

A coastal landscape featuring a sandy path leading through sparse, dry grasses and low-lying shrubs. The path curves from the foreground towards the right, eventually leading to a flat, sandy beach area. The sky is filled with soft, grey clouds, suggesting an overcast day. The overall scene is a natural, somewhat desolate coastal environment.

# Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind

## Consultation Report

### Appendix 5.1.8 Phase 1A Consultation Documentation

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**We will also be holding a virtual exhibition on our website – [www.outerdowsing.com](http://www.outerdowsing.com) from 21 February – 21 March where you can view the information from the consultation events and find out more about our proposals.**  
**The deadline for commenting on this phase of consultation is 21 March 2023.**

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## **Annex 5.1.8C Leaflet issued to residents in Phase 1A Consultation Zone**



# ALTERNATIVE ROUTE OPTION CONSULTATION



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# ABOUT OUTER DOWSING OFFSHORE WIND

We are writing to you to update you on the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind project and some amendments to our original proposals.

Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind is a proposed offshore wind farm located approximately 54 kilometres off the coast of Lincolnshire, together with associated offshore and onshore transmission infrastructure. The offshore export cables from the offshore wind turbines are proposed to make landfall south of Anderby Creek.

From the landfall, the cables would continue underground to one of two different connection points still under consideration by National Grid – a connection to the existing overhead line circuits at Weston Marsh (north of Spalding) or to a proposed new National Grid substation (east of Alford).

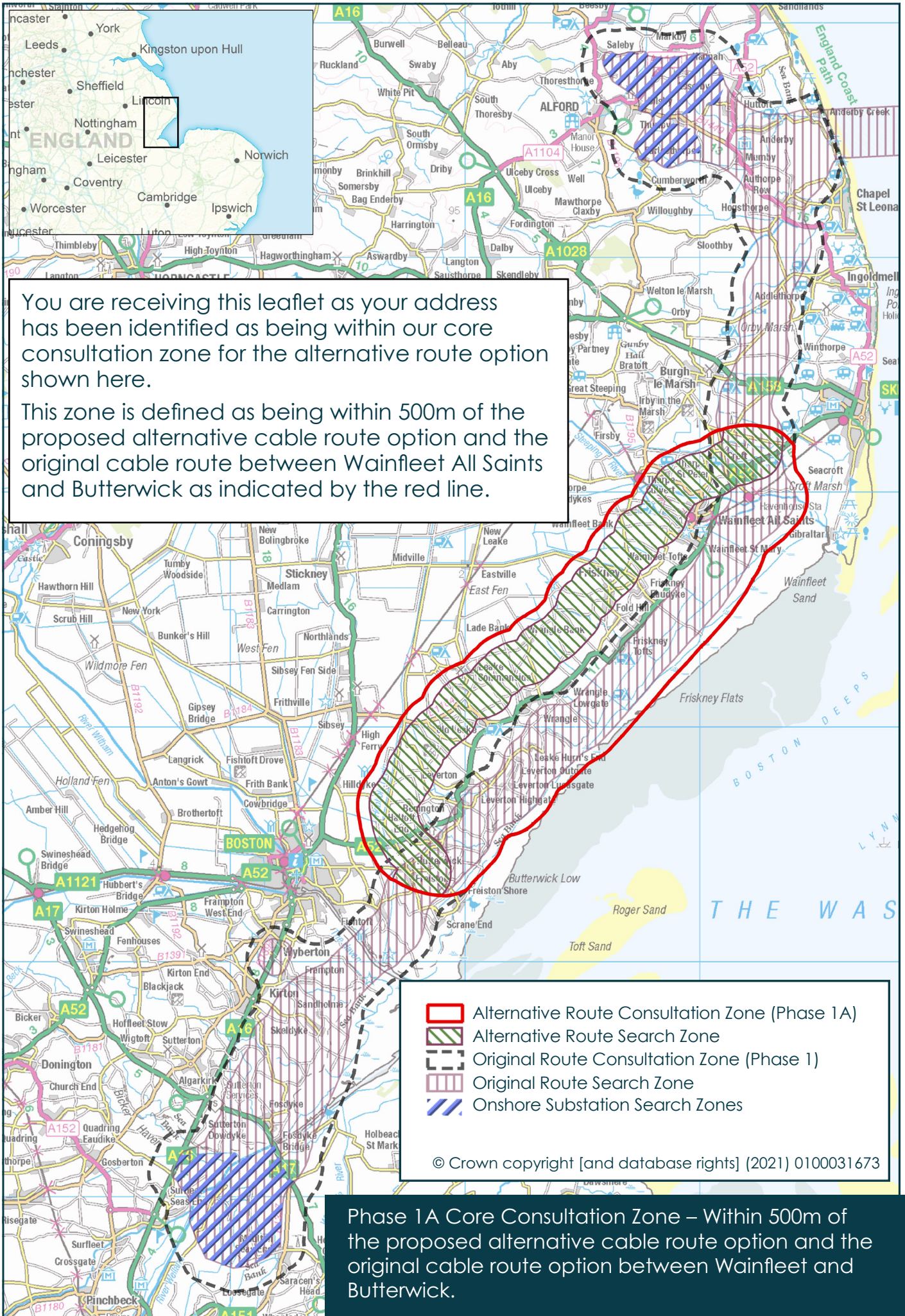
Between 1 November and 29 November we held our Phase 1 public consultation including public information days at Anderby, Wainfleet All Saints, Butterwick and Fosdyke. The purpose of the consultation was to introduce the project's proposals to the local communities and, as such, give local communities the opportunity to influence the design and development processes before the submission of the Development Consent Order application. Outer Dowsing's aim is to develop its proposals collaboratively and responsibly, taking account of local community interests.

## ALTERNATIVE ROUTE OPTION

We were given a great deal of valuable feedback on various elements of the proposed cable route which we have taken some time to process and understand.

Taking on board the information received during the Phase 1 public consultation along with guidance from our environmental and engineering team and our site surveys/meetings, we are now also considering a potential alternative to the central section of the proposed onshore cable corridor to the Weston Marsh option between Wainfleet All Saints and Butterwick. Details of the proposed alternative route option are shown on the map opposite. At this time, both routes remain as possible options which will be considered pending further feedback and studies.

The project is planning to present an indicative 300m wide onshore cable corridor within the alternative route search zone at the Phase 1A consultation events (see back page). We welcome your views and local knowledge on the alternative route search zone and, once available, the indicative cable corridor. Feedback from the consultation exercise (and further studies) will help inform the final cable route location and project area. Whilst the width of the cable corridor may fluctuate along the route to account for specific environmental or engineering constraints, the project will require a typical working width of 80m during cable construction, reducing to a typical 60m wide corridor post construction.



You are receiving this leaflet as your address has been identified as being within our core consultation zone for the alternative route option shown here.

This zone is defined as being within 500m of the proposed alternative cable route option and the original cable route between Wainfleet All Saints and Butterwick as indicated by the red line.

-  Alternative Route Consultation Zone (Phase 1A)
-  Alternative Route Search Zone
-  Original Route Consultation Zone (Phase 1)
-  Original Route Search Zone
-  Onshore Substation Search Zones

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Phase 1A Core Consultation Zone – Within 500m of the proposed alternative cable route option and the original cable route option between Wainfleet and Butterwick.

# WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS

Early engagement with local communities is key to how we want to work.

We have arranged a number of different channels to listen to your views.

We will be holding two consultation events on the alternative route option where you can come and learn more about the proposals and let us know your thoughts. There is no need to register for these events - please pop by at your leisure to review our proposals and chat to the Project team:


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If you can't make it along to the consultation events, we will also be hosting a virtual exhibition on our website at [www.outerdowsing.com](http://www.outerdowsing.com) between the 21 February and 21 March 2023.

The deadline for commenting on this phase of consultation is **21 March 2023**.

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## **Annex 5.1.8D Panels as presented in the Phase 1A Consultation events and virtual exhibition**



# Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Exhibition Panels



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# Welcome

**Welcome to our public exhibition for the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Project. We are committed to working with local communities and stakeholders to help shape our proposals and we invite you to ask any questions you have and to provide your feedback.**

We are keen to hear your views and take on board your local knowledge to put communities and the environment at the forefront of our Project.

**Members of the Project team are here today to help answer any questions you may have, as well as to listen to your ideas, thoughts or concerns on the proposals to date. We invite you to complete or take home a questionnaire before you leave.**

## Introduction to the Project and Partners

The Project is a proposed offshore windfarm located approximately 54 kilometres off the coast of Lincolnshire, England. The project comprises a 1.5GW offshore generating station, and offshore and onshore transmission infrastructure.

Working in partnership, we are committed to delivering a brighter future for the Greater Lincolnshire area. Our next generation offshore wind farm will help form the backbone of the UK's net-zero energy system, engaging communities, delivering opportunities, and empowering transformational environmental change.

Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind is being developed by Corio Generation (a wholly-owned Green Investment Group portfolio company) and TotalEnergies.

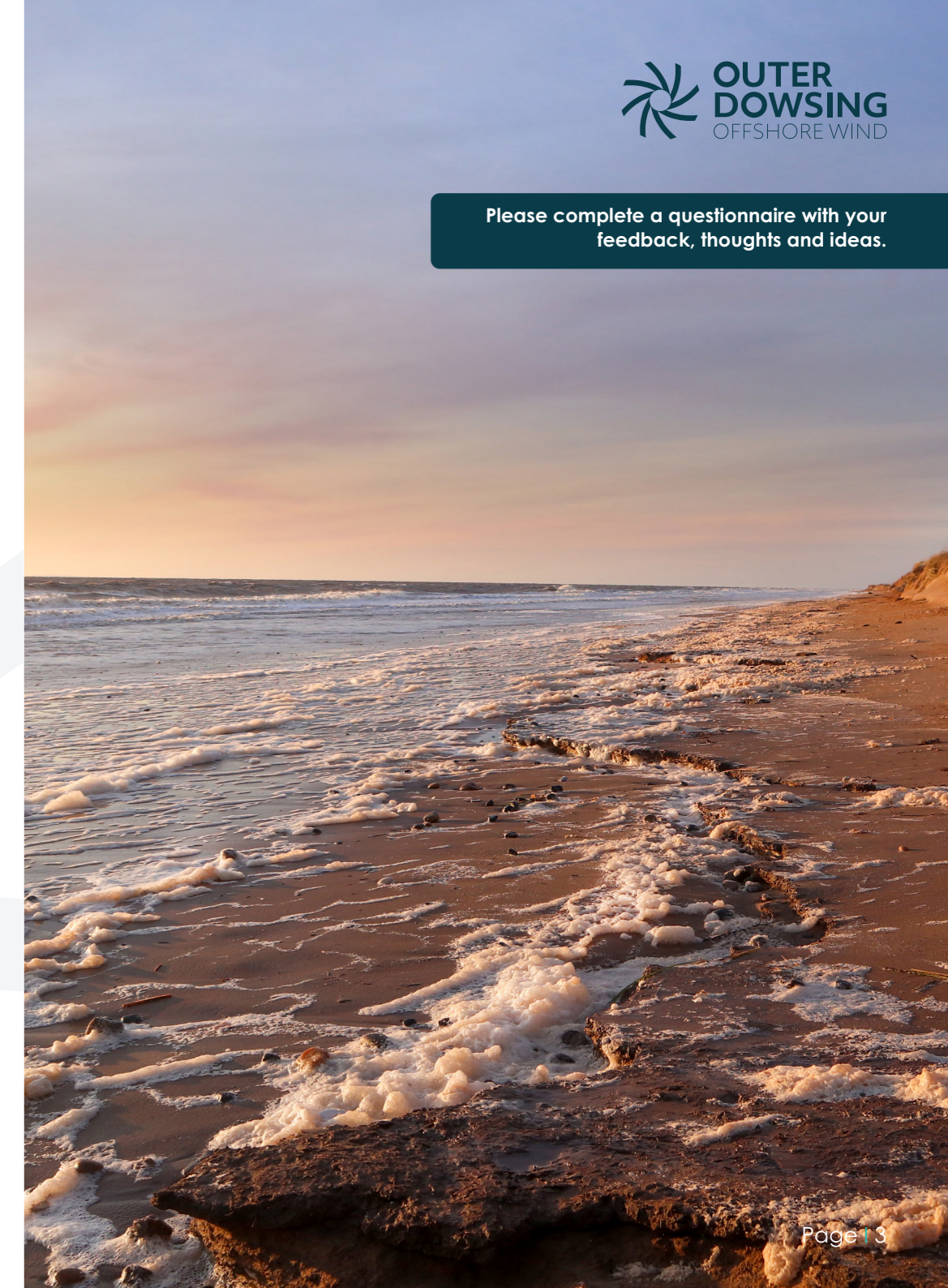


TotalEnergies, as part of its ambition to be a world-class player in the energy transition, is developing its offshore wind power portfolio worldwide. TotalEnergies' offshore wind power portfolio comprises 6 gigawatts (GW) of projects under construction or development, including 2GW set to be in production by 2025.

Corio Generation is a specialist offshore wind business, dedicated to harnessing renewable energy worldwide. With a project pipeline of over 20GW, Corio Generation's global team take projects from origination, through development and construction, and into operations.



**Please complete a questionnaire with your feedback, thoughts and ideas.**



# Site Selection

## Offshore Wind Leasing Round 4

In early 2021, the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind project was successful in a competitive process run by The Crown Estate, for a 1.5GW offshore windfarm in the Southern North Sea as part of the UK's Offshore Wind Leasing Round 4. This process culminated in entering an Agreement for Lease in January 2023.

Together, the six Round 4 projects awarded under the Round 4 leasing process, represent just under 8 GW of potential new offshore wind capacity with the opportunity to deliver clean electricity to millions of UK homes and create employment opportunities across the country.

## A Coordinated Approach to Grid Connections

With the UK Government setting ambitious targets to help meet its climate change and energy security goals, the amount of offshore wind in the UK is expected to grow fourfold between 2022 and 2030.

Originally built over 50 years ago to transport electricity from a network of coal-fired power stations, National Grid's transmission network is now evolving to bring clean, renewable energy from a new generation of offshore wind farms to customers throughout Great Britain.

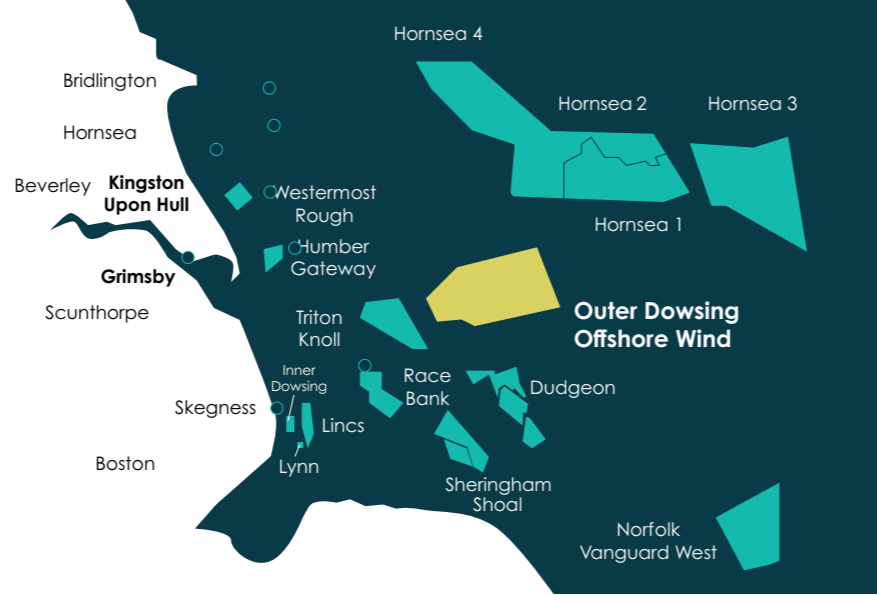
In 2020, the Government, with support from the energy regulator Ofgem and National Grid Electricity System Operator (ESO) launched the Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR), aiming to establish an efficient, coordinated approach to network connection and development.

In July 2022 the OTNR proposed two possible connection options for Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind - Weston Marsh and Lincolnshire Node - with a final decision expected in Spring/ Summer 2023.

Based on this, Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind has commenced a process of site selection to determine suitable search zones for offshore and onshore infrastructure for both the Weston Marsh and Lincolnshire Node connection options. For further information on the possible grid connection locations and our onshore infrastructure, please see the 'Our Onshore Proposals' panel.

## Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR)

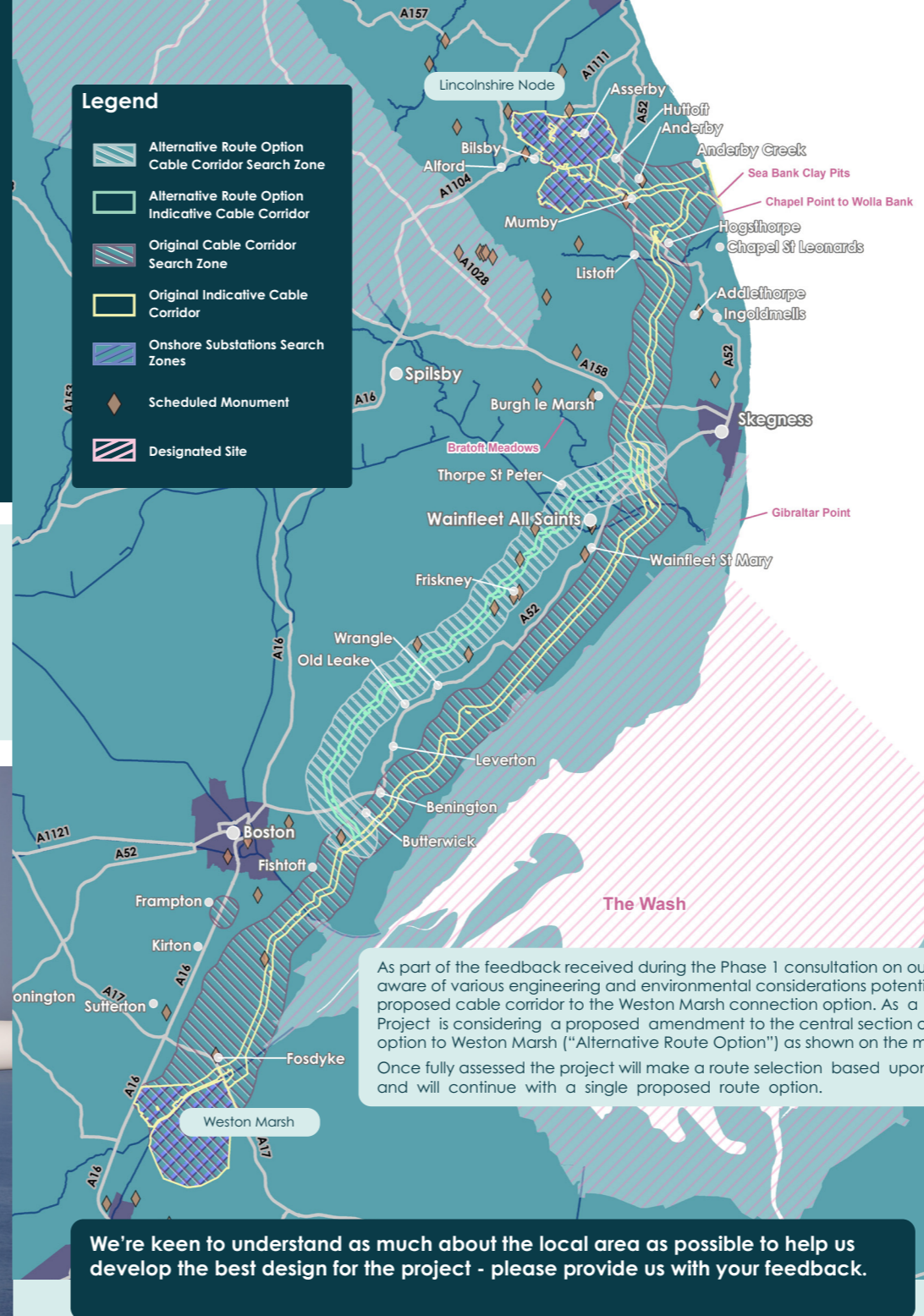
The objective of the OTNR is 'to ensure that the transmission connections for offshore wind generation are delivered in the most appropriate way, considering the increased ambition for offshore wind to achieve net zero. This will be done with a view to finding the appropriate balance between environmental, social and economic costs'



## Our Studies

To further understand the local environment, guide the design of the Project, and inform the extent of any potential impacts it may have, a broad variety of surveys are being undertaken.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report will present the findings of these surveys along with proposed mitigation and management measures.



As part of the feedback received during the Phase 1 consultation on our original route, we were made aware of various engineering and environmental considerations potentially affecting the original proposed cable corridor to the Weston Marsh connection option. As a result of this feedback, the Project is considering a proposed amendment to the central section of the onshore cable route option to Weston Marsh ("Alternative Route Option") as shown on this panel.

Once fully assessed the project will make a route selection based upon the full information available and will continue with a single proposed route option.

**We're keen to understand as much about the local area as possible to help us develop the best design for the project - please provide us with your feedback.**

# Our Onshore Proposals



The offshore export cables from the offshore wind turbines are proposed to make landfall south of Anderby Creek. From the landfall, the cables would continue underground to one of two different connection points still under consideration by National Grid – a connection to the existing overhead line circuits at Weston Marsh (north of Spalding) or to a proposed new National Grid connection point (east of Alford). We are therefore looking to locate our onshore infrastructure within or close to the Search Zones as shown on the map on this panel. Read on for more information on each of the key areas.

## Alternative Route Option Search Zone & Indicative Cable Corridor

We are inviting comments on the Alternative Route Search Zone and indicative cable corridor, as shown on the map opposite. The cable corridor is a refined area of search (c. 300m wide) for the placement of the onshore cables. Whilst the width of the cable corridor may fluctuate along the route to account for specific environmental or engineering constraints, the project will require a typical working width of 80m during cable construction, reducing to a typical 60m wide corridor post construction.

## Onshore Substations Search Zones

Until we have secured a final grid connection, we currently have two search zones for the onshore substation & associated infrastructure required to connect to the National Grid transmission system. Only one of these zones, along with the associated onshore cable route will be progressed once a final connection point is confirmed.

For the Weston Marsh connection option, the overall footprint of substation works for Outer Dowsing and the National Grid enabling works required to connect to the existing National Grid transmission system is anticipated to have a maximum footprint of 9.2 hectares for the operational substation footprint and 18 hectares for the total land take to include mitigation and drainage. Some overhead line modifications will be required at, or near to, the ODOW/National Grid substation(s) to facilitate the connection of our project at this location.

For the Lincolnshire Node connection option, the combination of the Outer Dowsing substation and the planned National Grid wider reinforcement works is likely to require a larger footprint, however the details of these plans are not yet known.

Further detail on works required to connect the project to the National Grid transmission system are anticipated to be available upon conclusion of the OTNR process, including information on what aspects of the required National Grid works would be included in the Outer Dowsing DCO (See our Panel on "the Application Process" for information on what a DCO is and why we need one).

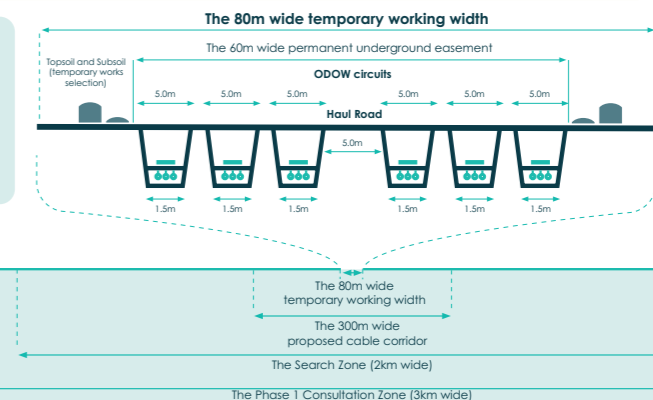
## Original Cable Corridor Search Zone & Indicative Cable Corridor

The original cable search zone and corridor reflect our proposals as presented in our Phase 1 Consultation Events. Both of these original routes alongside the alternative route option are still under consideration. We also welcome your feedback and thoughts on these proposals.

## Landfall Search Zone

The landfall search zone has been selected through environmental and technical assessments. There is only one landfall search zone as this has been assessed as the optimum search zone for both connection options.

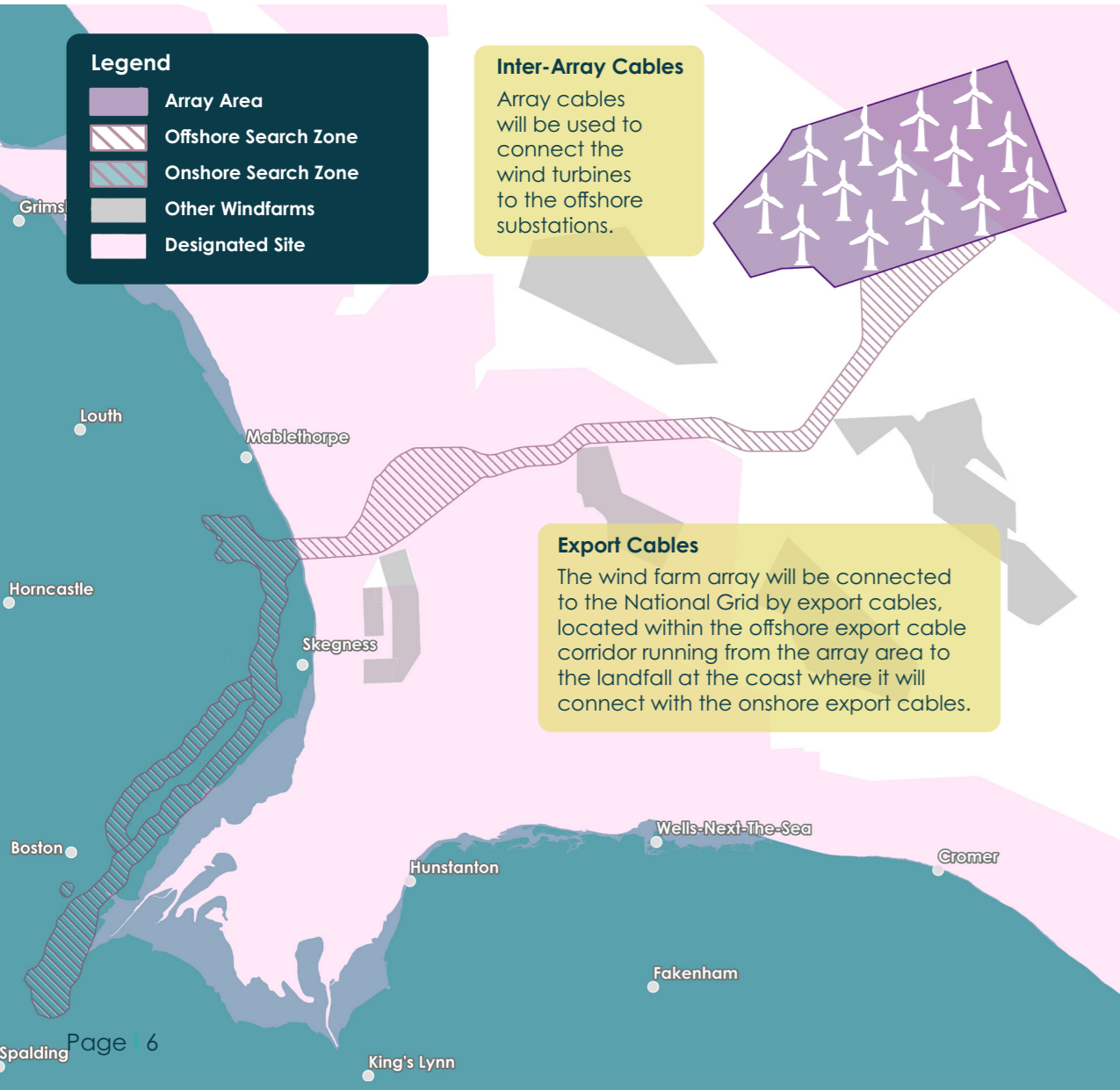
Once the cable route has been constructed, land will be reinstated and agricultural activities will resume.





# Our Offshore Proposal

The offshore elements of The Project consist of an offshore wind turbine array, located approximately 54km east of the Lincolnshire coast, along with offshore platforms, and export cables to connect the electricity generated to the National Grid.



## Wind Turbine Array Area

The Project design envelope allows for a maximum of 100 wind turbines, with a maximum tip height of 403m LAT (Lowest Astronomical Tide). A number of different foundation types are being considered, including monopiles, pin piles, jackets, suction buckets and gravity base foundations.

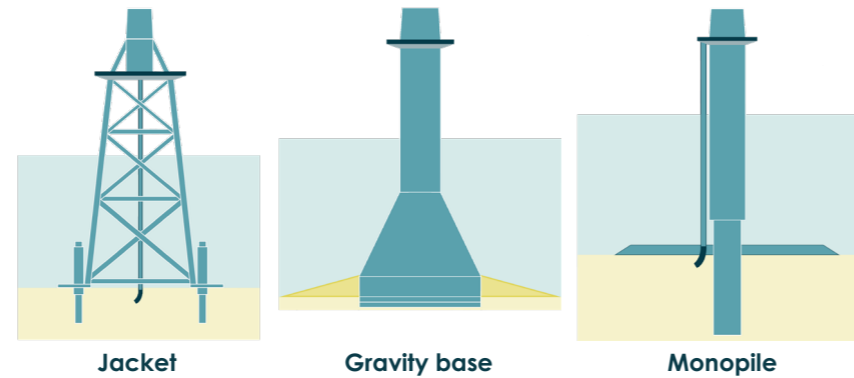
The offshore wind array area currently covers approximately 500 km<sup>2</sup> but as part of the ongoing EIA process, and in consultation with relevant stakeholders the size of the array area will be refined to 300 km<sup>2</sup> prior to construction.

The final wind turbine layout will be determined once the design optimisation process has been completed. This process will balance a range of key considerations including wind turbine design, foundation structure, turbine spacing, seabed characteristics, metocean conditions, wind direction, benthic habitats, navigational safety and fisheries considerations amongst other factors.

## Offshore Platforms

Up to seven offshore platforms may be required for the Project. This includes offshore substation platforms hosting electrical systems to collect the power generated by the wind turbines and export it (through the export cable) to shore, and other platforms including the option to use a reactive compensation platform located along the export cable corridor, or accommodation platforms within the offshore array.

## Typical Foundation Types



We're keen to understand as much about the local area as possible to help us develop the best design for the project - please provide us with your feedback.

# Managing Impacts

## Reducing and Mitigating Impacts

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is a process which identifies and assesses the potential environmental effects of a development. It informs the design of the Project from both an environmental and social perspective and identifies mitigation measures to minimise and manage the impacts of the Project on the surrounding people and environment.

Mitigation is a critical component of the EIA process. It aims to reduce or prevent adverse impacts from happening and to keep those that do occur within an acceptable level. Opportunities for impact mitigation will occur throughout the project cycle and we will work with the principles of mitigation to avoid, minimise and offset potential significant environmental impacts of the project.











## Delivering Transformational Environmental Change

As well as minimising any adverse environmental impacts of the project through innovative and environmentally sensitive design, we are committed to delivering Biodiversity Net Gain as part of our project. This means that we will aim to leave the natural environment in a measurably better state than what it is now.

Working with stakeholders and local communities we will seek to identify opportunities to improve the environment at a local level. For example, by implementing measures to create an improved environment for species and habitats, for the benefit of people and nature. We welcome any feedback or ideas you may have on possible environmental gain in the local area.

## Surveys

To further understand the local environment, guide the design of the Project, and inform the extent of any potential impacts it may have, a number of detailed surveys are being undertaken.

 Geophysical Surveys: look at the profile of the seafloor	 Geotechnical Surveys: look at what the sea floor is made of	 Wind Resource Monitoring: measures the speed and direction of the wind	 Metocean Surveys: measure wave height and tide/current over time	 Ecology surveys which assess the habitat, flora and fauna present (offshore and onshore)
 Birds and Marine Mammal Surveys	 Navigational Surveys	 Archaeology (offshore and onshore)	 Noise	 Traffic, transport and public access

Do you agree with our proposed survey approach?

Do you have any ideas or feedback on how we can help deliver positive environmental change in the local area, for example for biodiversity, for people, for the planet?

# Engaging With Stakeholders

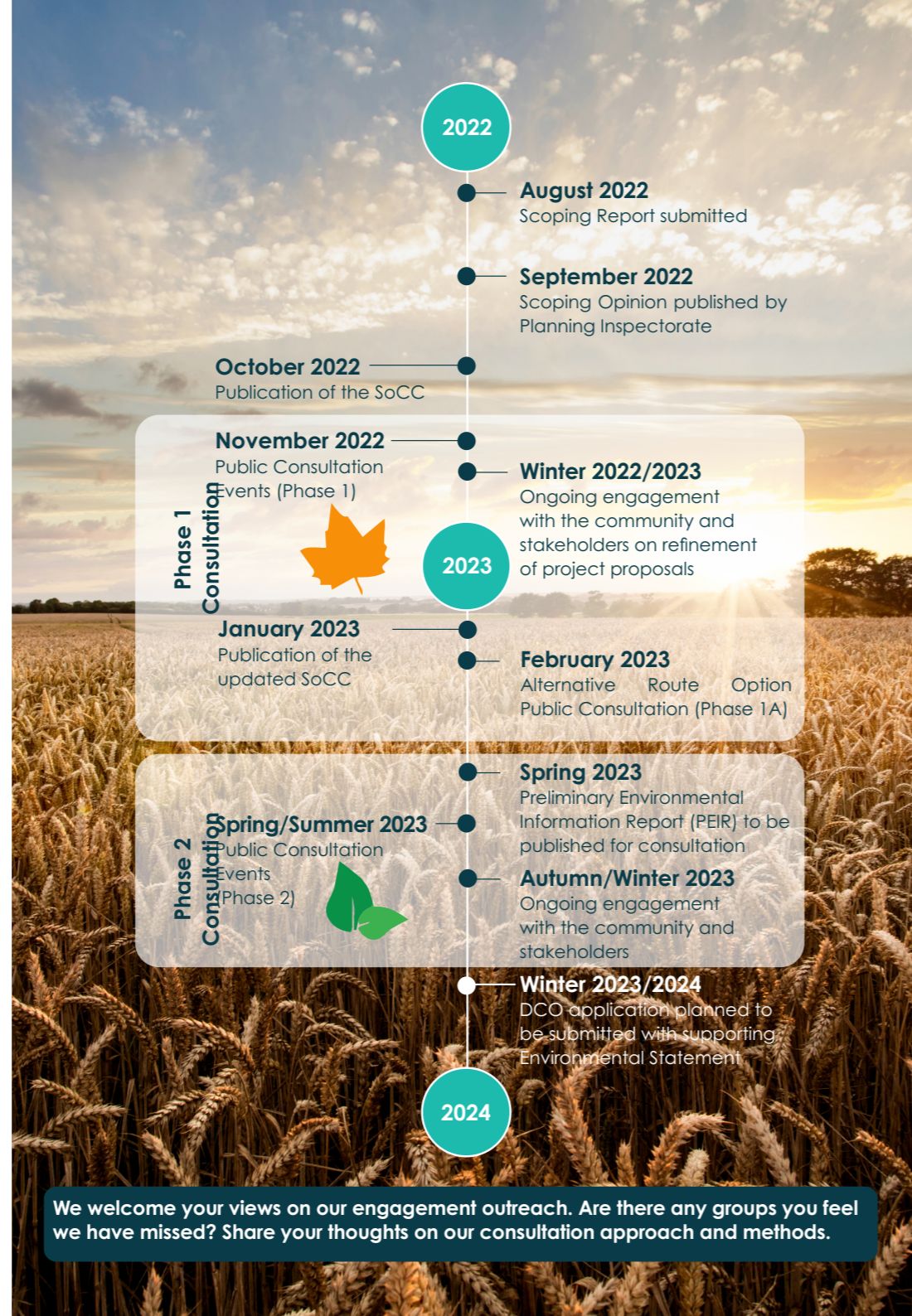
We believe effective engagement with stakeholders is the best way to deliver a sustainable Project that maximises economic and environmental benefits. The Project team is fully committed to engage early and regularly with stakeholders to build long-term relationships based on mutual trust and respect.

We encourage you and your local community to give your views on how the Project may affect you or your local area and we are seeking feedback to help develop the Project's proposals regarding, but not limited to:

- Our onshore proposals, including our proposed cable corridors landfall search zone and onshore substation search zones
- Our offshore proposals, including the offshore array area and offshore cable corridor search zone
- Our Engagement strategy and consultation methods
- Lessons learned from previous projects locally to help improve our processes
- How we can deliver a substantive and enduring benefit to local communities

## Aim of the Consultation

The aim of the Project's Consultation is to ensure that you or anyone that has the potential to be directly affected by the Project is made aware of the Project's proposals and has an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. Furthermore, your feedback and that received from local communities will have the potential to influence the development of our proposals.



We welcome your views on our engagement outreach. Are there any groups you feel we have missed? Share your thoughts on our consultation approach and methods.

# The Application Process

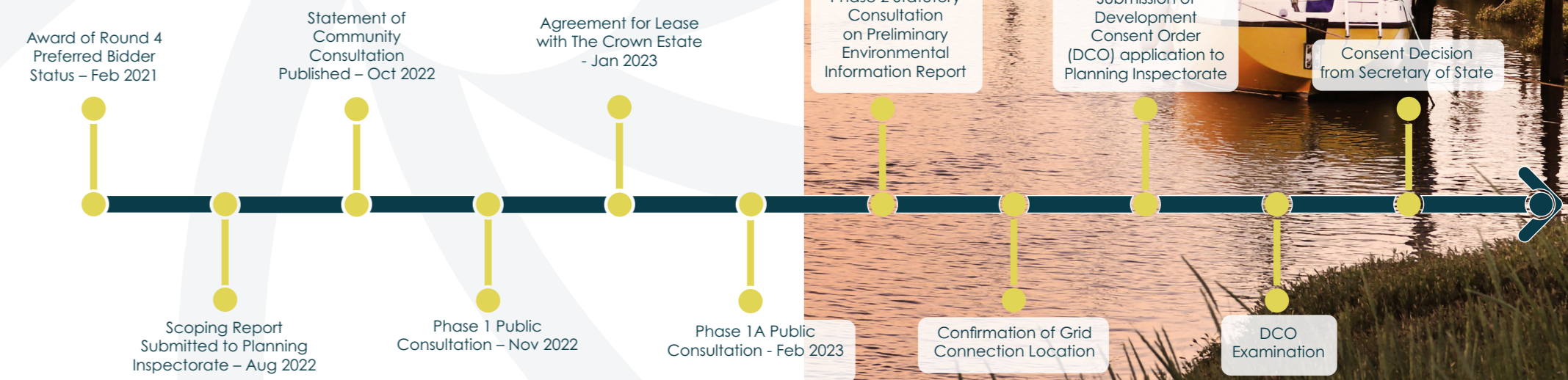
Offshore wind developments of more than 100MW are considered Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects and require a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build and operate.

The DCO process was created to streamline the consenting of large infrastructure projects and to ensure transparency and facilitate public participation.

The DCO application process will be managed by the Planning Inspectorate and examined by an Examining Authority, which will produce a recommendations report, before a decision is made by the Secretary of State.

The Local Planning Authority and Marine Management Organisation play an important consultative role in the process.

If granted, the DCO will consent the offshore wind farm, the cables and associated electrical infrastructure as well as the onshore grid connection works (and any other associated development included in the application).



## Project Need

The UK Government has ambitious plans to have 50GW of operating offshore wind capacity installed by 2030 – enough to potentially power every home in the UK, delivering home-grown renewable energy and providing increased energy security for the nation.

At 1.5GW, Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind will be one of the UK's largest offshore wind farms upon completion. It is anticipated to generate renewable electricity equivalent to the annual electricity consumption of over **1.6 million households** and will play a critical role in achieving the UK Government's ambition to deliver 50GW of offshore wind by 2030 and **achieve net zero by 2050**.

The Project will displace the equivalent of nearly **2 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per year** of operations through the generation of renewable electricity. **This is the equivalent of removing over 650,000 petrol cars from the road** for the duration of the Project.

Innovation and economies of scale within the offshore wind industry have helped to significantly drive down costs whilst supporting the regeneration of a number of local coastal communities and economies through both the construction and ongoing maintenance of projects.

The offshore wind sector is already making a major contribution to the UK economy, **supporting over 31,000 UK jobs**, both directly in the offshore wind industry, or indirectly through the supply chain companies which manufacture products for the offshore wind industry. By 2030, the offshore wind sector could employ over **97,000 people in the UK**<sup>1</sup>.

Once operational, Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind will be a major part of the Government's plans for providing secure and affordable home-grown energy to British households and industry, accelerating the growth of the UK economy, and eliminating carbon emissions.

The offshore wind industry has a strong track record of innovation, delivery and cost reduction. In the seven years from 2015 to 2022 the cost of electricity from offshore wind farms securing Government-backed production contracts fell by almost 70 per cent. Offshore wind is now among the cheapest forms of new electricity generation in the GB market, along with onshore wind and large-scale solar.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> OWIC Press Release, 13 June 2022 (<https://www.renewableuk.com/news/608235/New-report-shows-jobs-in-UK-offshore-wind-industry-to-grow-to-100000.htm>)

<sup>2</sup> Electricity Generation Costs, BEIS, August 2020 (p.27)



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Contributing to Net Zero by 2050



Offshore wind is one of the cheapest forms of new electricity generation

We would like to understand if climate change is an issue that concerns you. Let us know your views.

## References

- <sup>1</sup> Energy system balancing and network stability facilities may be included as part of the development, for example battery energy storage.
- <sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/offshore-transmission-network-review>
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- <sup>9</sup> The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note Eight may be helpful for further information related to this: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-eight-overview-of-the-nationally-significant-infrastructure-planning-process-for-members-of-the-public-and-others/>
- <sup>10</sup> The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note Eight point One may be helpful for further information related to this: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-1/>
- <sup>11</sup> The Planning Inspectorate's Scoping Opinion for Outer Dowsing Offshore Wings: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010130/EN010130-000035-EN010130-Scoping-Opinion.pdf>



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## **Annex 5.1.8E Questionnaire available as part of the Phase 1A Consultation Events**



# PHASE 1A CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE



## Engaging with Stakeholders

1. Are there any additional stakeholder groups that you think we should be engaging with? (Please see our panel on Stakeholder Engagement)

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2. Do you have a preference for virtual or in person consultation events? (Please circle)

**Virtual**

**In person**

**Virtual and in person**

3. Do you have any further comments or suggestions about how we engage with the local community? Are there lessons learned from previous projects that could help improve our processes?

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## Onshore Proposals

4. Do you have any thoughts, feedback or local knowledge that you would like to share in relation to the Alternative Route Option Search Zone and our indicative Cable Corridor as shown within it?

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**5.** Do you agree that the Alternative Route Search Zone is the optimum search area north of the A52 for the onshore electrical cable corridor to the Weston Marsh grid connection option?

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**6.** We're keen to understand as much about the local area as possible to help us develop the best design for the project. Do you have any further information on the following:

**6a.** WESTON MARSH ALTERNATIVE ROUTE SEARCH ZONE AND INDICATIVE CABLE CORRIDOR.

Comment:

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**6b.** OUR SUBSTATION SEARCH ZONES

Comment:

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**6c.** OUR ORIGINAL CABLE SEARCH ZONES OR INDICATIVE CABLE CORRIDORS

Comment:

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## Offshore Proposals

We're keen to understand as much as possible about the local marine area to help us design the best possible project (please see the Offshore Proposals panel).

7. Do you have any information on the offshore project areas or the local marine environment which you think we should be aware of?
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| a. Fishing                    | d. Recreational activities |
| b. Navigation and shipping    | e. Marine industries       |
| c. Marine species or habitats | f. Other                   |

Please provide your comments here:

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## Managing Impacts

8. Do you agree with our proposed survey approach? (Please see the Managing Impacts panel)

**Yes**                      **No**                      **Not sure**      (Please circle one)

9. Do you have any ideas or feedback on how we can help deliver positive environmental change in the local area?  
Please provide your comments here:

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10. Do you have any general comments or suggestions as to how we can be a good neighbour to the local community as we progress our offshore wind farm plans?

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## Community Benefit

**11.** How can we deliver a substantive and enduring benefit to local communities?  
Comments:

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**12.** Do you support the establishment of an ODOW Community Benefit Fund?  
(Please circle)

**Yes**                      **No**                      **Not sure**

A CBF is a voluntary commitment by a developer to put money into a fund which is then made available to community projects

**We are committed to working with the community to ensure any possible community benefit fund is managed in a way which empowers communities to decide how the fund is used.**

**13.** Would you support an Impartial Independent Body looking after the allocation of any funds?  
(Please circle)

**Yes**                      **No**                      **Not sure**

This means funds would be administered by an independent grant-making charity or organisation, with decision-making supported by local Advisory Groups made up of community specialists who benefit from a strong and deep understanding of the local community and environment

**14.** What are the top three priorities in your area that could be helped by community benefit funding?  
Some examples may include the following, but we'd welcome your ideas and suggestions (Please circle)

**Energy costs / Education & youth outreach / Skills / Climate change  
Environmental enhancement / Sports & recreation / Greenspace  
Green transport / Other:**

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## Climate Change & the Role of Offshore Wind

**15.** In general, what is your attitude towards climate change?

- I think it's something we need to act on now
- I don't believe that climate change is an issue or concern
- I don't have a view on climate change

**16.** In general, what is your attitude towards offshore wind projects?

- I support them
- I oppose them
- I don't have a view on offshore wind projects

## Other comments

We're keen to hear any other thoughts or comments you have on our proposals. Please leave your comments here:

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## About you

How would you describe your interest in the Project, e.g. Landowner, Local Resident, Local Business, Representative, Statutory body etc?

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What is your postcode? (for statistical purposes only)

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## To receive project updates, please provide an email or postal address:

Name (Optional)

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Email (Optional)

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Postal Address (Optional)

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Do you wish to receive project updates?

**Yes**      **No**

How would you like to be kept updated?

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## **Annex 5.1.8F Phase 1A Spring Community Newsletter**

# Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind

Community Newsletter

Spring 2023



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# Welcome

**Welcome to the Spring edition of the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Community Newsletter. This edition provides an update on the findings of our most recent consultation on the alternative route option.**

Our first round of consultation (known as Phase 1) took place back in November 2022 and we received some very valuable responses and comments from local communities. As a result of this feedback, it became clear that the middle section of our original proposed route for the Weston Marsh connection option would face some engineering challenges. As a result of a high water table and running sands in the Tofts area, along with agricultural concerns, the project decided to consider a potential alternative to the central section of the onshore cable route option to Weston Marsh between Wainfleet All Saints and Butterwick. Both route options are currently being taken forward for assessment at this stage.

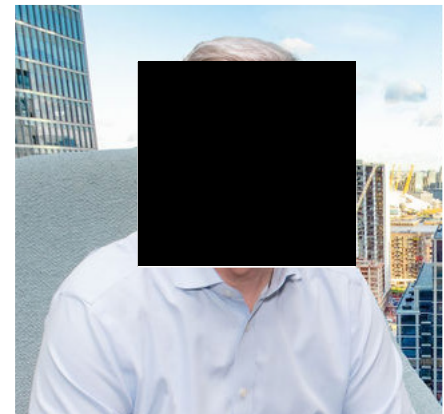
The consultation for this alternative route proposal, known as Phase 1A, was undertaken between 21 February to 21 March 2023. We held two in-person events at Wainfleet All Saints and Old Leake, which were attended by over 300 people, along with two webinars and a four-week long online exhibition.

It was great to get out in the community and meet both old faces and new, and your local knowledge has helped to further shape the project. Details of the consultation results are summarised in this newsletter.

I hope you find this information useful, and as always, if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us using the contact information on the back of this newsletter.

**Chris Jenner**

**Development Manager**













# Results of the consultation

Between 21 February and 21 March we held our Phase 1A public consultation. The purpose of the consultation was to introduce the Project's alternative route option proposals to local communities and, as such, give local communities the opportunity to influence the design and development processes before the submission of the application for the Development Consent Order (DCO). Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind aim to develop its proposals collaboratively and responsibly, taking account of local community interests.

## The consultation period included:

-  Two in-person public information day exhibitions at Wainfleet All Saints and Old Leake
-  An online version of the public exhibitions which ran for the full 28-day consultation period
-  Two online webinar presentations with question and answer sessions
-  Meetings with landowners and key stakeholders
-  Holding four community liaison groups in the area

## The consultation facts and figures

-  We sent out invitations to over 5,500 households in the Phase 1A consultation zone as well as MPs, district and parish councillors
-  We had a total of 314 visitors
-  Our online exhibition was viewed 114 times



# Overarching themes

In addition to the feedback received from the first round of consultation, the Phase 1A feedback also drew out some new themes:

Theme	Comments	Response
Alternative route proposals	The general feedback was that this was a good route as it affected fewer residential properties and avoided the engineering issues raised at Phase 1.	These comments will be fed back to the development team to help with the production of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, the next step in the consultation process.
Energy costs	A number of respondents asked whether the project would make a difference to the energy bills of people in the local area.	The cost of energy crisis is a broad issue and one that this project cannot solve on its own. However, the Outer Dowsing scheme will increase supply of renewable energy into the Grid, providing enough electricity to power 1.6 million homes with clean, green electricity.
Biodiversity and environmental enhancements	Several people commented that they would like to see an environmental corridor/green grid, with an increase in relevant biodiversity.	We are actively looking into opportunities where we can provide Biodiversity Net Gain as part of the Project and are talking to local organisations who may be able to help us deliver these aims.
Consultation quality	A number of attendees at the events commented on how well the information was presented and that it was easy to understand. They also wanted the Project to keep in regular contact at a local level.	We are delighted that attendees found the exhibition useful. We will take on board these comments when designing the exhibition for the Phase 2 consultation in the summer. We will continue to hold regular community liaison groups and communicate via newsletters and the website.
Supporting local projects	We received a lot of feedback on how other projects in the area delivered community benefit in the form of a Community Benefit Fund, with suggestions on how we could support with funding local projects	We are keen to offer a community benefit fund with an aim to deliver a substantive and enduring benefit to local communities. We are talking to local organisations who may be able to help us deliver these aims.
The effects of previous schemes on local communities	People highlighted concerns regarding previous schemes in the area. It was acknowledged that whilst some aspects could have perhaps been handled better, there was also a lot of good practices the scheme could learn from.	We aim to learn from what worked well for other schemes and also what didn't work so well. Our aim is to deliver a traffic, construction and operations programme that has been shaped by local input and views.

## National Grid Connection Point

At this stage, we do not know whether we will be connecting to the National Grid at Lincolnshire Node (east of Alford) or at Weston Marsh (near Spalding). Until National Grid gives us the connection point, we will continue to consult on the two connection points and cable routes in parallel. Once the connection point is known, one of the cable routes will drop off and we will only take one route forward to the DCO application.

## What happens next?

All of the comments provided through the public information days, online exhibition, questionnaires, Freepost cards, Freephone calls and emails are being analysed and will be fed back to the Project team.

This information will play an important role in helping us develop a community-driven Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). The PEIR describes the proposed project and sets out the potential impacts; considering the environmental, social and economic effects of each project and the mitigation measures proposed to reduce impacts. It is in effect the forerunner of the Environmental Statement that will be submitted as part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application.

Phase 2 of our consultation will take place this summer and will give local communities an opportunity to comment on the PEIR. These comments and feedback will help us in the production of our Environmental Statement.





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