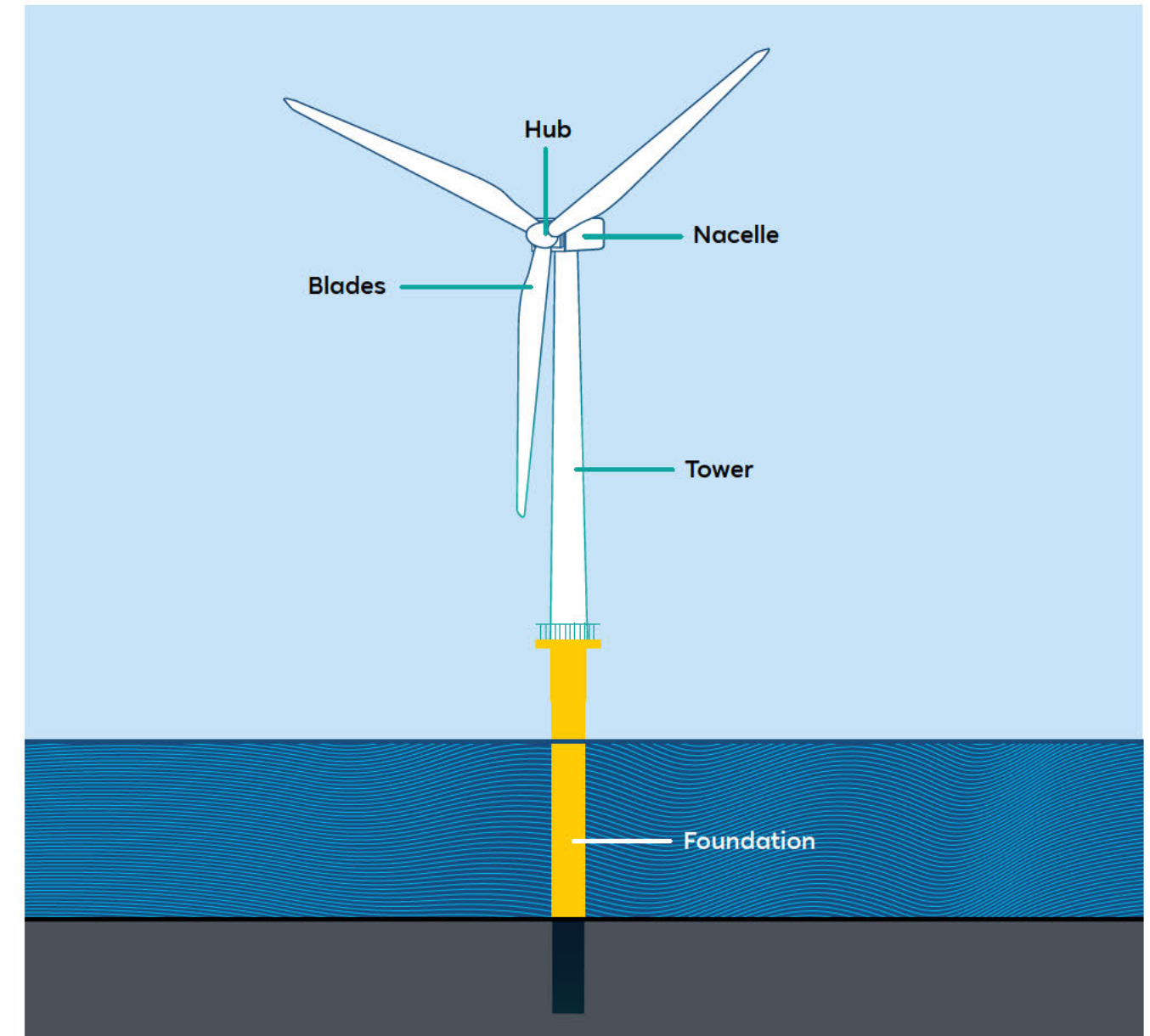


# Offshore: Wind turbines and foundations

**There's more to wind turbines than what you can see above water. The turbines need to be secured to the seabed using foundations.**

There are three different foundation types currently being considered for DBS known as pile jackets, suction bucket and monopile. You can find out more about what the different foundation types look like and how they are installed on the next page and in PEIR Chapter 5: Project Description.

A monopile foundation installed at Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm



## Suction bucket jackets

Similar to a piled jacket, but with suction buckets at each leg position. The suction bucket is embedded into the seabed by creating a suction pressure inside the bucket.

This foundation type may require seabed levelling to ensure the suction buckets have level ground beneath them.

## Piled jackets

The jacket is secured to the seabed by small pin piles which are embedded into the seabed through each leg. Alternatively, the pin piles may be pre-installed into the seabed.

## Monopiles

Monopiles are installed vertically into the seabed by driving – or through a combination of both hammering and drilling techniques if harder ground conditions are present.



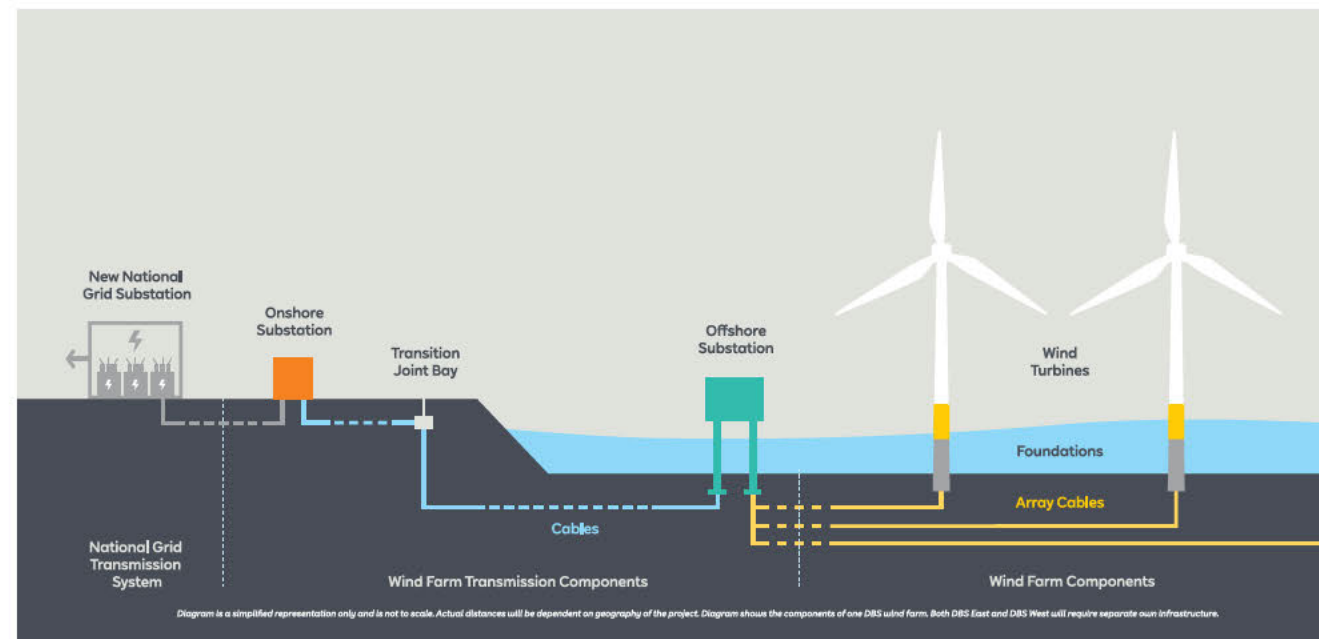
# Offshore: Array cables and offshore platforms

**Array cables collect power produced at the wind turbines and transport it to offshore substations, creating a central location where power from multiple turbines can be gathered and then transported onshore.**

## DBS array cable figures

- The maximum total length of the array cables will be 650km. 325km at DBS East and 325km at DBS West.
- The cable diameter is expected to be up to 220mm at both sites.
- The maximum array cable voltage will be up to 132kV.

After being transported to the offshore substations the power is then transmitted to a landfall point. You can read more about how it is transported and the cable route scenarios in the Offshore cable route section of this brochure.



## Offshore platforms and substations

There will be up to eleven offshore platforms, including eight offshore substations evenly split across the DBS East and DBS West sites.

Offshore substations are needed to transform and transfer the energy collected by the wind turbines. At DBS the power generated by the wind turbines will be transformed to a higher AC voltage of up to 275kV (high voltage alternating current) or 525kV (high voltage direct current).

## What's the difference between high voltage alternating current (HVAC) and high voltage direct current (HVDC)?

HVAC and HVDC are two different ways to transmit electrical power through cabling.

- HVAC requires more offshore cables than HVDC, but may prove more cost efficient due to the smaller scale of the offshore platforms that are required. The supply chain is also better established for HVAC which potentially enables the project to be commissioned earlier.
- The design and build time for an HVDC transmission system is longer than HVAC.

We are considering two potential electrical transmission solutions for the projects (DBS East and DBS West):

- One HVDC project and one HVAC project; or.
- Two HVDC projects.

As there's a greater distance from DBS East's array area from the landfall point than at DBS West, electricity will be transmitted by HVDC for this project. The final decision on the transmission solution will be decided through ongoing technical work.

Given the distance from shore of the array areas the potential for visual effects from the wind turbines and offshore platforms within the array areas has been scoped out.

The Projects may potentially include up to two offshore platforms outside the array areas, within the offshore export cable corridor. The platform(s) would be located at least 52km from the landfall, and therefore at least 37km from the closest land at Flamborough Head. This distance offshore has been increased since Scoping. The offshore platform would be a maximum of 100m high (excluding narrow elements such as masts or cranes).

The 'Ready reckoner of visual effects related to turbine size' (White et al., 2019), published by Natural Resources Wales, indicates that structures would need to be over 250m to have a 'low' magnitude of effect at distances of approximately 37km.

At this distance, therefore, the platform(s) would not have likely significant effects on views from land.

Offshore seascape, and visual receptors located in the marine environment, are likely to be of low sensitivity, as set out in the Scoping Report. Therefore, the platform(s) would not have likely significant effects on offshore seascape and visual receptors.

Therefore, effects of the platforms outside the array areas have been scoped out.





### Service Operation Vessel mobile facility

The operation of the wind farms will require a number of operation and maintenance activities.

The Service Operation Vessel (SOV) is a mobile facility that supports operations activities, maintenance staff and equipment.

Indicative example of an offshore substation



An SOV in the field at Triton Knoll offshore wind farm

# Offshore: Cable route scenarios

**An offshore export cable corridor will connect the array areas with land at the coast using the offshore substations as a central transmission point. The area where offshore cables and onshore cables meet is called the 'landfall point' and it forms a crucial part of the journey of electricity from the arrays to the national grid.**

### Offshore cable corridor scenarios

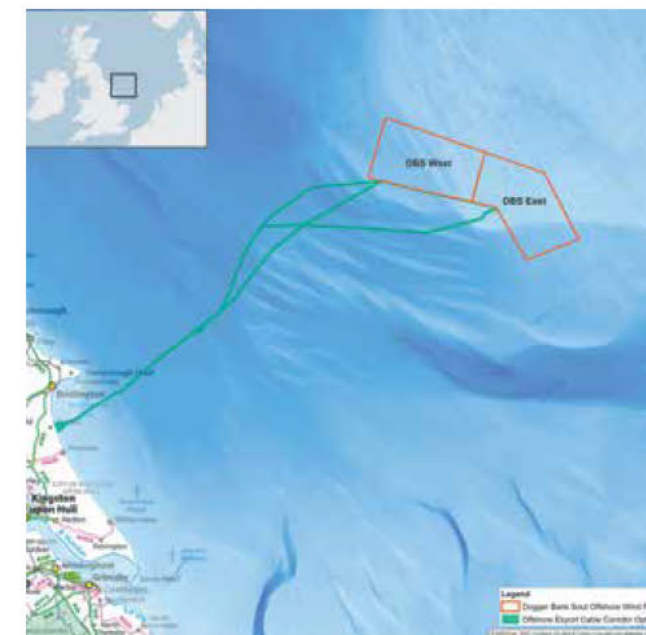
The electricity generated by the offshore turbines will be carried from the offshore substations located within the array areas via offshore export cables to the coast.

We are considering a number of cable route options with a maximum offshore cable corridor length of 198km for DBS East and 158km for DBS West.

The offshore export cables will be buried in the seabed in corridors up to 1 kilometre wide, with up to six cables linking the array areas to a shared landfall location.

For the purpose of the DCO application and environmental assessment, an offshore export cable corridor has been defined that encompasses all required cables. The precise location of the cables will be decided at a later stage and will be within this corridor.

These cables will share a single corridor in the nearshore area, however, this will likely diverge to two 1 kilometre wide corridors in the offshore area to reach the individual offshore substations required by each project.



\*indicative image of offshore export cable routes.

### ? Question

Do you have any comments on the proposals for the offshore elements of the Dogger Bank South projects and how we intend to construct them, including the cable export corridor?

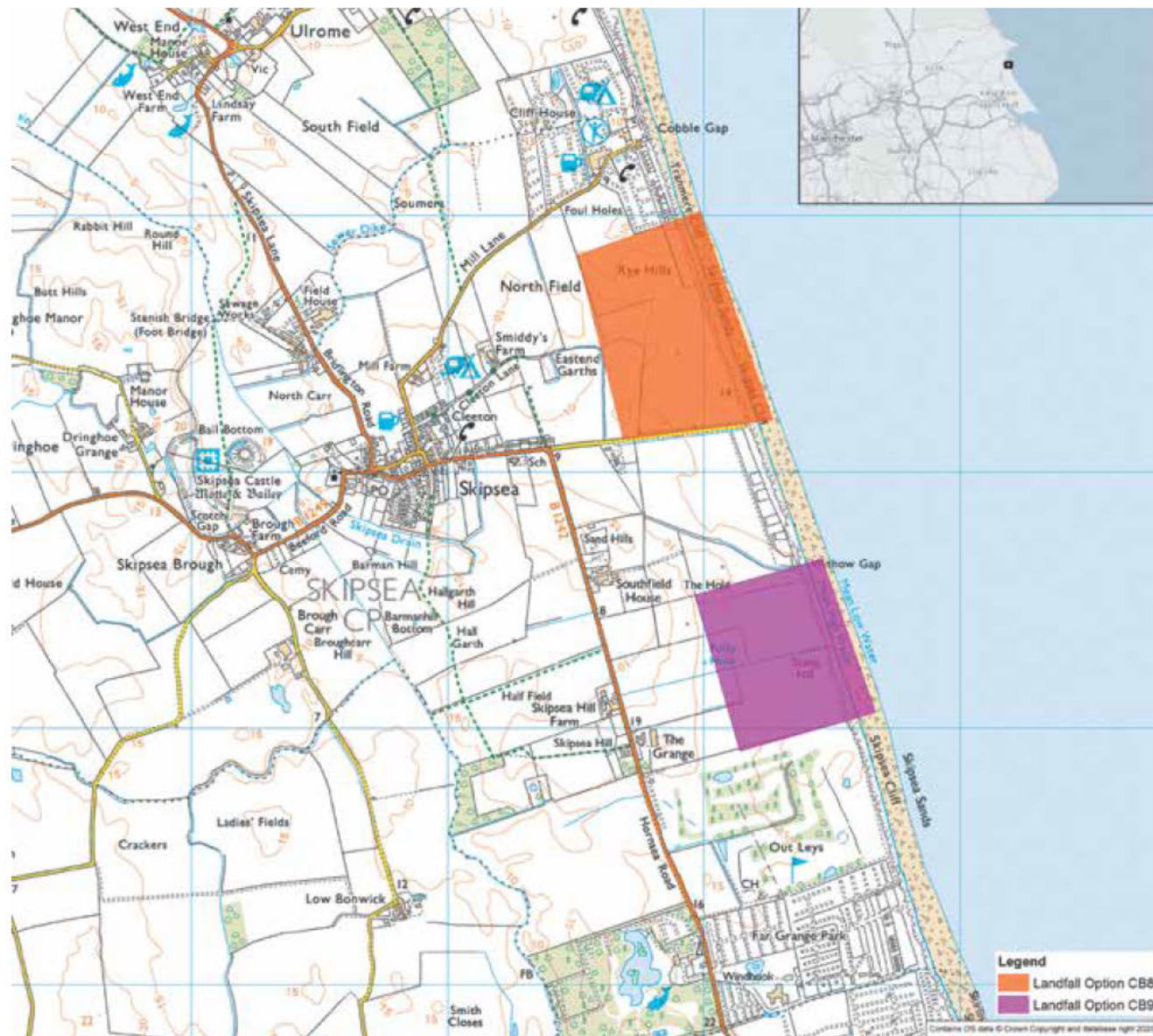


# Landfall selection

There are two potential zones for where the offshore cables could make landfall, both located near to Skipsea on the North Sea coast of the East Riding of Yorkshire, approximately half way between Bridlington and Hornsea.

The zones are situated within an area of sandy beach, backed by cliffs topped with agricultural land with Skipsea lying to the west, and Skipsea Primary School located nearby. There is a holiday park immediately to the north of Zone 8 and a golf course to the south of Zone 9.

**Zone 8** (Skipsea North), shown in orange  
**Zone 9** (Skipsea South), shown in pink



## Landfall selection

Outputs from environmental surveys will be combined with utilities mapping and engineering studies to allow a final decision to be made relating to the exact landfall locations.

Feedback on the landfall zones received during this consultation will also inform the final decision on which zone is chosen.

## Transition joint bays

At the landfall, the offshore cables will connect to the onshore cables in transition joint bays.

The transition joint bays provide a dry protected environment where the onshore and offshore cables are joined. They are generally buried at depth, allowing the majority of land to be returned to uses such as agriculture after construction.





# Onshore: Cable corridor and substation zones

**An onshore cable corridor will link the landfall point with a grid connection point where two substations will be located to transfer electricity to the National Electricity Transmission System.**

The onshore site selection process for transmission cables and substations has sought to avoid settlements, sensitive habitats and has taken into account technical and environmental surveying work.

This section provides information about why we need the cable route corridor and substations. It also presents the locations we have selected and the ones that have been discounted from consideration following the Introductory Consultation.

## Cable route

The onshore cable corridor connects the landfall point near Skipsea to two substations, located to the south of Beverley, for transmission into the national grid.

A 200m wide onshore cable corridor has been considered for the PEIR assessment with an indicative 100m onshore cable corridor presented.

The type and arrangement of cables will be dependent upon if a HVAC or HVDC system is adopted. Page 15 The Offshore Array provides a definition and information on HVAC and HVDC.

## Substations

The onshore substations will contain the necessary electrical equipment and components for transforming the power from the wind farms to meet the UK Grid Code for connecting to the transmission grid.

The substation zones are located in proximity to grid connection points, so the electricity can be easily transferred for use across the UK's network.



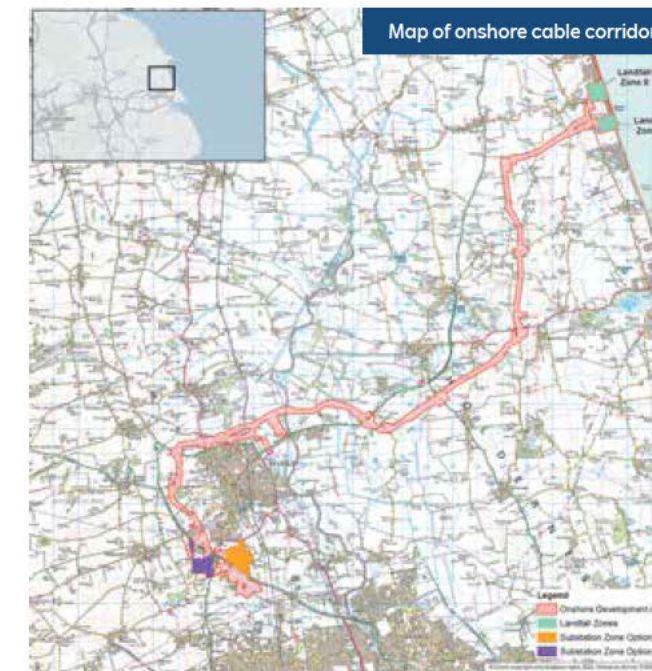
Onshore export cable duct installation at Triton Knoll

# Onshore: Cable corridor and substation zones

**During our introductory consultation we received feedback on the onshore cable corridor and substation zones.**

Following this consultation and through further environmental, engineering and land investigations we were able to eliminate two cable route options and one substation zone from consideration.

This means there is now one cable route (shown on the map below) and two substation zones (zones 1 and 4) under consideration.



Two preferred zones have been selected for a total of two substations. Zone 4 is in purple on the map and is located to the south west of the A1079 and zone 1 is shown in orange and lies to the north east of the A1079.

Substation zone 5 was removed from consideration following further technical work and feedback received in the Introductory Consultation, which highlighted potential impacts on buried archaeology and on the visual amenity of Risby Park.

## ? Question

Do you have any comments or suggestions in relation to the onshore cable route?



# Onshore: Substation location scenarios

It may be possible for both of the substations required for DBS to be located in just one of the zones and we are currently assessing scenarios for their layout.

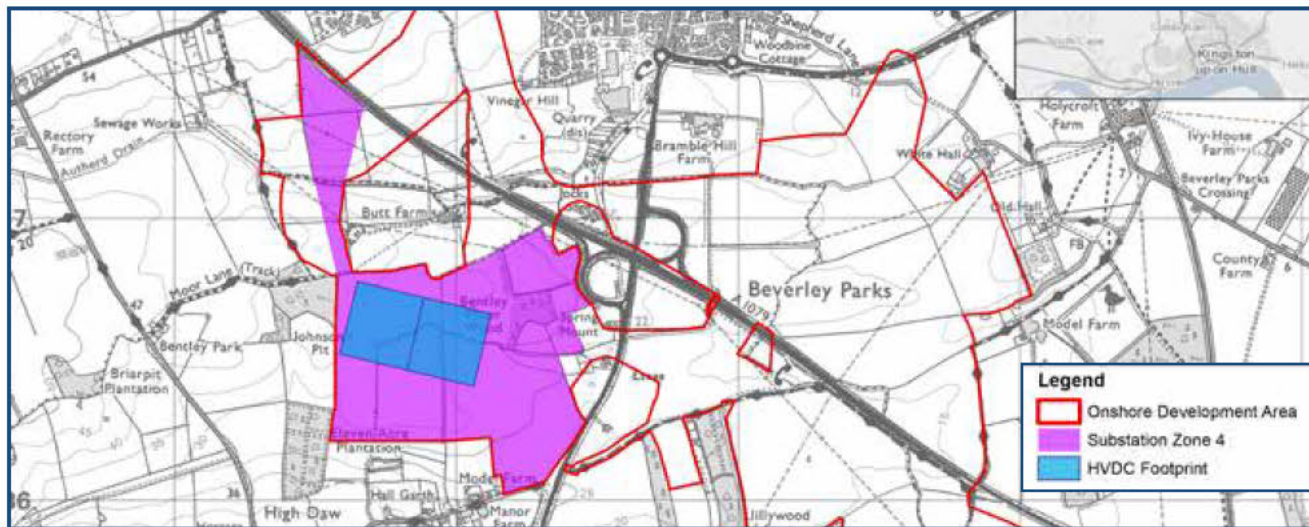
We are considering two potential electrical transmission solutions for the projects (DBS East and DBS West): One HVDC project and one HVAC project, or two HVDC projects.

The following four scenarios were considered for PEIR. The decision on the preferred option(s) to be taken forward for the DCO application will be informed by stakeholder feedback on the information provided in the PEIR, as well as further technical studies and ongoing environmental survey and assessment work.

The scenarios that we are considering, including indicative locations of the substations and indicative visualisations are as follows:

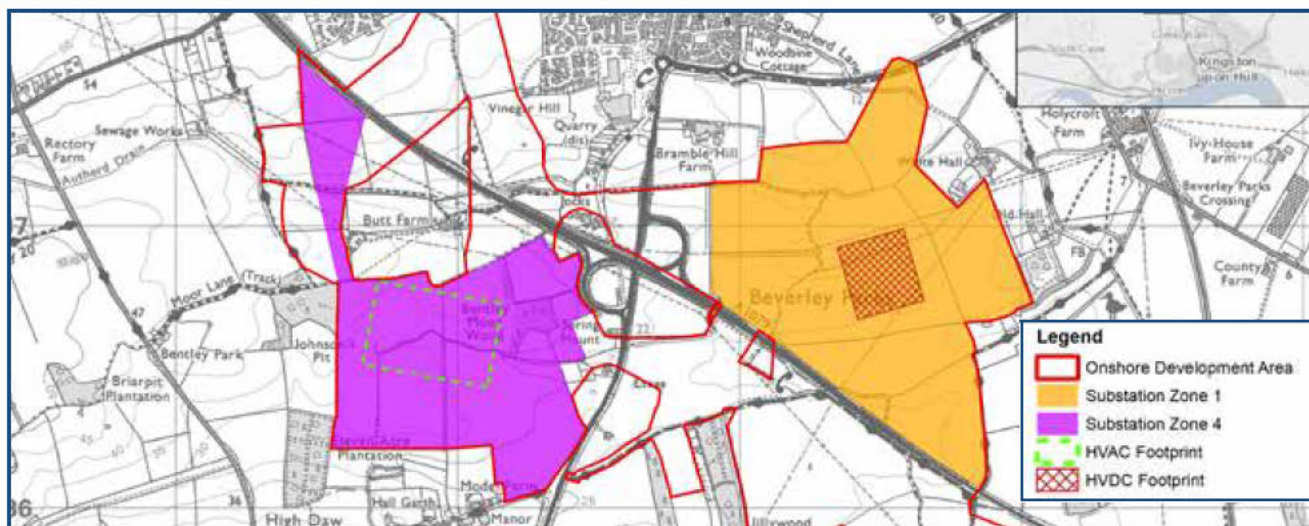
## Substation locations scenario one

2 x HVDC substations located within Zone 4



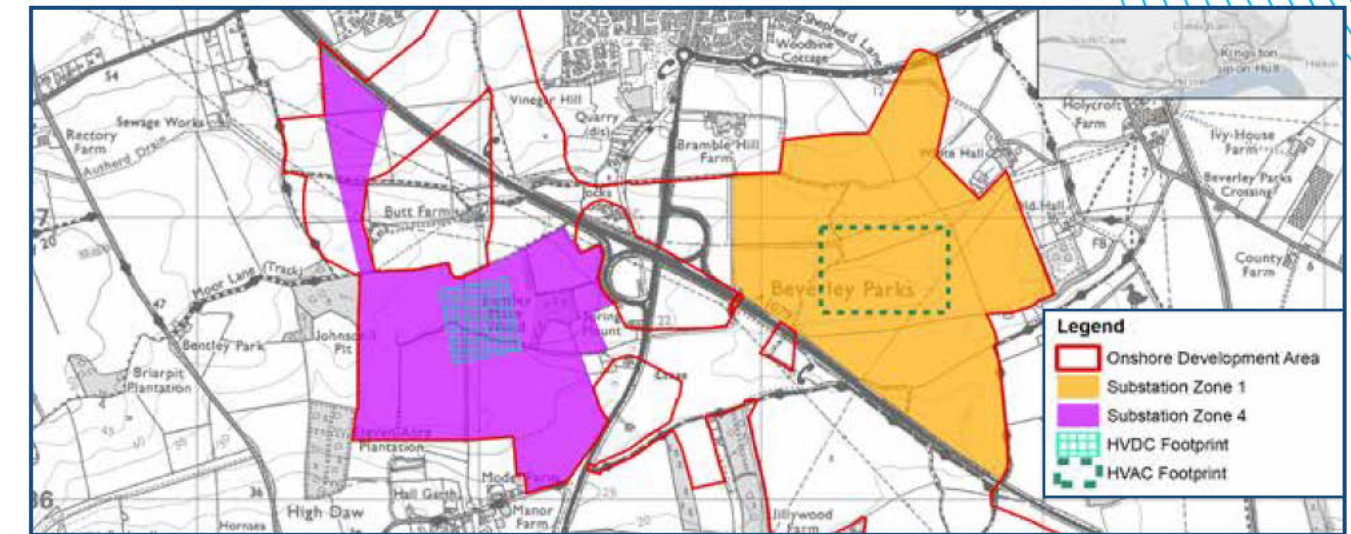
## Substation locations scenario two

1 x HVAC substation in Zone 4 and 1 x HVDC substation in Zone 1



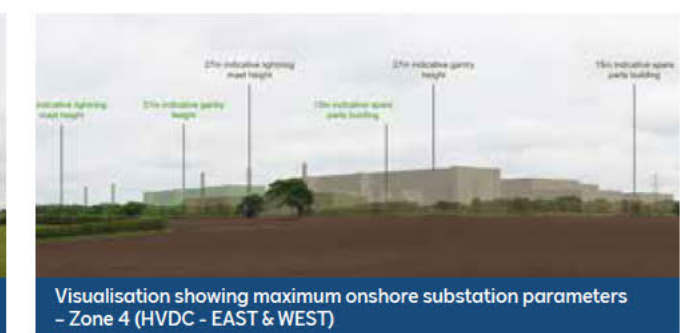
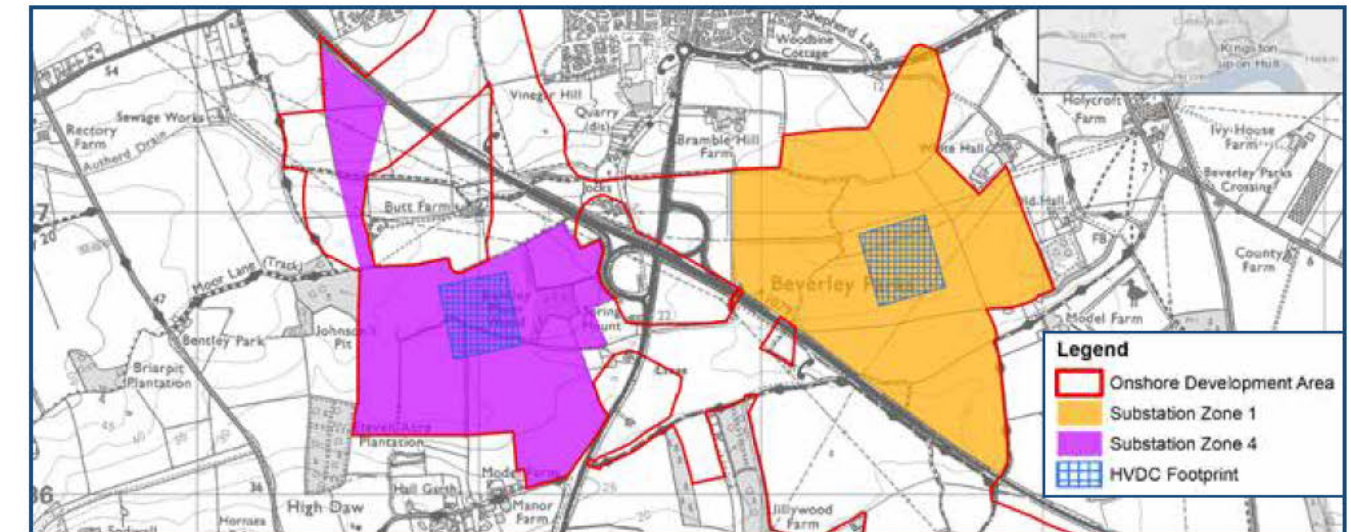
## Substation locations scenario three

1 x HVDC substation in Zone 4 and 1 x HVAC substation in Zone 1



## Substation locations scenario four

1 x HVDC substation in Zone 4 and 1 x HVDC substation in Zone 1





# Considering the environment

## What will the substations look like?

Each substation will consist of several buildings housing electrical equipment and unhoused electrical equipment contained within secure fencing.

The substation equipment is expected to need around 20 hectares (50 acres) of land in total, across both projects.

The final dimensions of the substations are dependent on the electrical capacity of the wind farms and the design of the electrical transmission used to transmit electricity to the substation.



Indicative image of an onshore substation

## Question

Do you have any comments regarding the substation location scenarios?

**RWE is aiming to strike a balance between commercial, engineering, environmental and social considerations in the development of DBS. Survey and assessment work is helping us to understand the local environment and minimise impacts.**

Following the Introductory Consultation held in September, detailed environmental assessments have been undertaken to determine the location and orientation of infrastructure.

The assessments have included:

- Ground investigations to help us with the infrastructure design;
- Access studies for abnormal loads and HGVs and associated construction traffic;
- Flood risk studies;
- Further detailed visual assessment and work around the mitigation of potential impacts;
- Ecology surveys;
- Noise monitoring;
- Archaeology and heritage studies.

The PEIR gives more detail about the assessments and surveys which have been undertaken to identify any potential environmental, social and economic effects, and the measures proposed to mitigate any potential effects.

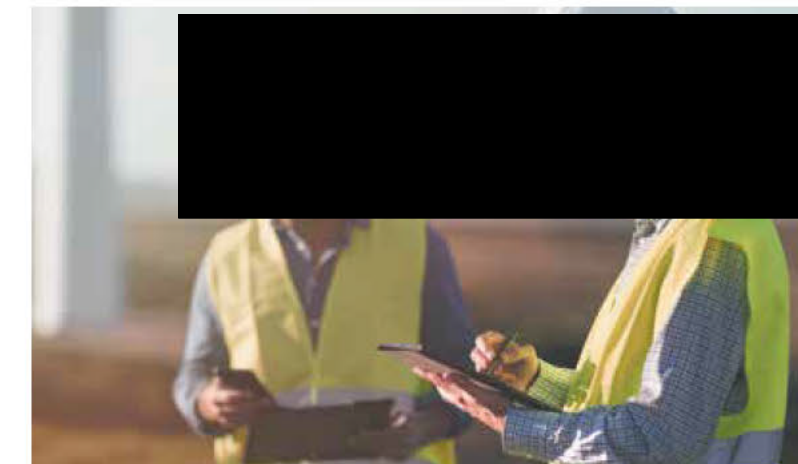
## Landowner liaison

RWE has appointed Dalcour Maclaren, a firm of chartered surveyors in the area, to manage landowner liaison. If you are a landowner in the local area and think you may be impacted by the DBS projects and have not already been contacted, please email [doggerbanksouth@dalcourmaclaren.com](mailto:doggerbanksouth@dalcourmaclaren.com) or phone **01423 613388**.

## Fisheries liaison

The local fisheries industry is a key stakeholder group for the projects. A dedicated Fisheries Liaison company, Precision Marine Survey Limited, has been appointed.

Any fisheries-related stakeholders who would like to discuss the projects can contact Nigel Proctor on [n.proctor@precisionmarine.co.uk](mailto:n.proctor@precisionmarine.co.uk) or **+44 (0) 7702 730891**.





# Offshore: How will we construct the projects?

RWE is experienced in constructing renewable energy projects, currently operating 10 offshore wind farms across the UK. We aim to be good neighbours, working closely with local communities to ensure the lowest possible impacts from our construction works.



Construction of DBS is expected to commence in 2026 with onshore construction works likely to start first. The construction phase is expected to take a maximum of seven years, with completion planned in the early 2030s.

We have allowed for flexibility in the approach to construction in the PEIR, considering scenarios for building DBS East and DBS West:

- In isolation;
- Concurrently;
- Sequentially, with a gap of two years between the start of construction at each project.

Before any construction is carried out, pre-installation works will confirm that the seabed is clear of any obstructions. Offshore works can then commence and involve the installation of wind turbines, cabling and offshore platforms.

## Wind turbines

The most common construction process for wind turbines are:

1. A vessel loads and transports the turbine components, delivering them to the project site.
2. The wind turbines will be constructed with the tower installed first and then the blades.

3. Each wind turbine installation is likely to take one day, depending on the weather conditions.

Other construction methods include components being loaded onto barges and installed by an installation vessel, which would remain on site for the duration of wind turbine construction.

It is also possible in some cases for wind turbines to be pre-assembled onshore before being transported to site as a single unit.

## Cable installation

Before cable-laying operations commence, it will be ensured, through pre-construction surveys, that the route is free from obstructions such as discarded fishing equipment, anchors, wires or ropes.

The majority of offshore cabling will then be buried through a combination of ploughing, jetting or mechanical cutting and the dimensions of the cable trenches will be dependent on the method used.

It is not possible to bury cables in some areas, including in the closest proximity to the wind turbines and platforms. In these areas the cables will be protected using a range of external cable protection systems.

# Onshore: How will we construct the projects?

The proposed onshore construction works consist of the installation of buried onshore export cables- primarily by open cut trenching methods, transition joint bays and onshore substations.

The key installation stages of the onshore works are:

- Initial site investigation works and preparation including the stripping and storage of topsoil;
- Construction of cable joint bays;
- Construction of temporary roads, construction compounds, office units and parking areas to facilitate installation;
- Digging of a pipeline trench to the required depth and constructing cable ducts;
- Laying of cables directly in trenches or pulling through the pre-installed ducts;
- Backfilling of trenches with suitable materials to ensure cable electrical/thermal performance and protection;
- Reinstatement works.

## Onshore and offshore

A variety of vessels and vehicles will be used during the construction phase, with the exact number and specification known nearer to the time of construction.

The expected modes of transport which will be used include:

- Helicopters;
- Vessels, such as boats and barges;
- Construction vehicles.

It is likely that both DBS East and DBS West will be operated from the RWE O&M (operations and maintenance) port at Grimsby. The final decision on construction ports will be confirmed prior to the start of construction.

Temporary access and haul roads are proposed to be built onshore to facilitate construction. The roads will run alongside the onshore cable corridor in order to transport workers and construction materials.

## Question

Do you have any comments about how we intend to construct the new wind farms and associated infrastructure?



# Maintenance, repowering and decommissioning

A programme of monitoring and scheduled maintenance will be undertaken throughout the lifetime of the wind farms to ensure that all offshore infrastructure is maintained in safe working order and to maximise operational efficiency.

## Typical general maintenance activities include:

- Wind turbine servicing;
- Oil sampling and changes;
- Battery changing;
- Service and inspections of wind turbine safety equipment, nacelle crane, service lift, high voltage system and blades;
- Foundation inspection and repair;
- Cable repair and replacement;
- Cable remedial reburial;
- Cable crossing inspection and repair;
- Unplanned and planned corrective work.

## Repowering

The design lifetime of the project is expected to be 30 years. Repowering may be considered at or near the end of the design life, once all scenarios for maintenance and repair are carried out.

Repowering involves the replacement of turbines and / or foundations with those of a different specification or design. This could enable the installation of more efficient wind turbines and would be in line with the technologies available at the time. This would allow DBS to continue supplying clean, renewable energy to the UK long into the future. Any further consents needed for repowering would be applied for at the time.

## Decommissioning

At the end of the operational lifetime of DBS, which will occur once no further repowering can take place, it is anticipated that all structures above the seabed or ground level will be removed.

The decommissioning sequence will generally be the reverse of the construction phase and will involve similar types and numbers of vessels and equipment.

The Energy Act 2004 requires that a Decommissioning plan must be submitted to and approved by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, a draft of which will be submitted prior to the construction of the Projects.

# Working with the community

The construction and operation of an offshore wind farm can bring significant benefits to the neighbouring areas including jobs, skills and general economic benefits.

As part of our application for development consent, we have carried out a specific socio-economic benefit study to determine the benefits the projects could bring to the local and wider region. This study can be found in Chapter 28 of the PEIR - Socio-economics.

Working with local stakeholders, we will develop a Community Benefit Package for DBS which will deliver lasting benefits to local communities. We will provide more information around the package as it is developed.

DBS will be a major investment for the local area and wider region, and we will ensure that investment establishes a valuable and lasting legacy for local communities. For example, the maintenance port and facilities will be located on the east coast of the UK in the locality of the DBS site and we plan for all direct labour to come from people living within the area.

## Supply chain

We are at an early stage of the procurement process and are looking to get in touch with suppliers who are interested in working with us on the DBS project.

If you're interested, please register with your company name and details by emailing [dbs@rwe.com](mailto:dbs@rwe.com).

## Question

Do you have any suggestions as to how Dogger Bank South projects could engage with and benefit the local community?



Maintenance underway at Humber Gateway Offshore Wind Farm





# How to respond

## Face-to-face events

There will be a total of four face-to-face events with feedback forms to fill in and return to the team.

Date	Time	Location
Friday 9 June 2023	3pm – 7pm	<b>Beverley Memorial Hall</b> 73-75 Lairgate, Beverley, East Yorkshire, HU17 8HN
Saturday 10 June 2023	3pm – 7pm	<b>Skipsea Village Hall</b> Bridlington Road, Skipsea, YO25 8TJ
Thursday 22 June 2023	3pm – 7pm	<b>Leven Sports Hall</b> North Street, Leven, HU17 5NF
Friday 23 June 2023	3pm – 7pm	<b>Skipsea Village Hall</b> Bridlington Road, Skipsea, YO25 8TJ
Saturday 24 June 2023	11am – 4pm	<b>Beverley Memorial Hall</b> 73-75 Lairgate, Beverley, East Yorkshire, HU17 8HN

## Webinars

We will be hosting two webinars at 6pm on 27 June and 6pm on 6 July. To register to attend an online webinar, please visit our website.

## Online consultation

You can also respond to this consultation online. Please send your comments or feedback to us via the contact form on our website:  
<https://doggerbanksouth.co.uk/>

## Consultation map

A consultation map is available on the website if you would like to provide feedback on a specific location. You can pinpoint locations on the map and leave your question or comment there.

## Feedback questionnaire

We have asked some direct questions about specific elements of the proposals throughout this brochure. As you go through the information, you can respond to the relevant questions in each section.

## Freepost

You can also download the feedback questionnaire online and return it to:

### **FREEPOST DBSOWF**

This address can be used for all postal responses.

## Email and telephone

We also welcome emails to: [dbs@rwe.com](mailto:dbs@rwe.com) and you can call us on **0800 254 5459**.

Please provide your comments by **Monday 17 July 2023**.  
**We thank you for taking the time to participate in this consultation.**

# What happens next

**We will consider all feedback received during this statutory consultation and will use it to finalise proposals for DBS, before submitting a Development Consent Order application to the Planning Inspectorate.**

The feedback and information on how we have taken your comments into account will be available in the Consultation Report which will form part of this application.

To view how we have responded to feedback at the Introductory Consultation you can visit our website – <https://doggerbanksouth.co.uk/>

Find out more about the government's planning process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects by visiting the Planning Inspectorate's website at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>





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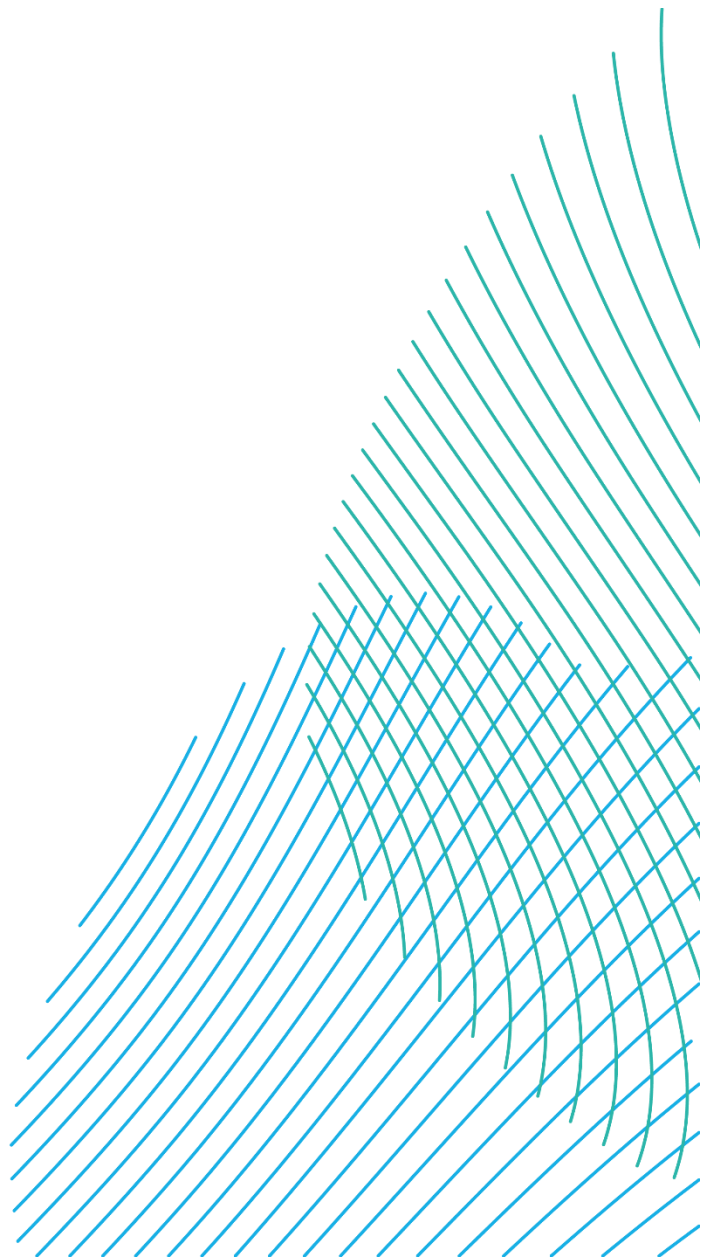
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# Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms Community Newsletter

## Welcome

**Welcome to the first edition of the Dogger Bank South (DBS) Offshore Wind Farms Community Newsletter.**

DBS is made up of two separate sites, DBS East and DBS West, which are located over 100 km off the northeast coast of England at the shallow offshore area of the North Sea known as Dogger Bank.

Each project could have an installed capacity of up to 1.5 GW meaning that the projects could generate enough clean, green renewable energy to power up to 3.4 million typical UK households per year.

Since being announced as 'Preferred Bidder' for the sites back in 2021, we have undertaken a vast amount of site selection work and are now able to present and consult on our early stage project proposals. This consultation will give local stakeholders the opportunity to view our plans and provide comments to help shape the scheme as we move through the development phase of the projects.

The consultation will open on 9th September 2022 and will involve consultees such as local councils, residents and parish councils. This newsletter will explain the various ways you can get involved and respond.

We will also be holding a series of public exhibitions to give everyone the chance to find out more and meet members of the DBS team.

We know that coronavirus is still a massive concern for many, so we have set up an online consultation platform to enable those who are unable to attend events in person to view all the information and easily respond. Further details on the platform are provided on the back page.

We are keen to get your views, as they will help us shape the project as it develops.

We hope this newsletter is useful, and we will produce further issues to keep you up to date as the projects evolve.

**Trevor Baker**  
**Projects Lead – Dogger Bank South**

Wind turbines installed at the Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm – image does not represent the size or scale of DBS



## The story so far

**RWE was awarded the status of ‘preferred bidder’ for the two adjacent sites which make up Dogger Bank South (DBS) in The Crown Estate’s Offshore Wind Leasing Round 4 tender process in February 2021.**

Following the conclusion of the Habitats Regulations Assessment process in July 2022, The Crown Estate announced its intention to enter into Agreements for Lease with RWE, giving seabed development rights for the sites.

Although the projects are at an early stage, offshore and onshore surveys are already underway as part of the development process.

Since being awarded preferred bidder status, RWE has been engaged in a process of site selection, aiming at connecting the proposed offshore wind farms to the National Grid.

National Grid ESO, the UK electrical system operator, has recently completed a Holistic Network Design (HND) process with the aim of designing a future-proofed solution for the National Grid which allows for planned offshore wind expansion in a way which is economical and efficient, and considers the impact on the environment and local communities.

The results of the HND process were published in July 2022 and identified that connections for both projects to the UK electricity network would be made at a new National Grid substation in the vicinity of the existing National Grid Creyke Beck substation.

With the offshore array area and grid connection locations established, the team have been focused on identifying suitable offshore and onshore export cable corridors potential locations for the landfall and onshore substations.

RWE has sought to strike a balance between commercial, engineering, environmental and social considerations which will minimise impacts on local communities and the environment where possible.

The results of the site selection work to date are set out in this consultation. Further refinements of the site selection work will be set out in a future consultation.



# The Offshore Array

## The Offshore Array comprises

- The wind turbines and foundations.
- The offshore substations.
- The array cables linking the wind turbines and the offshore substations.
- The Service Operation Vehicle mobile facility for operations and maintenance staff and equipment.

The number of wind turbines for each site has not yet been determined, but the design allows for up to 150 for each project.

## The Electrical System

The Electrical System is required to connect the wind farm to the national grid, and includes:

- An offshore export cable route which will transport the electricity generated from the offshore array to shore.

- Onshore buried jointing pits, located at a 'landfall' on the Holderness coast, where the offshore and onshore electricity cables connect to each other.
- An onshore underground export cable route, which will be up to 100 m (328 feet) wide, to accommodate cables that transmit the electricity from the offshore wind turbines to new onshore substations located near to the national grid connection point.
- Onshore electricity substations (one for each project) which will transform the electricity to a voltage suitable for connection to the national grid. The substation equipment may need approximately 20 hectares (50 acres) of land.
- An additional length of onshore underground cables to transmit the electricity from the new DBS substations to the new national grid substation.

## Diagram of proposed DBS East Wind Farm

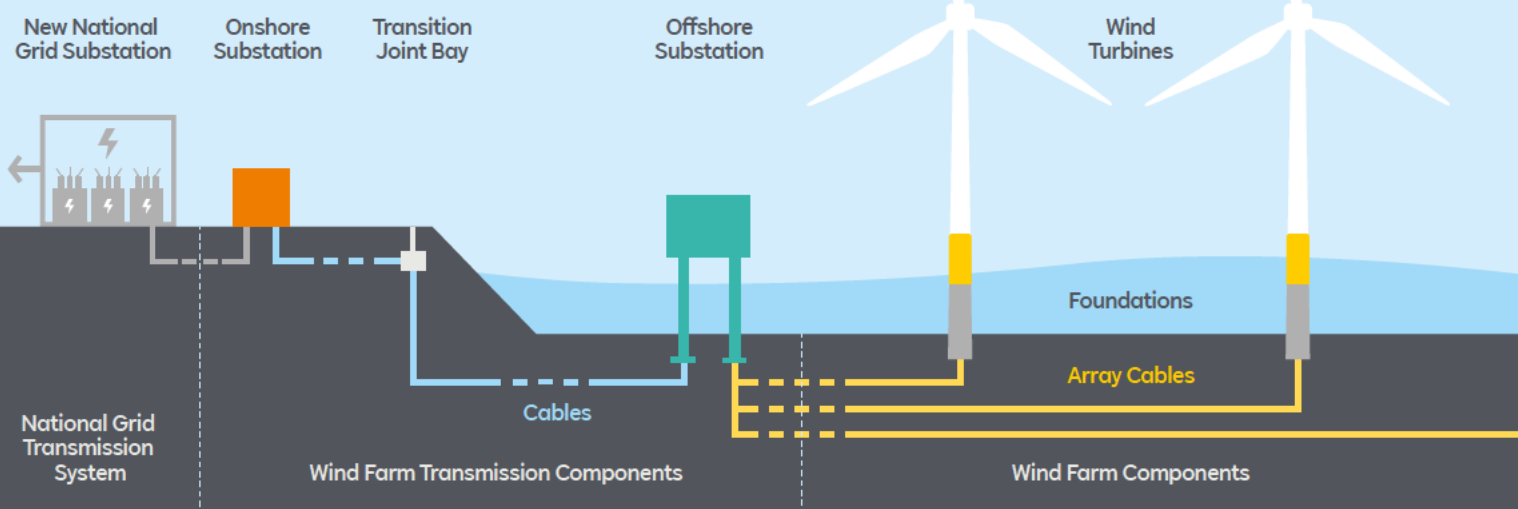


Diagram is a simplified representation only and is not to scale. Actual distances will be dependent on geography of the project. Diagram shows the components of one DBS wind farm. Both DBS East and DBS West will require separate own infrastructure.

**A figure showing the components of DBS East**

# Our Introductory Consultation

Our consultation will enable you to have your say on the project proposals, including where the onshore electrical infrastructure could be located in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

It will begin on **9th September 2022** and run until **14th October 2022**.

We understand local people have a wealth of knowledge and may be able to alert us to issues affecting the potential electrical infrastructure locations.

The process will provide you with lots of useful information around our project proposals, including the offshore array, offshore and onshore export cable corridors and the potential locations for landfall and substations for each of the projects. We welcome comments on all aspects of the wind farms.

Public exhibitions will provide an opportunity to meet members of the project team who will be available to answer questions. Dates, times and venues can be found on the next page.

All the information presented will also be available on our dedicated online consultation website  
[www.rwe.com/doggerbanksouth](http://www.rwe.com/doggerbanksouth)

## How will we consult and who with?

**To gain views on our plans for the project, we will use:**

- **Questionnaires** – questionnaires will be available at our public exhibition events, can be downloaded from our website and can be requested by contacting the team using the contact details at the end of this newsletter. You will also be able to respond using our dedicated online consultation website. Letters inviting people to take part have been sent to all addresses within 1.5 km of each shortlisted substation and landfall zone and within 1 km of our proposed onshore cable corridor.

**Letters will also be sent to:**

- Local elected representatives.
- Parish and Town councils in which our electrical infrastructure could be located.
- Interested parties who have consulted with us previously and expressed an interest in continuing to receive information.

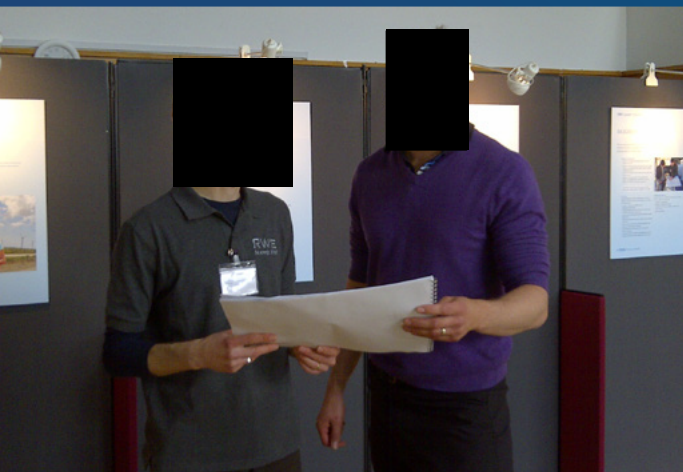
Anyone can complete a questionnaire and all feedback will be considered. Completed questionnaires can be returned to the project team by posting to

**FREEPOST DBSOWF.**

- **Public exhibitions** – all are welcome at our public exhibitions which will be held at the times, dates and locations in the table on the next page.
- **Newsletters** – this newsletter is available on our project website and can be requested in hard copy by contacting the team using the details at the end of this newsletter.

**Hard copy newsletters will also be sent to:**

- Local elected representatives.
- Parish and town councils in which our electrical infrastructure could be located.





**Engagement with elected representatives and parishes** – we will keep regionally and locally-elected politicians informed of our proposals. We will also offer additional copies of documents to parish clerks so they can choose the best locations to provide information to their community.

Details on the consultation will also be made available on the DBS website and through press releases issued to the local media.

Date	Time	Location
27th September 2022	2pm – 6pm	Skipsea Village Hall, Bridlington Rd, Skipsea, Driffield YO25 8TJ
28th September 2022	3pm – 7pm	Beverley Memorial Hall, 73-75 Lairgate, Beverley, HU17 8HN
7th October 2022	3pm – 7pm	Catwick Village Hall, Rowpit Lane, Riston Road, Catwick, Beverley, HU17 5PR
8th October 2022	11am – 3pm	Beverley Memorial Hall, 73-75 Lairgate, Beverley, HU17 8HN

# How to respond to the consultation

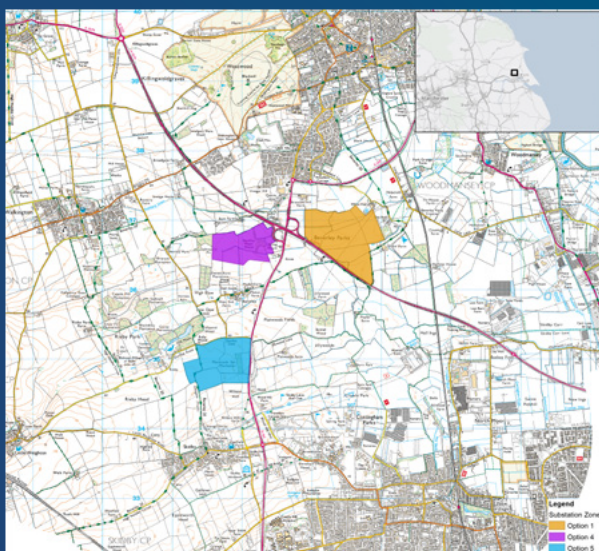
**You can respond by completing a questionnaire which you can find:**

- On our dedicated consultation website – [www.rwe.com/doggerbanksouth](http://www.rwe.com/doggerbanksouth).
- At our public exhibitions.
- By requesting a copy from the team (contact details at the end of this newsletter).

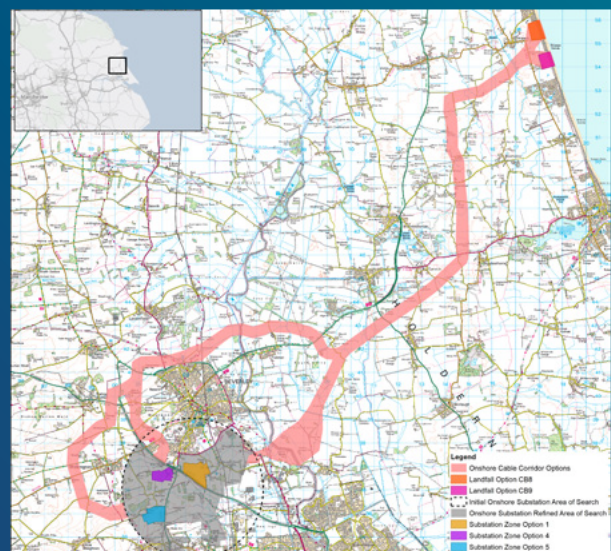
**Consultation responses must be received by 5pm on 14th October 2022.**

We will endeavour to include responses received after this date but this cannot be guaranteed.

Your comments may be made public in a consultation report which will record comments received and explain how the consultees' views have been considered in developing the final application. The Consultation Report could become part of our planning application. All comments included within the report will remain anonymous.



Our shortlisted onshore substation zones which will be available to view online or at our public exhibition events.



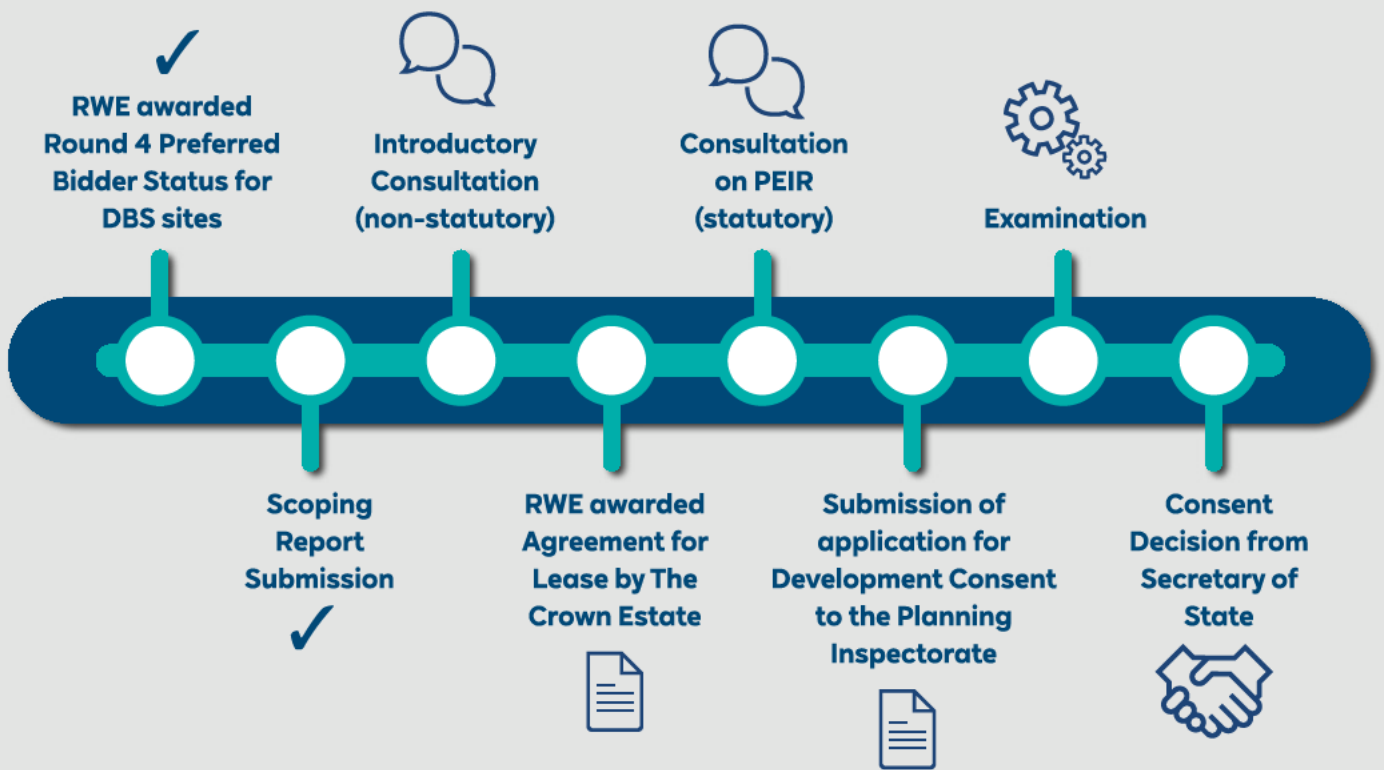
Our proposed onshore cable corridor which will be available to view online or at our public exhibition events.

# Next Steps

We will continue with our environmental and engineering studies and, along with feedback received from our consultation, we will look to further refine our project proposals. We will also select the technology to connect the offshore wind farm to the electricity network. As this work progresses, we will keep the community updated

on our proposals via our website and community newsletters. There will be a further opportunity to have your say later in the project, when we will consult on our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). The PEIR consultation is statutory and will follow the processes set out in the Planning Act 2008.

## Development Milestones



### Further information

For more background information on the project, please visit our project website at [www.rwe.com/doggerbanksouth](http://www.rwe.com/doggerbanksouth)

#### Contact us:

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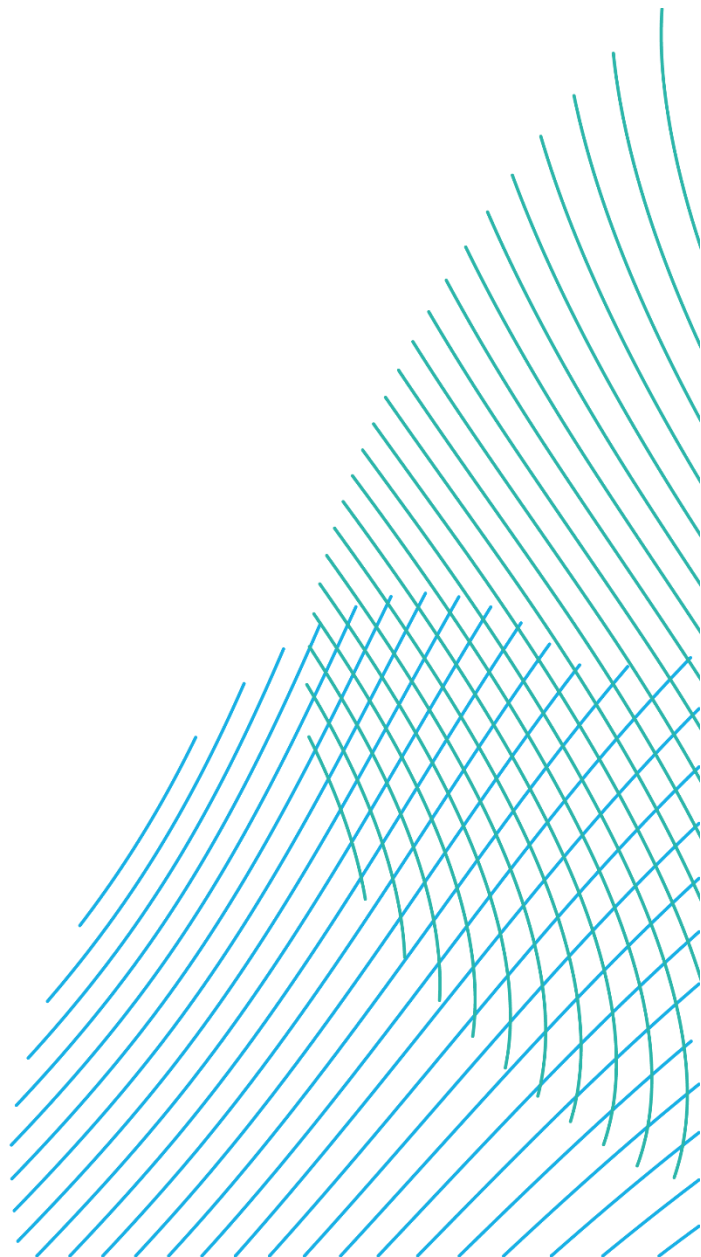
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# Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms Community Newsletter

## Welcome

### Welcome to the second edition of the Dogger Bank South (DBS) Offshore Wind Farms Community Newsletter.

Firstly, I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who took the time to take part in our Introductory Consultation which ran from 9<sup>th</sup> September to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022. We had great attendance at our public exhibition events and it was lovely to meet so many members of the community to discuss our proposals. The feedback received was of a high quality and has really helped shape the projects. If you would like to find out more information around the consultation and view our responses to key themes raised, you can read more on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter.

The team has collated the information received during the public exhibition events and, in combination with engineering studies and site characterisation surveys, deselected from our substation and routing options. You can find out how these decisions were taken and what this means for the projects on pages 4 and 5.

Over the coming months, we will be undertaking further surveys and assessments to develop a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) for the DBS projects. The PEIR will be

the subject of our statutory consultation which is currently due to launch in Spring 2023. Our statutory consultation will be the next opportunity to have your say on our proposals prior to the project planning applications being finalised. Further information on this consultation will be available in the new year and will be advertised in advance of the consultation period opening.

Later in the newsletter, you can read about our ongoing onshore and offshore site characterisation surveys including why they are being undertaken and what information we are gaining from them.

I hope that you find the information contained in this newsletter useful. If you would like to register to receive postal or electronic copies of our newsletters in the future, please contact us using the details on the back of this newsletter.

**Trevor Baker**  
**Projects Lead – Dogger Bank South**

# Introductory Consultation



Between 9<sup>th</sup> September and 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 an Introductory Consultation on our proposals was held.

## The purpose of the consultation was to:

- Introduce the projects;
- Explain the site selection process and options for the substation zones and onshore cable corridor;
- Collect feedback on the onshore elements of the proposals.

Although the consultation is now closed, you can still view the information we published, including the consultation banners, on our website, [www.rwe.com/doggerbanksouth](http://www.rwe.com/doggerbanksouth).

## Our Introductory Consultation in numbers

- We sent invitations to around **19,000 homes** and businesses within our consultation mailing zone, along with letters and emails to local MPs, councilors and parish councils;
- We held **four public exhibitions** in the East Riding of Yorkshire;
- We had **679 visitors** to the consultation pages on our website;
- We received **64 consultation responses** from members of the local community, parish councils and other stakeholders, via online and paper questionnaires and emails;
- **393** people attended our four public exhibitions.

We would like to thank everyone who came to our events and who provided feedback.

## What we heard from your feedback

Many people provided feedback on our proposals, as well as local information on features along the proposed cable route options and near to the proposed substation site options.

The table on the right presents an overview of the key themes raised by stakeholders in response to our consultation. A detailed breakdown of all consultation responses and how they have been considered will be published on our website in our **Introductory Consultation Feedback Report**.

## Further opportunities to comment

In Spring 2023, we plan to hold a further consultation to present more detailed proposals and to consult on the PEIR. This will be another opportunity to comment on our proposals.

This will be the statutory consultation under the Planning Act 2008 and before the start, we will publish a 'Statement of Community Consultation', which will set out the details of how we plan to consult with the local community.

Responses to the statutory consultation will be considered by the team in the development of our application and will be set out in detail in a Consultation Report that will be submitted as part of the application for a Development Consent Order.

Theme	Summary of feedback	What we're doing
<b>Archaeology and cultural heritage</b>	We received a lot of detailed information on the locations of archaeological and heritage sites, scheduled monuments and listed buildings.	We are carrying out detailed archeological surveys and heritage resource assessments as part of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) process. We will report the findings in our PEIR.
<b>Ecology</b>	Many respondents provided information on areas important to wildlife and on different species which can be found across the area.	We are carrying out habitat and species characterisation surveys to understand their local presence and distribution. We will work with Natural England and other consultees to identify what steps we can take to reduce potential impacts on local wildlife.
<b>Landscape and visual</b>	Some respondents raised concerns about the potential visual impact of development within the different substation zones and how views might be affected.	We will carry out a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment as part of the EIA to consider any potential visual impacts of the substations. The project will include planting and landscaping at the substation locations if required to mitigate the impacts of the scheme and to help screen the new infrastructure and soften potential visual impacts.
<b>Public rights of way (PRoW)</b>	Some respondents highlighted the importance of ensuring minimal impacts on PRoW during construction.	We are aware of PRoW in the local area and will work with the local authority and other consultees to agree how they can be managed during construction.
<b>Flood risk and drainage</b>	We received a lot of detailed information about historical flooding across the area. Some people highlighted the importance of minimising impact on local drainage systems.	We will work closely with local landowners and will carry out a Flood Risk Assessment which will identify if any measures are required to reduce the impact on flood risk and drainage.
<b>Cumulative impact</b>	Some respondents noted other developments in the area and the potential cumulative impact our project may have.	We will engage with the local planning authority to consider the potential for cumulative impacts on the local area within the EIA.



# Site Selection Update

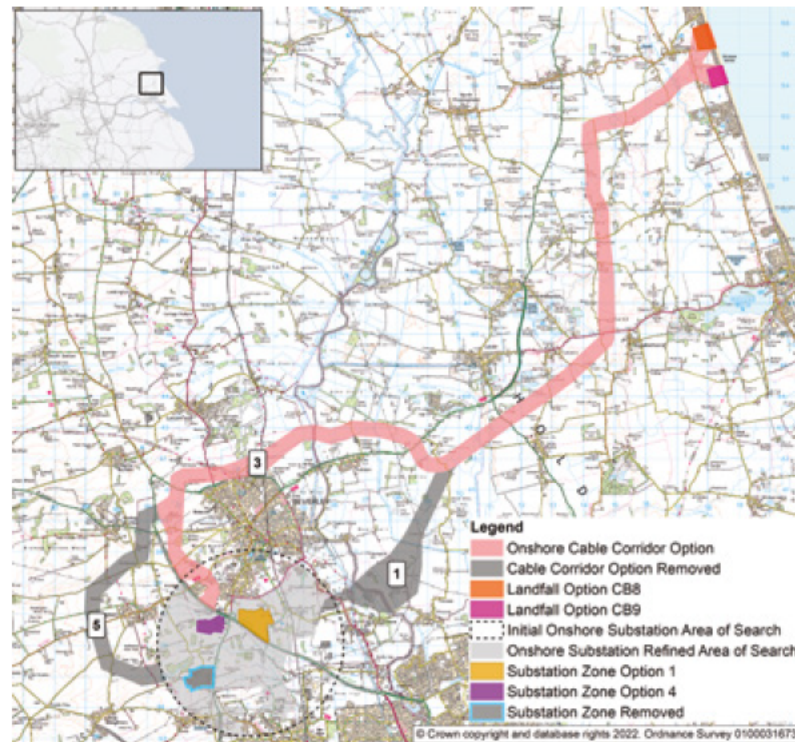
Following the conclusion of our Introductory Consultation, site selection work has continued with the aim of further reducing cable route and substation site options. This work has continued to give focus to our environmental, land and engineering assessment and development work ahead of the next public consultation, which is scheduled for Spring 2023.

Over the course of recent weeks, using feedback gathered from the consultation in combination with the results of our ongoing environmental, engineering and land investigations, we have successfully eliminated two cable route options and one substation site option from further consideration.

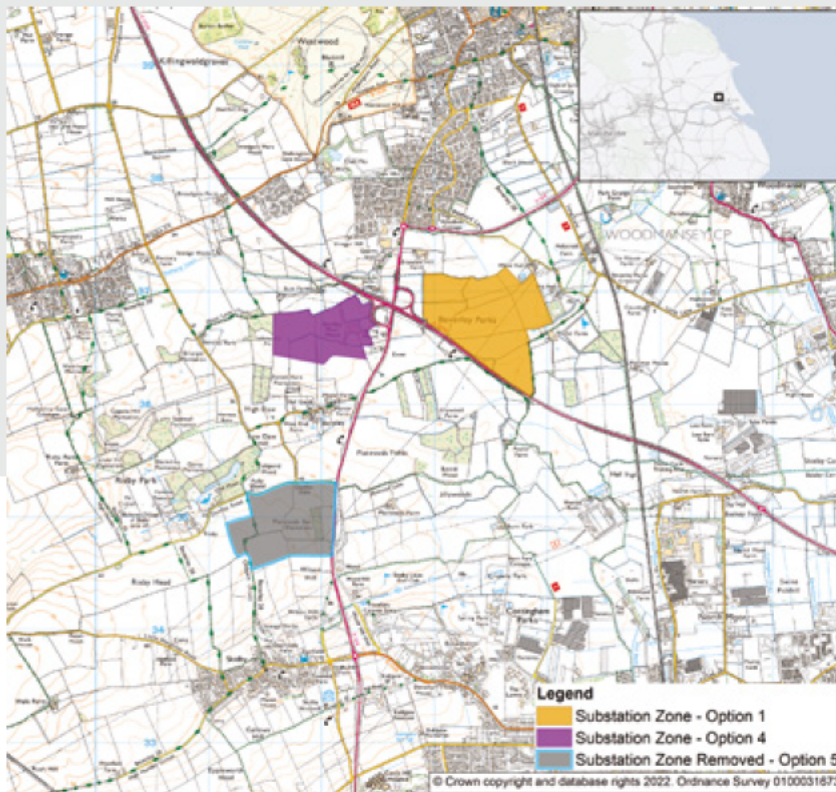
These refinements mean that only one cable route and two substation options remain under consideration. The figures to the right show the routes and zones removed from further consideration (in grey) and those substation zones to be taken forward as part of the next consultation.

**Cable route 1** has been removed from consideration as it required routing beneath residential properties and had comparatively poor ground conditions, increased levels of flood risk, difficult access locations and potential location on proposed infrastructure developments.

**Cable route 5** has also been removed from consideration. Our studies indicated that this route had high potential to impact buried archaeology and it presented significant engineering challenges close to the potential substation options remaining under consideration. In addition, this route was the longest route and, as such, its development could result in more environmental and social impacts during construction as well as being comparatively more expensive than shorter routes.

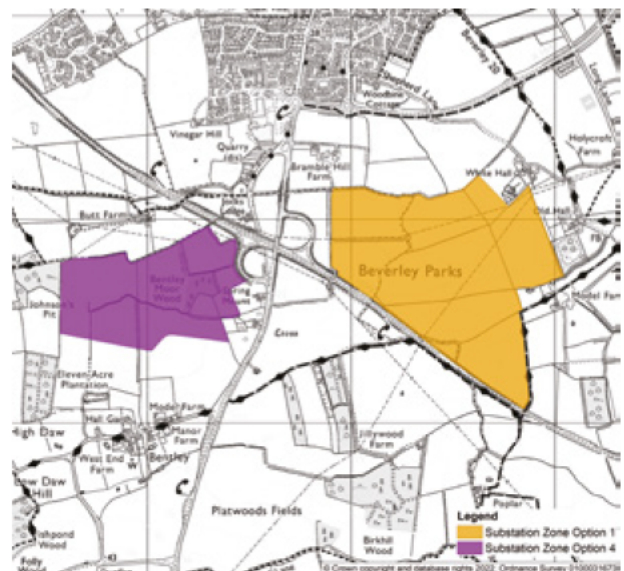


**Cable route 3** is being carried forward into the next consultation. This route combines a high degree of engineering feasibility with comparatively low levels of environmental impact and good potential for efficient routing to the two substation options still being considered.



The blue substation zone (substation zone 5) has also been removed from further consideration due to potential impacts on buried archaeology and the visual amenity of Risby Park. It was also recognised that there is potential for landscape and visual impacts due to its location on a relatively prominent area of higher ground compared to other substation locations.

Both the purple and orange substation zones (see figure right) will be carried forward for further assessment and inclusion in the next consultation. Development of the two substations required for the DBS projects may be possible in one of the substation zones, although we may conclude that it will be necessary to locate one substation in each of the two zones.



**Further details of the options retained for consideration will be presented in our next consultation which is planned for Spring 2023.**

### Landowner Liaison

RWE has appointed Dalcour Maclaren, a firm of chartered surveyors in the area, to manage landowner liaison. If you are a landowner in the local area and think you may be impacted by the DBS projects and have not already been contacted, please email [doggerbanksouth@dalcourmaclaren.com](mailto:doggerbanksouth@dalcourmaclaren.com) or phone **01423 613388**.



# Offshore Site Investigation Update

**The 2022 offshore site investigation surveys have recently concluded. The campaign included geophysical, geotechnical and environmental surveys which will be used to inform site design and the Environmental Impact Assessment of the projects.**

The DBS offshore arrays are located more than 100km off the east coast of Yorkshire in the North Sea and cover 1,000km<sup>2</sup>. Together with the proposed offshore export cable routes, this resulted in a total survey scope exceeding 20,000km of survey lines, which was achieved through the contributions of eight different vessels offshore.

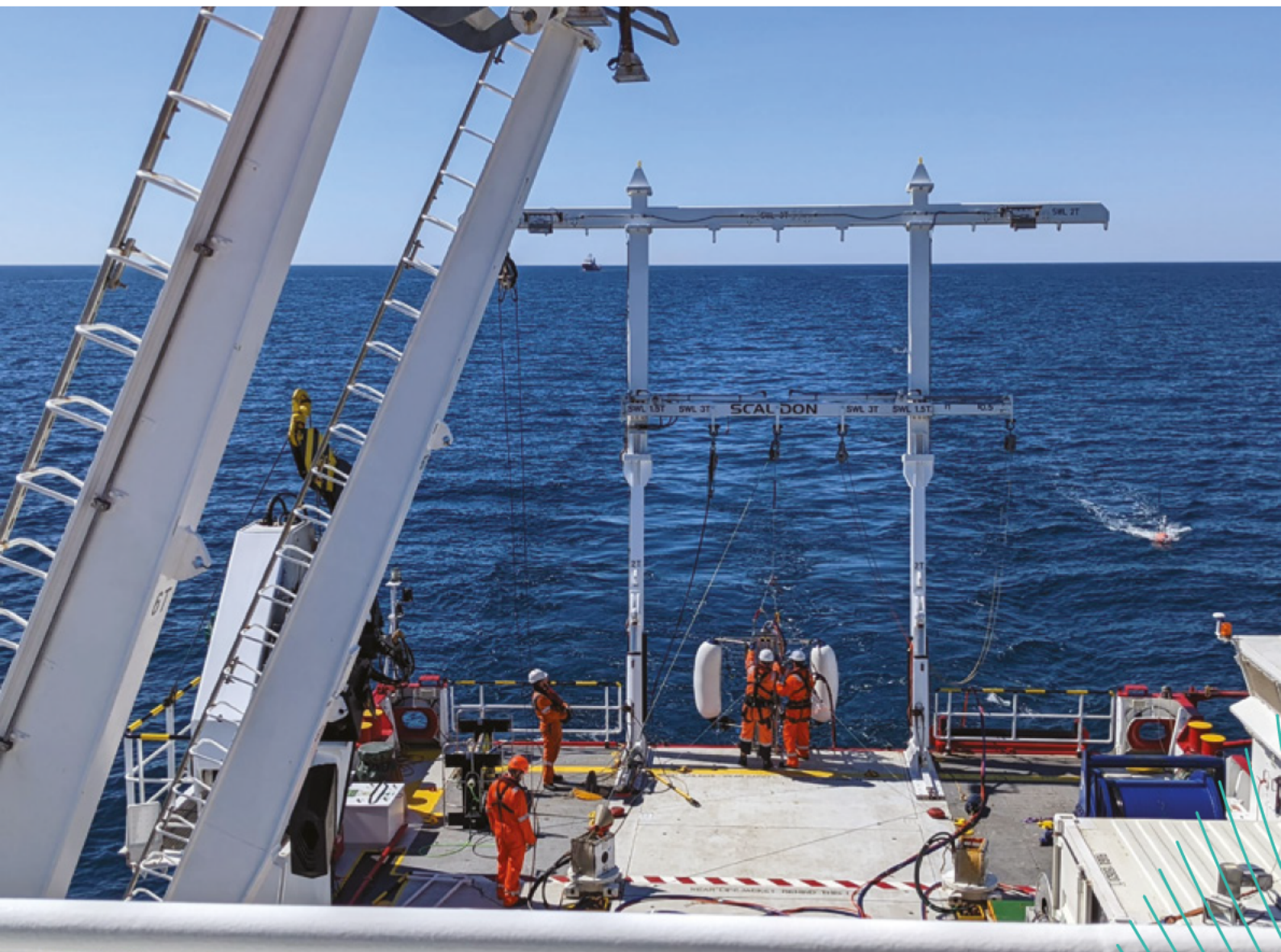
The site investigation data collation and analysis has now commenced in order to better understand the sites' conditions including the seafloor sediments, subsurface geology, habitat types and species present.

**In addition to the site investigation campaign, a number of other offshore surveys are ongoing to identify activities within the vicinity of the project sites, including:**

- Aerial surveys of birds and marine mammals;
- Commercial fishing activity;
- Vessel traffic surveys to identify the types and numbers of vessels operating in the area;
- Intertidal survey to establish habitat types and species present where the offshore export cables may come to shore.

The data collected from these surveys will feed into the planning process to help design the offshore export cable route, location of the offshore turbines and platforms, and construction methodologies.





**Deployment of geophysical survey equipment from the Fugro Frontier.**

## **Fisheries Liaison**

**The local fisheries industry is a key stakeholder group for the projects. A dedicated Fisheries Liaison company, Precision Marine Survey Limited, has been appointed.**

Any fisheries-related stakeholders who would like to discuss the projects can contact Nigel Proctor on [n.proctor@precisionmarine.co.uk](mailto:n.proctor@precisionmarine.co.uk) or **+44 (0) 7702 730891**.



# Onshore Survey Update

**Surveys and desk studies of the Onshore Study Area are progressing, and these will inform the Environmental Impact Assessment that is being undertaken for the projects.**

Ecological characterisation surveys are underway, mapping habitats and identifying the need for further, targeted species surveys for protected species such as badger, great crested newts, bats, water voles and otter. Further, overwintering bird surveys are taking place throughout the winter months to inform the bird assemblages present and identify potential constraints. The first phase of bat activity and roost surveys has now been completed, with another phase planned for next year.

A geomorphology baseline survey was completed in October which collected information about the existing condition of watercourses in the study area. It focused on the locations where crossings of main rivers or other sensitive watercourses are proposed.

Baseline noise surveys commenced in October. These are required to inform the assessments of the impacts of the landfall and substation construction noise, and the substation operational noise.

Traffic counting surveys started at the end of October at 21 locations across East Riding of Yorkshire and Kingston Upon Hull. The information gathered during these surveys will help to establish baseline traffic in the Traffic and Transport study area, and will inform the assessments carried out as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

A programme of archaeological surveys within the onshore study area has now started, focused on a number of priority areas of interest. These priority areas have been identified through a desk based assessment and agreed with heritage stakeholders.

Magnetometry surveys (using a gradiometer loaded onto a hand-pushed cart) will identify anomalies which may be of archaeological interest. The survey results will help to inform the locations for a second phase of targeted trial trenching. In addition, heritage walkover surveys have commenced which will characterise heritage assets within the onshore study area, particularly with regard to the settings of those heritage assets. The walkover surveys will provide a baseline against which the potential impacts can be assessed as part of the EIA.



**A gradiometer fitted to a hand-pushed cart used during archaeological surveys.**

## Further information

For more background information on the project, please visit our project website at [www.rwe.com/doggerbanksouth](http://www.rwe.com/doggerbanksouth)

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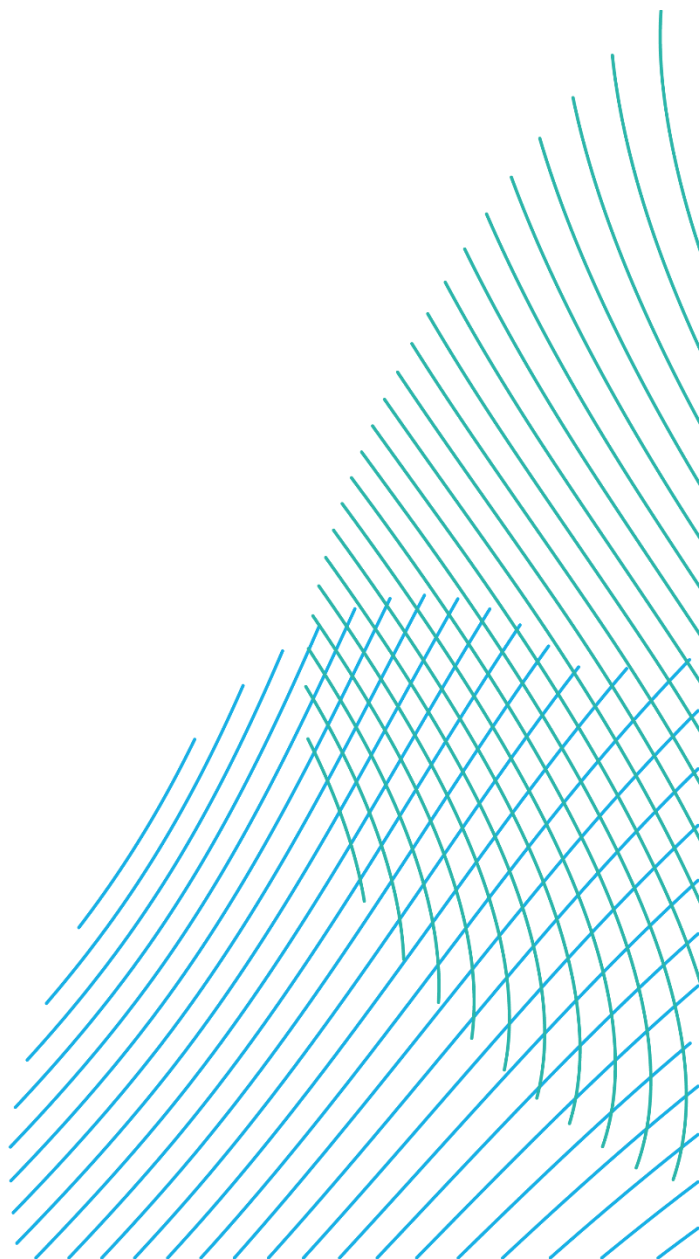
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# Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms Community Newsletter

## Welcome

Welcome to our latest Community Newsletter.

**This edition includes an update on recent project activity, details of our forthcoming statutory consultation and information on a series of local public consultation events.**

We are now at a stage of development where we can begin statutory consultation on the proposals for the Dogger Bank South (DBS) projects ahead of submitting our application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate in 2024.

The consultation will begin on 6 June 2023 and, as set out in our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), will be open to everyone including members of the public, landowners, environmental groups, parish, local and county councils and anyone who has an interest in the projects.

As part of our consultation, we will be holding a series of consultation events which will give you the chance to view our proposals and meet members of the DBS project team. At these events you will have the opportunity to ask any questions and formally provide your feedback on our proposals.

For those unable to attend a consultation event, we have developed an online consultation platform which will allow you to view all of the consultation documentation and respond to our consultation at your own convenience. We will also be holding two webinars, details of which are available later on in this newsletter.

The consultation will run until 17 July 2023 and we are very keen to get your views on our proposals and we look forward to meeting you at one of our events.

We hope you find this newsletter useful and, as always, if you do have any questions, please contact the team using the details at the back of this newsletter.

**Trevor Baker**  
**Projects Lead – Dogger Bank South**





# Project Updates



## Agreements for Lease

In January 2023 we reached a major milestone in the development programme for the DBS projects by entering into Agreements for Lease (AfL) with The Crown Estate. The signing of the AfL agreements gives RWE exclusive seabed development rights for the sites following the conclusion of the Round 4 Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) process.

To find out more about the Round 4 leasing round and HRA process, please visit The Crown Estate website here, <https://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/round-4/>.

## Preliminary Environmental Information Report

Last year, we held our Introductory Consultation and later announced that we had removed one substation zone and two potential cable route options from further consideration. The zones and routes which remain under consideration have been further assessed within the Preliminary Environmental Impact Reports (PEIR) for the projects. The PEIR process identifies potentially significant adverse impacts resulting from the projects, allowing them to be avoided or minimised where possible, as well as identifying any potential beneficial environmental impacts. The PEIR will be available to view online on our website during our statutory consultation and, the information provided as part of the report will assist people in responding and giving their views.





# Statutory Consultation

## Focus of Consultation

The focus of the statutory consultation is the construction methodology and opportunities for mitigation which may reduce or avoid impacts arising from the construction and operation of DBS. As the projects require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) the consultation documents will include a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).

## What will we be consulting on?

**We will seek feedback on our proposals for DBS, including but not limited to the following:**

- Proposals for the offshore array;
- Proposals for the onshore infrastructure (landfall locations, onshore underground cable route, substation locations);
- Potential environmental effects (e.g. landscape and visual amenity, terrestrial/marine ecology, wildlife);
- Economic effects (e.g. commercial activities such as shipping and fisheries, employment opportunities);
- Community effects (e.g. public rights of way);
- Traffic and transport impacts;
- Construction methodology and temporary construction areas;
- Potential environment mitigations.

# How and who we will consult

We have recently issued our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) which has been agreed with East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Hull City Council.

## Our consultation zone is:

- All addresses located within 1.5km of each of the two landfall zones;
- All addresses located within 3km of each of the two onshore substation zones;
- All addresses located within 1km of our onshore cable corridor;
- All addresses located within 50m of an identified access route;
- Anyone who has previously registered their details with us to receive project updates.

The consultation is open to anyone who may be interested or in any way feels impacted by the project proposals.

Along with the PEIR, a number of consultation documents have been developed to help people take part in the consultation including a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the PEIR and a Consultation Brochure to help guide people around the consultation and assist them in giving their views. All documentation is available on the website and hard copies of the NTS and Consultation Brochure can be made available on request.

## The methods we will use to consult are:

**Questionnaires** – People can respond to the consultation by completing a consultation questionnaire on the website or at one of our in-person consultation events. Hard copies are also available at local access points (details on page 6 and are available on request).

**Consultation Events** – Events are being held so that local people can find out more about our proposals. Everyone is welcome to attend our public events, and RWE staff will be on hand to answer any questions that people may have. The times, dates and locations can be found on page 7.

**Consultation Website** – We have developed an online consultation platform that can be viewed on our website, [www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk](http://www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk). The online consultation gives those unable to attend a public exhibition the opportunity to view all consultation documentation and respond to the consultation effectively.

**Webinars** – We will hold two webinars giving those unable to attend a consultation event the opportunity to find out more information about the projects. Members of the project team will be available on the webinars to answer any questions. The webinars will take place on **27 June 2023 and 6 July 2023**. **Further details on how to register are available on our website.**



**Newsletters** – This newsletter has been sent to everyone who has registered to receive a postal or electronic copy of project updates. Copies of this newsletter will be sent to all Parish Councils and will also be available on our website and at our consultation events.

**Letters** – Letters will be posted to all addresses that have been identified within our consultation zone (see page 7).

Letters have also been posted to local interest groups such as residents' associations, local heritage and wildlife groups.

**Engagement with elected representatives and Parish Councils** – We will keep your regionally and locally elected representatives informed of our proposals. We will also offer copies of consultation documents to Parish Councils so they can use their local knowledge to share the information with their communities most effectively.

**Engagement with commercial stakeholders (including asset owners and the fisheries industry)** – Those with a commercial interest in the proposals will be invited to take part in our statutory consultation and formally respond to our project proposals.

**Website and local media** – Details about the consultation will be made available on our website and through adverts and press releases issued to local media.

### **Consultation open from 6 June 2023 to 17 July 2023.**

Please note that consultation responses must be received by **23:59 on 17 July 2023**.

Your comments will be included in the statutory consultation report which forms part of the DCO Application and will be published as part of the submission.

Please return paper copy questionnaires to one of the team members or drop it in the box provided at an in-person event or send it to our Freepost address, **FREEPOST DBSOWF**. Electronic copies can be returned via email to **db@rwe.com** or you can complete the questionnaire via the website.



# Where can I view information?

Our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and a Consultation Brochure can be inspected on our consultation website or at our consultation events. Hard copies of the NTS and Consultation Brochure can be viewed free of charge at the locations listed below throughout the consultation period.

## Documents will be available to view at the following local access points from 6 June

### Cottingham Library and Customer Service Centre

Market Green, Cottingham HU16 5QG  
Mon, Tue 09:30 - 16:30, Thu 09:30 - 18:30,  
Fri 09:30 - 13:00, Sat 09:30 - 12:30,  
Wed, Sun Closed

### Beverley Library

Champney Road, Beverley HU17 8HE  
Mon, Wed, Fri 09:30 - 17:00,  
Tue, Thu 09:30 - 20:00,  
Sat 09:00 - 16:00, Sun Closed

### Bridlington Central Library

14 King Street, Bridlington YO15 2DF  
Mon 09:30 - 17:00, Wed 09:30 - 18:00,  
Thu 09:30 - 15:00, Sat 09:30 - 13:00,  
Tue, Fri, Sun Closed

### Bridlington Community Hub Centre

1st Floor, 2a Marshall Ave,  
Bridlington YO15 2DS  
Tue, Wed 10:00 - 16:30, Thur - Mon Closed

### Drifffield Library

Cross Hill, Drifffield YO25 6RQ  
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### Greenwood Avenue Library

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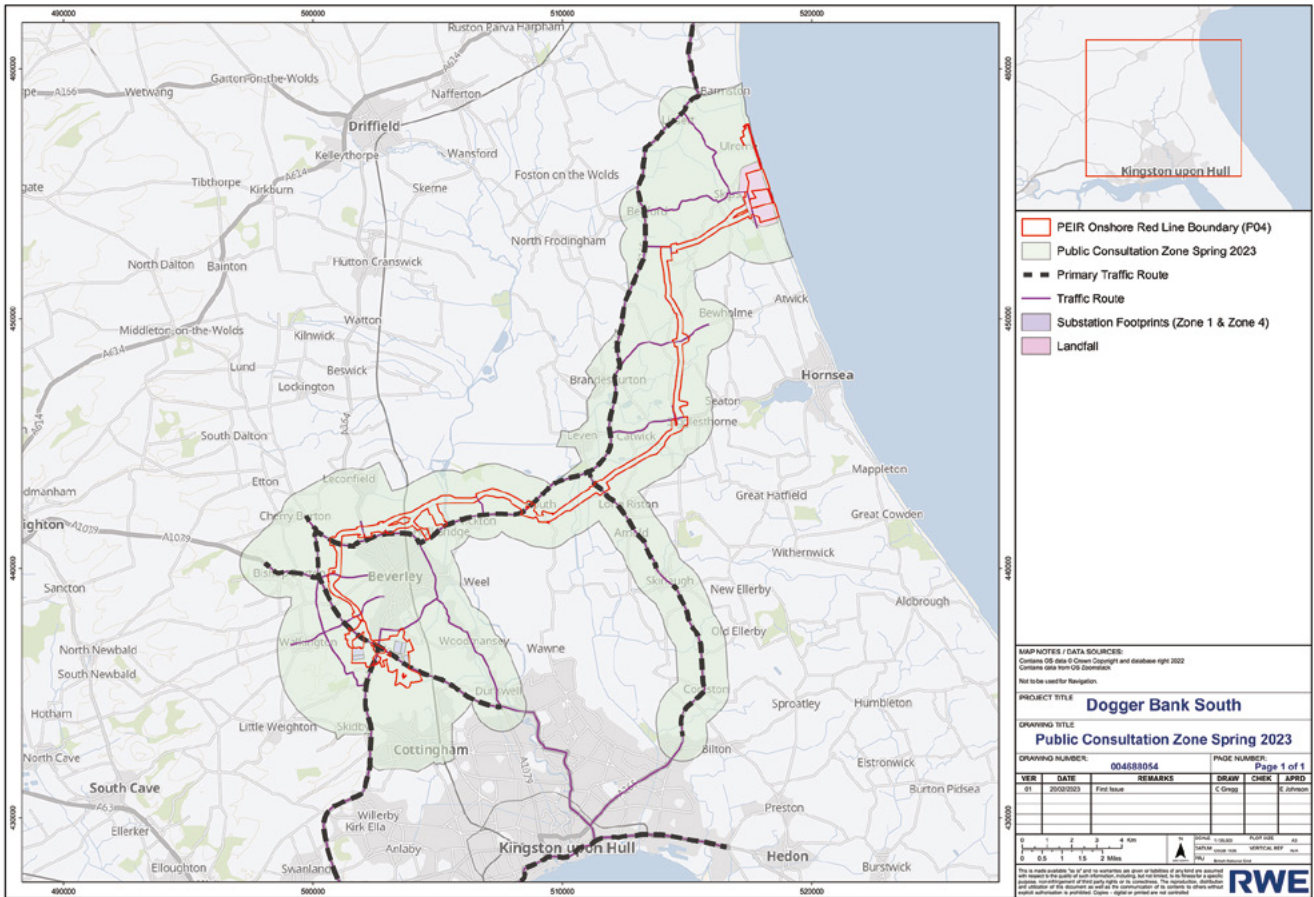
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### Leven Library

Recreation Hall, East Street,  
Leven, Beverley HU17 5NG  
Wed 10:30 - 12:30 and 15:30 - 19:00,  
Mon, Tue Closed, Thu - Sun Closed







Map showing our consultation zone.

## Consultation event dates, venues and times

**Friday 9 June 2023**  
**Beverley Memorial Hall**  
 73-75 Lairgate, Beverley  
 HU17 8HN  
 3pm - 7pm

**Saturday 10 June 2023**  
**Skipsea Village Hall**  
 Bridlington Rd, Skipsea,  
 Driffield YO25 8TJ  
 3pm - 7pm

**Thursday 22 June 2023**  
**Leven Sports Hall and Playing Field**  
 North St, Leven, Beverley  
 HU17 5NF  
 2pm - 7pm

**Friday 23 June 2023**  
**Skipsea Village Hall**  
 Bridlington Rd, Skipsea,  
 Driffield YO25 8TJ  
 3pm - 7pm

**Saturday 24 June 2023**  
**Beverley Memorial Hall**  
 73-75 Lairgate, Beverley  
 HU17 8HN  
 11am - 4pm

We will also be holding two webinar sessions as part of the consultation on **27 June 2023** and **6 July 2023**. Further details on how to register will be available on our website.



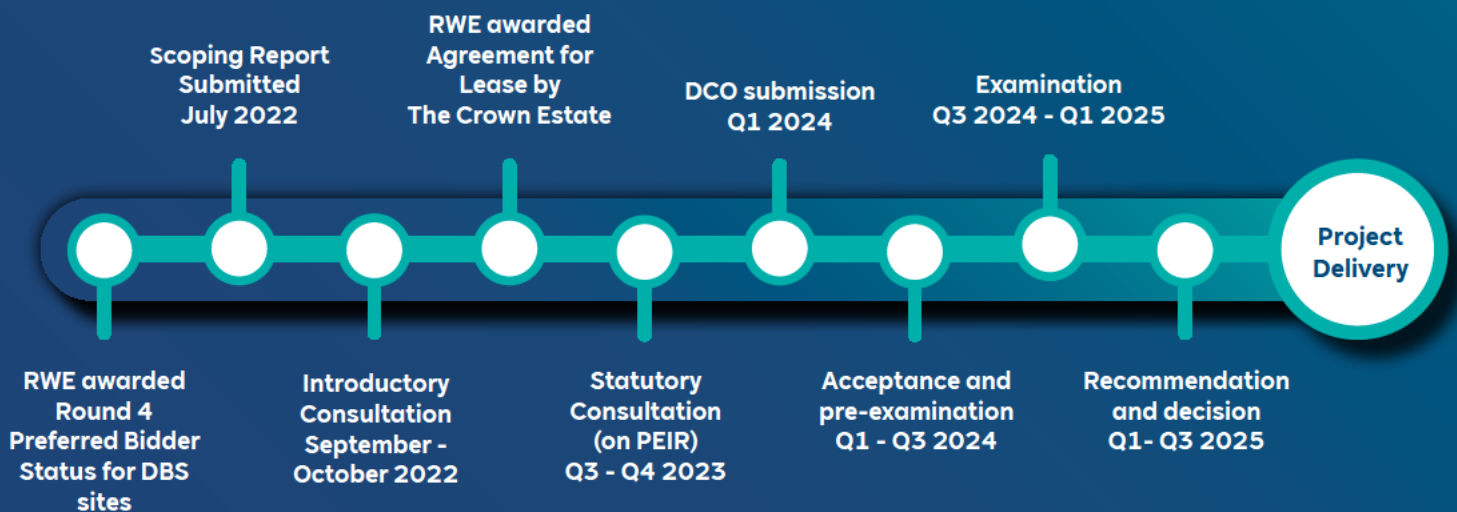
# What happens next?

Following the close of the consultation, the feedback will be collated, reviewed and analysed alongside all responses received as part of the consultation activities held in line with sections 42 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008. Our proposals will be reviewed in light of the feedback.

A Consultation Report will be produced as part of our application for development consent. The report will include a summary of the consultation process undertaken and will set out how the feedback from the consultation has shaped and influenced the final proposals. Responses to the consultation and extracts of responses may be published as part of the report unless specifically stated in the response.

Any key changes to the proposed projects following the conclusion of the consultation will be communicated to all affected parties.

Our planning application will then be finalised, taking into consideration the feedback received along with the results of other project studies. We plan to submit our planning application to the Planning Inspectorate in Spring 2024 as per the timeline set out below.



## Further information

For more background information on the project, please visit our project website at [www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk](http://www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk)

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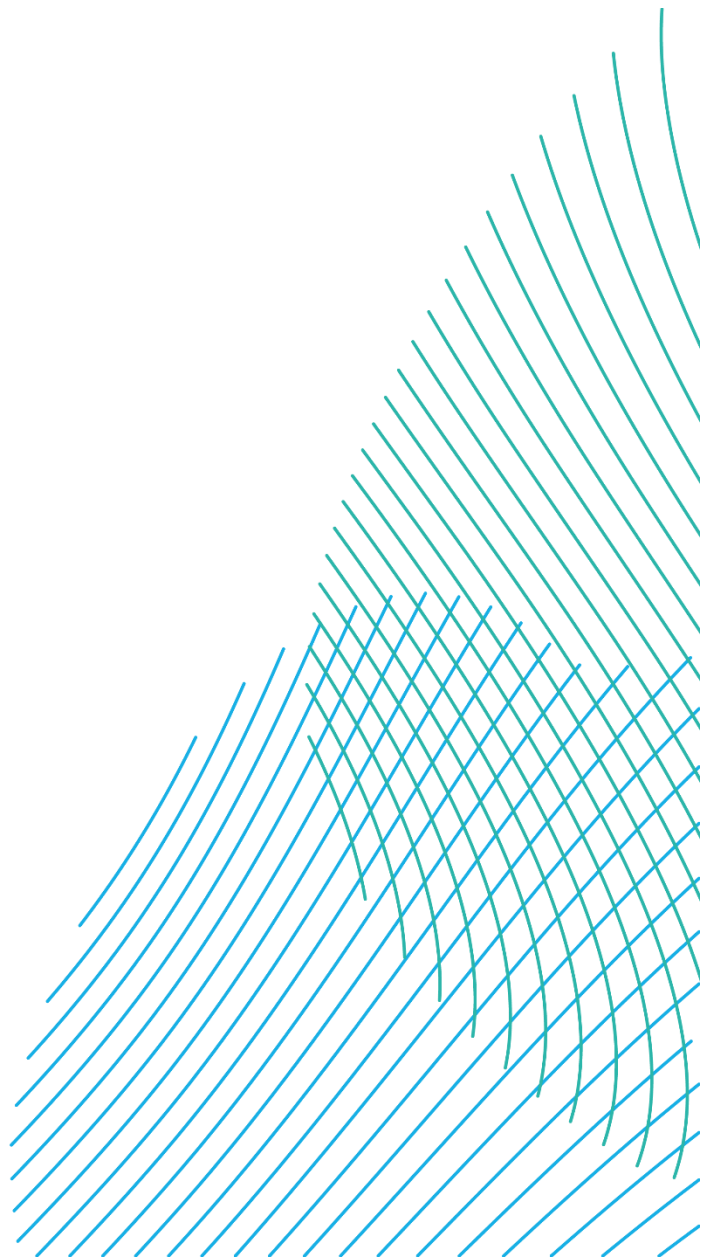
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# Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms Community Newsletter

## Welcome

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our statutory consultation between 06 June and 17 July 2023. It was a pleasure to meet so many of you face to face at our consultation events, so thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us. And for those who joined us for the webinars or sent feedback to us in writing, we also really appreciate your time and input.

The engagement and feedback has been both thoughtful and constructive, helping us to shape and refine the projects with the needs and experience of local communities front and centre of our work.

We have spent the past few months working through the responses and combining them with outcomes from our environmental and engineering surveys. I'm pleased to report that we can now confirm the preferred cable route, landfall and substation locations which are discussed in this newsletter.

We continue to work closely with a wide range of stakeholders and are progressing towards a Development Consent Order (DCO) submission in 2024. We outline the next steps at the end of this newsletter, and we will keep you updated with our progress through future editions, our website and the media. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do contact the team via our details on the back page.

**Trevor Baker**  
**Projects Lead – Dogger Bank South**

# Consultation update

A statutory consultation for our proposals was held between 06 June and 17 July 2023.

**The purpose of the consultation was to present:**

- The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR);
- Revised plans incorporating technical work carried out after the introductory consultation in Autumn 2022.

**We asked for feedback on:**

- Onshore cabling and substation locations;
- Landfall scenarios;
- Proposals for the offshore array areas.

Although the consultation is now closed, you can still view the information that we published including the non-technical summary of the PEIR, the full PEIR, consultation banners and brochure on our website: [www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk](http://www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk)





### Our 2023 consultation in numbers:

- Invitations were sent to around **44,500** homes and businesses within the consultation mailing zone, along with letters and emails to local MPs, councillors and parish councillors;
- We held **five** public consultation events in the East Riding of Yorkshire, and **two** webinars;
- A total of **383** people attended public consultation events and **23** people joined the webinars;
- There were **521** visitors to the consultation website;
- We received **63** consultation responses (including 4 duplicates) from members of the local community, parish councillors and other stakeholders via online and paper questionnaires and emails;
- We received **11** consultation responses from landowners and persons with an interest in land;
- A total of **32** statutory stakeholders responded to the consultation.

**A huge thank you to everyone who came to our events and who provided feedback.**

# What we heard from your feedback

We have summarised the key themes and what we are doing to address them in the table below. A detailed breakdown of all consultation responses and how they have been considered will be set out in a Consultation Report that will be submitted as part of the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

Onshore		
Theme	Feedback topics	What we're doing
<b>Landscape and Visual</b>	<p>Potential visual impact of the substations and how views might be affected. Many respondents stated a preference for co-locating the substations within one zone.</p> <p>Planting ahead of construction to allow plants to become established.</p> <p>The presence of overhead lines.</p>	<p>A decision has been made to remove Substation Zone 1 from the project design and to co-locate two High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) converter stations in Substation Zone 4.</p> <p>A Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment of the co-located substation design and mitigation plans, including illustrative landscape planting schemes, is being developed and will be presented in the Environmental Statement (ES). The landscape specialists are also considering the substation design as part of the scheme development.</p> <p>All cables will be buried.</p>
<b>Traffic and Transport</b>	<p>Routing traffic through residential areas.</p> <p>The use of trenchless crossings under well-used roads.</p> <p>The development and use of a Transport Management Plan for the construction period.</p> <p>Moving large items by sea/ barge to the landfall.</p> <p>Consideration of cumulative impacts with other development schemes.</p>	<p>To reduce traffic movements to levels lower than presented in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report we will use one haul road for both projects, complete ducting for both projects during construction of the first project and share engineering works where possible.</p> <p>Construction traffic routes have been developed in consultation with East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC), Hull City Council and National Highways. Where possible this minimises routes through residential areas.</p> <p>Through the Construction Traffic Management Plan, we will work with ERYC to agree traffic management measures. This may include restricting construction traffic levels at certain locations to avoid sensitive times such as school start and finish times.</p> <p>We will continue to develop the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan to ensure that necessary controls are in place to manage construction traffic.</p> <p>The Traffic and Transport Assessment will consider cumulative development in the area.</p>





## Onshore

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<b>Archaeology and Cultural Heritage</b>	Queries about archaeological investigations.	<p>We are carrying out detailed archaeological surveys and heritage resource assessments as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.</p> <p>Geophysical surveys have been completed on more than 75% of the onshore development area.</p> <p>A trial trenching plan has been agreed with Historic England and Humber Archaeological Partnership to investigate potential features identified during the desk-based and geophysical surveys, plus some 'blank' areas. Trial trenching is in progress at the landfall and substation sites and will begin along the cable route in 2024.</p> <p>Significant heritage assets have been identified around Nunkeeling. Following consultation with heritage stakeholders the cable route has been amended and now avoids these sites.</p>
<b>Ecology</b>	Potential impact on Beverley Westwood and Burton Bushes Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).	<p>The cable route avoids both Beverley Westwood and Burton Bushes SSSI.</p> <p>Temporary construction compounds (TCC) have been selected that are further away from Burton Bushes SSSI to minimise impact.</p> <p>We have committed to Horizontal Directional Drill under woodland areas to leave them undisturbed and in situ.</p>

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## Your feedback - continued

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<b>Agricultural Land</b>	<p>Development on agricultural land and impact on Agricultural Land Classification.</p> <p>Drainage.</p>	<p>Land will be returned to agricultural use once the cable route is installed, and landowners will be able to return to normal farming practices. They will, however, be prohibited from activities that might interfere with or damage the cables such as erecting buildings or allowing any plant or tree to grow in the cable easement strip.</p> <p>We will use a competent contractor for soil handling, storage and reinstatement under Defra (2009) Construction Code of Practice for the Sustainable Use of Soils on Construction Sites; storing excavated subsoil separately from the topsoil, with sufficient separation to ensure segregation.</p> <p>We will carry out all work diligently, using suitable materials and in accordance with good industry practice, which will be outlined in a Code of Construction Practice, submitted with the Environmental Statement. We will also reinstate or divert existing agricultural land drains to the satisfaction of the landowner.</p>
<b>Noise</b>	Potential noise impacts during construction along the cable route.	We have sited the cable route and any temporary construction compounds away from residential properties and caravan parks where possible.
<b>Public Rights of Way (PRoW)</b>	Ensuring minimal impacts on PRoW during construction	We will work with the local authority and other consultees to agree how to manage PRoW during construction. We are not proposing to permanently divert any PRoW.





## Onshore

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<b>Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage</b>	Consideration of flood zone areas and the potential impact on water storage in aquifers.	<p>A Flood Risk Assessment is in progress in consultation with the Environment Agency, Lead Local Flood Authority and the Beverley and North Holderness Internal Drainage boards and will be presented in the Environmental Statement. Sections of the onshore cable corridor are located within Flood Zone 2 and 3 associated with several main rivers, including the River Hull, plus ordinary watercourses.</p> <p>We will use trenchless techniques, including Horizontal Directional Drilling to cross main rivers and mitigate flood risk in these locations. For ordinary watercourses we will use trenched crossings designed to maintain flow volumes and rates. Once operational there will be no flood risk to or from the onshore export cables.</p> <p>The onshore substation is in Flood Zone 1, which has a low risk of flooding from fluvial sources. There are some areas of surface water flood risk that will be managed as part of the substation operational sustainable drainage design. A drainage strategy will be submitted with the Development Consent Order.</p> <p>There are Source Protection Zones (SPZs) for drinking water located along the onshore cable corridor. The impact on aquifers and SPZs will be assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment and appropriate mitigation measures included in the Code of Construction practice submitted with the Environmental Statement.</p>
<b>Coastal Erosion</b>	Influence of activities at the landfall location on coastal erosion	<p>The design considers potential future coastal erosion at the landfall. We are undertaking geotechnical site investigations to inform the construction methodology at the landfall and minimise the impact of the development on the environment. Effects on coastal erosion and flood risk will be assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment and mitigated where necessary.</p>

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## Your feedback - continued

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Health	Potential impacts from electromagnetic fields.	The projects will implement relevant guidelines from the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection and the UK Government voluntary code of practice. Our commitment to these standards is to the satisfaction of The Planning Inspectorate and the UK Health Security Agency.
Air Quality	Potential impacts from construction vehicle exhaust emissions.	Effects from air quality will be considered as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment.
Supply Chain	Use of local supply chain for components	Offshore wind is a core growth opportunity in the region. We plan to maximise potential for the benefit of local businesses, create new, high quality long-term jobs, support new skills development, and wherever possible, ensure that all localised options are explored.





## Offshore

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Offshore Ecology	Potential impacts on offshore wildlife including birds, fish and marine mammals.	We are assessing potential impacts on offshore ecology. Preliminary results are outlined in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and have been discussed with relevant expert topic groups. The final report will be submitted as part of the Development Consent Order.
Project Design	<p>Reduce the design envelope within Dogger Bank Special Area of Conservation by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removing the option of HVAC as a mode of transmission;</li> <li>• Removing the option of gravity base foundations.</li> </ul>	<p>We will progress with the HVDC transmission systems only, which reduces the number of offshore export cables and platforms required. This is in line with advice received from Natural England to help minimise environmental impacts.</p> <p>Gravity base foundations have been removed from the wind turbine foundations but currently remain as an option for the platform foundations. We are continuing to review site-specific ground condition data, the size/weight of the equipment required and the potential complexity of installation to inform our final decision for the platform foundations.</p>
Underwater noise	<p>Potential for noise abatement systems and temporal and/or spatial restrictions on construction between August and October to protect herring spawning from underwater noise.</p>	<p>Parameters used in the underwater noise modelling for the PEIR assessments have been reduced following feedback including: reductions to array area; monopile diameter; hammer energy; maximum simultaneous piling events and maximum number of piles per day. These modifications are expected to reduce underwater noise.</p> <p>We will include the updated results in the Environmental Statement and propose appropriate mitigation for any potential significant impacts to be discussed and agreed with the Marine Management Organisation and Natural England.</p>

# Site selection update

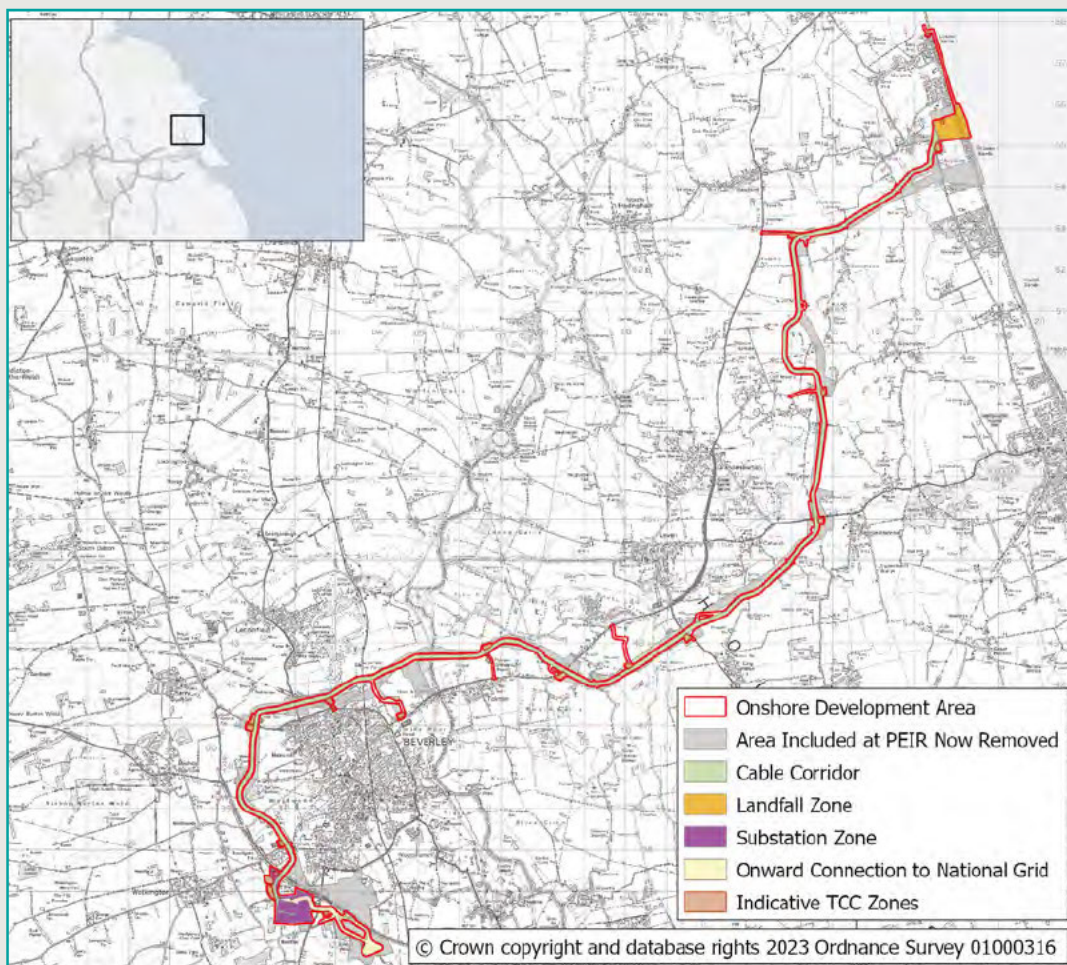
After the conclusion of our statutory consultation, site selection work has continued, feeding into the site refinement and facilitating our decision making. We have now selected the landfall and substation locations and the preferred cable route to be progressed and submitted as part of the Development Consent Order.

All the changes made to the onshore development area since the publication of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, including some new access points, are available in map format on the DBS project website.

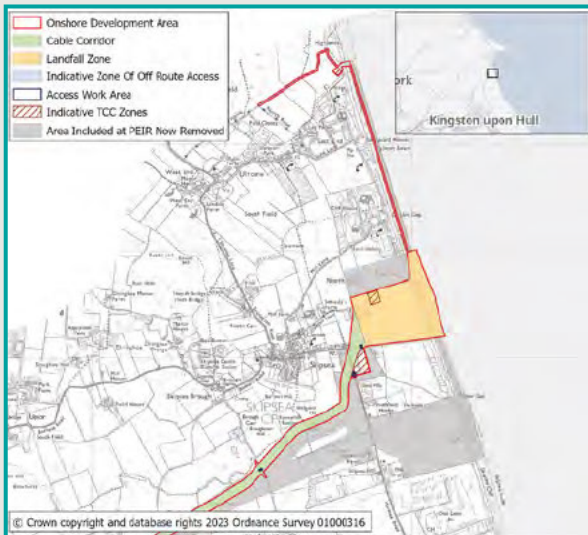
## Substation location and technology choice

During our statutory consultation, we presented four different converter station options across two different Substation Zones. The options were based on two different ways to transmit electrical power through cabling: high voltage alternating current (HVAC) and high voltage direct current (HVDC).

Following feedback from stakeholders and further engineering assessment, the decision has been made to remove HVAC from the design and to locate both HVDC converter stations in Substation Zone 4.







## Landfall - final site selection

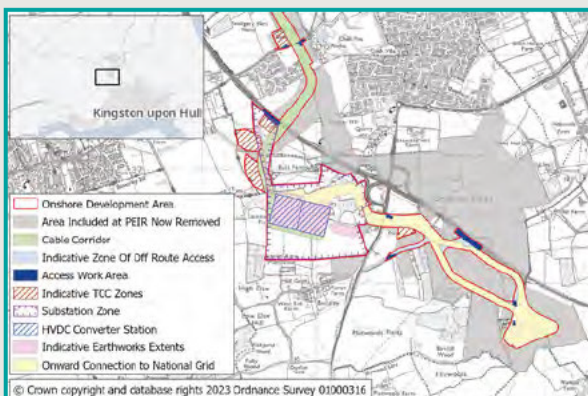
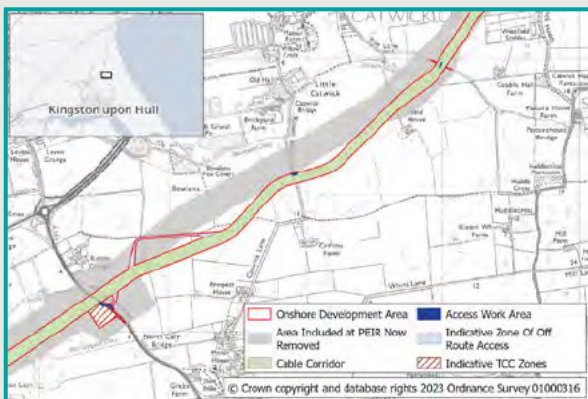
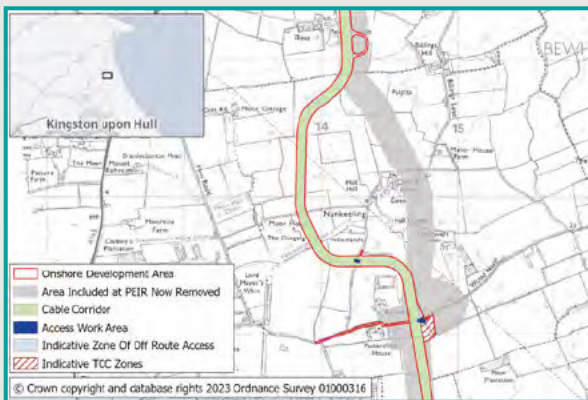
Following the statutory consultation, we have chosen to progress with Landfall Zone 8 which delivers the following advantages:

- Provides beach emergency access without accessing Seaside Caravan Park at Ulrome;
- Avoids the Holderness Inshore Marine Conservation Area;
- Simplifies the earthworks required for the Horizontal Direction Drill compound.

## Cable route - preferred route

Taking into consideration consultation feedback, environmental surveys and ongoing engineering work, we have refined the cable route from the landfall to the converter stations. The cable corridor width has reduced from 100m presented in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report to 75m, widening to 90m at Horizontal Directional Drilling locations. The preferred route has the following advantages:

- Works with existing proposals for a new wind turbine at Dunnington;
- Reduces the potential to sterilise safeguarded mineral reserves at Long Riston;
- Mitigates potential impacts on a proposed solar farm at Riston Grange;
- Provides alternative access at Routh, avoiding a poultry farm;
- Avoids the application for a proposed recycling centre at Molescroft;
- Avoids the designated landscape at Westwood Common;
- Avoids significant heritage assets identified around Nunkeeling Priory.



The width of the 400 kilovolt (kV) cable corridor from the converter stations to National Grid has been refined to 100m. A section of this cable corridor splits with one route north of the Ineos ethylene pipeline and one route south of the pipeline. The width of each split section is 53m, which accommodates the haul roads.

# Onshore survey update

We have undertaken habitat and protected species surveys including overwintering and breeding birds, great crested newts, bats, badgers, water voles and otters to understand the presence and distribution of local wildlife and habitats. We are working with Natural England to ensure impacts on nationally designated sites, including Sites of Special Scientific Interest, are fully assessed.

We have completed geophysical surveys for over 75% of the onshore development area using a handheld or All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) towed magnetometer to identify areas of archaeological interest.

The first phase of trial trenching targeting potential substation and landfall zones began in August 2023, informed by the geophysical surveys, desk-based assessments and a review of historical mapping/remote sensing data. Restrictions around land availability and crop cover meant initial work focussed on Landfall 8 and Substation Zone 4. The scope of this first phase of trial trenching has been agreed with heritage stakeholders and involves excavation of 59 trenches at the Landfall 8 and 82 trenches at Substation Zone 4.



A complete pot found at the initial dig, likely Iron Age or Roman in date.

Work at the landfall site is progressing well, despite some delays caused by poor weather. Over 90% of trenches at the landfall sites have revealed archaeological features of interest that require investigation and recording. Some areas contain multiple intercutting ditches suggesting concentrated activity and a divided landscape over long periods of time. There are also areas with evidence of settlements including domestic pottery and animal bone.

Early results from Substation Zone 4 indicate archaeological potential, including evidence of settlement. We have now excluded these areas from our zone boundary. We continue to work closely with Humber Archaeological Partnership and Historic England to ensure that trench evaluation and recording of finds meet the high standards of our heritage stakeholders, prior to the trenches being signed off and backfilled.

## Next steps

- In response to feedback, we have made a series of route amendments and will be consulting landowners on these from 13 November 2023.
- We will continue archaeological surveys, investigations into ground conditions and tree surveys as we prepare the Development Consent Order application for submission in 2024.
- A further heritage walkover survey is planned during the Autumn, to complete an assessment of the condition of archaeological assets such as historic earthworks and structures within the cable corridor.
- Additional traffic count surveys are planned during the Autumn to support the traffic and transport assessments. The work will involve three days of automatic traffic count data at four sites, to collect traffic flow and speed data.

## Further information

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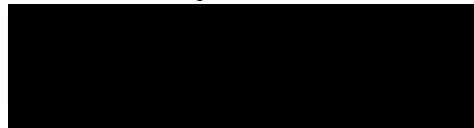
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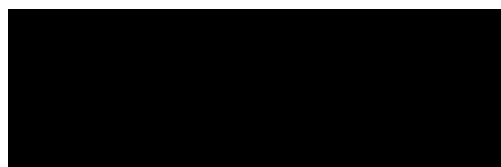
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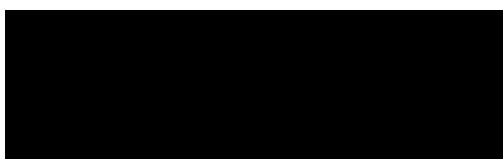
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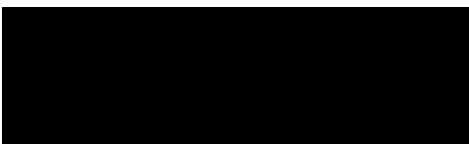
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Beverley Ramblers	National Farmers Union
Bristow (including SAR)	National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations
British Helicopter Association	National Trust
Brett Aggregates	North Eastern IFCA
Cefas	North York Moors National Park
Church Commissioners for England	Office of Road and Rail
Cruising Association	Royal National Lifeboat Institution



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DFDS Seaways	Royal Yachting Association
Doggerland Foundation	Sustrans & Railway Paths
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Econergy International Ltd	UK Chamber of Shipping
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## 1.2 Parish Councils – Not Prescribed by the Regulation 11 list

Table 1-2 Neighbouring parish councils

Consultee	Category
Beswick Parish Council	Neighbouring Parish Council - Non-prescribed Consultee
Brantingham Parish Council	Neighbouring Parish Council - Non-prescribed Consultee
Ellerker Parish Council	Neighbouring Parish Council - Non-prescribed Consultee
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South Cave Parish Council	Neighbouring Parish Council - Non-prescribed Consultee
Swine Parish Council	Neighbouring Parish Council - Non-prescribed Consultee
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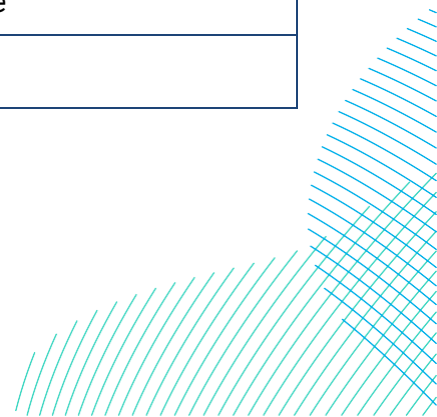
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Consultee	Category
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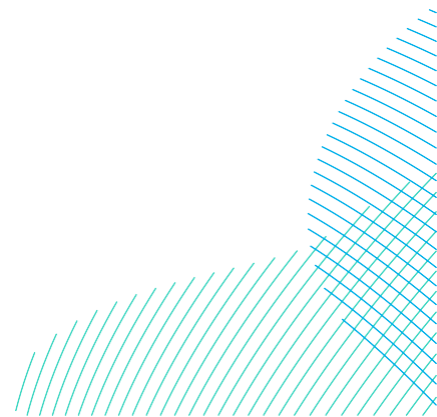


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## 1.4 Amenity Groups

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Beverley Minster	Amenity Group - non-prescribed
East Riding Association of Rural Community Buildings	Amenity Group - non-prescribed
Skipsea Village Hall	Amenity Group - non-prescribed
Skipsea Castle (run by English Heritage)	Amenity Group - non-prescribed
Catwick Village Hall	Amenity Group - non-prescribed
Beverley Memorial Hall	Amenity Group - non-prescribed
Beverley Guildhall	Amenity Group - non-prescribed
Skidby Mill	Amenity Group - non-prescribed
Treasure House Museum and Beverley Art Gallery	Amenity Group - non-prescribed
Beverley Masonic Hall	Amenity Group - non-prescribed
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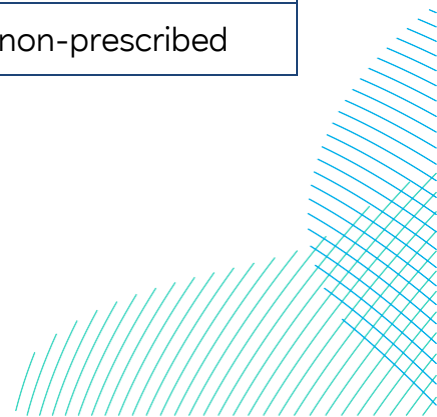
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Consultee	Category
Skipsea Tenants Group	Community Group - non-prescribed
Cloisters Sheltered Housing Group	Community Group - non-prescribed
Mariners Court Tenants Group	Community Group - non-prescribed
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Keldgate/Lairgate Tenants Group	Community Group - non-prescribed
Skipsea Beach Social Club	Community Group - non-prescribed
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Beverley Leisure Group	Community Group - non-prescribed
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## 1.6 Heritage and Nature Groups

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Skipsea Gardening Club	Heritage and Nature - non-prescribed
Beverley Civic Society	Heritage and Nature - non-prescribed
East Yorkshire Local History Society	Heritage and Nature - non-prescribed

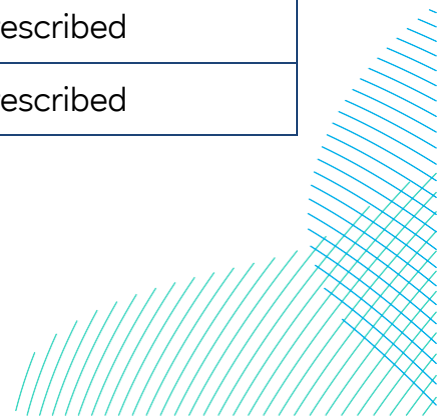


Consultee	Category
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Hull Natural History Society	Heritage and Nature - non-prescribed
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Chalkshire	Heritage and Nature - non-prescribed
Beverley Parks Nature Reserve	Heritage and Nature - non-prescribed
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## 1.7 Hard to Reach Groups

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Consultee	Category
Alzheimer's Society Beverley Activity Group	Hard to reach - non-prescribed
Beverley Grange Nursing Home	Hard to reach - non-prescribed
Hull and East Yorkshire MIND	Hard to reach - non-prescribed
Sight Support	Hard to reach - non-prescribed
Guide Dogs for the Blind	Hard to reach - non-prescribed
Hull and East Yorkshire Centre for the Deaf	Hard to reach - non-prescribed
Endorphins (SEND activities)	Hard to reach - non-prescribed
Woodhill Travellers Site	Hard to reach - non-prescribed
Eppleworth Travellers Site	Hard to reach - non-prescribed
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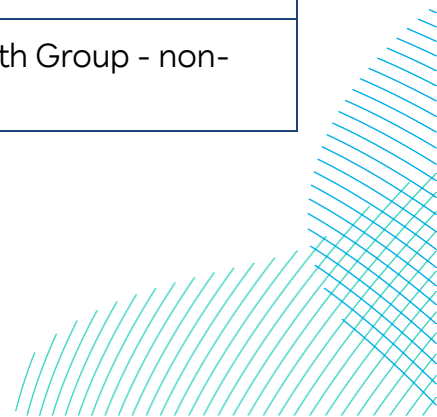
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Hull Ethnic Minorities Community Foundation	Hard to reach - non-prescribed
Age UK	Hard to reach - non-prescribed
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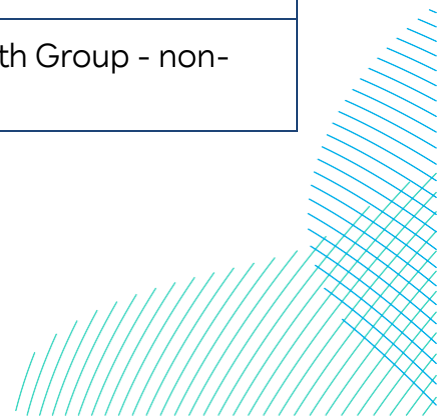
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Youth police sergeant	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Kings Youth Bus	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
East Riding Young Farmers Club	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
The Beverley Co of Church Lads and Church Girls	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Beverley Joint Youth Partnership	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
East Riding Youth Council	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Beverley Grammar School	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
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Beverley Minster Primary	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
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Swinemoor Primary School	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Keldmarsh Primary School	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Longcroft School and Sixth Form	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
St John of Beverley	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Beverley Manor Nursery	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Molescroft Primary School	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Queensgate Preschool	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
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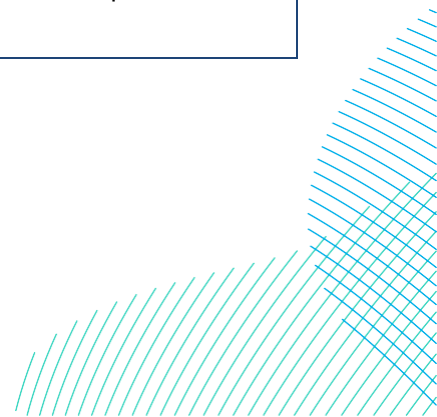




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Walkington Primary	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Leven Primary	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Sigglethorne Primary	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
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Skipsea Primary School	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Beeford Primary	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Beverley & East Riding Lawn Tennis Club	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
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Beverley Badminton Club	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Beverley Barracudas Swimming Club	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
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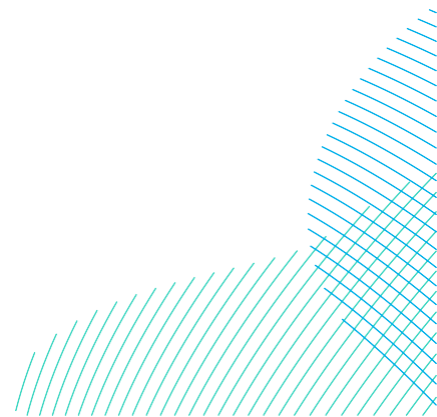


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Beverley Town FC	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Beverley Unbeatables Swimming Club (ERYDSA)	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
East Yorkshire Judo Academy (incorporating Beverley Judo & Hornsea Judo Club)	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Beverley Braves Rugby League Club	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Flemingate Bowling Club (Adults)	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
AFC Tickton Walking Football	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Grin and Tonic	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Wildcats Girls Football	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Driffield Town Cricket Club	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Beverley and East Riding Croquet Club (Adult)	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Humberside and Lincolnshire Orienteers (HALO)	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed





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Humberside Shooting Ground	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Hainsworth Park Golf Club	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed
Beverley and East Riding Golf Club	School/University/Youth Group - non-prescribed



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# **Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms**

**Consultation Report**

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**Appendix D16 – RWE Supplementary Statutory  
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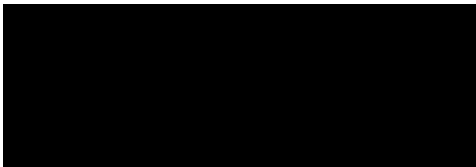
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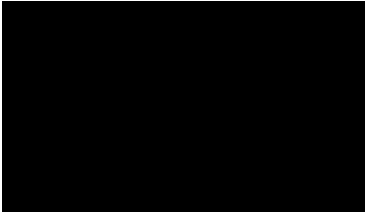


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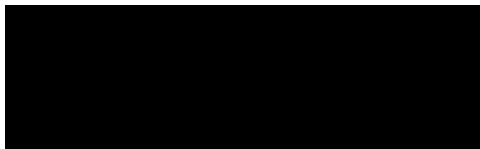
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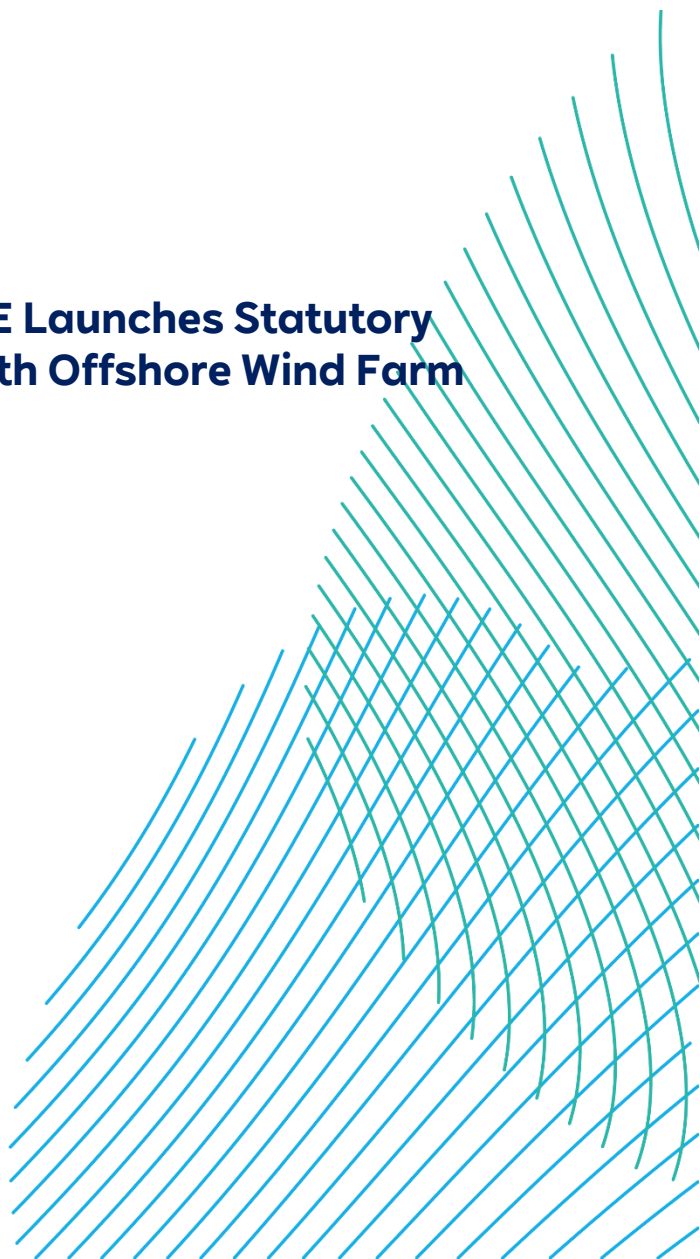
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## Project Update

# RWE launches statutory consultation for Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farm projects

- **The statutory consultation phase will begin on 6<sup>th</sup> June and will end on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023**
- **The consultation is open to everyone and includes in-person and online events as well as a dedicated consultation website**
- **Five in-person and two webinar events will give local people a number of opportunities to raise issues with the project team directly.**

Swindon, 05 June 2023

RWE, one of the UK's leading renewable energy developers, has today announced details of the upcoming statutory consultation relating to its Dogger Bank South (DBS) offshore wind farm developments. The consultation will run from 6th June to the 17th July 2023 and the project team are looking to gain feedback from relevant stakeholders, including local communities and the wider public, on the latest project proposals, and specifically on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) for the projects which RWE will publish shortly.

RWE held an introductory (non-statutory) consultation last Autumn and later announced that the team had removed one substation zone and two potential cable route options from further consideration. The updates were made as a result of the feedback received during the consultation, along with the data collected from surveys, engineering studies and discussions with statutory bodies. The zones and routes which remain under consideration have been further assessed within the PEIR. The PEIR identifies potentially significant adverse impacts resulting from the projects, allowing them to be avoided or minimised where possible, as well as identifying any potential beneficial environmental impacts. The report will assist local people in responding and giving their views to the proposals.

RWE recently published a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) which sets out how it plans to consult with members of the local community. The SoCC was agreed with East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Hull City Council and is available to view on the project website, [www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk](http://www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk). Along with the PEIR, a number of consultation documents have been developed to help people take part in the consultation including a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the PEIR and a Consultation Brochure which aims to guide people around the consultation and assist them in giving their views.

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([www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk](http://www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk)) from 6<sup>th</sup> June. Hard copies of the NTS and Consultation Brochure are also available to view at a number of local access points which are listed on the website and can also be posted to residents on request.

Five in-person consultation events will be held as part of the consultation to give local residents the chance to meet members of the project team. In addition to the live public events, two webinar sessions have been organised to allow those unable to attend an in-person event the opportunity to view the proposals and ask questions direct to the project team.

Trevor Baker, RWE Projects Lead for Dogger Bank South said: “We recognise consultation to be a vital stage in the development of our projects and which will provide the opportunity for us to engage with communities and for them to comment on the projects as our plans evolve. Feedback from members of the public will be considered in our continued development of the projects, and will also be reported to the Secretary of State when our application for development consent is submitted.”

“Our in-person consultation events are open to everyone and we hope to meet as many local residents as possible to discuss our proposals.”

<b>Consultation Events</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Times</b>
Friday 9 June 2023	Beverley Memorial Hall, 73-75 Lairgate, Beverley HU17 8HN	3pm – 7pm
Saturday 10 June 2023	Skipsea Village Hall, Bridlington Rd, Skipsea, Driffield YO25 8TJ	3pm – 7pm
Thursday 22 June 2023	Leven Sports Hall & Playing Field, North St, Leven, Beverley HU17 5NF	3pm – 7pm
Friday 23 June 2023	Skipsea Village Hall, Bridlington Rd, Skipsea, Driffield YO25 8TJ	3pm – 7pm
Saturday 24 June 2023	Beverley Memorial Hall, 73-75 Lairgate, Beverley HU17 8HN	11am – 4pm
Tuesday 27 June 2023	Webinar Session (register at <a href="http://www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk">www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk</a> )	6pm – 7pm
Thursday 6 July 2023	Webinar Session (register at <a href="http://www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk">www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk</a> )	6pm – 7pm

Local residents will be able to respond to the consultation by completing questionnaires which will be available at the consultation events and can be downloaded from the website or requested directly. It is also possible to respond to the consultation online via the dedicated consultation website.

Letters inviting residents to take part in the consultation have been sent directly to over 40,000 households located in the vicinity of the proposed DBS electrical system.



Consultation responses must be received by 23:59 on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to guarantee inclusion in the Consultation Report.

**For further enquiries:**

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# Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms

Statutory consultation – Online event  
June 2023



# Agenda

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  - Construction
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- **Providing your views**
- **Q&A session**
- **Thank you for attending**



# Taking part in today's event



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If you're having any technical issues, please let us know in the chat box.

You can use the Q&A box to ask questions throughout – these will be answered by the team at the end of the presentation.



# Housekeeping

- Please be respectful of others' views.
- During the presentation, please submit questions via the Q&A box.
- Questions will be answered by the project team following the presentation.
- Questions and comments will be unattributed.
- The session will be recorded and posted on the project website to view following this event.
- Further to this webinar you can submit any further views and comments you have in writing, or using the online form on the website.
- Deadline for receipt of all feedback to this consultation is **Monday 17 July 2023.**



## Introducing the team

- Toby Barker/Lottie Townsend – Camargue, Chair
- Colin McAllister, Development Manager, RWE
- Esther Johnson, Consultation Manager, RWE
- Vicky Law, Stakeholder Manager, RWE
- Daniel Brutto, Offshore Consents Manager, RWE
- Anna Bendall, Onshore Consents Manager, RWE
- Anthony Pearson, Engineering, RWE
- Steve Harkin, Land Manager, RWE



# **Who we are and the project to date**

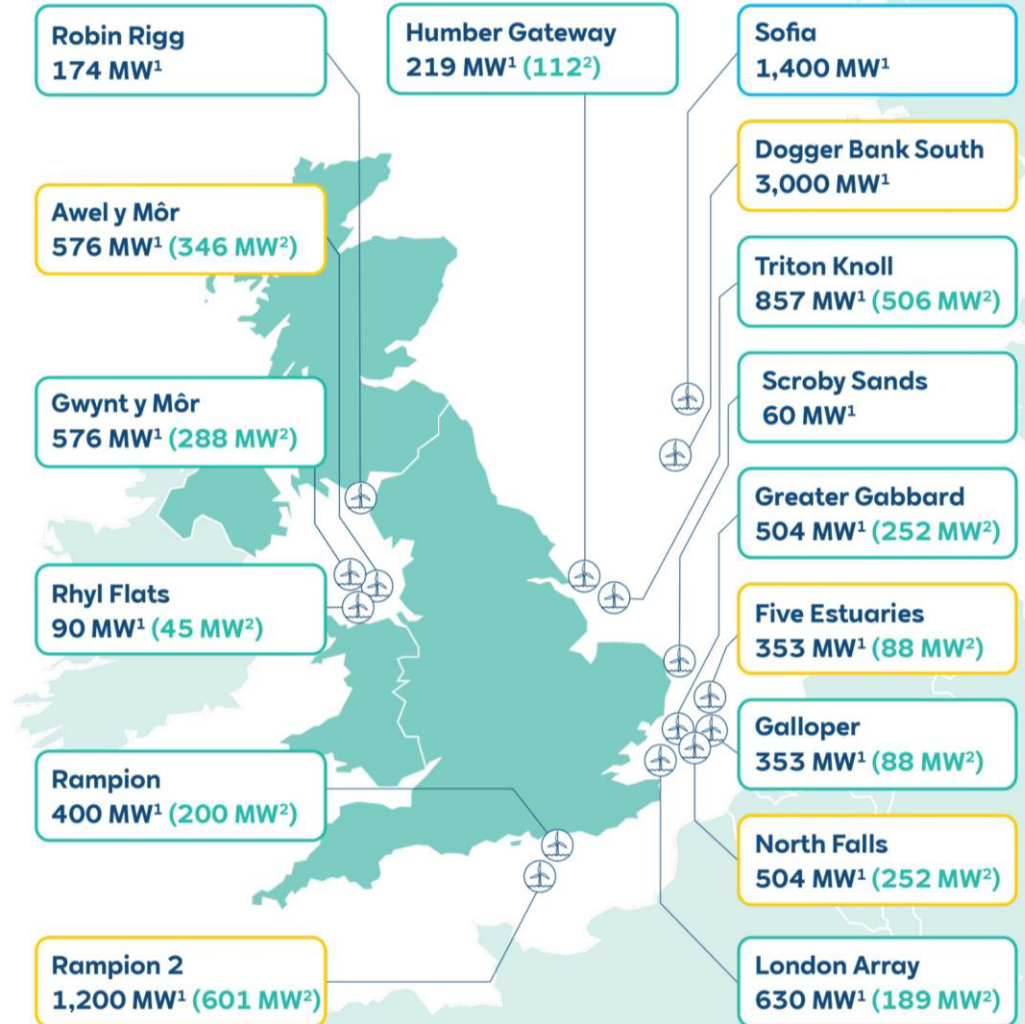
# Who we are

- RWE is the UK's largest power producer and one of the country's largest renewables generators. It has the largest offshore wind fleet in the UK.
- We have been involved in offshore wind energy in the UK since the very start, having installed the first full scale offshore turbines at Blyth in 2000 and commissioned the UK's first commercial wind farm in 2003, the 60 MW North Hoyle.

## Our offshore assets

- in operation
- under construction
- in development

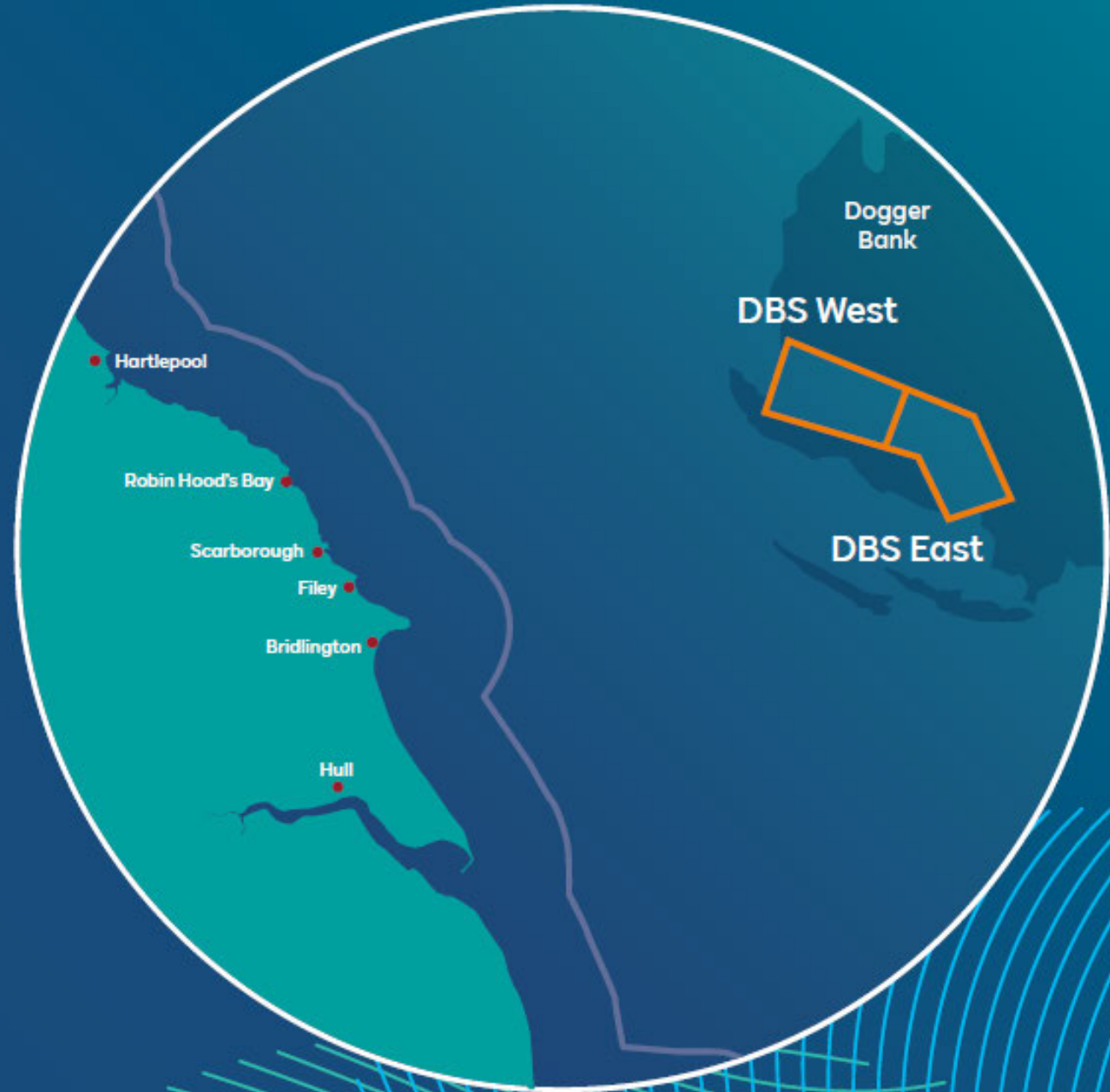
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 Pro rata capacity





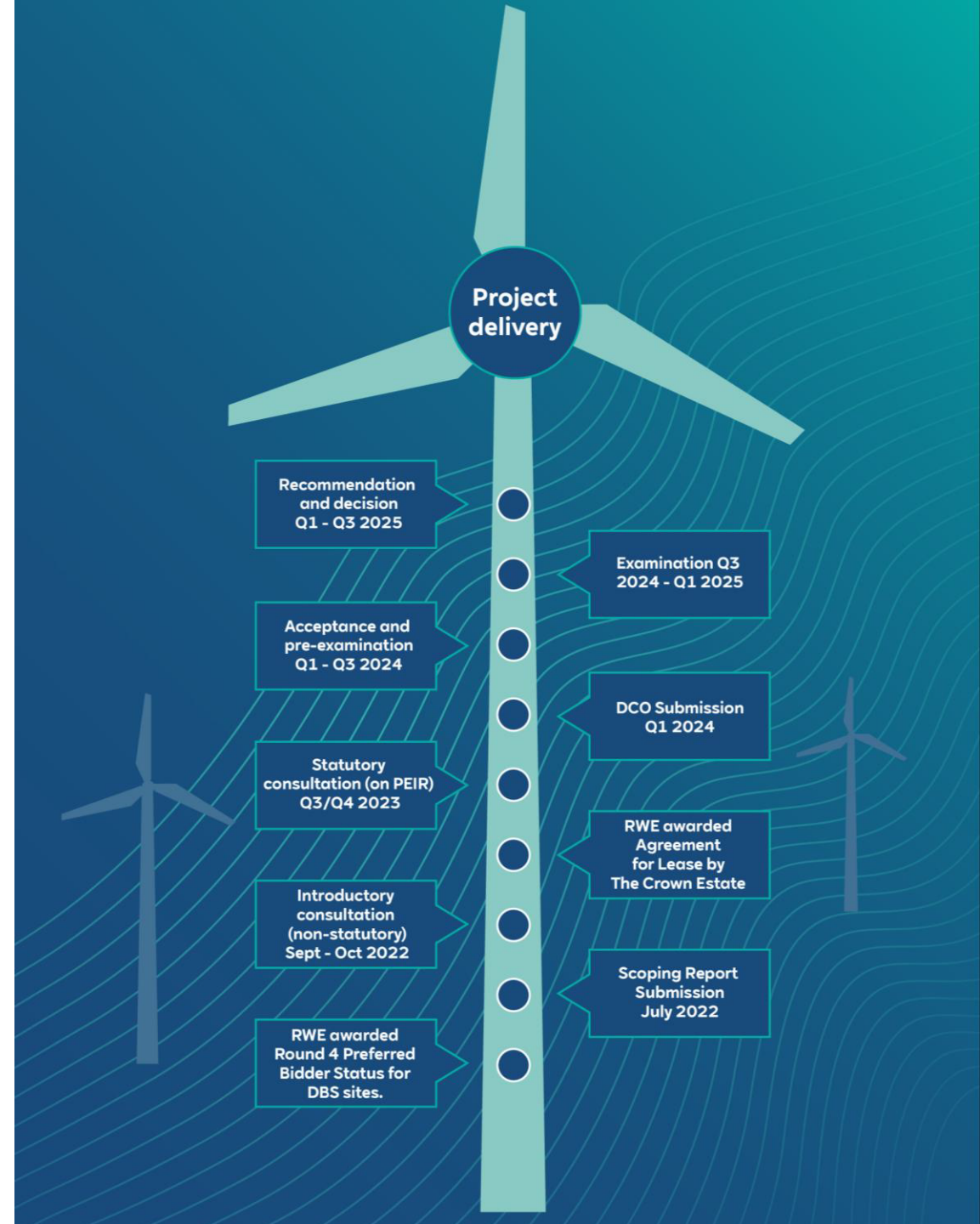
# The project

- The Dogger Bank South (DBS) offshore wind farm projects are planned to be located over 100 km off the northeast coast of England on the shallow offshore area of the North Sea known as Dogger Bank.
- DBS will be made up of two separate sites, DBS East and DBS West.
- When combined, the projects could generate enough clean, green renewable energy to power up to 3.4 million typical UK households per year.



# The development process

- The Dogger Bank South (DBS) offshore wind farm projects are classified as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). This means that under the Planning Act 2008, we are required to apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO).
- The DCO application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate who will carefully examine the proposals. The Planning Inspectorate will then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State at the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero who will make the final decision on whether to grant consent.







# **The consultation**



# Consultation

Your views are important and will be used to help shape our proposals as we prepare to apply for a DCO.

- **Our statutory consultation opened on Tuesday 6 June and runs until Monday 17 July 2023.**
- We have published a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) for the projects and this report forms the basis of the consultation.
- Five in person events have already taken place in Beverley, Skipsea and Leven and these have been well attended.
- Our webinars are a chance to view the project proposals and ask questions directly to the project team.

## Consultation Documentation

- To assist people in responding to the consultation, we have provided a Non-Technical Summary, a Consultation Brochure and a feedback questionnaire which use non-technical language (where possible) and helps guide people around the consultation and the information available.
- All consultation documentation (including the PEIR), is available to view on the DBS website, [www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk](http://www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk).
- Further details around how you can respond to the consultation will follow later on in this presentation.





# **Working with the community**



# Working with the community

- As part of our application for development consent, we have carried out a specific socioeconomic benefit study to determine the benefits the projects could bring to the local and wider region.
- Working with local stakeholders, we will also develop a Community Benefit Package for DBS which will deliver lasting benefits to local communities.
- DBS will be a major investment for the local area and wider region, and we will ensure that investment establishes a valuable and lasting legacy for local communities.







# Offshore

# Offshore

## The Offshore array consists of:

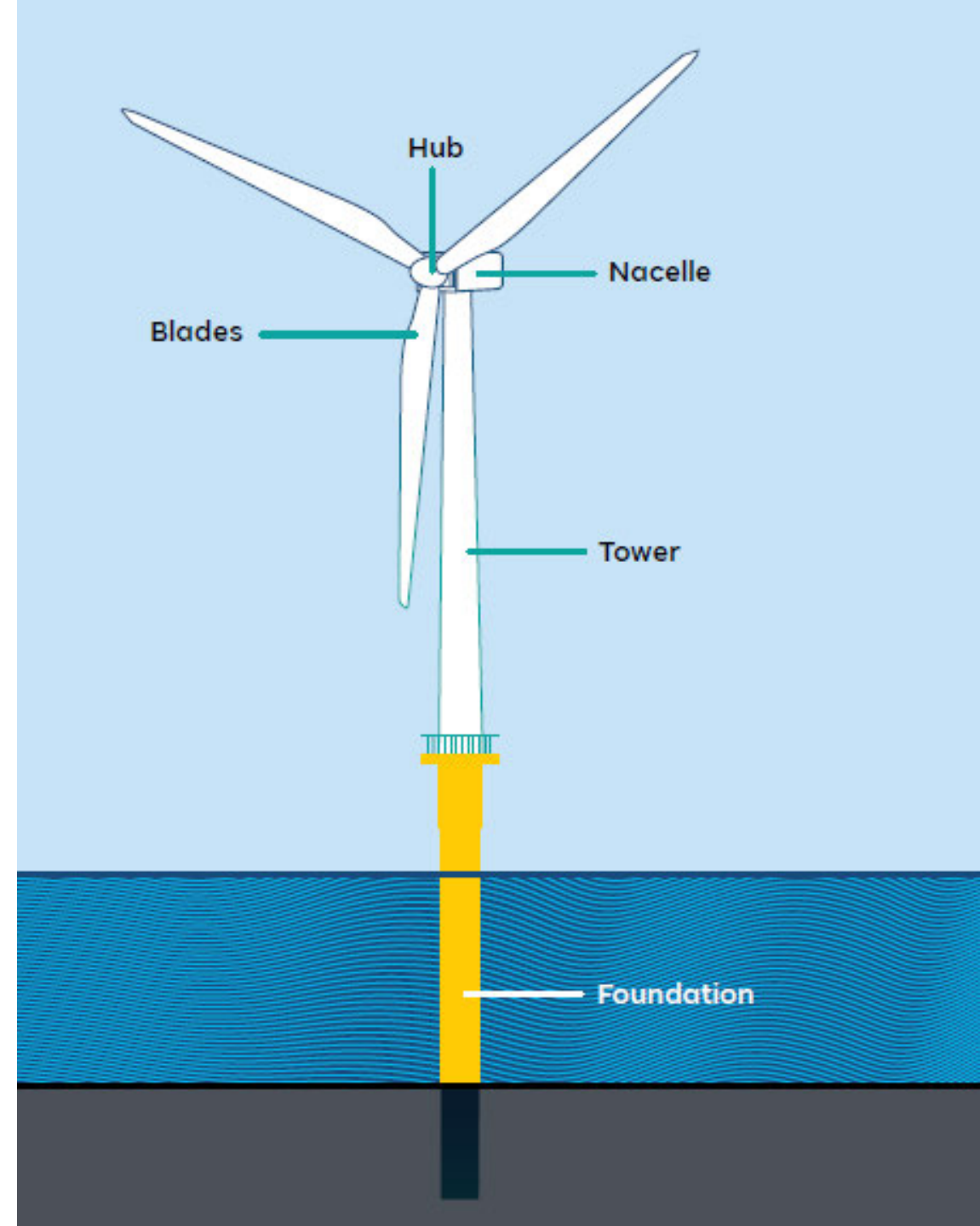
- Wind turbines and foundations;
- Array cables;
- Offshore platforms and substations.

## Wind turbines

- We are planning for DBS East and DBS West to consist of between **48 and 100 wind turbines** each, meaning that across both projects, **96 to 200 wind turbines** would be installed.

## Foundations

- The turbines need to be secured to the seabed using foundations. There are three different foundation types currently being considered for DBS known as **pile jackets**, **suction bucket** and **monopile**.



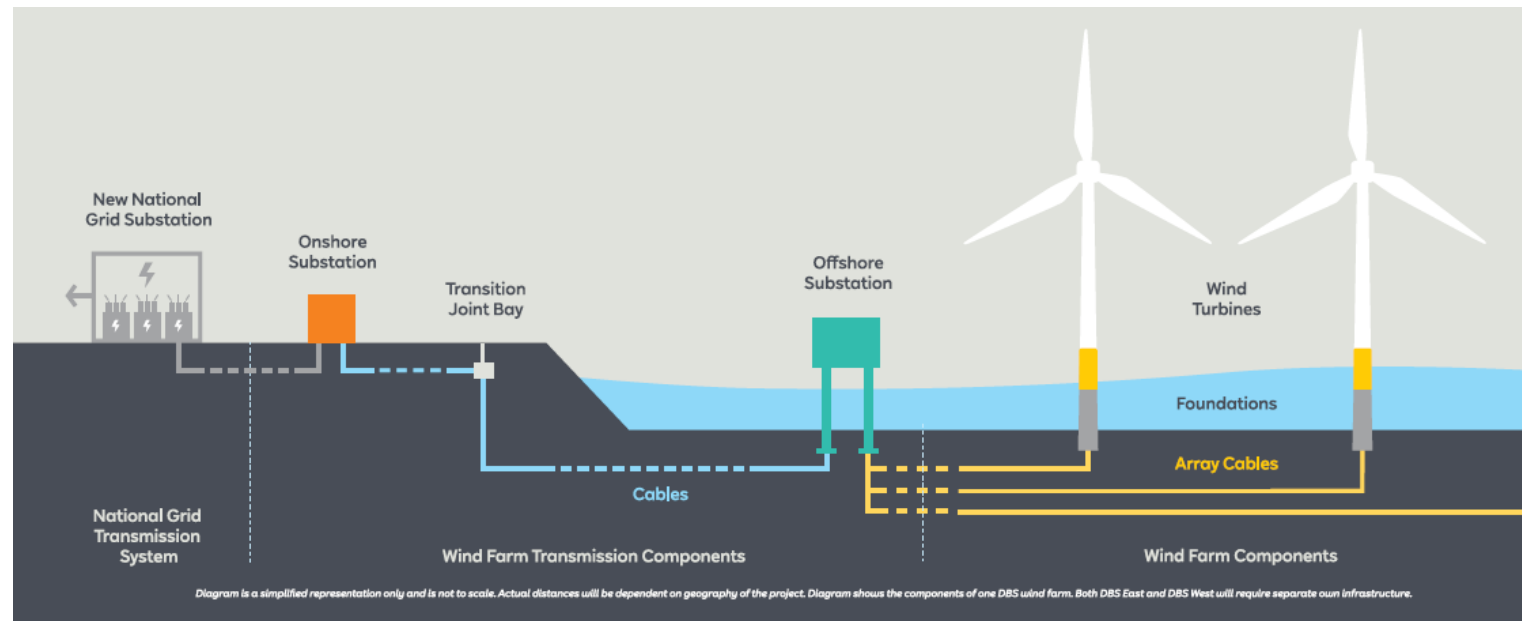
# Offshore

## Array cables

- The maximum total length of the array cables will be 650km. 325km at DBS East and 325km at DBS West.
- The cable diameter is expected to be up to 220mm at both sites.
- The maximum array cable voltage will be up to 132kV.

## Offshore platforms and substations

- There will be up to eleven offshore platforms, including eight offshore substations evenly split across the DBS East and DBS West sites.
- Offshore substations are needed to transform and transfer the energy collected by the wind turbines.







**Onshore**

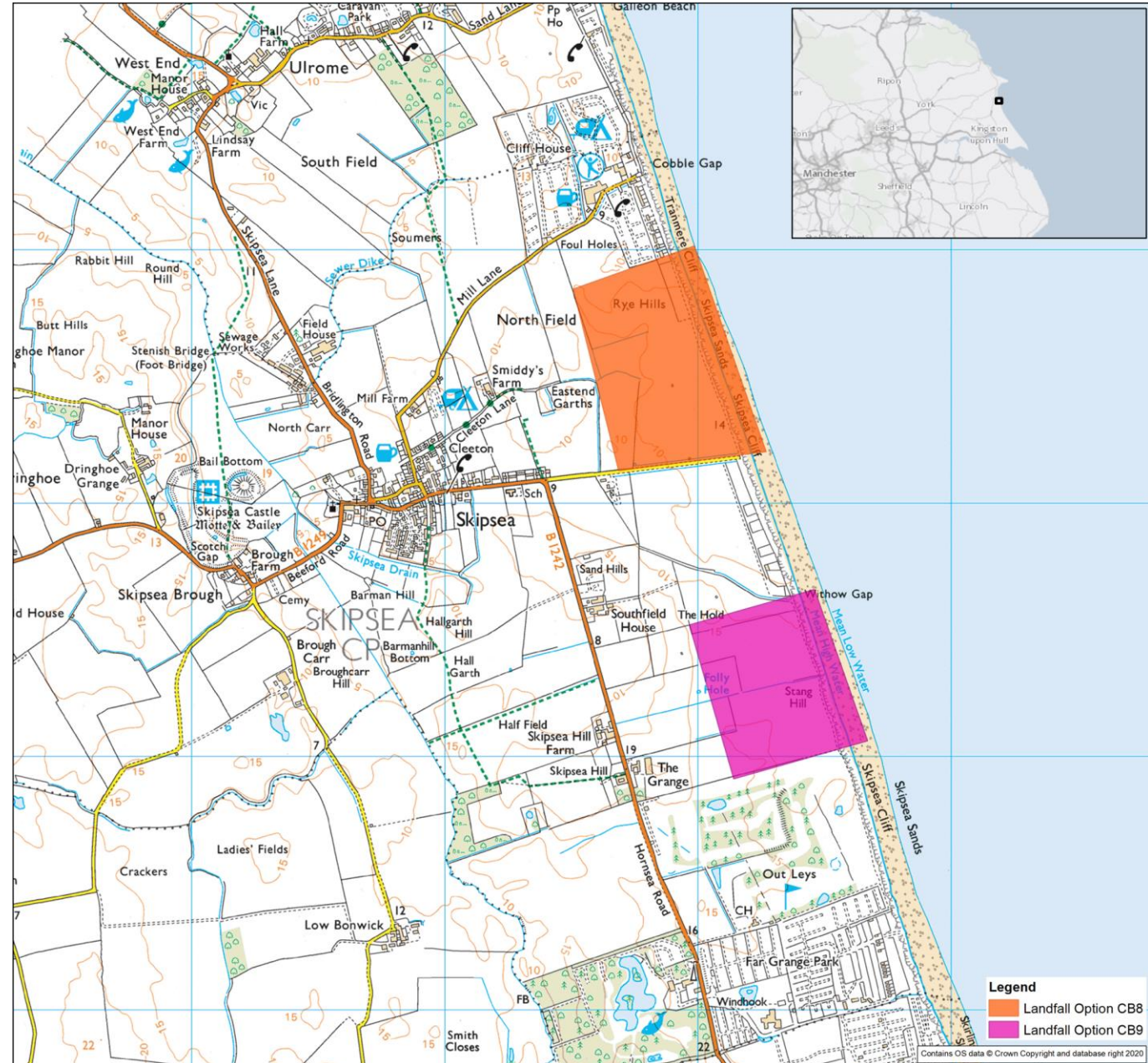
# Onshore

## Landfall selection

- There are two potential zones for where the offshore cables could make landfall, both located near to Skipsea on the North Sea coast of the East Riding of Yorkshire, approximately halfway between Bridlington and Hornsea.

## Transition joint bays

- At the landfall, the offshore cables will connect to the onshore cables in transition joint bays.
- The transition joint bays provide a dry protected environment where the onshore and offshore cables are joined.

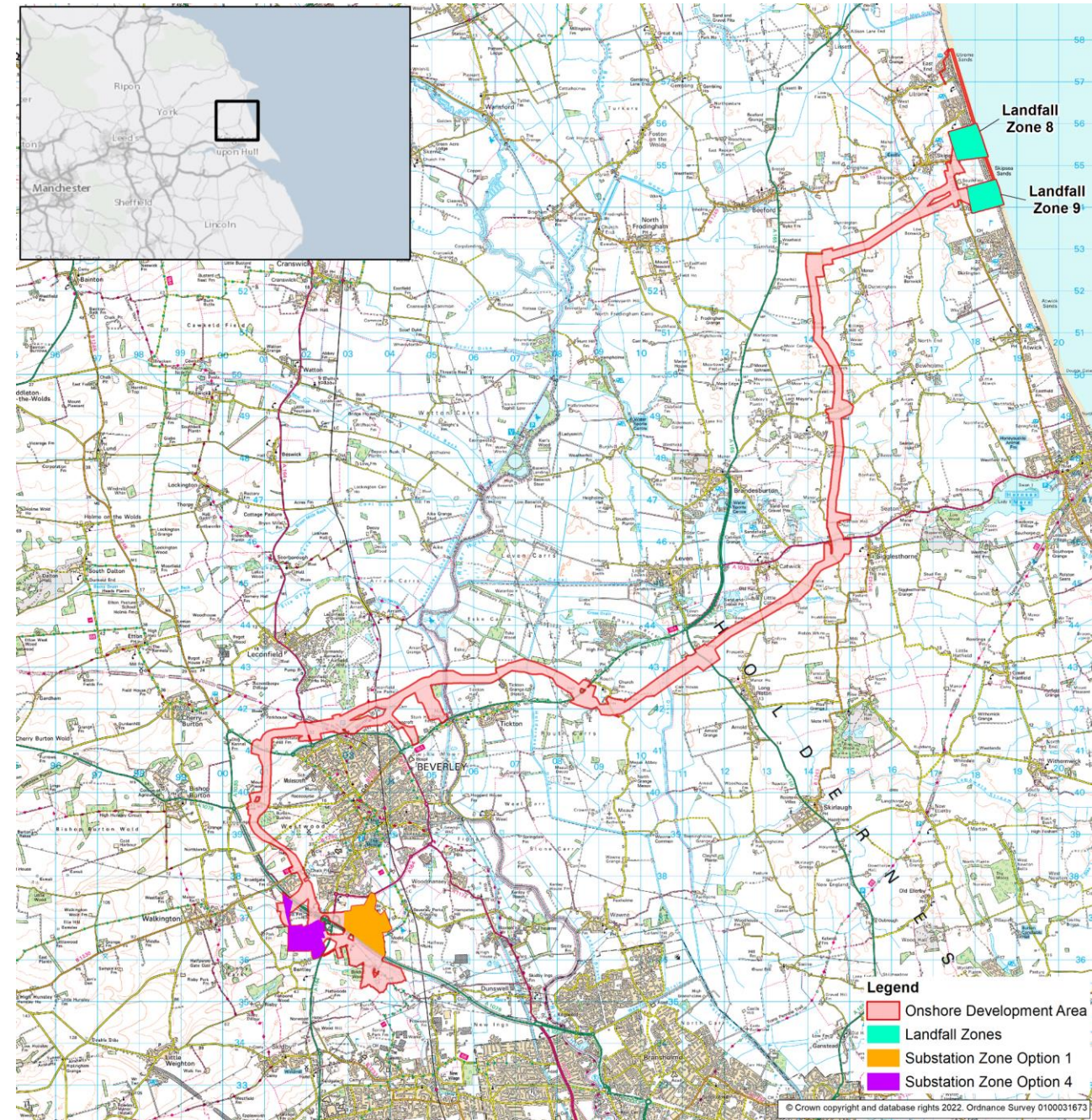




# Onshore

## Cable corridor

- The onshore cable corridor connects the landfall point near Skipsea to two substations, located to the south of Beverley, for transmission into the national grid.
- A 200m wide onshore cable corridor has been considered for the PEIR assessment with an indicative 100m onshore cable corridor presented.





# Onshore

## Substation location scenarios

- The onshore substations will contain the necessary electrical equipment and components for transforming the power from the wind farms to meet the UK Grid Code for connecting to the UK transmission network.

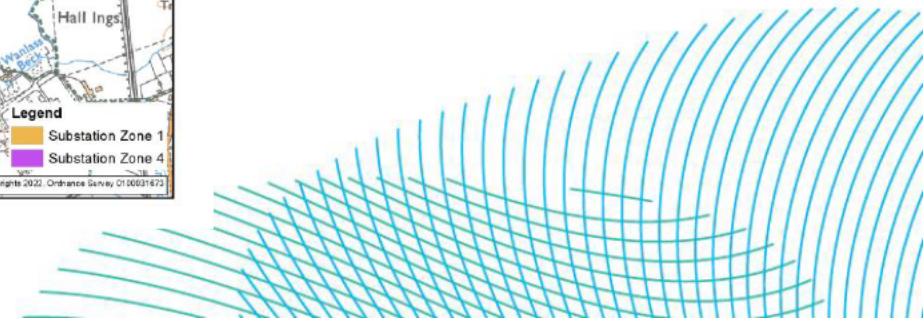
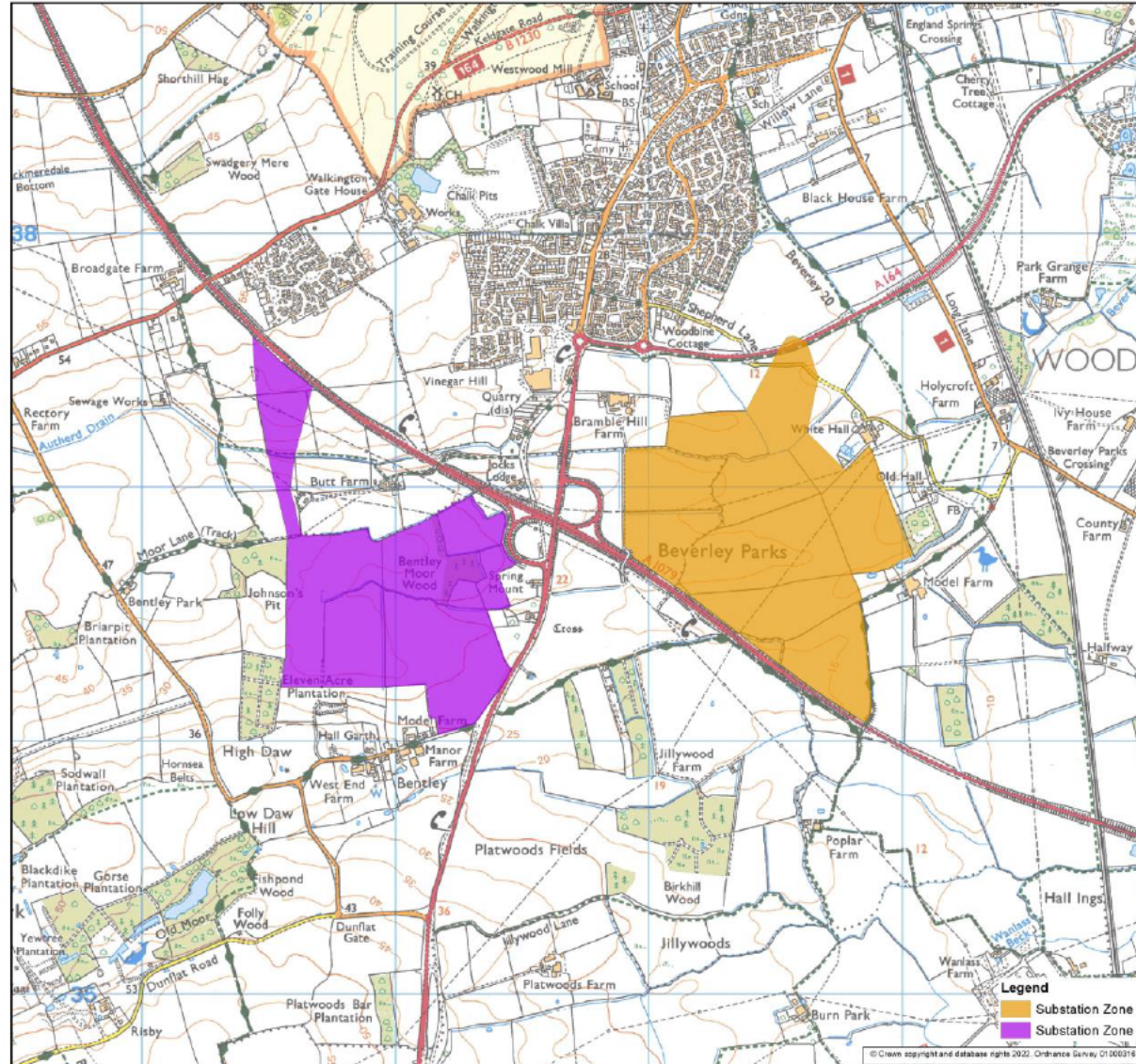
## What will the substations look like?

- Each substation will consist of several buildings housing electrical equipment and unhoused electrical equipment contained within secure fencing.
- The substation equipment is expected to need around 20 hectares (50 acres) of land, in total, across both projects.
- The final dimensions of the substations are dependent on the electrical capacity of the wind farms and the design of the electrical transmission used to transmit electricity to the substation.

We are considering four substation location scenarios across two shortlisted 'zones'.



# Onshore

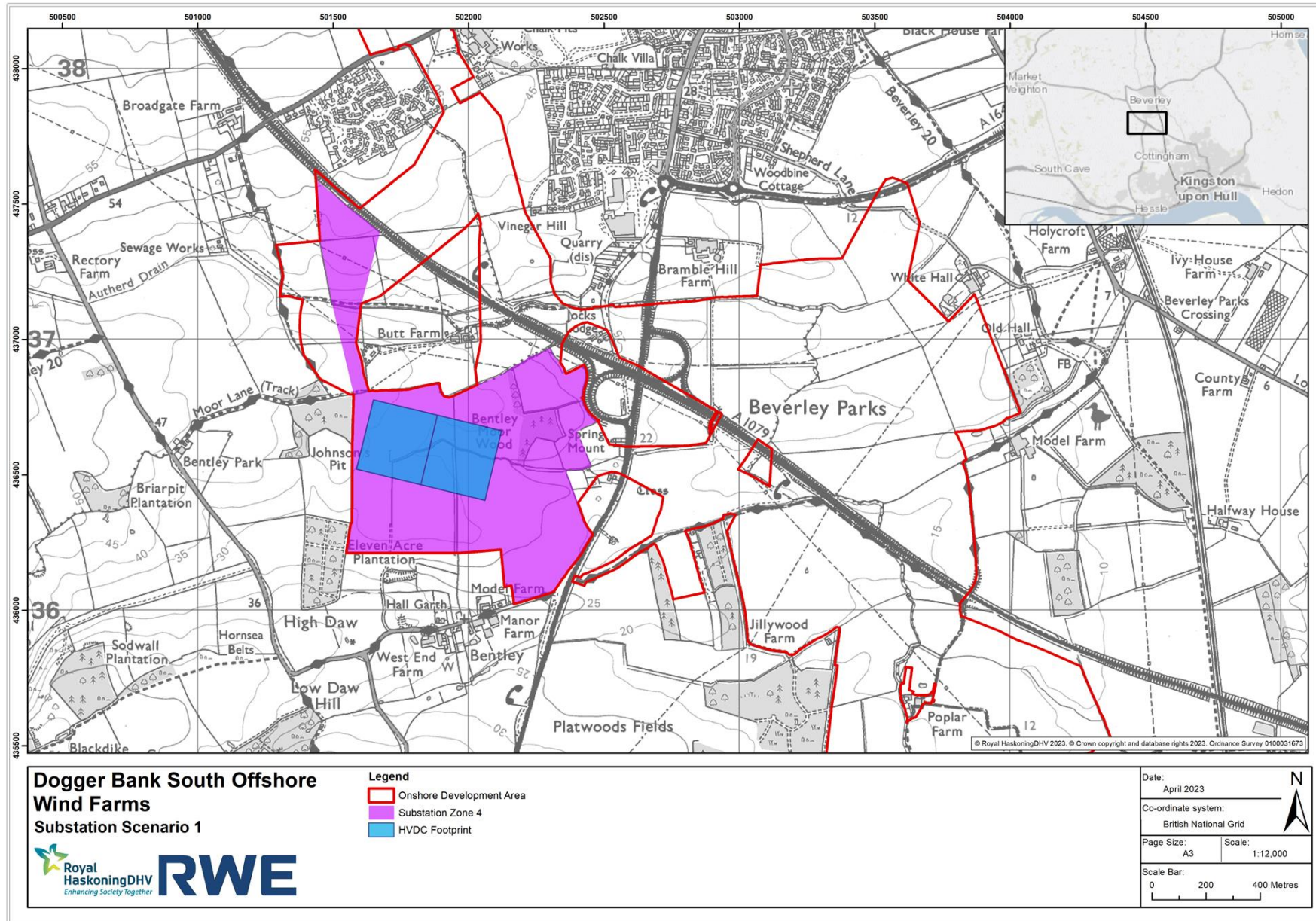




# **Substation location scenarios**

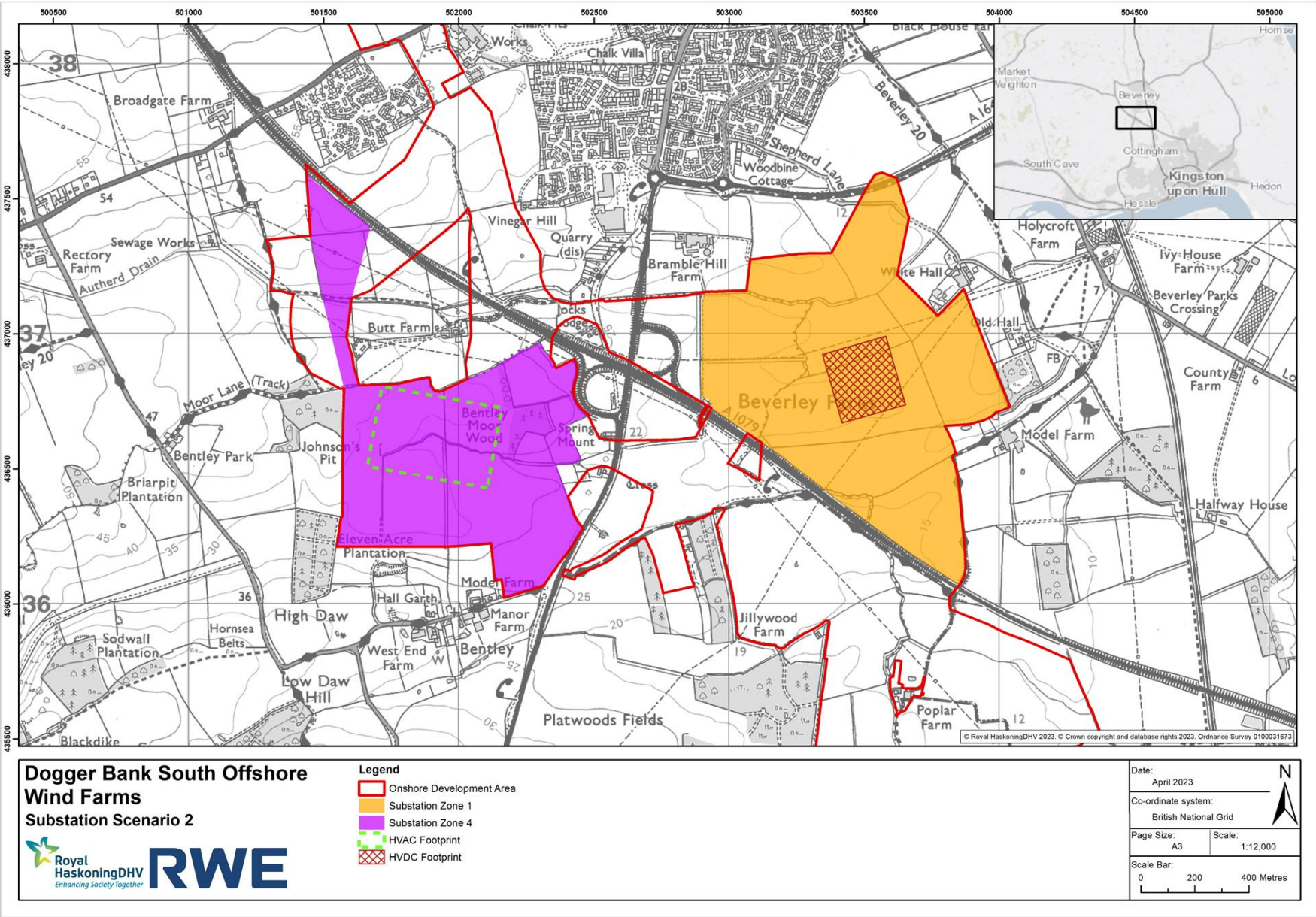


# Substation locations scenario one: 2 x HVDC substations located within Zone 4



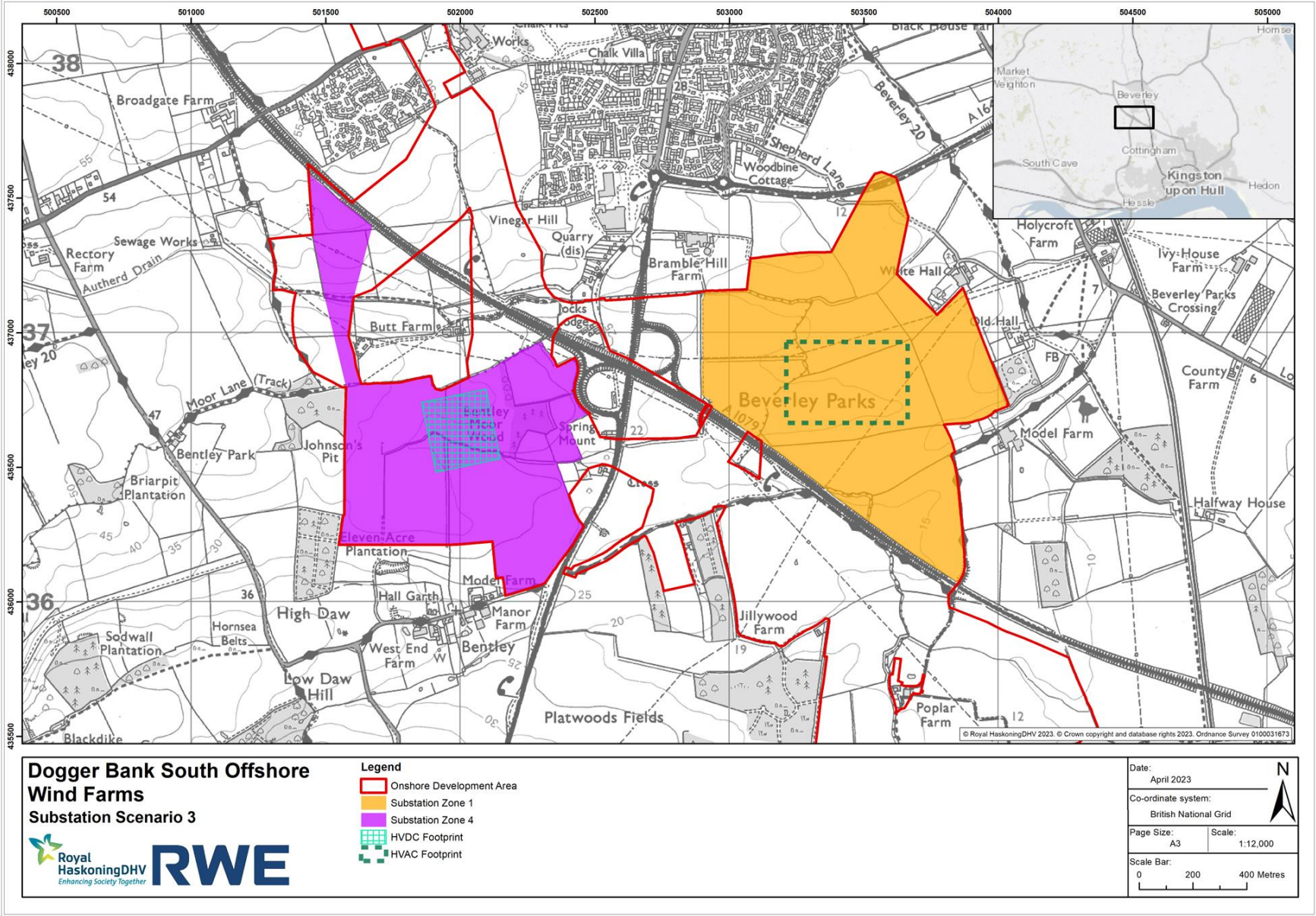


# Substation locations scenario two: 1 x HVAC substation in Zone 4 and 1 x HVDC substation in Zone 1



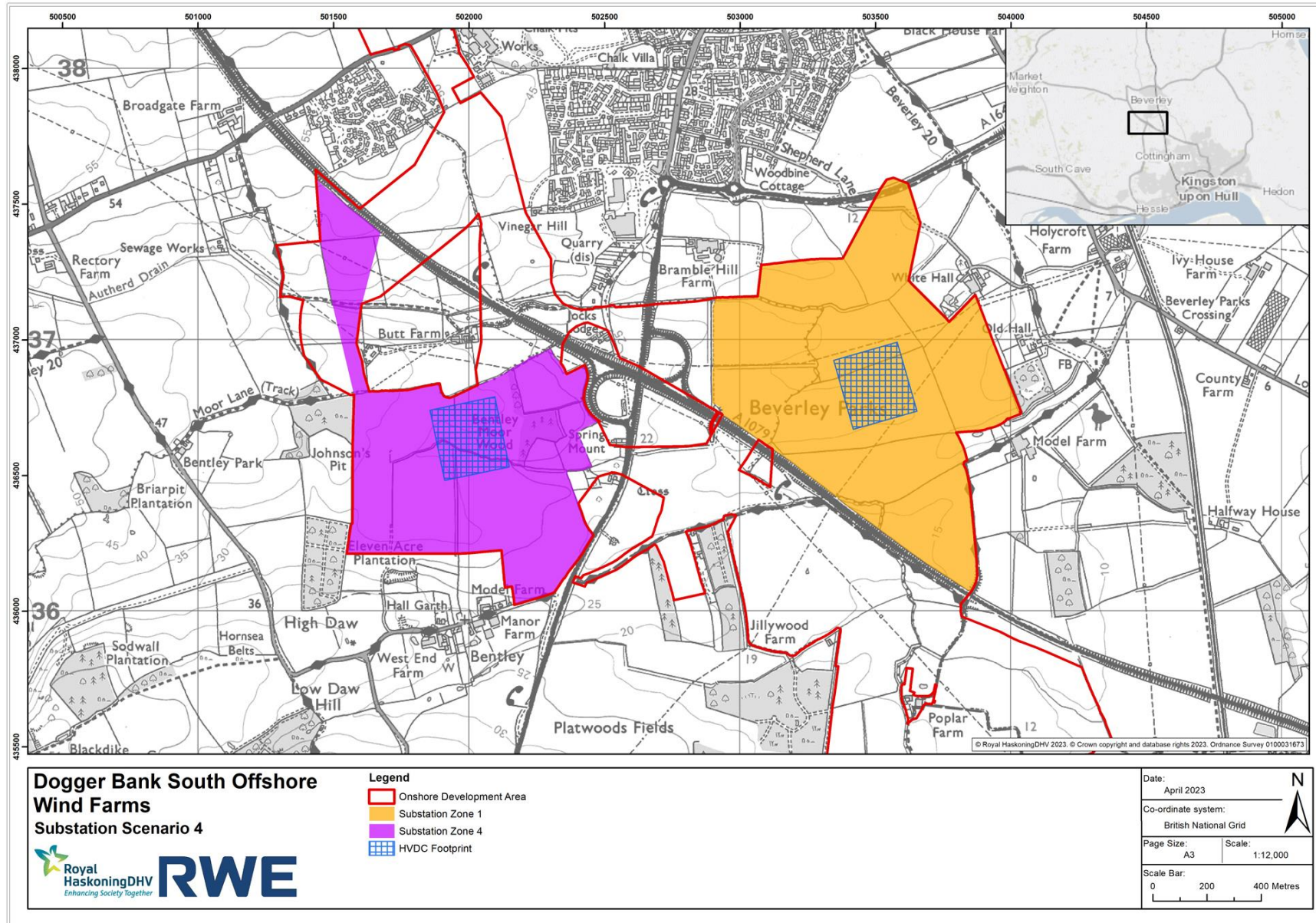


# Substation locations scenario three: 1 x HVDC substation in Zone 4 and 1 x HVAC substation in Zone 1





# Substation locations scenario four: 1 x HVDC substation in Zone 4 and 1 x HVDC substation in Zone 1





# **Construction and commissioning**



# Construction

- RWE is experienced in constructing renewable energy projects, currently operating 10 offshore wind farms across the UK. We aim to be good neighbours, working closely with local communities to ensure the lowest possible impacts from our construction works.
- Construction of DBS could commence as early as 2026, with onshore construction works likely to start first.
- The construction phase is expected to take a maximum of seven years, with completion planned in the early 2030's.



*The Pacific Osprey completing turbine installation at Triton Knoll.*



# Maintenance, repowering and decommissioning

A programme of monitoring and scheduled maintenance will be undertaken throughout the lifetime of the wind farms.

## Typical general maintenance activities include:

- Wind turbine servicing; Oil sampling and changes; Battery changing; Service and inspections of wind turbine Safety equipment, nacelle crane, service lift, high voltage system and blades; Foundation inspection and repair; Cable repair and replacement; Cable remedial reburial; Cable crossing inspection and repair; Unplanned and planned corrective work.



*Maintenance underway at Humber Gateway Offshore Wind Farm*

## Providing your views

- **Online:** at <https://doggerbanksouth.co.uk/> by using the online feedback form or map.
  - **Feedback questionnaire:** available to download or by request.
  - **Freepost:** send your questionnaire or letter to **FREEPOST DBSOWF.**
    - **Email:** email [dbs@rwe.com](mailto:dbs@rwe.com) with your comments.

The consultation is open until **Monday 17 July 2023.**





**Any questions?**





## **Thank you for attending**

Thank everyone for attending and taking part in our webinar this evening.

If you have any questions, would like information or help in taking part in the consultation, please contact the team.

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