

A coastal landscape featuring a sandy path leading through tall, dry grasses towards a wide, flat expanse of land under a cloudy sky. The path is on the right side, leading from the foreground into the distance. The grasses are a mix of green and brown, suggesting a natural, uncultivated area. The sky is filled with soft, grey clouds, and the overall lighting is diffused, typical of an overcast day.

# Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind

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## Acronyms & Definitions

### Abbreviations / Acronyms

Abbreviation / Acronym	Description
BBC	Boston Borough Council
CLG	Community Liaison Group
CLO	Community Liaison Officer
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government
DCO	Development Consent Order
EEA	European Economic Area
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ECC	Export Cable Corridor
ELDC	East Lindsey District Council
EPP	Evidence Plan Process
ES	Environmental Statement
ETG	Expert Topic Group
GIG	Green Investment Group
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
GW	Gigawatt
HDD	Horizontal Directional Drilling
HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle
HMLR	His Majesty's Land Registry
HND	Holistic Network Design
HRA	Habitats Regulation Assessment
HSE	Health and Safety Executive
IDB	Internal Drainage Board
LCC	Lincolnshire County Council
LCCP	Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park
LIG	Land Interest Group
LIQ	Land Interest Questionnaire
LNR	Local Nature Reserve
LPA	Local Planning Authority
LWT	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
MLWS	Mean Low Water Springs
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
MOD	Ministry of Defence
MW	Megawatt
NPS	National Policy Statement
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
ODOW	Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind
OnSS	Onshore Substation
OTNR	Offshore Transmission Network Review
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
PoC	Point of Contact

Abbreviation / Acronym	Description
PINS	Planning Inspectorate
RIAA	Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment
S&ELCP	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership
SHDC	South Holland District Council
SoCC	Statement of Community Consultation
SoS	Secretary of State
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
STEMNET	Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Network
TCE	The Crown Estate Commissioners
ToR	Terms of Reference
TJBs	Transition Joint Bays
UKHSA	UK Health Security Agency

## Definitions

Term	Definition
2008 Act	The Planning Act 2008
Autumn Consultation	The Autumn Consultation relating to the Project carried out in October and November 2023
Development Consent Order (DCO)	An order made under the Planning Act 2008 granting development consent for a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)	A statutory process by which certain planned projects must be assessed before a formal decision to proceed can be made. It involves the collection and consideration of environmental information, which fulfils the assessment requirements of the EIA Regulations, including the publication of an Environmental Statement (ES).
Environmental Statement (ES)	The suite of documents that detail the processes and results of the EIA.
Evidence Plan Process (EPP)	A voluntary process of stakeholder consultation with appropriate Expert Topic Groups (ETGs) that discusses and where possible agrees the detailed approach to the EIA and information to support Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) for those relevant topics included in the process, undertaken during the pre-application period.
GT R4 Ltd	The Applicant making the application for a DCO. The Applicant is GTR4 Limited (a joint venture between Corio Generation and, TotalEnergies and Gulf Energy Development), trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind.
Local Authority	A body empowered by law to exercise various statutory functions for a particular area of the United Kingdom. This includes County Councils, District Councils and the Broads Authority, as set out in Section 43 of the Planning Act 2008.
Mitigation	Mitigation measures are commitments made by the Project to reduce and/or eliminate the potential for significant effects to arise as a result of the Project. Mitigation measures can be embedded (part of the project design) or secondarily added to reduce impacts in the case of potentially significant effects.



Term	Definition
Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind (ODOW)	The Project.
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report. The PEIR was written in the style of a draft Environmental Statement (ES) to support and inform the statutory consultation process in the pre-application phase. Following that consultation, the PEIR was updated to produce the Project's ES to accompany the application for the Development Consent Order (DCO).
Phase 1 Consultation	The Phase 1 Consultation relating to the Project carried out in November 2022.
Phase 1A Consultation	The Phase 1A Consultation relating to the Project and the proposed alternative route option carried out in February 2023.
Phase 2 Consultation	The Phase 2 Consultation relating to the Project including consultation on the PEIR carried out in June and July 2023.
Prescribed consultee	All consultees listed in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Application: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 or by the Planning Inspectorate under Regulation 11(1)(c) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017)
Proposed Development	The Project
Scoping Opinion	The Scoping Opinion relating to the Project published by The Planning Inspectorate on 09 September 2022.
Section 44 Consultees	Consultees identified in accordance with Section 42(1)(d) of the 2008 Act.
Statutory consultee	Organisations that are required to be consulted by the Applicant, the Local Planning Authorities and/or The Planning Inspectorate during the pre-application and/or examination phases, and who also have a statutory responsibility in some form that may be relevant to the Project and the DCO application. This includes those bodies and interests prescribed under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008. Not all prescribed bodies and interested parties will be statutory consultees.
The Planning Inspectorate	The agency responsible for operating the planning process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).
The Project	Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind, an offshore wind generating station together with associated onshore and offshore infrastructure.
Targeted Winter Consultation	The Targeted Winter Consultation relating to the Project carried out in December 2023 and January 2024

## 1 Executive Summary

1. This Consultation Report accompanies an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) pursuant to section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (hereafter referred to as the 2008 Act), which states that an application for a DCO must be accompanied by a Consultation Report, (as defined in section 37(7) of the 2008 Act).
2. GTR4 Limited (trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind) (the ‘Applicant’) is proposing to develop Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Farm (hereafter ‘the Project’).
3. If granted, the DCO would permit the Applicant to construct, operate and maintain, and decommission the Project i.e. an offshore generating station and associated and ancillary offshore and onshore development.
4. This Consultation Report has been prepared in accordance with section 37(3)(c) of the 2008 Act and follows relevant legislation and guidance including Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG, 2015): Guidance on the pre-application process, the Infrastructure Planning (Application: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 as amended (the APFP Regulations) and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations)
5. The Consultation Report demonstrates how the Applicant has complied with all relevant legislation and guidance and provides further details regarding non-statutory consultation undertaken for the Project.
6. The Applicant has sought to engage actively and openly throughout the pre-application consultation process by way of ongoing consultation with the community, Prescribed consultees, non-prescribed consultees, and statutory consultees.
7. This Consultation Report describes the consultation process that the Applicant has followed and demonstrates how the Applicant has had due regard to consultation feedback from prescribed consultees (being all applicable consultees listed in Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations or by the Planning Inspectorate under Regulation 11(1)(c) of the EIA Regulations), statutory consultees (under sections 42(aa), (b) and (d) of the 2008 Act (including landowners and persons with an interest in land) stakeholders and members of the public at all stages of the design evolution.
8. This Consultation Report describes the consultation process that the Project has followed both in terms of the non-statutory ‘informal’ consultation and the statutory ‘formal’ consultation and publicity stages as required under sections 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act.
9. In accordance with sections 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act, the Applicant undertook pre application consultation on the Project ahead of submission of the DCO to the Secretary of State (SoS) with the following consultees:
  - Prescribed consultees (in accordance with section 42(1)(a) of the 2008 Act)
  - The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) (in accordance with section 42(1)(aa) of the 2008 Act)
  - Host and neighbouring local authorities (in accordance with section 42(1)(b) and section 43 of the 2008 Act).
  - Those persons that fall within the categories in section 44 of the 2008 Act (in accordance with section 42(1)(d) of the 2008 Act).

- Community and other organisations in the “vicinity” of the Project who may be affected both directly and indirectly by the Project (in accordance with the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) published under section 47 of the 2008 Act).
  - Wider communities and organisations (in accordance with sections 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act).
10. The Applicant commenced regular meetings with the Lincolnshire County Council and kept in regular contact with the three host Local Planning Authorities (LPAs): East Lindsey District Council (ELDC), South Holland District Council (SHDC) and Boston Borough Council (BBC) through the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership (S&ELCP) which represents these LPAs.
  11. In accordance with section 47 of the 2008 Act, the Applicant consulted the relevant local authorities, the Planning Inspectorate and the MMO on the content of the SoCC as detailed in Sections 7 and 8 of this Consultation Report. In response to the comments received, the Applicant made changes to the SoCC as set out in Section 8.1 and Appendix 5.1.5. The SoCC was published on 21 October 2022 in accordance with section 47 of the 2008 Act.
  12. Following feedback from the Phase 1 Consultation, the Project introduced an alternative cable route option and the SoCC was updated and the relevant authorities consulted. The Updated SoCC was published on 18 January 2022 in accordance with section 47 of the 2008 Act.
  13. Full details of the community consultation undertaken in accordance with section 47 of the 2008 Act and the requirements as set out in the SoCC are detailed in Sections 8 and 9 of this Consultation Report.
  14. Consultation occurred in five phases to enable the communication of and consultation on the project refinements made following feedback from previous phases of consultation as well as external project developments.
  15. Table 1.1 below outlines the phases of consultation and where they are discussed in this Consultation Report.

*Table 1.1 Summary of Consultation Phases*

Consultation Phase	Timeframe	Relevant Section of CR	Type
Phase 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov – 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	Section 9.3	Project Launch
Phase 1A	21 <sup>st</sup> Feb – 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Section 9.4	Consultation on an alternative onshore export cable route option
Phase 2	7 <sup>th</sup> Jun – 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul 2023*	Section 9.5	Consultation on further refinements and the Project’s Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
Autumn	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023**	Section 9.6	Consultation on further project refinements
Targeted Winter	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023- 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2024	Section 9.7	Targeted consultation on specific project refinements

Consultation Phase	Timeframe	Relevant Section of CR	Type
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\*Phase 2 Consultation was extended to 31st July 2023 for a small number of stakeholders who requested further time to respond, or who did not receive the initial letter due to the first letter not being delivered.

\*\* Autumn Consultation was extended to 15 January 2024 for a small number of parties who were identified as potentially having an interest in the land under section 44 of the 2008 Act following further diligent inquiry. Further details on this are set out in Section 9.6 below.

16. 89As required under section 48 of the 2008 Act and Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations, the proposed application for the Project was published in local and national newspapers, Fishing News (a commercial fishing publication), Lloyd's List, and the London Gazette as detailed in Section 9.1 of this Consultation Report.
17. An overview of the pre-application consultation process undertaken by the Applicant is shown in Figure 6 of this Consultation Report.
18. Extensive non-statutory consultation has taken place with technical consultees through the Evidence Plan Process (EPP) (see Appendix 6.1 Evidence Plan (document 6.1.6.1)) to inform the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and to identify key impacts, constraints, and design changes.
19. As detailed in Section 7, 8 and 10 of this Consultation Report, the Applicant held a series of stakeholder meetings with elected members and interest groups, including:
  - Establishing four Community Liaison Groups (CLGs) with locally elected members and appointed community representatives; and
  - Engaging with elected members and parish councils through a series of bespoke meetings and presentations.
20. A summary of the key comments raised through consultation which have influenced the design of the Project and resulted in change to the onshore Project parameters from scoping through to PEIR and the final DCO application is presented in Plate 1.1 and Table 1.1 below.
21. Refinements to the offshore Project parameters were not a central focus of the public consultation carried out under section 47 but addressed by a number of statutory consultees both through bilateral engagement, the EPP and consultation carried out under section 42. A full list of consultation responses and how the Applicant has had regard for these is detailed in Appendix 5.1.4. Key refinements included:
  - The reduction of the northern and western boundaries to reduce impacts to shopping and navigation users
  - Further engineering has been undertaken to minimise impacts to sandbanks within the IDRBNR Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) including commitments to the use of removeable cable protection if any is required over sandbank features
  - Commitments to micrositing infrastructure where practicable to avoid areas of Annex I reef
22. The Applicant's response to feedback is summarised and provided in full in the following sections and annexes of this Consultation Report:
  - Section 9: includes a summary of key topics raised during the project's five consultation phases.
  - Appendix 5.1.4: Consultation Responses for all comments received to the section 42 and 47 consultation and commentary on how the Applicant has had regard to the response.



23. The Project plans have evolved iteratively in response to feedback received throughout the pre-application consultation with the community, prescribed consultees, statutory consultees and other stakeholders. This Consultation Report details the multiple stages of this process and the Project's reactivity in response to this.
24. In October 2021, the Applicant appointed a Community Liaison Officer (CLO), Andrew Acum, whose role was to act as an independent link between the Project and the local community.
25. The CLO's role involved, but was not limited to:
  - Receipt and management of stakeholder enquiries via email and telephone.
  - Establish and management of relationships with key local stakeholders through ad hoc meetings upon request, along with meetings through established working groups (as set out in Section 8).
  - Site visits and information gathering along the onshore ECC.
  - Distribution of project materials to stakeholders, upon request.
  - Proactive engagement with key stakeholders, through phone calls and emails.
  - Local capacity to respond quickly to stakeholder concerns, including follow up with face-to-face interaction where required.
  - Distribution and placement of local information event posters and advertising.
  - Attendance at all virtual and in person public information events.
  - Design and production of materials for Public Information Day (PID) events and logistical support during events.
  - Secretariat function for the Community Liaison Groups (CLG); and
  - Design and maintenance of website and social media channels.

# Project Component

## Project's Consultation Phases

### Phase 1

November 2022  
**Section 47**  
Consultation &  
Project launch

### Phase 1a

January 2022  
**Section 47**  
Consultation on  
Alternative Onshore  
ECC

### Phase 2

June/ July 2022  
**Section 42**  
Consultation on the  
PEIR

#### Landfall

Landfall  
search  
zone



No change

Landfall  
refined  
search  
zone &  
Indicative  
80m  
corridor



#### Onshore ECC

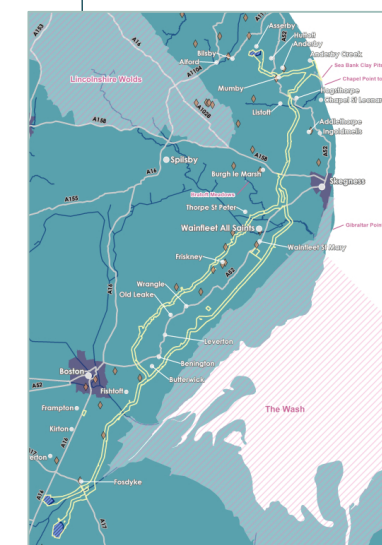
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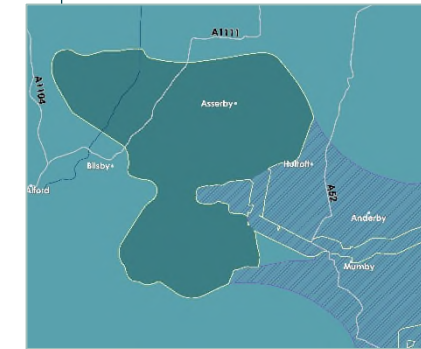


All Onshore  
ECCs refined  
down to  
300m wide  
search zones



#### OnSS

Lincs  
Node &  
Weston  
Marsh  
OnSS  
Search  
Zones



No change

Lincs Node,  
Weston Marsh  
& Surfleet  
Marsh  
Refined  
Search  
Areas



Grid Connection Confirmed  
August 2023

# Project Component

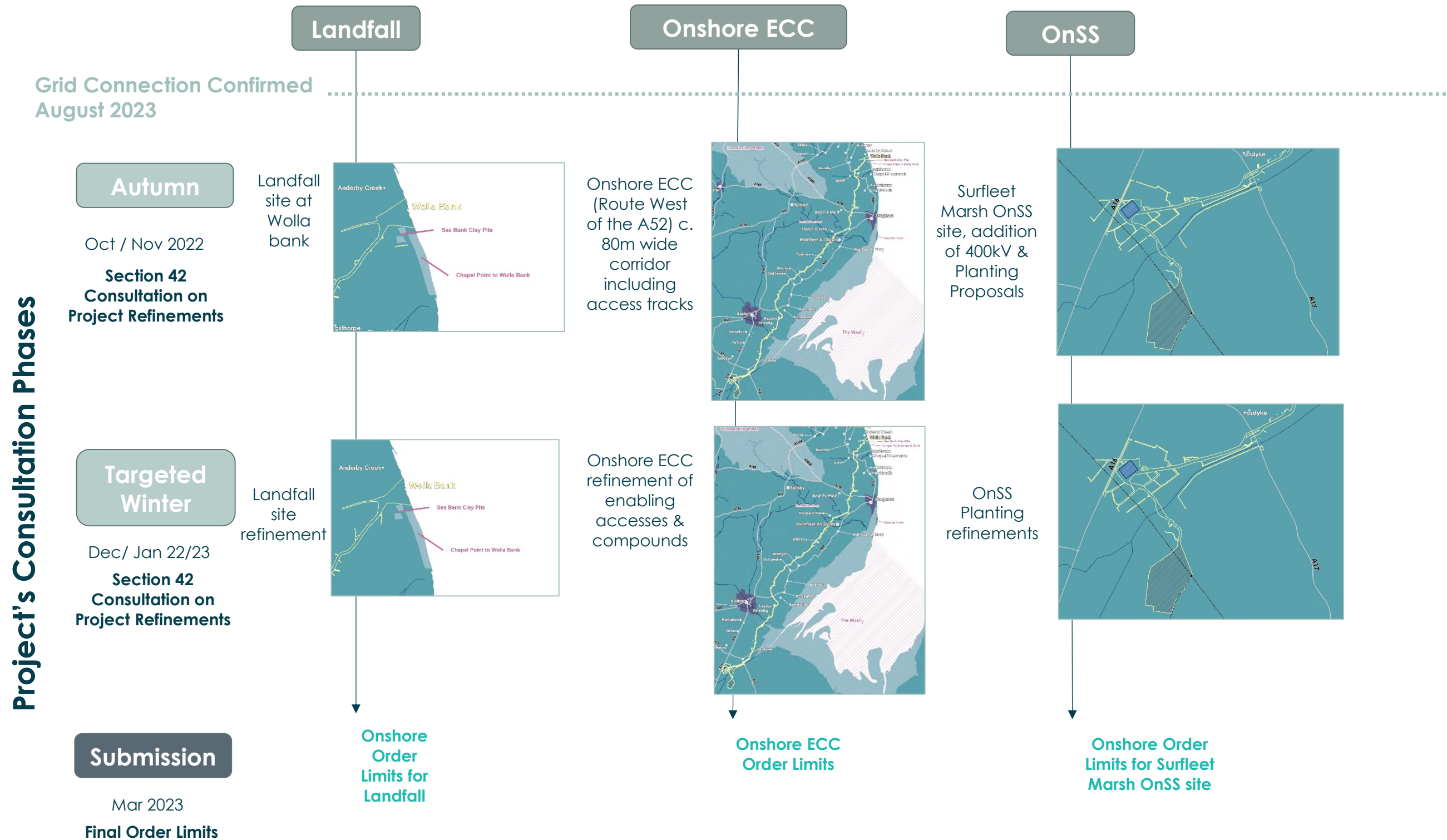




Table 1.2 Onshore Project Refinement and key Consultation Feedback in relation to design elements

	Landfall		Onshore ECC		OnSS, Landscaping & 400kV Cable Corridor	
	Key Feedback	Key Refinements made following feedback	Key Feedback	Key Refinements made following feedback	Key Feedback	Key Refinements made following feedback
<p><b>Phase 1 (Section 47)</b></p> <p>November 2022 Project launch</p>	<p>It was highlighted by Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust (LWT) that the Anderby Marsh Local Nature Reserve (LNR) will need to be assessed for potential impacts from the HDD.</p> <p>There were concerns around the impact of the landfall on the beach in relation to tourism and that the landfall area was located in the Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park (LCCP).</p>	<p>The Applicant committed to working with LWT to ensure the management of impacts on ornithological features of Anderby Marsh Local Nature Reserve (LNR).</p> <p>The refinements were made with the feedback in mind and the Applicant reinforced the commitment that they would HDD under the beach, Anderby Marsh LNR and Roman Bank road to avoid direct impacts on tourism and the LCCP.</p>	<p>Landowners &amp; Members of the Public highlighted the presence of “running silts” within the central portion of the Onshore ECC search zone presented.</p> <p>Landowners &amp; Cllrs highlighted concerns with the amount of Grade 1 &amp; “Toft” Land that would be affected by this route.</p>	<p>It was noted that should the presence of running silts be verified by ground investigations this could alter the anticipated engineering and environmental considerations.</p> <p>An Alternative Route was therefore proposed. This route also affected less Grade 1 land than the original route. Both routes were taken forward for assessment.</p>	<p>At this early stage, the Applicant was in the early phases of the OnSS site selection and consultation was based on relatively wide search zones.</p> <p>The feedback from the community was primarily centred around visual impacts and how this will be mitigated within the local landscape and the Applicant explained that this will be done through further siting refinements and development of a landscaping plan.</p>	<p>Further environmental and engineering studies were undertaken to help refine the search zones for the PEIR assessments and Phase 2 Consultation.</p> <p>These refinements were made with LVIA as one of many driving factors to ensure the refined search zones reflected the feedback received.</p>
<p><b>Phase 1a (section 47)</b></p> <p>Jan 2022 Alternative Onshore ECC to Weston Marsh</p>	<p>This consultation was targeted on the Onshore ECC Weston Marsh alternative route option</p>		<p>Landowners &amp; Members of the public were generally receptive to the proposed alternative route and concerns were focussed on potential impacts of noise and traffic and micro-siting of the alternative route option.</p>	<p>The Applicant undertook refinement works based on feedback for the two Weston Marsh onshore ECC Routes.</p> <p>Following the generally positive and receptive feedback to the alternative route it was agreed to take both route options to a point of equivalence in terms of consultation, survey data and assessment to help inform which route should be adopted.</p>	<p>This consultation was targeted on the Onshore ECC Weston Marsh alternative route option</p>	
<p><b>Phase 2 (Section 42)</b></p> <p>June/ July 2022 Section 42 Consultation on the PEIR</p>	<p>Concerns were focussed on the beach access shown passing in proximity to Anderby Creek Village.</p> <p>It was noted that a SSSI area of geological interest was located within the landfall zone.</p> <p>Concerns around the impacts of noise on the Anderby Marsh LNR.</p>	<p>The Applicant committed to no construction access to the beach and removed the access entirely from the project envelope.</p> <p>The Applicant committed to avoidance of the SSSI and this was embedded within the Project design.</p> <p>The Applicant undertook further detailed assessments and has included the construction of a noise bund in the Landfall compound area (in the agricultural land west of Roman Bank road)</p> <p>The Applicant also noted that if the duct is to be “pushed” from the landward side, a linear compound would facilitate this work and therefore the Applicant included a duct assembly compound at the landfall.</p>	<p>The key local feedback focussed on micro-siting of the route to optimise and minimise impacts on landowners.</p> <p>There was also feedback relating to concerns around impacts from traffic and transport on the local road network in particular traffic at Wainfleet.</p> <p>Landowner concerns were centred around agricultural drainage and soil management.</p> <p>Queries were raised about how land parcels would be accessed prior to the development of the haul road.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the site went through an unscheduled area of Archaeological interest – Slackholme Village.</p>	<p>The Applicant finalised their Ground Investigation campaign and environmental assessments and confirmed that the alternative Weston Marsh route option would be taken forward.</p> <p>The Applicant undertook further transport optimisation studies following additional survey data and managed to avoid Wainfleet in its entirety.</p> <p>These studies also allowed for the inclusion of passing bays, widening of accesses and visibility splays to reduce potential impacts on traffic and transport.</p> <p>The Applicant committed to utilising trenchless techniques to avoid Slackholme village, with the entry/ exit pits to be informed archaeological investigation.</p>	<p>Key feedback in relation to LVIA was centred around the importance of the landscaping for the screening of the substation and to ensure the planting comprises of native species.</p> <p>Queries were raised about how the Applicant would champion biodiversity.</p> <p>How flood risk is being taken account of in the siting of the OnSS was queried.</p>	<p>The Applicant was able to refine the location of the OnSS following further studies and engagement in relation to flood risk and following the confirmation in August of the grid connection option being located in the vicinity of Weston Marsh and following further engagement with the National Grid.</p> <p>Planting proposals were developed which identified offsite planting to provide screening for the onshore substation.</p>
<p><b>August 2022 - Confirmation of Grid Connection at Weston Marsh</b></p>						



	Landfall		Onshore ECC		OnSS, Landscaping & 400kV Cable Corridor	
<p><b>Autumn (Section 42)</b></p> <p>Oct / Nov 2022 Section 42 Consultation on Project Refinements</p>	<p>Concerns around the use of the Roman Bank road by construction vehicles.</p>	<p>As a result of further engineering studies, refinements to the location of the Transition Joint Bays (TJBs) were made which reduced the overall proposed landfall footprint.</p> <p>It was clarified that the haul road between the A52 and the landfall will be the main construction access for the landfall works. The use of Roman Bank road will be limited to enabling works and the construction of the noise bund as this is seasonally constrained. A bell mouth will be constructed off Roman Bank Road into the landfall area and following completion of the HDD and reinstatement works, the bell mouth will be retained to allow for operational access to facilitate routine maintenance activities.</p>	<p>Following the Autumn Consultation phase, the Applicant received feedback from landowners that the suitability of a number of accesses could be improved.</p> <p>It was raised as part of the Autumn Consultation phase that two of the proposed construction compounds could be refined to reduce severance of surrounding land.</p>	<p>This has resulted in the removal, addition, and re-location of a number of accesses. In some instances, the access has been amended to abut the extent of the publicly maintainable highway.</p> <p>The Applicant also undertook more detailed ground truthing site visits that helped inform the removal of some of the accesses and corroborate the refinements as proposed in the feedback.</p> <p>As a result, the Applicant relocated two construction compounds and were able to remove two construction compounds from the Project Design Envelope.</p> <p>In response to avoiding sensitive locations, a small number of passing places were re-designed or removed from the Order limits.</p>	<p>It was highlighted by a number of landowners that in some instances the landscaping areas proposed could be adjusted to better align with the landownership boundaries and prevent severance of agricultural land.</p> <p>It was also raised that due to the scale and type of planting proposed there was the possibility for potential impacts on agricultural drainage.</p> <p>The communities were receptive to the landscaping proposals and species list proposed and feedback in relation to this was focussed on ensuring the inclusion of native species.</p>	<p>As a result, the landscaping areas have been moved slightly to better align with landownership boundaries.</p> <p>Where an IDB drain is present, a buffer of 9m is required for access by the IDBs for maintenance activities. In these instances, the planting strips were refined to accommodate this with an additional 1m buffer.</p> <p>It was identified by the Applicant that the landscaping proposed may not allow access for maintenance activities related to the landscaping. As a result, the Order Limits for the Project now incorporate sufficient land to allow access for maintenance.</p> <p>Additional areas were also identified for drainage.</p>
<p><b>Targeted (Section 42)</b></p> <p>Dec/ Jan 23/24 Targeted Section 42 Consultation on Project Refinements</p>	<p>A further round of targeted consultation was undertaken by the Applicant following refinement of the project. These minor amendments included: refinement of landscaping to better align with landownership boundaries to prevent severed land and enable access for maintenance, the addition of drainage works adjacent to the landscaping to mitigate landowner concerns of potential impacts of planting on land drainage, amendments to accesses following landowner consultation, re-location and removal of passing places following design optimisation studies, removal and re-location of construction compounds based on engineering refinements and landowner feedback and refinement of landfall works to accommodate optimised engineering design and environmental mitigation.</p>					
<p><b>Submission</b></p>						

## 2 Introduction

### 2.1 The Applicant

26. The Applicant is GTR4 Limited, a joint venture between Corio Generation (a Green Investment Group (GIG) portfolio company), TotalEnergies (a global multi-energy company) and Gulf Energy (one of Thailand's largest private power producers) together trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind (ODOW).

### 2.2 Consultation Report Purpose

27. This Consultation Report describes the consultation undertaken for the Project and demonstrates compliance with the consultation requirements set out in the 2008 Act, other relevant legislation and statutory guidance.

28. This document details stakeholder responses which have come out of the consultation and how these responses have been taken into account, including where this has influenced design and decision-making processes.

29. The Applicant has sought to engage actively and openly throughout the pre-application consultation process with the community, statutory and non-statutory consultees, and persons with an interest in land. This Consultation Report has been structured as follows to reflect the phases and timeline of the consultation to best communicate how the design of the Project and the development of the application has progressed in line with the feedback received from our stakeholders:

- Section 2 Introduction
- Section 3 Project Background
- Section 4 Consultation – Legislation, Policy & Guidance
- Section 5 Pre-Application Guidance issued by the Secretary of State (section 50)
- Section 6 Early Adopters Programme
- Section 7 Pre-Application Consultation with the County Council and Local Authorities
- Section 8 Statement of Community Consultation
- Section 9 Pre-Application Consultation Phases
- Section 10 Community Liaison Groups (CLGs)
- Section 11 Other Community Consultation
- Section 12 Outer Dowsing in the Community

30. Summaries of key themes and responses the Project has received throughout the pre-application phase, and how these have been addressed is included in the relevant subsections of this document. Mitigation measures agreed with statutory consultees will be detailed in the Schedule of Mitigation (document reference 8.13) which is submitted as part of the DCO application.

## 3 Project Background

### 3.1 The Project

31. The Project is a proposed offshore windfarm located approximately 54km off the coast of Lincolnshire, England. The Project comprises an offshore generating station that can generate up to 1.5 gigawatts (GW) of energy and covers an area of seabed of approximately 436km<sup>2</sup>. The Project will require both offshore and onshore infrastructure to transmit the power generated by the turbines to an onshore substation and subsequently into the National Grid Transmission System. Full details on the Project design can be found in ES Volume 1 Chapter 3 Project Description (document reference 6.1.3).
32. The Project includes an offshore generating station that will have a proposed capacity in excess of 100 megawatts (MW). Therefore, under section 15 of the 2008 Act it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). As such, the Project must apply for a DCO to build and operate the Project. The DCO process was created to streamline the consenting of large infrastructure projects and to ensure transparency and public participation.

### 3.2 Early Project Definition, Site Selection and Refinement

33. The Project's application boundaries (known as Order Limits) are presented in the Location Plan -Onshore (document reference 2.3) and the Location Plan- Offshore (document reference 2.4)
34. The offshore Order Limits include: the offshore wind farm Array Area ; the offshore export cable corridor (offshore ECC); the export cable landfall on the Lincolnshire coast to mean high water springs (MHWS) (Landfall)), up to two Offshore Reactive Compensation Platforms (ORCPs) and may include if required Artificial Nesting Structures (ANSs) and biogenic reef compensation areas, the onshore export cable corridor (onshore ECC), onshore substation (OnSS), the 400kV cable corridor and associated development and ancillary works.
35. The location for the Project's array area was selected through the consideration of various environmental, engineering and technical constraints.
36. The Project's onshore proposals were developed following publication of the preliminary results of the Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR) Holistic Network Design (HND) document "The Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design" in July 2022 which identified two potential grid connection options for the Project. Further information on the OTNR process is provided in ES Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives (document reference 6.1.4).
37. The Project's grid connection was confirmed in August 2023 (Annex 5.1.10H), however all consultation prior to this announcement (including the Phase 2 Consultation) encompassed both of the proposed connection options. The adopted route and substation location were consulted on as part of the Autumn Consultation (Section 9.6).
38. Further details on defining both the onshore and offshore Order Limits including the array area, offshore ECC, Landfall, onshore ECC and Onshore Substation Location are detailed in ES Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives (ES document 6.1.4). The consultation that has been undertaken by the Project that has informed the iterative design process of the Project is summarised in this Consultation Report.

## 4 Consultation- Legislation, Policy and Guidance

39. This Consultation Report has been produced as part of the suite of documents prepared for the Project's DCO application in accordance with Section 37(3)(c) of the 2008 Act.
40. Details on the 2008 Act, National Policy Statements and EIA Regulations as well as other guidance that has informed the Project's consultation is outlined in ES Chapter 2: Need, Policy & Legislative Context (document reference 6.1.2).

### 4.1 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

41. The Applicant uses a secure GDPR compliant stakeholder engagement and management system to support in the planning, engaging, and measuring of communication with stakeholders, to safeguard personal information.
42. Privacy notices were included in consultation communications and personal data has been redacted and/or anonymised in line with the outlined approach in this report and the appendices.
43. Establishing constructive and trusted relationships with all stakeholders is central to the Project's consultation principles and approach.

### 4.2 Statutory Consultation Requirements under the 2008 Act

44. A detailed checklist setting out how the Project has complied with the statutory consultation requirements and guidance under the 2008 Act as well as other relevant legislation and guidance is included in Appendix 5.1.1.
45. As the Project is defined as an NSIP, the Project must undertake pre-application consultation in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act. As the development is EIA development (as discussed further in section 4.4) the Project must also ensure that it complies with the consultation requirements under the EIA Regulations.
46. The relevant sections of the Planning Act 2008 in relation to pre-application consultation are:
- Section 42 Duty to consult;
  - Section 43 Local authorities for the purpose of section 42(1)(b);
  - Section 44 Categories for purposes of section 42(1)(d);
  - Section 45 Timetable for consultation under section 42;
  - Section 46 Duty to notify the Secretary of State of proposed application;
  - Section 47 Duty to consult local community;
  - Section 48 Duty to publicise;
  - Section 49 Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity; and
  - Section 50 Guidance about pre-application procedure.



### 4.3 National Policy Statements

47. The relevant National Policy Statements (NPS) which form the primary national policy documents for Secretary of State decision-making in relation to NSIPs are listed below. These documents encourage applicants to carry out pre-application consultation with a range of stakeholders.
- EN-1 - Overarching NPS for Energy, November 2023
  - EN-3 - Renewable Energy Infrastructure, November 2023; and
  - EN-5 - Electricity Networks Infrastructure, which covers the electrical infrastructure in conjunction with EN-1, November 2023
48. Details of the Applicant's compliance with the relevant NPS is set out in Chapter 2, Need, Policy and Legislative Context (document reference 6.1.2) and the Planning Statement (document reference 9.1).

### 4.4 EIA Regulations

#### 4.4.1 Environmental Statement (ES)

49. The Project notified the Secretary of State under Regulation 8(1)(b) that it proposes to provide an Environmental Statement (ES) in respect of the proposed Development. Therefore, in accordance with Regulation 6(2)(a) of the EIA Regulations, the proposed Development is EIA development.
50. An ES presenting the findings of the EIA has been submitted alongside the DCO application. A Scoping Report (Annex 5.1.2A) was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 01 August 2022.
51. The Planning Inspectorate reviewed and consulted on the EIA Scoping Report and published a Scoping Opinion on 09 September 2022 which is included as Annex 5.1.2B.
52. The Project has taken due consideration of the comments from the Planning Inspectorate given within the Scoping Opinion and also notes the comments provided by the statutory consultees in Appendix 2 of the Scoping Opinion. Both the Scoping Opinion and the comments from the consultees provided throughout the consultation phases have been considered in undertaking the EIA and in preparing the ES. The comments received and how these have been addressed are outlined in the relevant chapters of the ES.

### 4.5 Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)

53. The Project has been required to undertake a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) in accordance with section 63(1) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. Further details on the HRA process are set out in the Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (document reference 7.1) HRA Screening Report (document reference 7.2) and the Need, Policy and Legislative Context chapter of the ES (document referent 6.1.2).
54. The HRA process was a key topic covered in the Expert Topic Groups (ETGs) and EPP process including identification and prioritisation of HRA matters and discussions on how these should be addressed in the Applicant's application.
55. Full details of consultation on HRA and Compensation is set out in the Evidence Plan Report (Appendix 5.1.15) and Section 9.10 below.

## 4.6 Transboundary Consultation

56. Transboundary effects arise when impacts from the development within one European Economic Area (EEA) state affects the environment of another EEA state(s). The need to consider such transboundary effects has been embodied by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Convention on EIA in a Transboundary Context (commonly referred to as the ‘Espoo Convention’). The Convention requires that assessments be extended across borders between Parties of the Convention when a planned activity may cause significant adverse transboundary effects.
57. The Espoo Convention has been implemented in the UK for the purposes of NSIPs by the EIA Regulations. Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations sets out the obligations on the Secretary of State to notify and consult EEA State(s) that may be affected by a development that is likely to have significant transboundary effects. Table 4.1 below sets out the approximate distances of the Project from the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) boundaries of the other EEA states that share a maritime border with the UK.

*Table 4.1 Summary of approximate distance to the nearest EEZ (median line) of other EEA states as provided in the Scoping Report*

EEA state	Approximate distance from the Project to nearest marine border
France	225km
Belgium	196km
The Netherlands	95km
Germany	263km
Denmark	277km
Norway	292km

58. A transboundary screening process was carried out and was submitted as Annex A (Transboundary Screening Matrix) to the Scoping Report (Annex 5.1.2A). This report concluded that only particular offshore technical aspects could result in transboundary effects, namely marine mammals; offshore and intertidal ornithology; commercial fisheries; shipping and navigation; and aviation, radar, military and communication. Each of these technical assessment chapters includes details of such potential transboundary effects.
59. The Planning Inspectorate undertook a transboundary consultation with the relevant EEA states. Copies of the responses received during this consultation are included as Appendix 5.1.19. In addition to this pre-application consultation, statutory transboundary consultation will be undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate in accordance with Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations, if and when it accepts the Applicant’s application for a DCO.

## 4.7 Planning Inspectorate Advice Notes

60. The Planning Inspectorate has published a series of advice notes in relation to NSIPs. The advice notes are non-statutory but provide advice and information on a range of issues arising throughout the duration of the application process.
61. The Project’s approach to consultation has been informed by a number of the Planning Inspectorate’s advice notes, with particular reference to:
- Advice Note 3: EIA consultation and notification (August 2017);

- Advice Note 7: Environmental Impact Assessment: Preliminary Environmental Information, Screening and Scoping (June 2020);
- Advice Note 10: Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) relevant to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (August 2020);
- Advice Note 11: Working with public bodies in the infrastructure planning process (November 2017); and
- Advice Note 14: Compiling the Consultation Report (February 2021).

## **5 Pre-Application Guidance issued by the Secretary of State (section 50)**

62. Section 50 of the 2008 Act provides that the Applicant must have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State (SoS) on how to comply with the pre-application procedure set out in the 2008 Act. The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) issued guidance on the pre-application process under the Planning Act 2008 in 2015 which sets out expectations for pre-application consultation. Where this cannot be complied with the applicant is expected to provide an explanation.
63. An outline of how the Applicant has complied with the guidance is provided in Appendix 5.1.1.



## 6 Early Adopters Programme (EAP)

64. The Project volunteered to take part in the Early Adopters Programme (EAP) launched by the Planning Inspectorate to trial potential components of a future enhanced pre-application service.
65. As part of the Project’s participation in the EAP, the Project has trialled the use of Pre-application Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statements (PADSS) as set out in section 6.1 below.

### 6.1 Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statements (PADSS)

66. The Project has worked proactively to frontload stakeholder engagement and facilitate constructive discussions with the Planning Inspectorate, statutory and non-statutory stakeholders through throughout the pre-application process and before participation in the EAP commenced.
67. Due to the considerable overlap between topics covered in the ETGs, issues trackers being developed through the ETGs, and eventual SoCGs specific stakeholders were invited to participate in the PADSS trial. These stakeholders were selected to reduce overlap with the issues trackers being developed with a couple of stakeholders being invited to participate in both.
68. If the application is accepted for examination, subject to the discretion of the Examining Authority, the Project will continue to engage with stakeholders to update the PADSS throughout the pre-examination and examination stages of the process where issues remain.
69. Table 6.1 sets out the stakeholders who have submitted a PADSS to the Applicant for inclusion in the DCO application. PADSS that have been received through this process are included in Appendix 5.1.16.

*Table 6.1 Summary of Stakeholders Submitting PADSS*

Stakeholder	PADSS submitted for inclusion in the DCO application
MMO	Appendix 5.1.16
Natural England	Appendix 5.1.16

## 7 Pre-Application Consultation with the County Council and Local

### Authorities

70. The Project identified and engaged with for consultation purposes Local Authorities that fell within the four categories outlined in section 43 of the 2008 Act. These are defined as:

*Category A: local authorities that have a boundary with a unitary or district council in Category B*

*Category B: authorities (a unitary or district council) in which the project is located ('Host Authorities')*

*Category C: an upper-tier county council area in which the project is located*

*Category D: a unitary council or upper tier county council bordering a local authority within Category C*

71. Table 7.1 Local Authorities within section 43 of the 2008 Act sets out the local authorities that fall into the categories outlined above.

*Table 7.1 Local Authorities within section 43 of the 2008 Act*

<b>Category B</b>
East Lindsey District Council
Boston Borough Council
South Holland District Council
Lincolnshire County Council
<b>Category A</b>
North East Lincolnshire Council
West Lindsey District Council
North Kesteven District Council
South Kesteven District Council
Peterborough City Council
Fenland District Council
King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council
Cambridgeshire County Council
Norfolk County Council
<b>Category C</b>
Lincolnshire County Council
<b>Category D</b>
North East Lincolnshire Council
North Lincolnshire Council
Nottinghamshire County Council
Leicestershire County Council
Rutland County Council
North Northamptonshire Council
Peterborough City Council
Cambridgeshire County Council
Norfolk County Council

72. The Project's consultation with the local county council, host and neighbouring local authorities on the SoCC is outlined in Section 8 of this document.

73. The Project subsequently commenced monthly meetings with Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) and hosted both introductory and follow up meetings with the host local authorities (Category B) via the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership (S&ELCP). The S&ELCP is comprised of Boston Borough Council (BBC), East Lindsey District Council and South Holland District Council. Following the initial introductory meetings, a main Point of Contact (POC) was appointed to act on behalf of all three district councils.

74. The case officers assigned for each of the councils as well as appointed POC were also invited to sit on the relevant ETGs established as part of the EPP process as described in Section 9.8.

75. Ongoing meetings were established to provide updates to the councils regarding the development of the Project's proposals, provide a forum for questions and invite discussion on various aspects of the project's proposals.

76. Table 7.2 Summary of sets out a summary of meetings held with Local Authorities.

*Table 7.2 Summary of Meetings with Local Authorities*

Date	Headline Topics
<b>LCC</b>	
July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Introduction</li> </ul>
August 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Introduction</li> <li>• Consultation overview</li> <li>• Onshore ECC and substation site selection process</li> <li>• Community benefit process</li> </ul>
January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Committee Meeting</li> <li>• Archaeology and Heritage</li> <li>• Community Benefit Fund</li> </ul>
February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lincs Green</li> <li>• Cumulative impact assessment</li> <li>• Planning Committee Meeting presentation</li> <li>• Energy Infrastructure Framework Position</li> </ul>
March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members on Planning Committee briefing on Project</li> </ul>
April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLG Presentation Slides</li> <li>• Programme update</li> <li>• PINS early adopter programme</li> <li>• Council resources</li> </ul>
May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land use/Agricultural land</li> <li>• Community Benefit Fund</li> </ul>
June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land use/Agricultural land</li> <li>• Section 42 PEIR consultation</li> <li>• LCC land interest at landfall and update on progress of discussions</li> <li>• Lincolnshire Energy Position Paper</li> </ul>
July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach survey works</li> <li>• Early Adopters Programme</li> <li>• Community Benefit Fund</li> <li>• Draft DCO documents</li> </ul>
August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 42 responses</li> <li>• Phase 2 consultation</li> <li>• Grid connection</li> </ul>
September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Grid engagement</li> <li>• Autumn Consultation PID dates</li> </ul>

Date	Headline Topics
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upcoming community events</li> <li>• Community benefit fund</li> </ul>
October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLG presentation</li> <li>• Archaeology</li> <li>• LVIA</li> <li>• Traffic and Transport</li> </ul>
November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autumn Consultation PIDs</li> <li>• Autumn Consultation LCC response</li> <li>• Traffic</li> <li>• Archaeology</li> <li>• Cumulative projects in Lincolnshire</li> <li>• Programme Updates</li> </ul>
December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archaeology</li> <li>• LCC Energy Position</li> <li>• Community Benefit Fund</li> <li>• Targeted Consultation</li> <li>• Autumn Consultation</li> </ul>
January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLG meetings</li> <li>• Draft DCO provisions</li> <li>• Section 42 Highway responses</li> <li>• Examination venues</li> </ul>
February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLG meetings</li> <li>• Substation Design Review Process</li> <li>• Section 42 Highways response</li> <li>• Post submission Councillor briefing</li> </ul>
<b>BBC</b>	
August 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Introduction</li> <li>• Consultation overview</li> <li>• Economic development opportunities</li> </ul>
<b>SHDC</b>	
December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Introduction</li> <li>• Consultation overview</li> </ul>
April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback and briefing on previous and upcoming consultation</li> <li>• Briefing on PEIR</li> </ul>
<b>ELDC</b>	
March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Introduction</li> <li>• Consultation overview</li> <li>• Onshore ECC and substation site selection process</li> <li>• Community benefit process</li> </ul>
January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Opportunities</li> <li>• Socio-economic assessment</li> </ul>

## 7.1 Engagement with local MPs, Councillors and Elected Members

77. Throughout the refinement of the Project’s onshore development, the Project had the potential to interact with 3 constituencies, outlined in Table 7.3 below. The Applicant has engaged with all of the highlighted MPs, including inviting them to consultation events, to participate in Community Liaison Groups and bilateral engagement via both emails and meetings.

*Table 7.3 Lincolnshire Constituencies that may interact with the Project and relevant MP*

Constituency	MP	Relevant section of the Project/CLG invited to	Dates of meetings
Boston and Skegness CC	Rt Hon Matt Warman (MP)	Cable Route North & South (for Weston Marsh Option)	June 2023
Louth and Horncastle CC	Rt Hon Victoria Atkins (MP)	Landfall (previously also Substation North)	October 2022
South Holland and the Deepings CC	Rt Hon Sir John Hayes (MP)	Substation (previously Substation South)	September 2023 and November 2023

78. The Applicant held a series of briefings for local councillors as set out in Table 7.4 below.

*Table 7.4 Councillor Briefings held by the Applicant*

Constituency	Dates of Meetings	Topics
LCC	August 2022	Introduction of the Project to local councillors
LCC	February 2023	LCC Planning Committee Meeting

*Parish, Local, District and County Councils were invited to the consultation events held by the Applicant and, where relevant invited to engage in Community Liaison Groups (CLGs) (See Section 10).*

79. The Applicant will continue to engage with representatives of the parish, local, district and County councils throughout the application process.

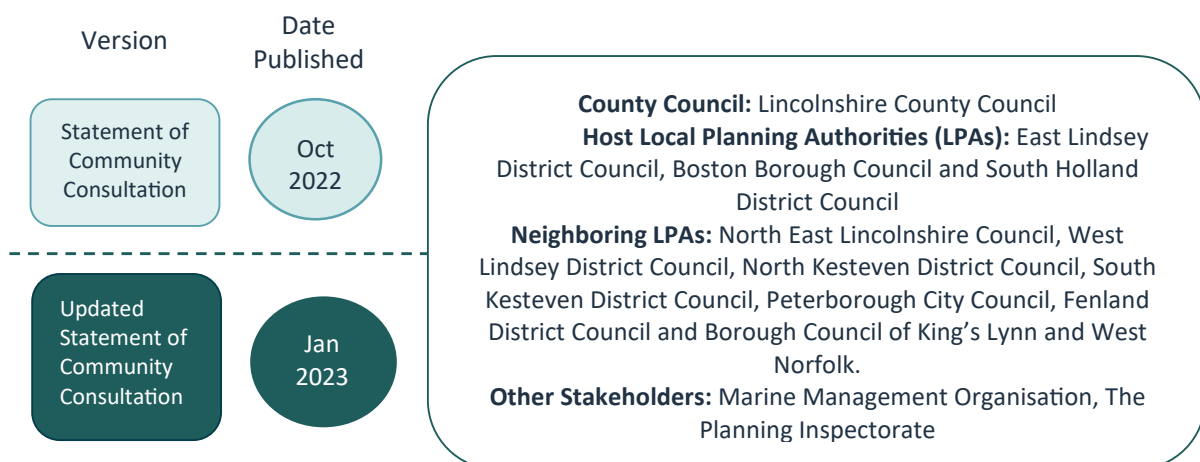


## 8 Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

### 8.1 Consultation on the draft SoCC

80. In accordance with section 47 of the 2008 Act the Applicant developed a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) in consultation with the relevant local authorities, LCC, MMO & PINS which was published in October 2022. The relevant local authorities were identified as outlined in section 7 of this report above as those falling under section 43 (1) of the 2008 Act.
81. Consultees were given 28 days to provide comments on the draft SoCCs, therefore complying with the statutory consultation period set by section 47 of the 2008 Act.
82. Following receipt of comments from consultees, a second draft of the SoCC was prepared by the Applicant, and consultees were given a further 28 days to provide comments on the draft SoCC, therefore complying with the statutory consultation period set by section 47 of the 2008 Act.
83. The SoCC explained how the Applicant intended to consult with local communities on the Project as required under the Planning Act 2008.
84. The SoCC was subsequently updated following the introduction of an additional phase of consultation (Phase 1A) which introduced an alternative onshore cable route option into the Applicant’s proposals following feedback from the community and local stakeholders received during the Phase 1 Consultation events. Further details on the Phase 1 Consultation events are outlined in section 9.3 of this report.
85. A draft of the updated SoCC was consulted on with the same consultees consulted on the first SoCC. Consultees were given 28 days to provide comments on the draft SoCC, therefore complying with the statutory consultation period set by section 47 of the 2008 Act.
86. Table 8.1 below reflects the responses received during the SoCC consultation and the Applicant’s corresponding response and/or update.
87. Copies of the draft and final versions of the original and updated SoCC are included in Appendix 5.1.5 together with copies of the formal notices that were used to advertise the ODOW SoCC as outlined in Table 8.3 below.

*Plate 8.1 Stakeholder consulted on the Draft SoCC*



## 8.2 Updates to the draft SoCC following Consultation

88. During the consultation carried out under section 47 of the 2008 Act on the contents of the SoCC, the Applicant received several responses from the consultees on the first draft of the SoCC. The responses and the Applicant's response and the relevant updates to the SoCC are outlined in Table 8.1 below. Comments on the Updated draft SoCC were provided in relation to updated council addresses and opening times of the hard copy access locations, the SoCC was updated accordingly. No further comments were received in respect of either the second draft of the SoCC or the Updated SoCC.

*Table 8.1 Consultee Responses in relation to SoCC Consultation and Project Regard*

Organisation	Comment	Update and/or Response
LCC	Consider rephrasing 'hard to reach groups' to 'seldom heard voices'	Terminology adopted within the final SoCC.
LCC	More information required on the purpose of the consultation	Additional wording provided within section 1, 2 and 8 of the SoCC.
LCC	More information required on the consultation objectives	Additional wording included in section 8 of the SoCC.
LCC	Specific information required for the locations/venues for public information events. This information should include the locations themselves and their suitability i.e. accessibility	Information on the Public Information Events including information on locations and accessibility will be publicised as outlined in section 9 of the SoCC.
LCC	Include an engagement timeline of when information will be shared and when events will take place	An Anticipated Project and Community Consultation Timeline has been included in Section 2 of the SoCC.
LCC	Dates and times of events to be held, including how account has been taken to ensure that they are made available to a range of stakeholders i.e. working families who may require events beyond the normal working hours	The Applicant confirmed that events will be held out with normal working hours and an event will be held on a non-working day.
LCC	Clarity around wording of 'virtual briefing' and when these would be held	Terminology changed to 'virtual public information event' which refers to their online exhibitions
LCC	Possibility of including a webinar as part of the engagement process enabling those who cannot or choose not to attend a face-to-face event to engage	The Applicant confirmed that webinars will be included as a consultation method and information on these will be included when the Public Information Events are publicised.

Organisation	Comment	Update and/or Response
LCC	Possibility of an out of hours phone back service to allow people to discuss the project at a suitable time for them	Details of the ODOW Hotline freephone included within the SoCC and any Project consultation materials
LCC	How social media will be used to publicise the engagement and ensure information is widely disseminated	Social media will be adopted as one of the consultation methods as outlined in section 9 of the SoCC.
LCC	Opening hours of the locations where documents can be inspected should be provided	Links to where this information can be found are included within the SoCC.
LCC	Include an engagement timeline of when information will be shared and when events will take place	An Anticipated Project and Community Consultation Timeline has been included in Section 2 of the SoCC.
LCC	Reference should be made to how engagement will seek to include minority groups i.e. Traveller communities and those with protected characteristics	References included within section 7 of the SoCC
LCC	Including when newspaper/radio/tv/media will be used to publicise the engagement and what local radio stations are to be used	References included within section 9 of the SoCC. Press releases will be provided to the local radio stations but whether these are aired will be at the radio's discretion and therefore these will not be included in the SoCC.
LCC	Reference to what local interest groups will be engaged with i.e. Local Wildlife Trusts	References included within section 7 of the SoCC
BBC	Documents should be deposited at the Borough Council reception as well as the Boston library	Access point included in the final SoCC along with the other host district council offices.
BBC	Recommendation of local news outlets to be included within the 'media' section including local newspapers and radio stations.	Local newspapers listed within the SoCC. Press releases will be provided to the local radio stations but whether these are aired will be at the radio's discretion and therefore these will not be included in the SoCC.
SHDC	Statutory advertising in the Spalding Voice publication	Spalding Voice, Spalding Guardian and Spalding Today included in the Statutory Publication Notice list in section 9 of the SoCC.
SHDC	Documents need to be held in the South Holland District Council offices as well as Pinchbeck Hub	Access point included in the final SoCC along with the other host district council offices.

Organisation	Comment	Update and/or Response
SHDC	Additional consultees recommended	Section 7 of the SoCC updated to better define proposed consultees.
PINS	Not clear what the figure/data on the axis of Figure 1 represents	Updated figure included within the SoCC.
PINS	References to the PINS Advice Notes to be included.	References included in the SoCC
PINS	Consideration to be given to using social media as a method of communication.	Social media included as a consultation method in Section 9 of the SoCC

89. Hard copies of the SoCC were deposited at the locations on the dates outlined in Table 8.2. The deposit locations were selected in consultation with local authorities.

90. All the consultation material deposit points were located within the identified consultation zones (as identified in section 9 of this report). A combination of four libraries and four council offices were selected as equally spaced along the onshore cable route as possible, giving multiple options for consultees to access the hard copy materials. All points had to be a public building to enable access without appointment and by selecting public buildings this gave increased accessibility for wheelchair users etc. Opening times of the buildings were kept updated and shared on the project website and in the consultation materials.

*Table 8.2 Deposit Dates and availability of hard copies of the initial and updated SoCC*

Locations	ODOW SoCC (October 2022)	ODOW Updated SoCC (January 2023)
Community Access Point	Annex 5.1.1C	Annex 5.1.1F
Mablethorpe Library and Customer Service Centre	Date Deposited at Community Access Point:  20-Oct-22	Date Deposited at Community Access Point:  24-Jan-23
Skegness Library		
Boston Library County Hall		
Pinchbeck Community Hub and Library		
South Holland District Council		
Lincolnshire County Council		
Boston Borough Council (Reception)		
East Lindsey District Council		

### 8.3 Publicising the SoCC

91. The adverts publicising the SoCC and Updated SoCC are shown in Appendix 5.1.5 and included a high level overview of the Project, information on where the SoCC documents would be available to view, the opening hours of the locations and from what dates the documents would be available (as outlined in Table 8.2 above).
92. Table 8.3 below sets out the dates that the SoCC and updated SoCC was published and the newspaper outlets which ran the advertisements.

*Table 8.3 Publication of Formal Notices related to the SoCC*

Media Outlet		ODOW SoCC (October 2022)		ODOW Updated SoCC (January 2023)	
Outlet	Reach	Public Notice	Date Published	Public Notice	Date Published
Louth Leader Publications (Skegness Standard, Mablethorpe Leader, Horncastle News, Spilsby Standard and Market Rasen Mail)	East Lindsey	SoCC Public Notice (Annex L)	19-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex M)	18-Jan-23
Boston Target	Boston	SoCC Public Notice (Annex F)	19-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex N)	18-Jan-23
Spalding Guardian	South Holland	SoCC Public Notice (Annex I)	20-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex O)	19-Jan-23
Spalding Voice	South Holland	SoCC Public Notice (Annex J)	19-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex P)	18-Jan-23
Spalding Today	Boston	Newspaper Website Upload	20-Oct-22	Newspaper Website Upload	19-Jan-23
Lincolnshire Echo	Lincoln	SoCC Public Notice (Annex H)	20-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex Q)	19-Jan-23
Lincolnshire Free Press	Lincoln	SoCC Public Notice (Annex G)	20-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex R)	19-Jan-23
Lincolnshire Live	Lincoln	Newspaper Website Upload	19-Oct-22	Newspaper Website Upload	18-Jan-23

Media Outlet		ODOW SoCC (October 2022)		ODOW Updated SoCC (January 2023)	
Outlet	Reach	Public Notice	Date Published	Public Notice	Date Published
Lincolnshire World	Lincoln	Newspaper Website Upload	19-Oct-22	Newspaper Website Upload	18-Jan-23
Fishing News	National	SoCC Public Notice (Annex L)	27-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex S)	26-Jan-23

As outlined in the ODOW SoCC the below tv and radio stations were contacted with news of the SoCC being published

BBC Radio Lincolnshire	Lincoln
Lincs 102.2FM	Lincoln
BBC Look North	National
ITV Newscalendar	National

## 8.4 Consultation Methods and Compliance with the SoCC

93. Community Consultation has been carried out in accordance with the SoCC and the updated SoCC as required by Section 47 of the 2008 Act. This has included the use of various mechanisms to engage with the community in an accessible manner with a view to reaching all residents and communities that could be potentially affected by the Applicant's proposals, and as identified, for example, through consultation with the LPAs and other stakeholders.

### 8.4.1 Consultation Methods Under the SoCC

94. Section 9 of the SoCC and the Updated SoCC sets out the consultation methods the Applicant undertook as part of its pre-application consultation. Table 8.4 shows how the project has employed each consultation method outlined in Section 9 of the SoCC and Updated SoCC.

*Table 8.4 Consultation Methods undertaken by the Applicant*

Consultation Method committed to in the SoCC	Project Compliance
Website	For each phase of the consultation all the consultation materials have been made available to view and respond to including the most up to date information on where hard copies of the consultation materials can be found, via the Project's website.



Consultation Method committed to in the SoCC	Project Compliance
Community Liason Groups	Community Liaison Groups were established at appropriate locations along the onshore ECC as summarised in section 10 below. The dates and discussion topics of these Community Liaison Groups are shown in Table 10.2
Public Information Events	<p>A series of in person and virtual webinars were held throughout all phases of the consultation as outlined in the sections below, these were located at various locations within the consultation zones for each phase and were open for all interested members of the public.</p> <p>Public Information Days (PIDs) were advertised through leaflets, the local press and through local councils, community access points and notice boards. Copies of the brochures and posters have been included within Appendices 5.1.8, 5.1.9, 5.1.10 and 5.1.11</p>
Project Information Brochure	A project overview brochure was published on the Project website to inform stakeholders of the high-level proposals. A copy of the brochure is included as Annex 5.1.5AA.
Leaflet Drop	<p>The Applicant has issued leaflets for each phase of full consultation. The number of leaflets issued for each phase of the consultation is shown below in Tables 9.1, 9.3, 9.5 and 9.7. These were issued to the consultation zone.</p> <p>Copies of the leaflets are included as Annexes 5.1.8C, 5.1.9C, 5.1.10B, 5.1.11A.</p>
Stakeholder Briefings	The Applicant has hosted a series of project briefings, including prior to the launch of the project with stakeholders, including MPs, locally elected members from within Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Boston Borough Council, South Holland District Council and relevant Parish Councils. Details of these meetings are outlined in Section 7 above.
Project Newsletter	<p>The Project has issued two newsletters during the pre-application period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Winter 2023 Newsletter: summary of Phase 1 Feedback and including an updated SoCC, a copy is attached as Annex 5.1.8F</li> <li>▪ Spring 2023 Newsletter: summary of Phase 1A Consultation and the four Community Liaison Groups, a copy is attached as Annex 5.1.9F</li> </ul>
Community Access Points	A number of community access points have been identified as outlined in Table 8.3. Copies of the SoCC and consultation documentation has been made available at these locations throughout the consultation phases.
Statutory Notices	The Project has issued a number of statutory notices in accordance with the Planning Act 2008. Copies of these notices are attached under Appendix 5.1.6.
Posters	Posters were produced promoting participation in the consultation and provided to local venues for display. Copies of these posters are annexed as Annex 5.1.8B (Phase 1), Annex 5.1.9B (Phase 1A).

Consultation Method committed to in the SoCC	Project Compliance
Email Updates	The Project has maintained a mailing list for providing key project updates and information on the consultation. In addition to the Project newsletters which have been circulated to the mailing list, a project update has been provided to all interested parties, CLG members and consultees, a copy of which is attached as Annex 5.1.10J.
Media	Details of all the consultation phases have been publicised in local newspapers. Details of Phase 2 and Autumn consultations have also been publicised in national newspapers in accordance with the statutory requirements in relation to the publicising the proposed application under section 48 of the 2008 Act
Social media	<p>Throughout the consultation period the Applicant has increased their social media presence and utilisation of social media to promote participation in the Project’s consultation due to feedback that this was a key channel utilised by the target demographic.</p> <p>Social media channels utilised are outlined in the Social Media Report annexed and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Facebook: <a href="#">Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind   Facebook</a></li> <li>▪ Twitter: <a href="#">Outer Dowsing (@Outer_Dowsing) / X (twitter.com)</a></li> <li>▪ Instagram: <a href="#">Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind (@outerdowsing) • Instagram photos and videos</a></li> <li>▪ <a href="#">LinkedIn: Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind   LinkedIn</a></li> </ul>

## 8.5 Compliance with Commitments made in the SoCC

95. Within the SoCC and Updated SoCC the Applicant committed to inviting the local community to provide feedback on the Applicant’s proposals to allow the Applicant to develop the proposals collaboratively and responsibly taking account of local community interests. Annex 5.1.4A sets out how feedback received during the consultation phases has been incorporated into the final proposals.

96. Section 7 of the SoCC and Updated SoCC committed the Applicant to consulting the following individuals, all of whom have been engaged with during the consultation process:

- Local Planning Authorities
- Local Interest Groups – specifically the Applicant has consulted Boston Woods Trust, Canal River Trust and RSPB.
- Parish and Town Councils
- Owners, tenants and occupiers of the land affected by the DCO application- further details on how the Applicant has consulted landowners and occupiers are set out in section 12 of this report
- Resident, community, tourism and business organisations including our community liaison groups formed of local community leaders

- Individuals and members of the public
- Seldom heard voices, minority groups and those with protected characteristics. Following the publication of the SoCC the Applicant consulted the following groups:
  - Boston & South Holland Talking Newspaper
  - South Lincolnshire Blind Society
  - Lincolnshire Traveller Initiative
  - Lincolnshire Housing Partnership:
  - Lincolnshire Community Foundation
  - Just Lincolnshire
  - Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service
  - Connect to Support Lincolnshire
  - Age UK Lindsey
  - Linkage
- Commercial stakeholders including asset owners and the commercial fisheries industry
- Environmental bodies
- Local caravan parks

97. To allow for provision for those who do not have internet access the Applicant ensured that documents for all consultation phases were made available via post (on request), as well as at the Community Access Points.

98. The venues selected for public information events were chosen in order to facilitate public consultation along the length of the cable corridor while ensuring that the venues were easily accessible and well known within the community. A list of venues utilised is outlined in Table 8.5 below. Additionally for those unable to attend the in-person events the Applicant held webinars with interactive Q&A sessions which were available via the Project website in addition to a virtual version of the exhibitions.

*Table 8.5 Venues selected for Public Information*

Locations	Consultation Phases			
	Phase 1	Phase 1A	Phase 2	Autumn Consultation
Anderby Village Hall	1 November 2022	Out with Phase 1A Consultation Zone	21 June 2023	N/A*
Wainfleet All Saints Coronation Hall	4 November 2022	21 February 2023	20 June 2023	24 October 2023
Fosdyke Village Hall	5 November 2022	Out with Phase 1A Consultation Zone	1 July 2023	28 October 2023

Consultation Phases				
Locations	Phase 1	Phase 1A	Phase 2	Autumn Consultation
Butterwick Village Hall	11 November 2022	Out with Phase 1A Consultation Zone	30 June 2023	27 October 2023
Old Leake Community Centre	N/A	24 February 2023	22 June 2023	2 November 2023
Hogsthorpe Village Hall	N/A			25 October 2023

\*Hogsthorpe Village Hall was chosen instead of Anderby Village Hall for the Autumn Consultation events as it represented a better coverage of the Weston Marsh route option and landfall following confirmation that the Lincs Node option was no longer being pursued, provided better parking facility and had better availability.

99. Section 8 of the SoCC set out what the Applicant planned to consult on namely:

- Environmental impacts;
- Economic impacts;
- Social impacts;
- The site selection process for the location of the onshore substation area and refinement of the onshore cable corridor search area;
- The offshore environment including consultation with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and commercial fisheries organisations;
- Short-term and temporary impacts during construction, such as traffic movements, local amenities and the environment; and
- Long-term operational considerations, such as on the local environment, landscape and visual amenity.

100. These topics underpinned each phase of consultation where feedback was sought on a variety of themes including each of the onshore elements of the Project and how the Project could help deliver positive environmental change in the local area. Additionally, the Applicant presented the reasoning for the selection of Wolla Bank at landfall. Full details of each consultation are outlined in Section 9 below.

101. Table 8.6 below sets out a high level summary of commitments made in the SoCC and how the Applicant has complied with these.

Table 8.6 Summary of Compliance with the SoCC

Commitment Made	Statement of Compliance
<i>Purpose of Consultation</i>	
<i>The purpose of the consultation is to provide a forum for the Project to inform the local community</i>	The Applicant has undertaken four phases of community consultation to fully inform the local

Commitment Made	Statement of Compliance
<p><i>of the Project’s proposals with a focus on providing opportunities for stakeholders, local residents and community groups to have their say and feedback directly to the Project team.</i></p>	<p>community of the Project proposals and the refinement of these proposals through the pre-application stage.</p> <p>Feedback received and how the Applicant has had regard to this is outlined in Appendix 5.1.4.</p>
<p><i>Phase 1A (Alternative Route) aims to introduce the alternative route to local communities who may be affected by this new proposal, introduce the Project and its proposals to those who have not yet been consulted and provide an opportunity for all interested parties to provide feedback.</i></p>	<p>The Phase 1A Consultation is summarised in section 9.4 below which sets out how the Project identified the consultation zone, publicised the PIDs and the levels of attendance and feedback received.</p>
<p><i>Phase 2 will present and seek views on the development of the proposals to that point. That would include consultation on the results of our environmental surveys and studies (which will be presented in our PEIR).</i></p>	<p>The Phase 2 Consultation is summarised in section 9.5 below. The consultation documentation including the PEIR was made available at the Public Consultation Events, at the community access points outlined and via the Project’s website.</p>
<b>Onshore Search Zone</b>	
<p><i>We are currently assessing the optimal cable route and onshore and onshore substation location options and we are seeking your feedback to help shape our proposals. Feedback from the consultation phase will be incorporated into the project design process which will also be refined following the outcome of the OTNR.</i></p>	<p>Feedback gathered through the consultation phases has been used to refine the Project onshore design as outlined in Table 1.1 and Plate 1.1 above.</p>
<b>Onshore Substations Search Zones</b>	
<p><i>Until we have secured a final grid connection, we currently have two search zones for the onshore substation. Only one of these zones along with the accompanying onshore cable route search zone will be progressed once a final connection point is adopted.</i></p>	<p>The Project received a grid connection offer for Weston Marsh and subsequently have progressed these options during the Autumn and Targeted Winter Consultation.</p>
<b>PEIR</b>	
<p><i>A PEIR will be published on the project website to support the statutory pre-application consultation requirements of the 2008 Act. As part of the consultation copies of the PEIR report will be made available as the Project conducts the public consultation.</i></p>	<p>The Project’s PEIR was published on the Project’s website and made available at the Community Access Points outlined.</p>
<b>Environmental Statement</b>	

Commitment Made	Statement of Compliance
<p><i>The ES will incorporate the final EIA for the Project building on the content of the PEIR and incorporating changes and updates in response to the statutory consultations as well as the results of any further surveys and studies undertaken since the production of the PEIR. It will also describe any changes made to the Project following consultation and any mitigation measures that are proposed.</i></p>	<p>The ES submitted as part of the DCO application builds on the PEIR consulted on during the Phase 2 consultation.</p> <p>Each chapter of the ES incorporates the relevant refinements and changes and outlines studies and surveys undertaken and mitigation measures that are proposed.</p>
<b>Consenting Processes</b>	
<p><i>The Project includes an offshore generating station that will have a proposed capacity in excess of 100MW offshore therefore under section 15 of the 2008 Act it is classified as a NSIP and as such the Project must apply for a DCO to build and operate the Project.</i></p>	<p>The Applicant has applied for a DCO for the Project.</p>
<b>Who will be Consulted</b>	
<p><i>Communities and individuals living within the vicinity of the Project will be consulted as well as anyone who may be interested or feel in any way that they may be impacted by the Project.</i></p>	<p>Section 8.5 above outlines who the Project stated should be consulted in the SoCC which is also addressed in Section 9 below.</p> <p>The Applicant conducted four phases of community consultation including a number of public information days and virtual exhibitions to ensure that the local community were able to engage meaningfully with the consultation.</p>
<b>Consultation Methods</b>	
<p><i>The Project is adopting a 'hybrid' approach to the statutory consultation on the Project. Any physical or face to face consultation will be held in line with Government guidelines.</i></p>	<p>The Project has used a variety of consultation to promote the Project and facilitate engagement with the local community as outlined in Table 8.5 above.</p>



## 9 Pre-Application Consultation Phases

### 9.1 Summary of Statutory Compliance

#### 9.1.1 Section 42

102. Under Section 42(1) of the 2008 Act the Applicant must consult the following parties on the proposed application:

*(a) such persons as may be prescribed*

*(aa) the MMO, in any case where the proposed development would affect or be likely to affect any of the areas specified in subsection (2).*

*(b) each local authority that is within section 43*

*(c) the Greater London Authority if the land is in Greater London, and*

*(d) each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in section 44*

103. The Project falls within multiple of the categories set out in subsection (2) of section 42 and therefore the Applicant has included the MMO as a consultee.

104. In relation to section 42(1)(a) the Applicant consulted all prescribed consultees defined as statutory consultees under Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations and by the Planning Inspectorate under Regulation 11(1)(c) of the EIA Regulations. The Applicant has carried out multiple phases of consultation under section 42 of the 2008 Act and therefore how consultees have been identified in respect of each phase is outlined in the respective sections below.

105. In addition to the prescribed consultees identified, the Applicant has consulted a further number of non-prescribed consultees on the basis of their interest in the proposed application.

106. In respect of section 42(1)(b), the local authorities falling within section 43 are defined and outlined in section 7 above. Section 42(1)(c) is not relevant to the Project as the proposed application will not affect any land within Greater London.

107. Identification of parties falling within the categories set out in section 44 and therefore included as section 42 consultees under section 42(1)(d) is outlined in relation to each phase below.

108. Appendix 5.1.3 lists all of the section 42 consultees that have been consulted in respect of the proposed application.

Table 9.1 Prescribed consultees for the purposes of section 42(1)(a)

Prescribed Consultees	Circumstances when that person must be consulted about a proposed application	Confirmation that the Applicant consulted the party if relevant
The Welsh Ministers	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Wales	Not Applicable
The Scottish Executive	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Scotland	Not Applicable
The relevant Northern Ireland Department	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Northern Ireland	Not Applicable
The Health and Safety Executive (HSE)	All cases	The Applicant consulted with the HSE throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42 of the 2008 Act. The HSE's responses and Applicant's regard to these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4
The National Health Service Commissioning Board/NHS England	All proposed applications likely to affect land in England and Wales	The Applicant consulted with both NHS England and NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board as prescribed by PINS. No comments were received from either party.
The relevant Health Board	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Scotland	Not Applicable
Natural England	All proposed applications likely to affect land in England	The Applicant has consulted extensively with Natural England both through formal consultation, the EPP and participation in the ETGs. Natural England's responses and the Applicant's regard to these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4
The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England	All proposed applications likely to affect land in England	The Applicant consulted with Historic England throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42 of the 2008 Act in addition to participating in the EPP and ETG process. Historic England's responses and the Applicant's regard to these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4

Prescribed Consultees	Circumstances when that person must be consulted about a proposed application	Confirmation that the Applicant consulted the party if relevant
The relevant fire and rescue authority	All cases	The Applicant consulted with Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
The relevant police and crime commissioner	All cases	The Applicant consulted with Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
The relevant parish council or where the application relates to land in Wales or Scotland the relevant community council	All cases	The Applicant has consulted with a number of parish councils prescribed by PINS throughout the consultation phases carried out under section 42 and CLGs. Responses received from parish councils who responded to the consultations and how the Applicant has had regard for these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4.
The Environment Agency	All proposed applications likely to affect land in England	The Applicant has consulted extensively with the Environment Agency both through the phases of consultation and through the EPP process and participation in the ETGs. Responses received and how the Applicant has had regard for these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4.
The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Scotland	The Applicant consulted with SEPA throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
Relevant AONB Conservation Boards	All proposed applications likely to affect an AONB that is managed by a conservation board	The Applicant consulted with the AONB Conservation Boards for Lincs Wolds and Norfolk throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales	All proposed applications likely to affect the historic environment in Wales	Not Applicable

Prescribed Consultees	Circumstances when that person must be consulted about a proposed application	Confirmation that the Applicant consulted the party if relevant
Natural Resources Body for Wales	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Wales	Not Applicable
The Joint Nature Conservation Committee	All proposed applications likely to affect the marine environment	The Applicant has consulted extensively with the JNCC both through the phases of consultation and through the EPP process and participation in the ETGs. Responses received and how the Applicant has had regard for these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4
Scottish Natural Heritage	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Scotland	The Applicant consulted with Scottish Natural Heritage (now NatureScot) throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
The Maritime and Coastguard Agency	All proposed applications likely to affect the maritime or coastal environment or the shipping industry	The Applicant consulted with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42 of the 2008 Act. Their responses and the Applicant's regard to these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4
MMO	All proposed applications likely to affect the marine area in England and Wales	The Applicant has consulted extensively with the MMO both throughout the consultation phases and through the EPP process and participation in the ETGs. Responses received and how the Applicant has had regard for these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4
The Civil Aviation Authority	All proposed applications relating to airports or which are likely to affect an airport or its current or future operation	The Applicant consulted with the Civil Aviation Authority throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
The Secretary of State for Transport	All proposed applications likely to affect road or transport operation and/or planning on roads for which the Secretary of State for Transport is the highway authority	Not applicable. The Secretary of State for Transport is not the highway authority for any affected roads.
The relevant Highways Authority	All proposed applications likely to have an impact on the road network or the volume of traffic in the vicinity of the proposal	The Applicant consulted both Lincolnshire County Council and National Highways both through the formal consultation process under section 42 and through the

Prescribed Consultees	Circumstances when that person must be consulted about a proposed application	Confirmation that the Applicant consulted the party if relevant
		EPP process and participation in the ETGs. outlined in Appendix 5.1.4. Responses received and how the Applicant has had regard for these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4
Integrated Transport Authorities and Passenger Transport Executives	All proposed applications likely to affect transport within, to or from the relevant integrated transport area of the ITA or PTE	Not Applicable. The application is not likely to affect transport within to or from the relevant integrated transport areas.
The relevant Strategic Highways Company	All proposed applications likely to affect road or transport operation and/or planning on roads for which the strategic highways company is the highway authority.	Not applicable. The Strategic Highways Company is not the highways authority for any of the roads which are likely to be affected by the Project.
Transport for London	All proposed applications likely to affect transport within, to, or from Greater London	Not Applicable
The Coal Authority	All proposed applications that lie within areas of past, present or future coal mining	The Applicant has consulted the Coal Authority throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
The Office of Rail and Road and approved operators	All proposed applications likely to affect the rail transport industry	Not Applicable. The Project is unlikely to affect the rail transport industry.
The relevant internal drainage board	All proposed applications likely to increase the risk of flooding in that area or where proposals relate to an area known to be an area of flood risk	The Applicant has consulted the identified relevant internal drainage boards both formally through the consultation and where applicable through participation in the EPP process and ETGs. Responses received and how the Applicant has had regard for these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4
Canal & River Trust	All proposed applications likely to have an impact on inland waterways or land adjacent to inland waterways	The Applicant consulted with the Canal & River Trust throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
Trinity House	All proposed applications likely to affect navigation in tidal waters	The Project consulted with Trinity House throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42 of



Prescribed Consultees	Circumstances when that person must be consulted about a proposed application	Confirmation that the Applicant consulted the party if relevant
		the 2008 Act. Trinity House’s responses and Project’s regard to these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4
United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA), an executive agency of the Department of Health and Social Care	All proposed applications likely to involve chemicals, poisons or radiation which could potentially cause harm to people and likely to affect significantly public health.	The Applicant consulted UKHSA throughout all phases of the consultation. UKHSA’s responses and the Project’s regard to these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4.
Relevant statutory undertakers	All proposed applications likely to affect their functions as statutory undertakers	Table 9.2 below sets out the relevant statutory undertakers identified and how the Project has consulted with them.
The Crown Estate Commissioners (TCE)	All proposed applications likely to impact on the Crown Estate	The Project has consulted extensively with TCE both formally through the section 42 consultations and informally. Details on informal consultations carried out is included in section 9.8 below.
The Forestry Commission	All proposed applications likely to affect the protection or expansion of forests and woodlands in England	The Project consulted the Forestry Commissions throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
The Secretary of State for Defence	All proposed applications likely to affect current or future operation of a site identified in a safeguarding map and all developments in the marine area	The Project consulted the MOD throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. The MOD’s responses and the Project’s regard to these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4.
The Natural Resources Body for Wales	All proposed applications likely to affect the protection or expansion of forests and woodlands in Wales	Not Applicable.
The relevant local health board	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Wales	Not Applicable.
The Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)	All proposed applications likely to affect matters relevant to the ONR’s purposes within the meaning of <u>Part 3</u> of the <u>Energy Act 2013</u> (see <u>section 67</u> of that Act).	Not Applicable.

Table 9.2 Prescribed consultees for the purposes of section 42(1)(a)- relevant statutory undertaker

Statutory Undertaker	Organisation	Confirmation that the Project consulted that organisation
The relevant Clinical Commissioning Group	NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board	The Project consulted with both NHS England and NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board as prescribed by PINS. No comments were received from either party.
The National Health Service Commissioning Board	NHS England	
The relevant NHS Trust	United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust	The Project consulted the United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	East Midland Ambulance Service NHS Trust	The Project consulted the East Midland Ambulance Service NHS Trust throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
The relevant NHS Foundation Trust	Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	The Project consulted with the Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Trust throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
Railways	Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd	The Project consulted Network Rail throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. Network Rail's responses and the Project's regard to these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4.
	Highways England Historical Railways Estate	The Project consulted the Highways England Historical Railways Estate throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
Dock and Harbour Authority	Port of Boston	The Project consulted the Ports of Boston and Fosdyke throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Port of Fosdyke	
Licence Holder (Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Transport Act 2000)	NATS En-Route Safeguarding	The Project consulted NATS throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. NATS' responses and the Project's regard to these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4.
Universal Service Provider	Royal Mail Group	The Project consulted the Royal Mail throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
The relevant water and sewage undertaker	Anglian Water	The Project consulted Anglian Water throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. Anglian Water's responses and the Project's regard to these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4.
The relevant public gas transporter	Cadent Gas Limited	The Project consulted Cadent Gas Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. Cadent Gas Limited responses and the Project's regard to these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4.

Statutory Undertaker	Organisation	Confirmation that the Project consulted that organisation
	Northern Gas Networks Limited	The Project consulted Northern Gas Networks throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Scotland Gas Networks Plc	The Project consulted Scotland Gas Networks and Southern Gas Networks throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Southern Gas Networks Plc	
	Wales and West Utilities Ltd	The Project consulted Wales and West Utilities Ltd throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Energy Assets Pipelines Limited	The Project consulted the ESP Utilities Group throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	ES Pipelines Ltd	
	ESP Networks Ltd	
	ESP Connections Ltd	
	Fulcrum Pipelines Limited	The Project consulted Fulcrum Pipelines Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Harlaxton Gas Networks Limited	The Project consulted Harlaxton Gas Networks Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	GTC Pipelines Limited	The Project consulted GTC Pipelines Limited, Quadrant Pipelines Limited and Independent Pipelines Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Independent Pipelines Limited	
	Quadrant Pipelines Limited	
	Indigo Pipelines Limited	The Project consulted Indigo Pipelines Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Leep Gas Networks Limited	The Project consulted Leep Gas Networks Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.

Statutory Undertaker	Organisation	Confirmation that the Project consulted that organisation
	Last Miles Gas Ltd	The Project consulted Last Miles Gas Ltd throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Squire Energy Limited	The Project consulted Squire Energy Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	National Grid Gas Plc	The Project consulted National Grid Gas Plc throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. National Grid Gas Plc's responses and the Project's regard to these are outlined in Appendix 5.1.4.
	Saltfleetby Energy Limited	The Project consulted Saltfleetby Energy Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
The relevant electricity generator with CPO Powers	Triton Knoll Offshore Windfarm Limited	The Project has consulted extensively with Triton Knoll through both formal consultation and informal consultation. No comments were formally received. Details of informal consultation are included within section 9.8
	Eclipse Power Network Limited	The Project consulted Eclipse Power Network Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Energy Assets Network Limited	The Project consulted the ESP Utilities Group throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	ESP Electricity Limited	
	Fulcrum Energy Assets Limited	The Project consulted Fulcrum Energy Assets Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Harlaxton Energy Networks Limited	The Project consulted Harlaxton Energy Networks Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Independent Power Networks Limited	The Project consulted Independent Power Networks Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	The Electricity Network Company Limited	
	Indigo Power Limited	The Project consulted Indigo Power Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Last Mile Electricity Ltd	The Project consulted Last Miles Electricity Ltd throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.

Statutory Undertaker	Organisation	Confirmation that the Project consulted that organisation
	Leep Electricity Networks Limited	The Project consulted Leep Electricity Networks Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Mua Electricity Limited	The Project consulted Mua Electricity Networks Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Optimal Power Networks Limited	The Project consulted Optimal Power Networks Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	UK Power Distribution Limited	The Project consulted UK Power Distribution Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Utility Assets Limited	The Project consulted Utility Assets Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Vattenfall Networks Limited	The Project consulted Vattenfall Networks Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	Eastern Power Networks Plc	The Project consulted Eastern Power Networks Plc and UK Power Networks Limited throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.
	UK Power Networks Limited	
	Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) plc	The Project consulted Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) plc throughout all phases of consultation carried out under section 42. No comments were received.



**9.1.2 Section 44**

109. The Applicant is required under section 42(1)(d) of the 2008 Act to consult with the relevant persons defined in section 44 of the 2008 Act (“the section 44 consultees”).

110. Section 44 consultees were broadly defined as:

*a person that is an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of the land; is interested in the land or has power to sell and convey the land, or to release the land; or is entitled to make a relevant claim if the order sought by the proposed application were to be made and fully implemented.*

111. A relevant claim under section 44 means:

- (a) A claim under section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 (compensation where satisfaction not made for the taking or injurious affection, of land subject to compulsory purchase)
- (b) A claim under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 (compensation for depreciation of land value by physical factors caused by use of public works)
- (c) A claim under s152(3) of the 2008 Act (any person whose land is injuriously affected by the carrying out of the works)

112. Below sets out the categories of section 44 consultees as identified under the 2008 Act.

*Table 9.3 Section 44 Consultee Categories*

Category of section 44 consultee	Definition within the 2008 Act
Category 1	An owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of the land
Category 2	If the applicant, after making diligent inquiry knows that the person is interested in the land or has the power to sell and convey the land or to release the land
Category 3	If the applicant thinks that the person would be entitled to make a relevant claim as a result of the order being implemented or the resulting land use

113. The Applicant sought to identify section 44 consultees by diligent inquiry before the statutory consultation which is fully detailed within the Land Referencing Methodology (Annex 5.1.14V). Further details of the land consultation are outlined in the phases of consultation below.

**9.1.3 Section 46**

114. Under Section 46 the Applicant must supply the Secretary of State with the same information that the Applicant would submit if the Secretary of State was a consultee under the section 42 consultation. This information must be submitted prior to or at the start of commencement of the consultation.

115. Table 9.4 below sets out the dates on which the Applicant provided the consultation information to the Secretary of State, the date that it was acknowledged and for completeness the date that the consultation commenced.

116. The Applicant carried out three phases of consultation under section 42. Prior to each phase commencing the Applicant notified the Secretary of State under section 46 of the 2008 Act and provided them with the consultation materials that were being provided to consultees for that phase. Copies of the notices are included in Appendix 5.1.6.

Table 9.4 Section 46 Notices issued to the SoS

Consultation Phase	Date Issued to Secretary of State	Date of Acknowledgment	Date Consultation Commenced
Phase 2 Consultation	5 June 2023	26 June 2023	7 June 2023
Autumn Consultation	18 October 2023	No acknowledgement received	20 October 2023
Targeted Winter Consultation	13 December 2023	15 December 2023	18 December 2023

#### 9.1.4 Section 47

117. Section 47 of the 2008 Act sets out the Applicant's duties in respect of consultation with the local community. Under section 47(1) the applicant is required to prepare a statement setting out how they propose to consult the local community on the proposed application. Section 8 above sets out the process the Applicant has undertaken in respect of the preparation and consultation on the proposed Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).
118. Under Section 47(2) the applicant must consult each local authority that is within section 43(1) about what should be included in the statement. The Applicant consulted on the content of the SoCC with those LPAs shown in Figure 4.

#### 9.1.5 Section 48

119. Section 48 of the 2008 Act requires the Applicant to publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner. The prescribed manner is set out in Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations. Under Regulation 4(2) this requires the Applicant to publish a notice in the following newspapers:
- (a) *For at least two successive weeks in one or more local newspapers*
  - (b) *Once in a national newspaper*
  - (c) *Once in the London Gazette and if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette and;*
  - (d) *Where the proposed application relates to offshore development:*
    - (i) *Once in Lloyd's List and*
    - (ii) *Once in an appropriate fishing trade journal*
120. In respect of Regulation 4(2)(a) the Applicant has publicised the application in a variety of local newspapers, as agreed during the SoCC consultation with local stakeholders, as set out in Table 9.5 below. Copies of the notices as they appeared in the newspapers are included within Appendix 5.1.6. The Louth Leader is published under several names throughout Lincolnshire including Skegness Standard, Mablethorpe Leader, Horncastle News, Spilsby Standard and Market Rasen Mail. Copies of the notice appeared in all of the publications that are distributed in the relevant areas of Lincolnshire that could potentially be affected by the proposed development.

121. The Applicant published a notice under section 48 in conjunction with the Phase 2 consultation under section 42. The notice provided the information required under regulation 4(3) of the APFP Regulations in relation to the proposed application. Following feedback from the Phase 2 Consultation the Applicant made a number of changes to the Project and proceeded to re-consult under section 42 of the 2008 Act (being the Autumn Consultation). As a result of the changes to the Project the Applicant considered it would be appropriate to publish a further notice under section 48 in order to notify any persons with an interest in the Project of the changes to the proposed application. This notice was published in conjunction with the Autumn Consultation. Due to the targeted nature of the Targeted Winter Consultation no public notice was published in the newspapers and stakeholders were contacted directly by the Applicant.

*Table 9.5 Section 48 Notices Publication Dates – Regulation 4(2)(a)*

Publication	Phase 2 First Publication	Phase 2 Second Publication	Autumn Consultation First Publication	Autumn Consultation Second Consultation
Boston Standard	7 June 2023	14 June 2023	11 October 2023	18 October 2023
Boston Target	7 June 2023	14 June 2023	11 October 2023	18 October 2023
Lincolnshire Free Press	6 June 2023	13 June 2023	10 October 2023	17 October 2023
Lincolnshire Echo	8 June 2023	15 June 2023	12 October 2023	19 October 2023
Louth Leader (Skegness Standard, Mablethorpe Leader, Horncastle News, Spilsby Standard and Market Rasen Mail)	7 June 2023	14 June 2023	11 October 2023	18 October 2023
Spalding Guardian	8 June 2023	15 June 2023	12 October 2023	19 October 2023
Spalding Voice	8 June 2023	15 June 2023	12 October 2023	19 October 2023

122. In compliance with Regulation 4(2)(b) the Applicant has publicised notice of the application in The Times on 5 June 2023 and 12 October. Copies of these are included within Appendix 5.1.6.

123. The Project does not affect any land in Scotland, therefore under Regulation 4(2)(c) notice of the application in the London Gazette on 7 June 2023 and 12 October 2023. Copies of these are included within Appendix 5.1.6.

124. In respect of Regulation 4(2)(d) the Applicant has publicised notice of the application in Lloyd’s List on 7 June 2023 and 12 October 2023 and Fishing News on 8 June 2023. Copies of these are included within Appendix 5.1.6.

### 9.1.6 Section 49

125. Section 49 of the 2008 Act requires the Applicant to have regard to any relevant responses when deciding whether the final application should be in the same terms as the proposed application. The Applicant has reviewed all responses received under the consultations carried out under section 42 and 47. Further details of how these have been taken into account are set out in Appendix 5.1.4. No comments were received under the section 48 consultation.

### 9.1.7 Summary of Phases of Consultation

126. Table 9.6 sets out the phases of consultation undertaken by the Applicant and the applicable section of the 2008 Act under which consultation was carried out.

*Table 9.6 Phases of Consultation and Corresponding section of the 2008 Act*

Phase of Consultation	Section of the 2008 Act applicable to that phase of consultation
Phase 1	Section 47
Phase 1A	Section 47
Phase 2	Section 42, section 47 and section 48
Autumn Consultation	Section 42, section 47 and section 48
Targeted Winter Consultation	Section 42

## 9.2 Project Consultation Timeline

127. The Applicant has sought to engage actively and openly throughout the pre-application consultation process with the community. The timeline in Plate 9.1 demonstrates a high-level timeline of community consultation outlining the key consultation milestones undertaken by the project (with each element described in detailed throughout the remainder of this section).

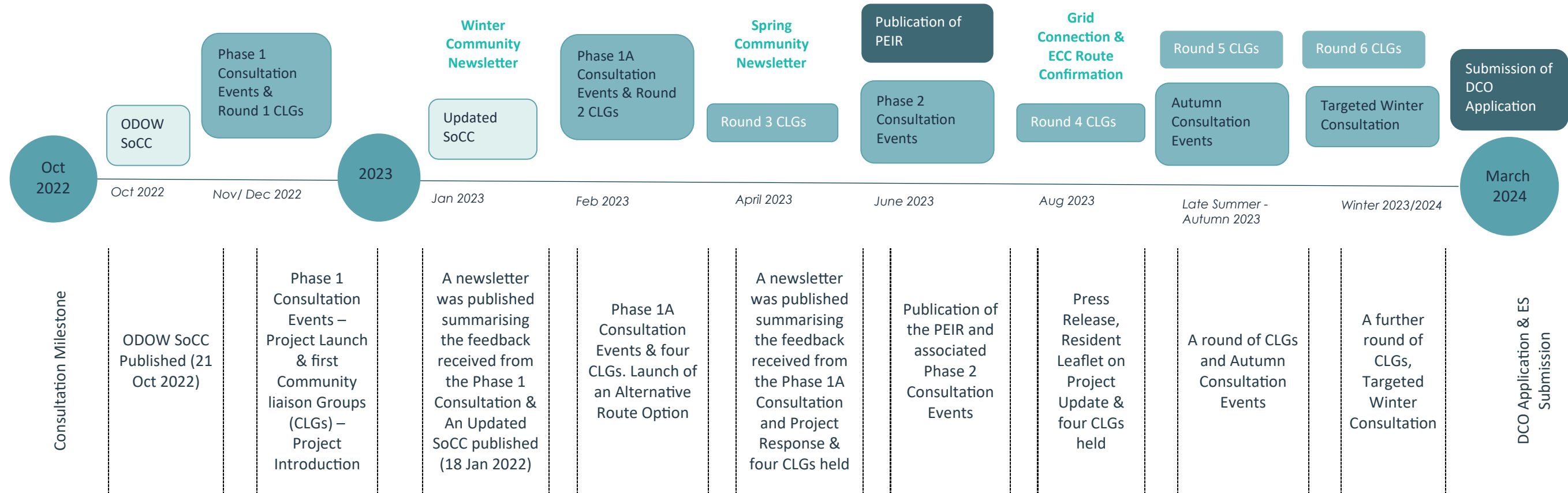


Plate 9.1 Pre-Application Community Consultation Timeline

128. The Applicant has sought to engage actively and openly throughout the pre-application consultation process with landowners. The timeline in Plate 9.2 demonstrates a high-level timeline of landowner consultation outlining the key consultation milestones undertaken by the project (with each element described in detailed throughout the remainder of this section).

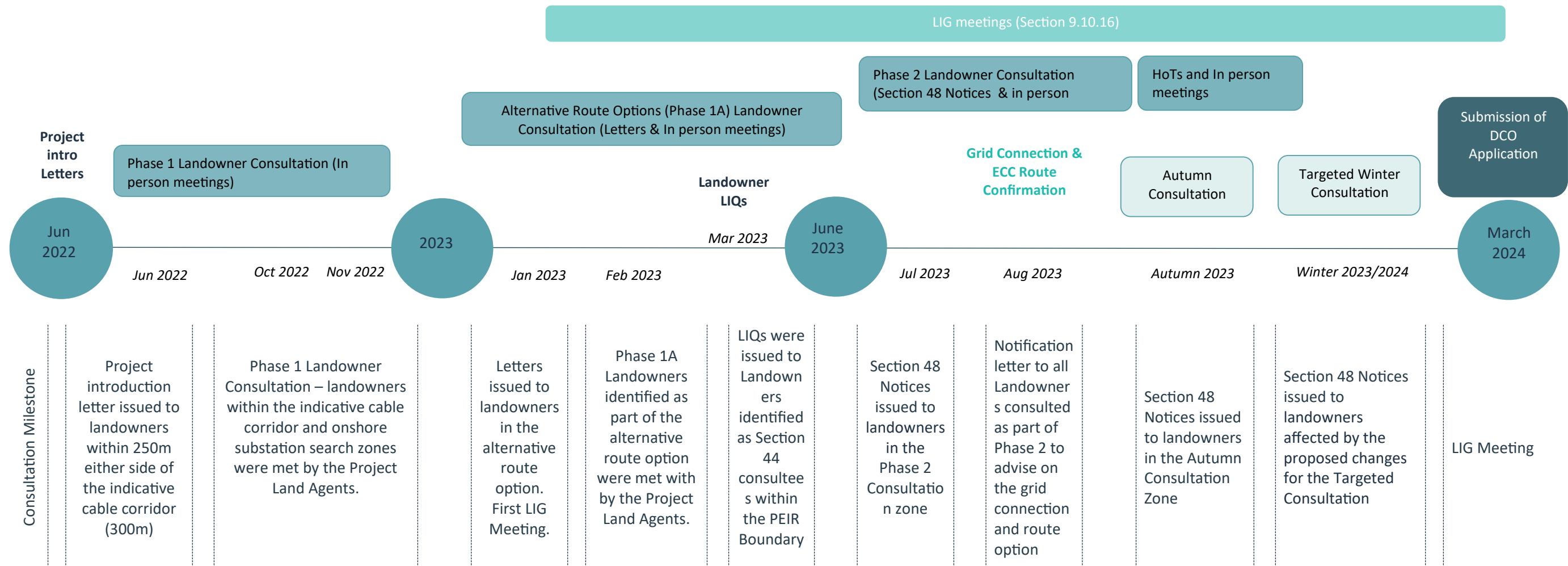


Plate 9.2 Pre Application Land Interest Consultation Timeline



### 9.3 Phase 1 Consultation (Project Launch)

129. The purpose of the Phase 1 Consultation was to launch the Project and the initial proposals with the local community with a view to receiving feedback at an early stage in the Project’s design process. This phase of consultation was carried out under section 47 of the 2008 Act.

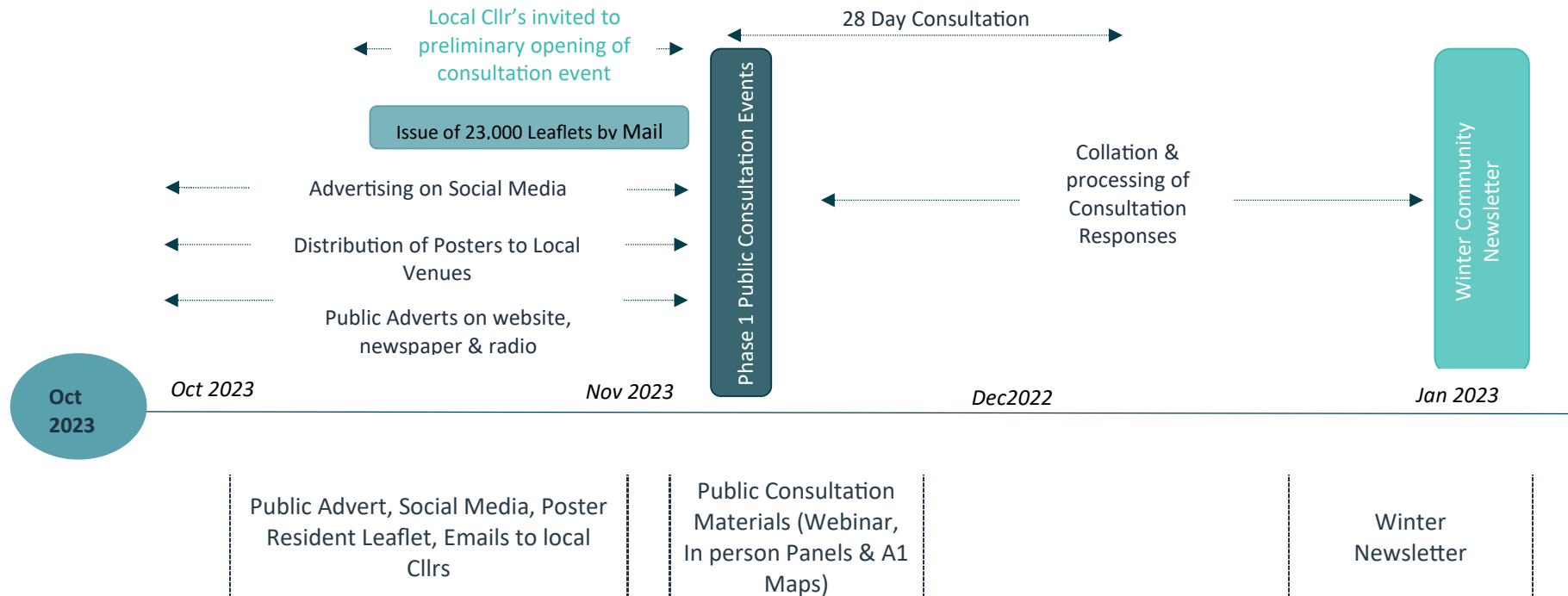


Plate 9.3 Phase 1 Consultation Timeline

### 9.3.1 Identification of Consultees

#### 9.3.1.1 Consultation Zones (Compliance with the SoCC)

130. A core consultation zone was identified for the Phase 1 Consultation as shown in Figure 8. This core consultation zone comprised a minimum distance of 500 metres either side of the onshore search zone, extending to 1,000 metres around the onshore substation search zones. For clarity a map was included in the SoCC (Annex 5.1.5C) and in the Phase 1 Leaflet that was issued to all residents and businesses within this core consultation zone (Annex 5.1.8C). This approach was intended to ensure that all individuals and stakeholders identified within the vicinity of any proposed underground or overground infrastructure were consulted.



Plate 9.4 Phase 1 Consultation Zone

131. An “outer zone” was also identified as included in the SoCC (Annex 5.1.5C) consisting of people who may be interested in the wider potential impacts of the proposed Project, such as transport, visual impact and socio-economic impacts, including job creation within the local area. This zone included both the host and neighbouring Local Authorities, all of whom were consulted on the draft SoCC. The Applicant engaged with this zone using both local and social media.

#### 9.3.1.2 Identification of Seldom Heard Voices

132. In addition to consulting residents and businesses, parties with an interest in the land and local parish, district and county representatives within the consultation zone, the Applicant further identified a list of seldom heard voices which are defined as individuals or groups that an organisation may have difficulty contacting or engaging for a particular purpose.

133. These consultees were identified through discussions with local stakeholders and stakeholder mapping, as outlined in Section 8 above, and were contacted at the start of each consultation phase to ensure that the approach best met the needs of its members and to maximise the chance of positive collaborations.

#### 9.3.1.3 Identification of Land Interests and Consultation with Landowners

134. To identify relevant land interests the Applicant commissioned a search through the use of His Majesty’s Land Registry (HMLR) to identify all registered titles and to obtain the official documents. Searches were undertaken on the 17 May 2022 and 20 June 2022 for an 800m wide corridor running through the Lincolnshire Node search zone through to the Weston Marsh search node.

135. Residential properties with less than 1 acre of ground were excluded from the search.

136. From this search all registered freeholders and leaseholders (hereafter referred to as ‘landowners’ within the search zone were issued a Landowner Questionnaire (LOQ) to introduce the Project, offer a face to face meeting and for them to confirm, refute or amend their interest in the land together with a letter introducing the Project. Letters were issued to 847 parties.

137. Between October 2022 and January 2023 following refinement of the search area, land agents met with landowners and/or their agents to review the search areas for cables and substation locations to obtain landowner feedback to assist with route feasibility. 305 of the 314 parties identified within the indicative 300m cable corridor participated in these meetings.

### 9.3.2 Consultation Events and Key Feedback

138. The Applicant received valuable feedback on various elements of the proposed cable route. Taking onboard the information received during the Phase 1 Consultation along with guidance from the environmental and engineering team and site surveys/meetings, the Applicant considered the feedback to be of key significance and, following detailed review, as described in ES Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives (document reference 6.1.4), proposed a potential alternative to the central section of the proposed onshore cable corridor to the Weston Marsh option between Wainfleet All Saints and Butterwick.

139. This feedback was communicated to the community and local stakeholders by means of a Project newsletter (Annex 5.1.8F), which the Applicant published in early 2023 following the decision to include the alternative cable route option. The newsletter also outlined that the Applicant would be undertaking an additional phase of consultation (Phase 1A – details of which are provided in Section 9.4).

140. In general the offshore elements of the Project received no objection from the local communities and participants were more interested in the onshore component of the Project.

141. Feedback received during the Phase 1 consultation is shown and the Project's regard outlined in Appendix 5.1.4. The themes covered are listed below:

- Landscape, Seascape and Visual Impacts
- Impacts on the beach at Anderby Creek
- Location of the Project's OnSS and National Grid connection
- Traffic impact on the local roads
- Screening of the OnSS and choice of planting
- Potential impacts on the RSPB reserves at Frampton Marsh and Freiston Shore
- Access to Public Rights of Way
- Considerations around archaeological and cultural heritage in the area
- Reinstatement of hedgerows
- The possibility of siting the cable route under the Wash SSSI

Table 9.7 Attendance and Feedback Statistics for the Phase 1 Consultation Events

Resident Leaflets Issued	Public Consultation Event			No. Attendees	No of written responses	No of freephone responses	No of completed Questionnaires received
	Date	Time	Location				
<b>23,326</b> Issued to all residents and businesses via Royal Mail within the Phase 1 Consultation Zone 10 days in advance of the consultation phases.	Tue 01 Nov 2022	2pm-8pm	Anderby Village Hall	118	40	42	22
	Fri 04 Nov 2022	2pm-8pm	Wainfleet All Saints Coronation Hall	121			
	Sat 05 Nov 2022	2pm-8pm	Fosdyke Village Hall	120			
	Fri 11 Nov 2022	2pm-8pm	Butterwick Village Hall	113			
	Thu 02 Nov 2023	2pm-3pm	Online Webinar	16			
	Fri 03 Nov 2023	6pm-7pm	Online Webinar	10			
<b>Total no. of Attendees to In-person events &amp; webinars.</b>				<b>472</b>			
Virtual exhibition available on the Project's webpage	Available online 24/7 for the duration of the Phase 1 Consultation 01 Nov 2022 – 29 Nov 2022		Online Virtual Exhibition	310 Views of Webpage			

## 9.4 Phase 1A Consultation (Launch of proposed alternative route option)

142. The purpose of the Phase 1A Consultation was to consult the local community and residents on the newly proposed alternative route option. This phase of consultation was carried out under section 47 of the 2008 Act.

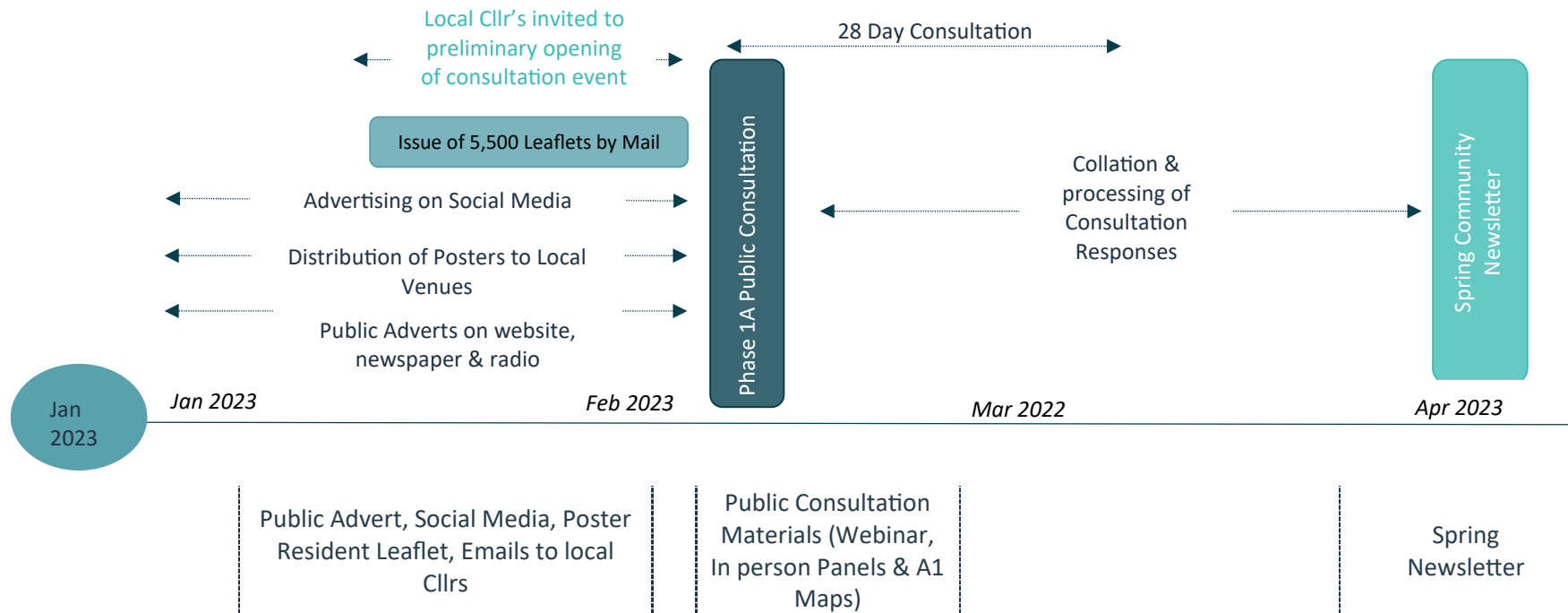


Plate 9.5 Phase 1A Consultation Timeline

### 9.4.1 Identification of Consultees

143. A core consultation zone (as included in the Updated SoCC (Annex 5.1.5F)) was identified for the Phase 1A Consultation as shown on Figure 10. This core consultation zone comprised a minimum distance of 500 metres either side of the newly introduced alternative route option onshore search zone, extending to encompass those consulted in Phase 1 on the original section of this route. For clarity a map was included in the Updated SoCC (Annex 5.1.5E) and in the Phase 1A Leaflet (Annex 5.1.9C) that was issued to all residents and businesses within this core consultation zone. This approach was to ensure that all individuals who may be directly affected by the proposed alternative route section were consulted.

144. An “outer zone” was also identified (as included in the Updated SoCC (Annex 5.1.5E)) consisting of people who may be interested in the wider potential impacts of the proposed Project, such as transport, visual impact and creating new jobs. This zone included both the host and neighbouring Local Authorities, all of whom were consulted on the draft Updated SoCC, this zone was reached through local and social media.

145. In addition to consulting residents and businesses, parties with an interest in the land and local parish, district and county representatives within the Phase 1A Consultation zone, the Project reviewed their list of seldom heard voices against the updated Phase 1A Consultation zone and continued to engage with the groups identified. No requests were made from any of the identified groups in relation to accommodations required to facilitate participation in the consultation process.

Plate 9.6 Phase 1A Consultation Zone



#### 9.4.1.1 Identification of Land Interests

146. When the alternative route option was introduced following the initial round of Phase 1 consultation the same process was undertaken for searches for landowner interests as has been undertaken for Phase 1.

147. 227 letters and LIQs were issued to all landowners identified as falling within the alternative route option 300m corridor in January 2023.

148. Between January 2023 and July 2023 the Applicant and their land agents met with landowners and/or their agents to review the search areas along the revised cable to obtain landowner feedback to assist with route feasibility. Of the 177 parties identified as landowners, 129 participated in these meetings.



## 9.4.2 Consultation Events and Key Feedback

149. The Project received valuable feedback on various elements of the alternative proposed cable route option. This feedback was communicated to the community and local stakeholders by means of a spring Project newsletter following the close of the consultation phase (Annex 5.1.9F). A summary of this feedback and how the Project has taken it into account when developing the proposals is outlined in Appendix 5.1.4.

150. In general, the offshore elements of the Project received no objection from the local communities and participants were more interested in the onshore component of the Project. These primarily focused on:

- Traffic impact on the local roads in particular in relation to emergency vehicles
- The site selection and alternative cable route proposed
- Community Benefit Funds
- Underground cabling or overhead pylons

*Table 9.8 Attendance and Feedback Statistics for the Phase 1A Consultation Events*

Resident Leaflets Issued	Public Consultation Event	No. Attendees	No of written responses	No of freeph one responses	No of completed Qs received
			<i>Within the 28 day consultation period*</i>		
	Date	Time	Location		
<b>5,557</b>  Issued to all residents and businesses via Royal Mail within the Phase 1A Consultation Zone 10 days in advance of the consultation zone.	Tue 21 Feb 2023	2pm-8pm	Wainfleet Village Hall	128	
	Fri 24 Feb 2023	2pm-8pm	Old Leake Village Hall	186	
	Wed 22 Feb 2023	7pm-8pm	Online Webinar	3	
	Thu 23 Feb 2023	2pm-3pm	Online Webinar	2	
				9	3
<b>Total no. of Attendees to In-person events &amp; webinars.</b>				<b>319</b>	
Virtual exhibition available on the Project's webpage	Available online 24/7 for the duration of the Phase 1 Consultation  21 Feb 2023 – 21 Mar 2023		Online Virtual Exhibition	114 Views of Webpage	
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## 9.5 Phase 2 Consultation

### 9.5.1 PEIR and consultation under section 42, 47 and 28 of the 2008 Act

151. Phase 2 of the Project's consultation ran from 7 June to 21 July 2023. During Phase 2 the Project sought feedback on the PEIR and associated documents and plans from statutory consultees, local communities and persons with a potential interest in the Project in accordance with the requirements set out under section 42 and section 47 of the 2008 Act.
152. The section 48 notice published ran concurrently with the section 42 and section 47 consultation.
153. The purpose of the PEIR was to provide sufficient information about the Project to allow consultees to develop an informed view of the likely significant environmental effects of the development, in accordance with Regulation 12(2) of the EIA Regulations.
154. At the time the PEIR was consulted on under the Phase 2 Consultation the Project's grid connection had not been confirmed and therefore both possible grid connection options and the cable routes, including both routes to Weston Marsh were considered as part of the PEIR documentation as shown in Plate 9.10.
155. An ES has been prepared as part of the DCO Application which describes and summarise the results of the EIA process. The final ES is based on:
- The Scoping Opinion
  - Responses received from the Project's pre- application consultation process; and
  - Engagement with the statutory consultees and local communities throughout the pre-application period



Plate 9.7 The Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind PEIR



Plate 9.8 The printed Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Preliminary Environmental Information Report

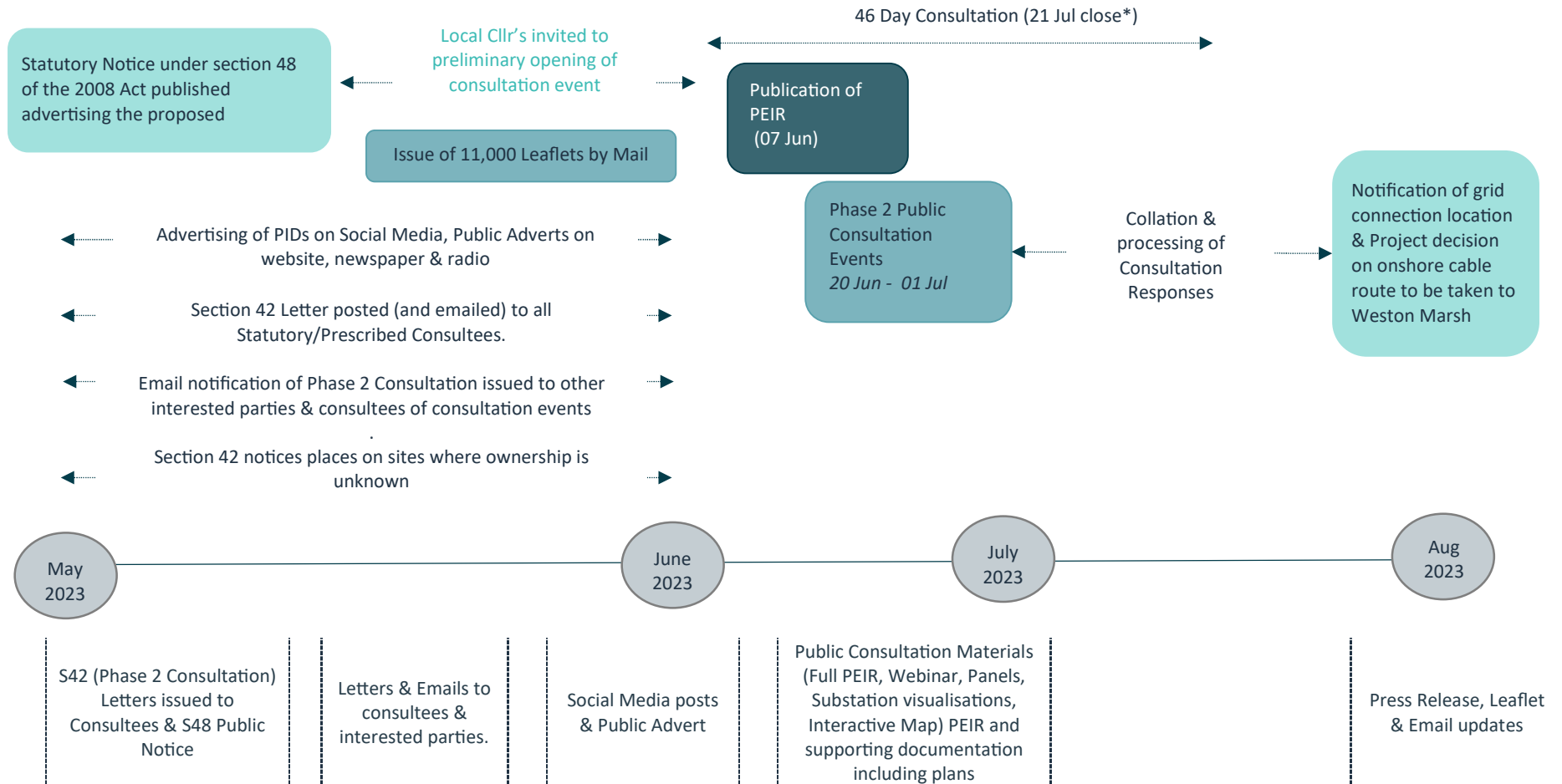


Plate 9.9 Phase 2 Consultation Timeline \* the deadline was extended to 31 July for a small number of stakeholders who requested further time



### 9.5.2 Identification of section 42 consultees

156. In respect of the Phase 2 Consultation, the Project identified a number of statutory and prescribed consultees in accordance with section 42 of the 2008 Act and Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations as outlined in Section 9.1, Table 9.1 and Table 9.2 above. A full list of prescribed and statutory consultees consulted during the Phase 2 Consultation is included as Annex 5.1.3A.

157. A copy of the section 48 notice was sent to all identified consultees in accordance with Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations.

158. A copy of the letter issued to statutory and prescribed consultees is attached as *Annex 5.1.9C*, emails were sent to other interested parties and consultees and also to previous attendees at consultation events who had indicated that they wished to receive further information on the Project (*Annexes 5.1.9D and 5.1.9E*). Landowners and persons with land interests received a copy of the letter included as Annex 5.1.14C.

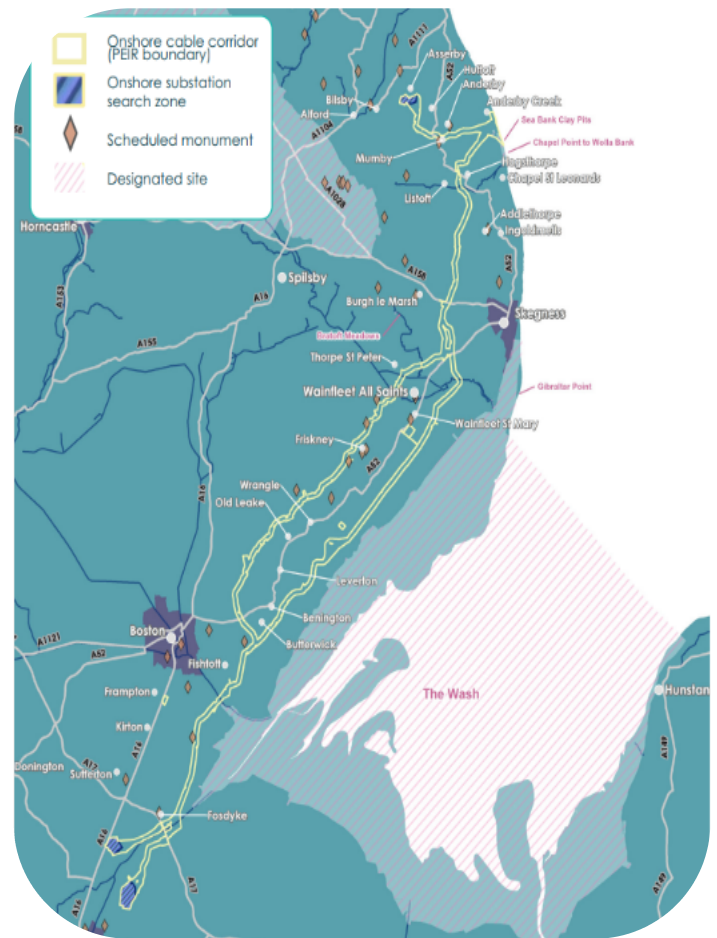


Plate 9.10 Onshore PEIR boundary consulted on during Phase 2

Consultation materials referenced within the Section 42 notification were made available both on the Project website and at the locations listed in Table 9.9 below from 7 June – 21 July 2023. These included:

- PEIR
- Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR
- Draft RIAA
- Draft DCO including deemed marine licences
- Draft Works Plans
- Reports, Statements and Outline Plans
  - Outline Noise and Vibration Management Plan
  - Outline Light Emissions Plan
  - Outline Air Quality Management Plan
  - Outline Soil Management Plan



- Outline Pollution Prevention and Emergency Incident Response Plan
- Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan
- Outline Travel Plan
- Outline Public Access Management Plan
- Outline Preliminary Crossing Schedule Offshore
- Outline Preliminary Crossing Schedule Onshore
- Planning Statement
- Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol
- Outline Archaeological WSI Offshore
- Outline Archaeological WSI Onshore
- Landscape and Ecology Design Principles Plan
- Provisional Flood Risk Assessment ECC/OnSS

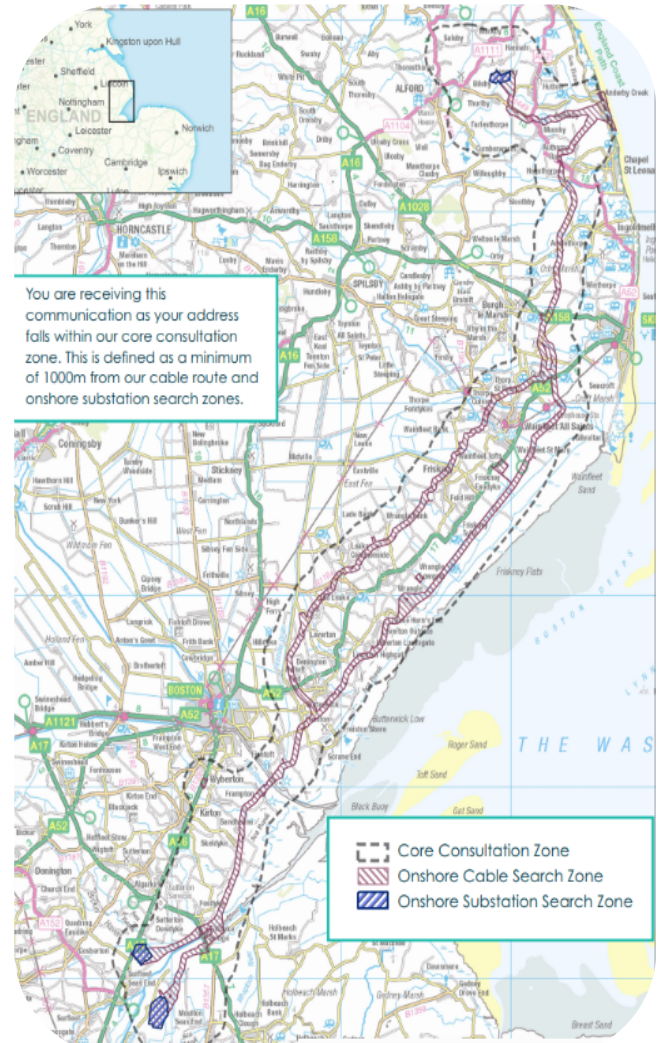


Plate 9.11 Phase 2 Consultation Zone- from Leaflet (Annex 5.1.10B)

Table 9.9 Locations where consultation documents were deposited – Phase 2

Location	Location
<p><b>Mablethorpe Library and Customer Service Centre</b> Stanley Avenue, Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire LN12 1DP</p>	<p><b>Pinchbeck Community Hub and Library</b> 48 Knight Street, Pinchbeck, Lincolnshire PE11 3RU</p>
<p><b>Skegness Library</b> 23 Roman Bank, Skegness, Lincolnshire PE25 2SA</p>	<p><b>Lincolnshire County Council</b> County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YL</p>
<p><b>Boston Library</b> County Hall, Boston, Lincolnshire PE21 6DY</p>	<p><b>East Lindsey District Council</b> Tedder Hall, Manby Park, Louth, Lincolnshire LN11 8UP</p>
	<p><b>South Holland District Council</b> Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 2XE</p>

#### 9.5.2.1 *Identification of Land Interests and Consultation with Landowners*

159. Search data, as outlined in Section 9.3, was refreshed on the 2, 23 and 24 May to ensure any changes in land ownership had been captured.
160. Landowner Interest Questionnaires (LIQ) were issued to all landowners identified as section 42 consultees within the PEIR boundary. The LIQ is a more detailed questionnaire than the LOQ originally issued, to confirm details held from HMLR, contact details, details of tenancies, the current land use and confirmation of any other interests including third party interests. Separate LIQ Templates were utilised for Landowners (Annex 5.1.14R) and those with rights in the land (Annex 5.1.14S).
161. On 2nd June 2023, 567 letters were issued to affected parties accompanying the initial batch of Section 48 notices. Due to delays with Royal Mail, 38 letters were hand delivered to ensure safe receipt on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
162. Following the issue of Section 48 notices, any parties requiring additional information or further clarity, parties were directed to the Project's consultation materials available on the website or provided further details over the phone or met in person if required.

#### 9.5.2.2 *Identification of unregistered land and consultation with other land interests*

163. Unregistered landowners were identified where possible by utilising public sources of information including site visits. Site notices were erected at various stages throughout the consultation phases as shown on the Location Plans included in *Appendix 5.1.14*, as identified and during consultation phases and discussions with neighbouring landowners. A copy of the template is included as Annex 5.1.14F.
164. During the consultation phases notices were checked once a week and replaced if damaged or missing.
165. Between February and June 2023 and agents met caravan park owners and/or managers on site and subsequently posted and emailed letters to static caravan parks within or within close proximity of the Project's Order Limits to inform them of the Project and up and coming public information days. Emails and letters were issued to all caravan parks and managers in the consultation zone to notify them of the Phase 2 Consultation and requested this information was passed on to their tenants.

### 9.5.3 **Identifying section 47 consultees**

166. A core consultation zone was identified for the Phase 2 Consultation. This core consultation zone comprised a minimum distance of 1,000 metres buffer around the search zones for the proposed cable route options and the onshore substation search zones. A map was included in the Phase 2 Consultation Leaflet (Annex 5.1.10B) as shown in Plate 9.11 that was issued to all residents and businesses within this core consultation zone.
167. In addition to consulting residents and businesses, local parish, district and county representatives within the Phase 2 Consultation zone, the Project continued to engage with those identified as seldom heard voices including:
- South Lincolnshire Blind Society
  - Lincolnshire Traveller Initiative
  - Lincolnshire Housing Partnership:
  - LCF
  - Just Lincolnshire

- Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service
- Connect to Support Lincolnshire
- Age UK Lindsey
- Linkage
- Boston & South Holland Talking Newspaper

168. While Social Media was utilised throughout the Project's Phase 1 and Phase 1A consultation (as stated in the SoCC), following close monitoring and discussions with attendees it became clear that social media was a key channel utilised by the demographic and therefore as a part of an integrated communication strategy around the Phase 2 Consultation, the Project expanded the use of social media as a channel to reach potential consultees, promote the consultation events, and direct members of the community to the appropriate resources. Details of the Project's social media engagement are summarised in the Social Media Report (Appendix 5.1.14).

#### **9.5.4 Consultation Events and Key Feedback**

169. A summary of the feedback received during the Phase 2 events and how the project had regard to these is included in Appendix 5.1.4. Key topics addressed during this phase of consultation included:

- Substation location
- Cable routes proposed
- Ecology concerns around priority habitats
- Ornithology in particular around the RSPB reserves at Frampton Marsh and Freiston Shore
- Management of topsoil, subsoil and alluvial silts
- Impacts on the King Charles III England Coastal Path
- Archaeological remains in particular air crash sites and military remains
- Drainage strategy and flood risk
- Assessment methodologies
- Drafting and terminology
- Interaction with other offshore infrastructure
- Impacts on radar and navigation including potential vessel replacement

170. The Project received valuable feedback on the PEIR and updated project proposals. Some of this feedback was communicated to the community and local stakeholders by means of the Project update which jointly advised them of both the confirmation of the Grid Connection location and the adopted cable route to Weston Marsh which was selected following the feedback from the consultation phase (Annex 5.1.10H).

171. To ensure all those residents and businesses who had previously been directly contacted by means of a leaflet in the post were notified of this key update, a leaflet was issued to the entire consultation zone advising them of the areas that were no longer in scope. Throughout the consultation phase it was made clear by those potentially affected that even if their local area was removed from the scope they wanted to be notified.

The remainder of the Phase 2 feedback informed further refinements and progression of the project's design which were communicated to stakeholders as part of the Autumn Consultation.

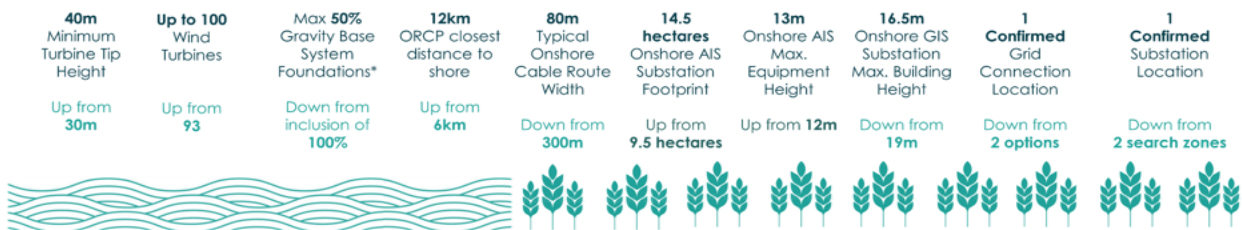
Table 9.10 Attendance and Feedback Statistics for Phase 2 Consultation Events

Resident Leaflets Issued	Public Consultation Event			No. Attendees	No of written responses	No of freephone responses	No of completed Qs received
	Date	Time	Location				
11,000 Issued to all residents and businesses via Royal Mail within the Phase 2 Consultation Zone.	Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm-8pm	Wainfleet All Saints Coronation Hall	63	Emails from the local community: 42  Freepost from the local community: 2	23	162
	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	2pm-8pm	Anderby Village Hall	87			
	Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	2pm-8pm	Old Leake Community Centre	95			
	Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm-8pm	Butterwick Village Hall	88			
	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm-8pm	Live webinar	18			
	Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm-3pm	Live webinar	13			
	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> July	2pm-8pm	Fosdyke Village Hall	104			
<b>Total no. of Attendees to In-person events &amp; webinars.</b>				<b>437</b>			
Virtual exhibition available on the Project's webpage	Available online 24/7 for the duration of the Phase 2 Consultation.  20 Jun 2023 – 21 Jul 2023		Online Virtual Exhibition	1038 webpage views			

## 9.6 Autumn Consultation

172. Following review of feedback received throughout the previous consultation phases and corresponding amendments proposed for the Project, a further consultation under both section 42 and section 47 was undertaken in the Autumn (the Autumn Consultation) which ran from 20 October to 24 November 2023. A high level summary of the refinements undertaken as a result of feedback received throughout the pre-application consultation phases is included as Plate 1.1.
173. A notice published under section 48 of the 2008 Act ran concurrently with the consultation.
174. The purpose of the Autumn Consultation was to consult upon the project updates and design refinements following Phase 2 Consultation as a result of both the Section 42 feedback and the update from the National Grid confirming the Weston Marsh grid connection option. A high level summary of the refinements undertaken as a result of feedback received throughout the pre-application consultation phases is included as Plate 1.1.
175. Specific to the Autumn Consultation these included:
- Proposed substation location following confirmation of the Project’s grid connection location
  - Updated substation design parameters, landscaping proposals& visualisations
  - Refined cable route including updated temporary access, compounds and highway improvements for traffic
  - Refined landfall arrangements
  - Increase to 100 offshore turbine (from 93)
176. A summary of the key refinements that were consulted on are outlined below. An Environmental Update Report (Annex 5.1.11H) was published alongside Panels (Annex 5.11F), Visualisations (Annex 5.1.11I), a 3D Visualisation tool all of which will were made available on the Project’s website and at consultation events. A copy of the environmental update report and visualisations were made available in hard copy at the Project’s hard copy access locations as part of the consultation.

Plate 9.12 Key Refinements consulted on during the Autumn consultation





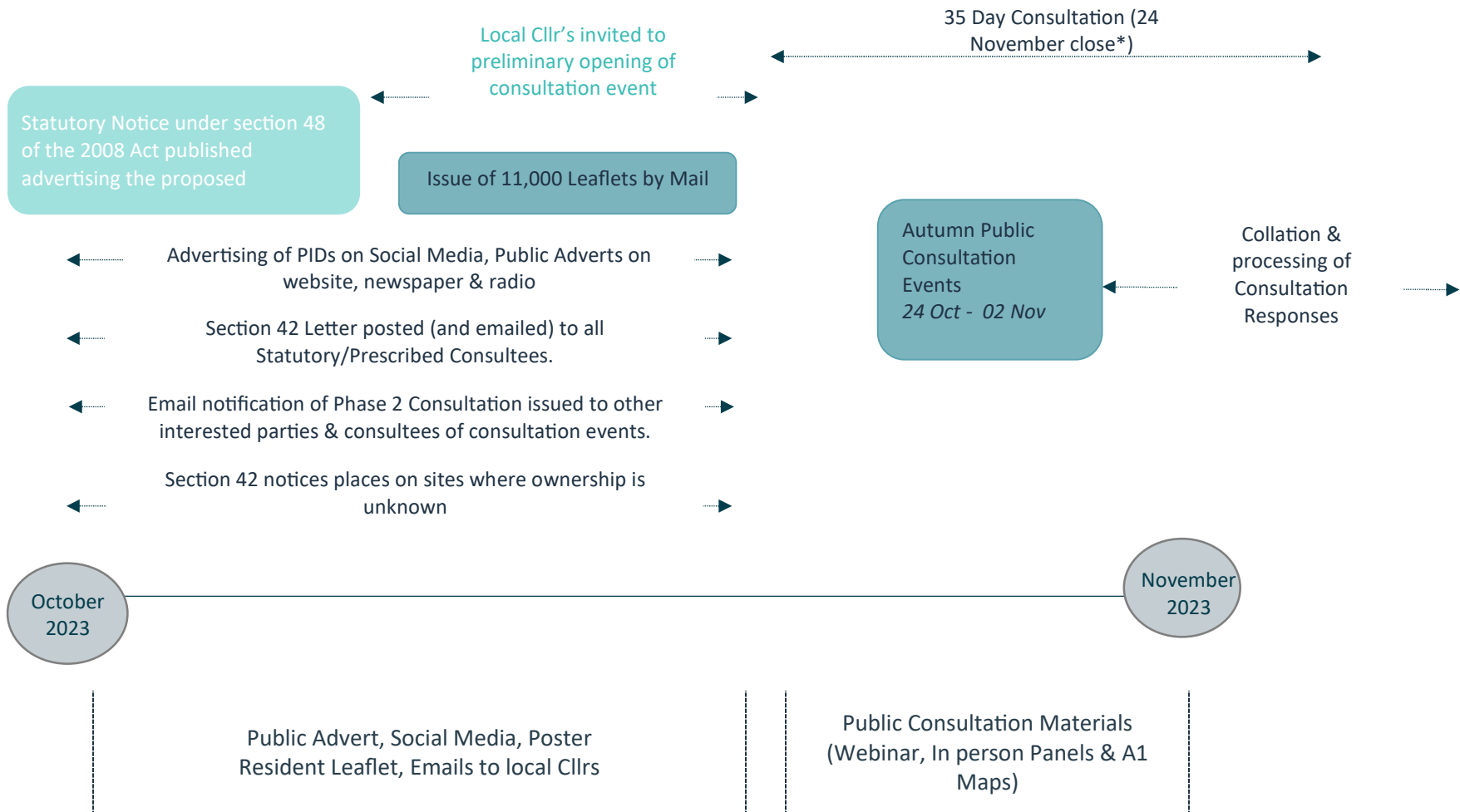


Plate 9.13 Autumn Consultation Timeline

### 9.6.1 Identifying Section 42 consultees

177. In respect of the Autumn Consultation, the Project identified a number of statutory and prescribed consultees in accordance with section 42 of the 2008 Act and Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations as outlined in Section 9.1., Table 9.1 and Table 9.2 above. A full list of statutory and prescribed consultees consulted during the Autumn Consultation is included as Annex 5.1.3B.
178. A copy of the section 48 notice was sent to all identified consultees in accordance with Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations.
179. Consultation materials referenced within the Section 42 notification were made available both on the Project website and at the locations listed in Table 9.11 below from 20 October – 24 November 2023. These included:
- Environmental Update Report
  - Onshore Substation Visualisations
  - Associated Plans

*Table 9.11 Locations where consultation materials were deposited – Autumn Consultation*

Location
<p><b>Mablethorpe Library and Customer Service Centre</b> Stanley Avenue, Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire LN12 1DP</p>
<p><b>Skegness Library</b> 23 Roman Bank, Skegness, Lincolnshire PE25 2SA</p>
<p><b>Boston Library</b> County Hall, Boston, Lincolnshire PE21 6DY</p>
<p><b>Pinchbeck Community Hub and Library</b> 48 Knight Street, Pinchbeck, Lincolnshire PE11 3RU</p>
<p><b>Lincolnshire County Council*</b> County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YL</p>
<p><b>East Lindsey District Council*</b> The Hub , Mareham Road, Horncastle LN9 6PH</p>
<p><b>South Holland District Council</b> Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 2XE</p>

## 9.6.2 Identification of Land Interests and Consultation with Landowners

### 9.6.2.1 Identification of unregistered land and consultation with other land interests

180. Unregistered landowners were identified where possible by utilising public sources of information including site visits. Site notices were erected at various stages throughout the consultation phases as shown on the Location Plans included in *Appendix 5.1.14*, as identified and during consultation phases and discussions with neighbouring landowners. A copy of the unregistered land notice for the Autumn Consultation is included as Annex 5.1.14I.

181. During the consultation phases notices were checked once a week and replaced if damaged or missing.

### 9.6.2.2 Category 3 Land Interests

182. After the commencement of the consultation, the Applicant identified a number of additional parties who at the time were considered as potentially falling into the classification of Category 3 land interests under section 44 of the 2008 Act, namely that:

*‘if the Applicant thinks that, if the order sought by the proposed application were to be made and fully implemented the person would or might be entitled-*

- (a) As a result of implementing the order,*
- (b) As a result of the order having been implemented, or*
- (c) As a result of use of the land once the order has been implemented*

*To make a relevant claim’*

183. A relevant claim in this context refers to a claim under section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965, a claim under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 or a claim under section 152(3) of the 2008 Act (Compensation in case where no right to claim in nuisance).

184. Category 3 letters included a summary of where consultation materials for both the Autumn Consultation and Phase 2 Consultation could be located. Responses received in respect of the Category 3 letters issued are included within Appendix 5.1.4

185. Due to the delay in identification of these parties the Autumn consultation was extended to 15 January 2024 to allow for consultees to be given the full time to respond.

## 9.6.3 Identifying section 47 consultees

186. The Applicant considered that all consultees who had been identified as part of the Phase 2 Consultation should also be invited to participate in the Autumn Consultation, therefore the Consultation Zone remained the same as had been established during Phase 2. Parties who had attended previous phases of consultation and registered for further information were also included. Leaflets were issued to all residents within the Autumn Consultation Zone, a copy of which is included in Annex 5.10.B, emails were also issued to other interested parties, consultees and members of the public who had indicated that they wished to be kept updated with the Project’s consultation phases, a copy of which is included in Annex 5.1.10E.

187. The Applicant continued to ensure that the consultation was accessible to all those who wished to participate and included a review of the list of seldom heard voices identified at the earlier stages of the consultation. The Applicant recorded the Autumn Consultation event advert for the Boston and South Holland Talking newspaper. The Applicant encouraged the listeners to attend an event and contact the Applicant if they had queries. The recording was distributed to the 60 visually impaired listeners the week before the consultation events held in October 2023.

#### **9.6.4 Consultation Events and Key Feedback**

188. A full summary of all responses received during the Autumn Consultation and how the Project has considered and had regard for these is included within Appendix 5.1.4. Key topics addressed included:

- Feedback on the confirmed location of the substation and cable route
- Impacts on the productivity on Grade 1 agricultural land
- Noise and Vibration impacts
- Traffic impacts on the local roads
- Interaction with other offshore infrastructure
- Impacts on radar and navigation including potential vessel replacement

Table 9.12 Attendance and Feedback Statistics for the Autumn Consultation Events

Resident Leaflets Issued	Public Consultation Event			No. Attendees	No of written responses	No of freephone responses	No of completed Qs received
	Date	Time	Location				
<b>11,000</b> To be issued to all residents and businesses via Royal Mail within the Autumn Consultation Zone.	Tues 24 October	2pm-8pm	Wainfleet All Saints Coronation Hall	24	Emails from the local community: 25	6	60
	Wed 25 October	2pm-8pm	Hogsthorpe Village Hall	29			
	Fri 27 October	2pm-8pm	Butterwick Village Hall	53			
	Sat 28 October	10am-4pm	Fosdyke Village Hall	75			
	Thu 02 November	7pm-8pm	Old Leake Community Centre	43			
	Thu 26 October	1pm-2pm	Live webinar	10			
	Thu 26 October	7pm-8pm	Live webinar	3			
<b>Total no. of Attendees to In-person events &amp; webinars.</b>				<b>430</b>			
Virtual exhibition available on the Project's webpage	Available online 24/7 for the duration of the Autumn Consultation 23 Oct 2023 – 24 Nov 2023		Online Virtual Exhibition	<b>667</b>			

## **9.7 Targeted Winter Consultation**

### **9.7.1 Purpose of Targeted Consultation**

189. Following feedback received during the Autumn Consultation the Applicant made a small number of changes and then undertook a final round of targeted consultation under section 42 of the 2008 Act for those affected by the changes ahead of the DCO application submission.

190. The proposed changes to the Project included:

- Refinement of landscaping to better align with landownership boundaries to prevent severed land and enable access for maintenance.
- Addition of drainage works adjacent to the landscaping to mitigate landowner concerns of potential impacts of planting on land drainage.
- Amendments to accesses following landowner consultation.
- Re-location and removal of passing places following design optimisation studies.
- Removal and re-location of construction compounds based on engineering refinements and landowner feedback.
- Refinement of landfall works to accommodate optimised engineering design and environmental mitigation.

### **9.7.2 Identification of Section 42 Consultees**

191. Due to the minor nature of the refinements the Applicant elected to consult the small proportion who would potentially be affected by the changes. These were:

- Landowners affected by the proposed changes
- Prescribed and statutory consultees identified in accordance with section 42 of the 2008 Act and Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations as outlined in Section 9.1.1. above. A full list of consultees consulted during the Targeted Winter Consultation is included in Appendix 5.1.3.

### **9.7.3 Feedback from Targeted Consultation**

192. 761 letters were issued in December 2023 encompassing both the Targeted Winter Consultation and the Category 3 consultation carried out as part of the Autumn Consultation. A full summary of all responses received during the Targeted Winter Consultation has been included in Appendix 5.1.4. No further comments were received in these responses.



## 9.8 Identification of additional parties

193. Prior to the submission of the application, cross checking of the final Book of Reference to the section 44 parties consulted as part of the section 42 identified additional parties with Category 2 and 3 interests who had not been previously consulted as identified below:

- Gordon Albert Mills: through further due diligence checking this party was identified as having a Category 2 interest within the Project's Order Limits
- Helen Juliette Mills: through further due diligence checking this party was identified as having a Category 2 interest within the Project's Order Limits
- Robert William Dawson: through further due diligence checking this party was identified as having a Category 2 interest within the Project's Order Limits
- TM Trustees Limited: through further due diligence checking this party was identified as having a Category 2 interest within the Project's Order Limits
- The Executor of the Estate of the Late Jean Elizabeth Sanderson: during the initial title interrogation it was identified that the owners of the land were Roy and Jean Elizabeth Sanderson. A Landowner Questionnaire was issued on the 18 July 2022 and a letter was received from Will Barker & Co on the 15 August 2022 to notify the Applicant that Jean Elizabeth Sanderson had passed away. Following this all correspondence was issued solely to Roy Sanderson. During due diligence checks it was decided that an Executorship for the Estate of Jean Elizabeth Sanderson should be included.
- Stanley David Codd Will Trust: as part of the Land Referencing Methodology the Project carried out desktop and contact referencing to identify parties with an interest in unregistered land. This included the use of site notices and discussion with other landowners in the area. The Applicant's surveyors contacted the occupier of the land, Staples (Vegetables) Limited, who couldn't provide the name of the landlord. An LIQ was provided on the 28 February 2024 to provide the name of the landowner.
- Alexander James Hay, Andrew George Hay and Mary Ellenor Hay: during the initial title interrogation it was identified that the owners of the land were Alexander James, Andrew George and Mary Ellenor Hay. Landowner questionnaires were issued on 24 June 2022. A response was received from Alexander James Hay on 4 August 2022 stating that LL354068 was under the ownership of George Hay & Son Limited. All further correspondence for this title was directed to George Hay & Son. During due diligence checks it was decided that as no further evidence has been supplied that Alexander James, Andrew George and Mary Ellenor Hay should be included for this title.
- Sarah Elizabeth Scupholm: through further due diligence checking this party was identified as having a Category 2 interest within the Project's Order Limits
- Colin Frank Daubney: Colin Daubney was identified as a tenant of the Alenson and Erskine Education Foundation on title LL318800 when the Applicant made attempts to secure survey access across the proposed route. Mr Daubney was issued a LIQ on 27 April 2023 and the Applicant received a phone call from Mr Daubney on 2 May 2023 to deny interest in the land. During due diligence checks it was noted that Mr Daubney should be re-added to the land as a tenant.

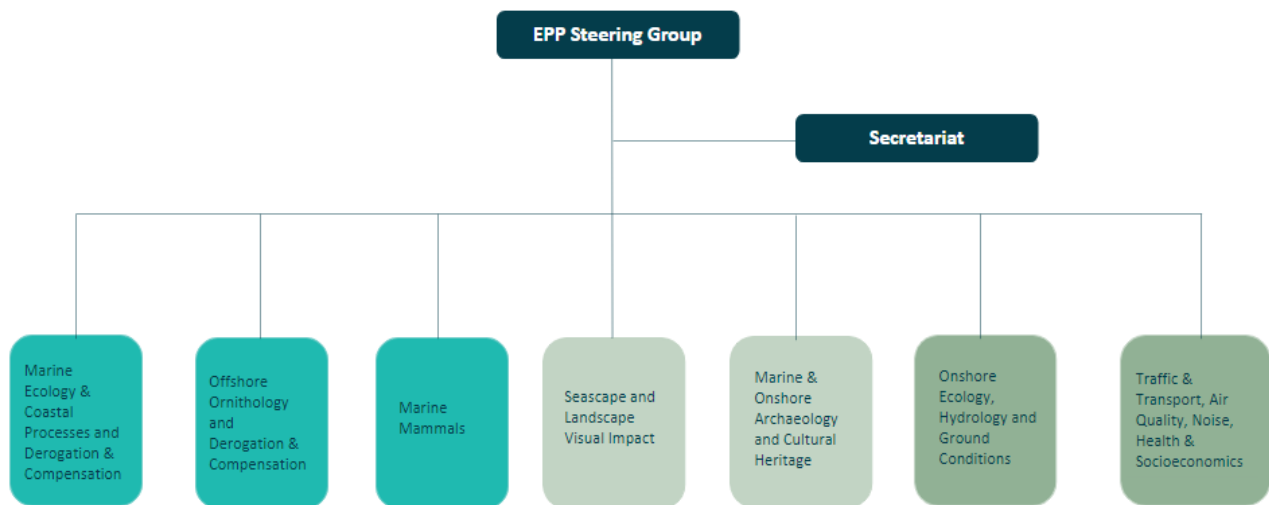
- Steven John Mayfield Esq: Steven John Mayfield Esq was identified as a tenant of the Surfleet United Charities on the title LL297342 when the Project made attempts to secure survey access across the proposed route. LIQs were issued on the 23 May 2023 to the tenants of Surfleet United Charities. A response was received from Jason and Keith Palmer stating that they held the occupation over the land previously attributed to Mr Mayfield. All further correspondence for this land was directed to Jason and Keith Palmer. During due diligence checks it was noted that Mr Mayfield should be re-added to the land interests as a tenant.
- Nigel Clarence Marshall and Julia Kay Johnson as trustees of the Frank Arnold Marshall Will Trust: during the title interrogation it was noted that the Trustees of the Frank Arnold Marshall Will Trust were the freeholders of the land, and these were David James Hamshaw, Graham Clive Holdich Smith and Mavis Stebbings. All correspondence was issued to these parties. The Applicant was notified by Roythornes Limited on 7 March 2024 that new trustees had been appointed.

194. In order to address this matter, the Applicant delivered letters to these parties which provided an overview of the Project and consultation details on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and provided for a 28 day consultation period.
195. Due to the imminence of the submission of the application, the Applicant is not able to consider any responses received to that consultation prior to submission. The Applicant will consider any responses made during the consultation period and take those into account as necessary during the examination of the application. The Applicant will notify these parties under the section 56 procedure on acceptance of the application.
196. Should any further new interests arise the applicant will notify new interests of the opportunity to comment on the application during examination.
197. Due to the extensive consultation that the Applicant has carried out as outlined above, the Applicant considers that those section 44 land interests have been afforded an opportunity to comment on the proposed Project and were not prejudiced by the stage that the Applicant became aware of their interest in the land or right of access.

## 9.9 Evidence Plan Process (EPP)

198. The EPP is a non-statutory voluntary process that allows engagement and aims to encourage upfront agreement on the information an applicant is required to submit to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the DCO application. The EPP was initiated to facilitate engagement with key stakeholders to ensure regular, formalised consultation on the Project’s development forming an extension to the scoping and wider pre-application consultation process and has aimed to agree the evidence required to be submitted within the DCO application.

Plate 9.14 EPP Structure



199. Work relating to the EPP for the Project commenced in early 2021. In August 2021 the Applicant met with Planning Inspectorate for an inception meeting and subsequently confirmed in November 2021 that the EPP had commenced.

200. The EPP has provided a record of agreements and disagreements between the Applicant and the key stakeholders included in the EPP and Expert Topic Groups (ETGs)

201. An EPP Steering Group was established to oversee the progress of the EPP and resolve any issues emerging from the ETGs, which were held on an approximately quarterly basis. The structure of the Project EPP is summarised in Plate 9.14 and the timeline of the Project EPP is outlined in Plate 9.15

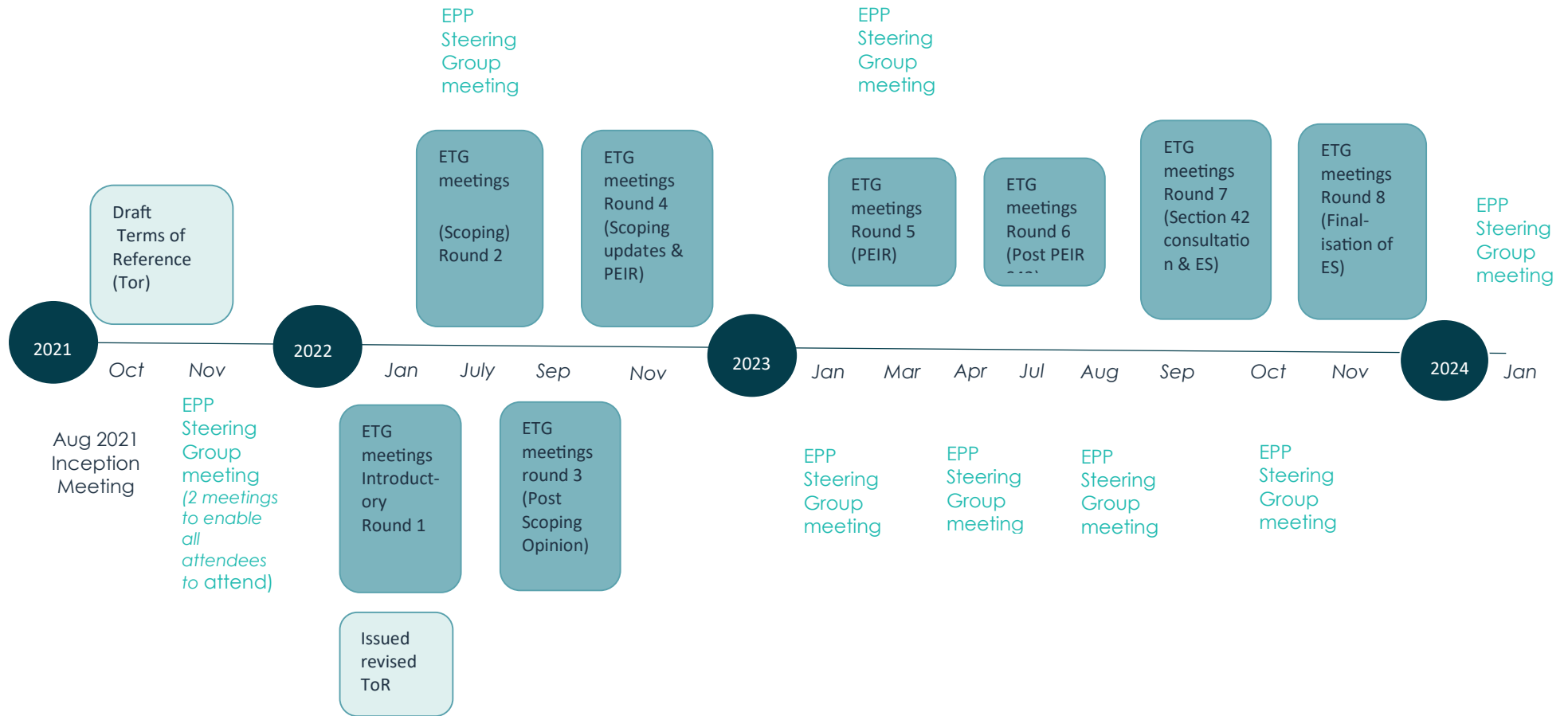


Plate 9.15 Timeline of EPP

202. Membership of the ETGs is set out in Table 9.13 and the Project’s engagement with the EPP and key discussion points from the ETGs are documented in Appendix 5.1.15.

203. The EPP is a voluntary, informal process that has provided a record of agreements and disagreements between the Applicant and those key stakeholders included in the EPP. The EPPs has also helped to inform the Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) process with those same parties.

204. Full details, including an overview of the roles involved and the scope of the EPP are included within the Evidence Plan Process (Appendix 5.1.15). The report reflects the discussions and agreements made with EPP members through the pre-application process.

Table 9.13 Summary of ETG topics and membership

ETG	Membership
Marine Ecology, Coastal Processes and Derogation & Compensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ODOW</li> <li>▪ GoBe Consultants on behalf of ODOW</li> <li>▪ WSP on behalf of ODOW</li> <li>▪ MMO</li> <li>▪ Natural England</li> <li>▪ LWT</li> <li>▪ Environment Agency</li> </ul>
Offshore Ornithology and Derogation & Compensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ODOW</li> <li>▪ GoBe Consultants on behalf of ODOW</li> <li>▪ WSP on behalf of ODOW</li> <li>▪ MMO</li> <li>▪ Natural England</li> <li>▪ RSPB</li> </ul>
Marine Mammals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ODOW</li> <li>▪ GoBe Consultants on behalf of ODOW</li> <li>▪ SMRU Consulting on behalf of ODOW</li> <li>▪ MMO</li> <li>▪ Natural England</li> <li>▪ LWT</li> </ul>
Seascape and Landscape Visual Impact Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ODOW</li> <li>▪ GoBe Consultants on behalf of ODOW</li> <li>▪ SLR Consultants on behalf of ODOW</li> <li>▪ MMO</li> <li>▪ Natural England</li> <li>▪ East Lindsey District</li> <li>▪ LCC</li> </ul>

ETG	Membership
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SHDC</li> <li>▪ BBC</li> <li>▪ S&amp;ELCP</li> </ul>
Traffic & Transport, Air Quality, Noise, Health and Socio-economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ODOW</li> <li>▪ GoBe Consultants on behalf of ODOW</li> <li>▪ SLR Consultants on behalf of ODOW</li> <li>▪ BiGGAR Economics on behalf of ODOW</li> <li>▪ East Lindsey District</li> <li>▪ LCC</li> <li>▪ SHDC</li> <li>▪ BBC</li> <li>▪ S&amp;ELCP</li> <li>▪ Natural England</li> <li>▪ National Highways</li> </ul>
Marine and Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ODOW</li> <li>▪ GoBe Consultants on behalf of ODOW</li> <li>▪ SLR Consultants on behalf of ODOW</li> <li>▪ Maritime Archaeology</li> <li>▪ Historic England</li> <li>▪ MMO</li> <li>▪ East Lindsey District</li> <li>▪ LCC</li> <li>▪ SHDC</li> <li>▪ BBC</li> <li>▪ S&amp;ELCP</li> </ul>

ETG	Membership
<p>Onshore Ecology, Hydrology, Geology &amp; Ground Conditions and Land Use</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ODOW</li> <li>▪ GoBe Consultants on behalf of ODOW</li> <li>▪ SLR Consultants on behalf of ODOW</li> <li>▪ Natural England</li> <li>▪ LWT</li> <li>▪ Environment Agency</li> <li>▪ Water Management Alliance</li> <li>▪ Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board</li> <li>▪ Black Sluice IDB</li> <li>▪ Witham Fourth District IDB</li> <li>▪ East Lindsey District</li> <li>▪ LCC</li> <li>▪ SHDC</li> <li>▪ BBC</li> <li>▪ RSPB</li> <li>▪ Welland IDB</li> <li>▪ S&amp;ELCP</li> </ul>

## 9.10 Technical Consultation outwith the EPP

205. Following the award of Preferred Bidder status as part of The Crown Estate leasing round 4 in February 2021 the Applicant commenced engagement with a range of stakeholders, in addition to consultation carried out through the EPP as outlined in Section 9.8 above.

### 9.10.1 Commercial Fisheries

206. A Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO) has been appointed to ensure effective, ongoing consultation with the fishing industry. The FLO is primarily responsible for maintaining effective communication and relationships between the Applicant, its consultants, and the fishing industry. The FLO has continued to work with the fishing industry to gain an understanding of the interactions and potential impacts of the Project for the industry and help gather data to accurately create a fisheries stakeholder database containing information on vessel operations. The FLO also provides information, notices, and project updates to fishing stakeholders and distributes information relating to safe operation of the fishing activity on the Project site. The FLO has been in regular contact with representatives of the fishing industry, including those fishermen operating in the Project area, including for example, when the Applicant has organised surveys that have necessitated the relocation of fishing gear. Details of consultation with the fishing industry is set out below in Table 9.14.

Table 9.14 Commercial Fisheries Consultation

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date and Type	Topic	Location	Key Discussion Points
Private Fishing Vessel Owner / Operator, NFFO	May 2021- In Person meeting	Geophys Survey	Grimsby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project team introductions</li> <li>▪ Project introduction and updates</li> <li>▪ Overview of the site selection, preliminary details and Project programme.</li> <li>▪ Preparations for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
Private Fishing Vessel Owner / Operator, NFFO	May 2021- In Person meeting	Geophys Survey	Grimsby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project team introductions</li> <li>▪ Project introduction and updates</li> <li>▪ Overview of the site selection, preliminary details and Project programme.</li> <li>▪ Preparations for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>



Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date and Type	Topic	Location	Key Discussion Points
Private Fishing Vessel Owner / Operator, NFFO	May 2021- In Person meeting	Geophys Survey	Bridlington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project team introductions</li> <li>▪ Project introduction and updates</li> <li>▪ Overview of the site selection, preliminary details and Project programme.</li> <li>▪ Preparations for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
Hornsea Fisheries Inshore Group (HFIG)	June 2021- In Person Meeting	Project Introduction	Bridlington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project team introductions</li> <li>▪ Project introduction and updates</li> <li>▪ Overview of the site selection, preliminary details and Project programme.</li> <li>▪ Opportunities for collaboration on research and coexistence experiences on other East coast projects.</li> </ul>
Private Fishing Vessel Owner / Operator	June 2021- Telephone call	Fisheries	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project team introductions</li> <li>▪ Project introduction and updates</li> <li>▪ Overview of the site selection, preliminary details and Project programme.</li> <li>▪ Preparations for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
SNSOWF Fisheries	June 2021- Online Meeting	SNS Developers Fisheries Forum	N/A	Industry Collaboration Forum
Private Fishing Vessel Owner / Operator, FLO	June 2021- In Person Meeting	Geophys Survey	Grimsby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Baseline data confirmation and cooperation for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date and Type	Topic	Location	Key Discussion Points
Private Fishing Vessel Owner / Operator, FLO	June 2021- In Person Meeting	Geophys Survey	Bridlington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline data confirmation and cooperation for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
Private Fishing Vessel Owner / Operator, FLO	June 2021- In Person Meeting	Geophys Survey	Bridlington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline data confirmation and cooperation for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
SNSOWF Fisheries	July 2021- Online Meeting	SNS Developers Fisheries Forum	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry Collaboration Forum</li> </ul>
Private Fishing Vessel Owner / Operator, NFFO	July 2021- In Person Meeting	Commercial Fisheries	Bridlington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline data confirmation and cooperation for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
Private Fishing Vessel Owner / Operator, NFFO	July 2021- In Person Meeting	Commercial Fisheries	Bridlington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline data confirmation and cooperation for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
Fisheries	September 2021- In Person Meeting	Fisheries Meeting	Grimsby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline data confirmation and cooperation for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
Fisheries	October 2021- In Person Meeting	Fisheries Meeting	Bridlington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline data confirmation and cooperation for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
Private Fishing Vessel Owner / Operator	October 2021- In Person Meeting	Fisheries Meeting	Bridlington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline data confirmation and cooperation for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
Venture Seafoods	October 2021- In Person Meeting	Fisheries Meeting	Bridlington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline data confirmation and cooperation for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
HFIG	February 2022- In Person Meeting	HFIG	Bridlington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project introduction and updates</li> <li>Overview of the site selection, preliminary details and Project programme.</li> </ul>

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date and Type	Topic	Location	Key Discussion Points
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunities for collaboration on research and coexistence experiences on other East coast projects.</li> </ul>
Eastern IFCA	March 2022- Online Meeting	Fisheries Meeting	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Update</li> <li>Cable Route Site Selection</li> <li>Without prejudice compensation measures and fisheries byelaws</li> </ul>
Private Fishing Vessel Owner / Operator	March 2022- In Person Meeting	Fisheries- ODOW cable route	Grimsby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline data confirmation and cooperation for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
Fisheries	August 2022- In Person Meeting	Fisheries Meeting	Skegness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline data confirmation and cooperation for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
Private Fishing Vessel Owner / Operator	September 2022- In Person Meetings	Fisheries Meetings	Grimsby, Wells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline data confirmation and cooperation for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
Private Fishing Vessel Owner / Operator	July 2023- In Person Meeting	Fisheries Meetings	Grimsby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline data confirmation and cooperation for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
Private Fishing Vessel Owner / Operator	August 2023- In Person Meeting	Fisheries Meetings	Grimsby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline data confirmation and cooperation for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
Private Fishing Vessel Owner / Operator	August 2023- In Person Meeting	Fisheries Meetings	Grimsby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline data confirmation and cooperation for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>
Eastern IFCA	August 2023- Online Meeting	Fisheries Meeting	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Update</li> <li>Cable Route Site Selection</li> <li>Without prejudice compensation measures and fisheries byelaws</li> </ul>

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date and Type	Topic	Location	Key Discussion Points
Eastern IFCA	October 2023- Online Meeting	Fisheries Meeting	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Update</li> <li>Cable Route Site Selection</li> <li>Without prejudice compensation measures and fisheries byelaws</li> </ul>
NFFO	October 2023- In Person Meeting	Fisheries Meeting	York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Update</li> <li>Review of draft assessment and baseline data</li> <li>Industry cooperation</li> </ul>
Private Fishing Vessel Owner / Operator	December 2023- In Person Meeting	Fisheries Meetings	Grimsby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline data confirmation and cooperation for Geophysical Survey</li> </ul>

207. The data on fishing activity in the Project area gathered by the FLO and the commercial fisheries experts have been used to inform the assessment of potential impacts on the fishing industry as set out in this ES (see Volume 1, Chapter 14: Commercial Fisheries (Document Reference 6.1.14)).

### 9.10.2 Shipping and Navigation

208. Relevant shipping and navigation stakeholders (including statutory bodies such as the MCA and THLS as well as shipping operators) have been invited to meetings as a forum to discuss the potential effects on shipping and navigation receptors. As part of the work undertaken to inform the PEIR a Hazard workshop was conducted on 10th November 2022. A further Hazard Workshop was then held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 to consult on the Project changes from PEIR to ES and inform the updated EIA assessments. Full details of the relevant consultation undertaken to date is discussed in more detail in ES Volume 1, Chapter 15: Shipping and Navigation (Document Reference 6.1.15).

*Table 9.15 Consultation with Shipping and Navigation consultees*

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date	Topic
DFDS and CoS	02 June 2021	Initial NRA consultation
Trinity House	10 Jan 2022	Pre scoping consultation
MCA	14 Jan 2022	Pre scoping consultation
CoS	16 Aug 2022	NRA consultation
DFDS	18 Sep 2022	NRA consultation
MCA	13 Sep 2023	Post PEIR consultation
CoS and DFDS	07 Sep 2023	Post PEIR consultation

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date	Topic
Trinity House	15 Sep 2023	Post PEIR consultation
Hazard Workshop	10 Nov 2022	Pre PEIR hazard workshop
Hazard Workshop	10 Nov 2022	Post PEIR hazard workshop

### 9.10.3 Aviation and Civil and Military Radar

209. For civil and military radar, relevant stakeholders have been invited to meetings as a forum to discuss the potential effects on aviation and radar in the area. Consultation with relevant stakeholders was ongoing throughout the pre-application process, allowing for consultation on the potential impacts arising from the Project. This is discussed in more detail within ES Volume 1, Chapter 16: Aviation, Radar, and Military and Communication (Document Reference 6.1.16) and to the extent that other offshore owners and operators of infrastructure in the vicinity were affected, is included within Table 9.16 below.

### 9.10.4 Other Offshore Owners and Operators of Infrastructure in the Vicinity of the Project

210. Within the vicinity of the Project array area and the offshore export cable corridor (ECC) a range of other offshore users and commercial interests have been identified including oil and gas operators, pipeline and cable operators, marine aggregate dredging operators, and adjacent existing and proposed offshore wind farms. Consultation with relevant operators was ongoing throughout the pre-application process and is summarised in ES Volume 1, Chapter 18: Marine Infrastructure and Other Marine Users (Document Reference 6.1.18) and set out in Table 9.16 below.

*Table 9.16 Consultation with other offshore owners and operators*

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date	Topic	Key Discussion Points
Shell	April 2021	Introductory meeting- proximity to gas platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction to the Project</li> <li>▪ Overview of upcoming surveys &amp; SimOps</li> <li>▪ Interface with existing assets &amp; project design / array interaction</li> <li>▪ Data collaboration</li> <li>▪ Aviation interfaces</li> </ul>
Perenco	April 2021	Introductory meeting- proximity to gas platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction to the Project</li> <li>▪ Overview of upcoming surveys &amp; SimOps</li> <li>▪ Interface with existing assets &amp; project design / array interaction</li> <li>▪ Data collaboration</li> <li>▪ Aviation interfaces</li> </ul>

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date	Topic	Key Discussion Points
ABP Humber Estuary Services	May 2021	Introductory meeting and overview of geophys survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction to the Project</li> <li>▪ Overview of upcoming surveys &amp; SimOps</li> <li>▪ Interface with existing assets &amp; project design / array interaction</li> </ul>
DFDS	June 2021	Geophys Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Navigation Risk Assessment</li> <li>▪ Interaction with commercial shipping route(s)</li> <li>▪ Upcoming surveys</li> </ul>
Orsted	June 2021	Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Industry collaboration and interaction with existing operational projects</li> </ul>
Equinor	June 2021	Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Industry collaboration and interaction with existing operational projects</li> </ul>
Vattenfall	July 2021	Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Industry collaboration and interaction with existing operational projects</li> </ul>
Equinor, Gatroben	July 2021	Grid Connection/Ornithology Compensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Industry collaboration and interaction with existing operational projects</li> </ul>
Perenco	October 2021	Surveys, Decommissioning of offshore infrastructure within the array area, safety zones, lines of sight and co-existence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Surveys,</li> <li>▪ Decommissioning of offshore infrastructure within the array area, safety zones, lines of sight and co-existence.</li> </ul>
CCUS	December 2021	Carbon Capture and Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Interaction with future licensing rounds</li> </ul>

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date	Topic	Key Discussion Points
Orsted	December 2021	Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry collaboration and interaction with existing operational projects</li> </ul>
Vattenfall	January 2022	OWIC Aviation, Defence & Radar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry collaboration and interaction with existing operational projects</li> </ul>
Perenco	January 2022	Aviation, Radar, Military & Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surveys,</li> <li>Decommissioning of offshore infrastructure within the array area, safety zones, lines of sight and co-existence.</li> </ul>
Orsted	February 2022	Compensation Collaboration- Artificial Nesting Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry collaboration and interaction with existing operational projects</li> </ul>
Hanson Aggregates	March 2022	ODOW offshore cable route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interaction with Area 1805</li> </ul>
Hornsea Four	March 2022	ODOW and Hornsea Four	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry collaboration and interaction with existing operational projects</li> </ul>
Orsted	March 2022	Compensation Collaboration- Artificial Nesting Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry collaboration and interaction with existing operational projects</li> </ul>
Hanson Aggregates	April 2022	ODOW offshore cable route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interaction with Area 1805</li> </ul>
Perenco	May 2022	Proximity Agreements for ODOW seabird census and tagging study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proximity Agreements for ODOW seabird census and tagging study</li> </ul>
National Grid Ventures	June 2022	NGV ODOW Meeting, Continental Link Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update &amp; any potential interactions with future interconnector projects</li> </ul>



Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date	Topic	Key Discussion Points
Shell	June 2022	Proximity Agreements for ODOW seabird census and tagging study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry collaboration and interaction with existing operational projects</li> </ul>
Orsted	October 2022	Compensation Collaboration- Artificial Nesting Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry collaboration and interaction with existing operational projects</li> </ul>
Equinor	October 2022	Potential for collaborative compensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry collaboration and interaction with existing operational projects</li> </ul>
Equinor	November 2022	Gatrogen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry collaboration and interaction with existing operational projects</li> </ul>
Gatrogen/SSE/Equinor	January 2023	Interaction with grid connection / cable routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interaction with grid connection / cable routes</li> </ul>
Dogger Bank/SSE	February 2023	Offshore Cable Routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offshore Cable Routes</li> </ul>
NSTA	February 2023	Industry collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry collaboration</li> </ul>
Perenco	March 2023	Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms</li> </ul>
Shell	April 2023	Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms</li> </ul>
Boston Alternative Energy Facility	May 2023	Interaction with onshore cable route - compensation areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interaction with onshore cable route - compensation areas</li> </ul>
Shell	May 2023	Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms</li> </ul>
Perenco	June 2023	Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms</li> </ul>

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date	Topic	Key Discussion Points
Shell	June 2023	Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms</li> </ul>
Dudgeon Extension / Sheringham Extension / Equinor	July 2023	Navigation - Cumulative impact considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navigation - Cumulative impact considerations</li> </ul>
Eastern Green Link	July 2023	Interaction with offshore and onshore cable route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interaction with offshore and onshore cable route</li> </ul>
IOG Petroleum	August 2023	Interaction with licensing blocks & future plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interaction with licensing blocks &amp; future plans</li> </ul>
Orsted- Race Bank and Lincs	September 2023	Proximity Agreement for cable route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proximity Agreement for cable route</li> </ul>
Perenco	September 2023	Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms</li> </ul>
Orsted Hornsea Four	October 2023	Collaboration on radar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaboration on radar</li> </ul>
Perenco	November 2023	Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms</li> </ul>
SEAL Pipeline	November 2023	Pipeline crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pipeline crossing</li> </ul>
Shell	November 2023	Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms</li> </ul>
Dudgeon Extension / Sheringham Extension / Equinor	November 2023	Proximity Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proximity Agreement</li> </ul>
Perenco	December 2023	Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms</li> </ul>
Shell	December 2023	Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline</li> </ul>

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date	Topic	Key Discussion Points
		crossing, Line of Sight Comms	crossing, Line of Sight Comms
Shell	January 2024	Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aviation interface with platforms and pipeline crossing, Line of Sight Comms</li> </ul>
ABPorts	January 2024	O&M Facility - Review of opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>O&amp;M Facility - Review of opportunities</li> </ul>

### 9.10.5 Consultation Relevant to the National Grid Connection Point

211. The Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR) was initiated by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) (now DESNZ) to investigate the way that the offshore transmission network is designed and delivered, consistent with the UK's ambition to deliver net zero emissions by 2050.
212. The Applicant has engaged with National Grid ESO (NGESO) in relation to the OTNR process, and the pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design (HND). Following the preliminary conclusions as published in the HND Report (July 2022, NGESO) which identified two grid connection options for the Project as assessed in the PEIR (Lincolnshire Node and Weston Marsh), the Applicant has continued to engage with NGESO and a final grid connection point for the Project was confirmed as Surfleet Marsh (previously Weston Marsh North) on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023.
213. In parallel, the Applicant engaged with key stakeholders in developing and identifying Offshore ECC routes and landfall sites (this was also in response to the requirements of The Crown Estate process for agreeing the Agreement for Lease (AfL) for the offshore cable route). Meetings were held with Natural England, the Marine Management Organisation and Cefas in March 2022 to discuss the offshore areas of search and potential landfall locations, with further relevant discussions regarding project refinements undertaken through the established ETGs.
214. (See ES Volume 1, Chapter 4 Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives (Document Reference 6.1.4)).

Table 9.17 Engagement with the National Grid

Consultee	Engagement Date	Key Discussion Points	
NGESO	Regular meetings throughout 2021/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular meetings with NGESO to input into OTNR Process.</li> </ul>	
NGESO	Regular meetings throughout Jan – July 2023	Grid Connection location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inputting project parameters to OTNR process</li> </ul>
NGESO	Regular meetings throughout July – Nov 2023	Grid Connection Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entering into Grid Connection Agreement</li> </ul>

Consultee	Engagement Date	Key Discussion Points	
NGET	Regular meetings throughout Nov – Present 2023	Interface Arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interface discussions for Weston Marsh</li> </ul>

### 9.10.6 Transboundary Consultation

215. Transboundary effects arise when impacts from a development within one European Economic area (EEA) state effects the environment in other EEA state(s). The need to consider transboundary effects has been embodied by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Convention on EIA in a Transboundary Context (commonly referred to as the 'Espoo Convention'). The Convention requires that assessments are extended across borders between Parties of the Convention when a planned activity may cause significant adverse transboundary effects. The approximate distances of the Project from the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) boundaries of other EEA states are shown in Table 1.2 of Volume 1, Chapter 5: EIA Methodology (Document Reference 6.1.5).
216. The consultation requirements for transboundary effects set out in the Espoo Convention have been implemented in the UK for the purposes of NSIPs by the Infrastructure Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017. Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations sets out a prescribed process for the Secretary of State to notify and consult EEA States if the Secretary of State is of the view that a Project is likely to have significant transboundary effects on the environment in that EEA State.
217. The Applicant has followed the Planning Inspectorate’s Advice Note Twelve: Transboundary Impacts and Processes (The Planning Inspectorate, 2020b) which sets out the procedures for consultation in association with an application for a DCO where such a development may have significant transboundary effects, noting the Applicant’s responsibility to provide relevant information on potential transboundary effects as part of the DCO application.
218. Transboundary effects have been largely scoped out for many receptors given the location of the Project. However, each of the technical chapters includes details of the potential transboundary effects (see ES Chapters 7 through to 30).
219. Where consultation has been undertaken to inform the transboundary assessment, these have been recorded and summarised in the Consultation Report (Doc Ref 5.1).

### 9.10.7 Habitat Regulations and Compensation

220. The Project has been required to undertake a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) in accordance with section 63(1) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. Further details on the HRA process are set out in the Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (document reference 7.1) HRA Screening Report (document reference 7.2) and the Need, Policy and Legislative Context chapter of the ES (document referent 6.1.2).
221. The Project has concluded that it will not have an Adverse Effect on Integrity (AEoI) on any of the designated features of the relevant Special Protected Areas (SPA) or Special Areas of Conservation (SAC). However, in the event that the Secretary of State (SoS) identifies that an AEoI cannot be ruled out on any of the relevant sites, the Project has put forward a range of ‘without prejudice’ compensation measures for the relevant benthic and ornithological features (document references 7.6 – 7.9).

222. In addition to consultation undertaken through the Expert Topic Groups (ETGs) and EPP process including identification and prioritisation of HRA matters, the Project has undertaken extensive consultation with a range of other stakeholders in relation to HRA and associated without prejudice compensation matters. These meetings are recorded below within Table 9.18.

*Table 9.18 HRA and Compensation consultation*

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date	Key Discussion Points
Associated British Ports	June 2023	Potential onshore Artificial Nesting Structure locations
Associated British Ports	Sep 2023	Potential onshore Artificial Nesting Structure locations
COWSC	Mar 2023	COWSC Updates
COWSC	July 2023	COWSC Updates Expert working group 3 Habitat Creation/Restoration (Meeting 5)
COWSC	Jul 2023	COWSC strategic delivery group
COWSC	Jul 2023	COWSC Strategic Compensation Expert Working Group 4 infrastructure removal (Meeting 5)
COWSC	Sep 2023	COWSC Strategic Compensation Expert Working Group 4 infrastructure removal (Meeting 6)
COWSC	Sep 2023	COWSC Updates Expert working group 3 Habitat Creation/Restoration (Meeting 6)
COWSC	Sept 2023	COWSC Strategic Expert Group 2 Predation Reduction
COWSC	Oct 2023	COWSC strategic delivery group - recommendations to DEFRA
COWSC	Nov 2023	COWSC Updates Expert working group 3 Habitat Creation/Restoration (Meeting 7)
DEFRA	Jan 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project updates</li> <li>▪ Defra updates</li> <li>▪ Discussion on SAC extension and non like for like compensation,</li> <li>▪ Energy Bill,</li> <li>▪ Ongoing engagement with Defra</li> </ul>
DEFRA	Mar 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project updates,</li> <li>▪ Defra updates,</li> <li>▪ Discussion around different types of proposed without prejudice compensation and</li> <li>▪ Update on Energy Bill and MRF</li> </ul>
DEFRA	May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strategic Compensation Workshop,</li> <li>▪ Library of Measures,</li> <li>▪ Marine Recovery Fund,</li> <li>▪ Plan Level measures,</li> <li>▪ Timeframes</li> </ul>
DEFRA	Jun 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project updates,</li> <li>▪ Benthic Compensation Options,</li> </ul>

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date	Key Discussion Points
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ornithological Compensation Options,</li> <li>▪ Defra Updates</li> </ul>
DEFRA	Aug 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project updates,</li> <li>▪ MRF,</li> <li>▪ MPA Extension,</li> <li>▪ Compensation Guidance, Fisheries management,</li> <li>▪ Defra Updates</li> </ul>
DEFRA	Oct 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project updates,</li> <li>▪ Defra Updates,</li> <li>▪ MRF,</li> <li>▪ COWSC</li> </ul>
DEFRA	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project updates</li> <li>▪ MMO Bylaws,</li> <li>▪ Benthic and Ornithological compensation options,</li> <li>▪ Defra Updates</li> </ul>
EIFCA	Aug 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction to the Project,</li> <li>▪ Benthic Compensation Plans,</li> <li>▪ Historical Fisheries,</li> <li>▪ Fishing Activity,</li> <li>▪ Commercial Fisheries,</li> <li>▪ Ongoing Engagement</li> </ul>
EIFCA	Oct 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project updates</li> <li>▪ Locations for potential compensation,</li> <li>▪ Oyster and mussel seed and cultch availability,</li> <li>▪ Biogenic Reef</li> </ul>
Equinor	Mar 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collaborative Discussion,</li> <li>▪ Update on SEP DEP, Strategic and Policy updates and Discussion,</li> <li>▪ Project updates</li> </ul>
Equinor	July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Update on SEP DEP,</li> <li>▪ Update on ODOW</li> </ul>
Equinor	Sep 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Update on SEP DEP,</li> <li>▪ Update on ODOW</li> </ul>
ESCA	Dec 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ODOW Introduction to Project,</li> <li>▪ Telecommunications cable recovery discussion.</li> </ul>
ESCA	Jan 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ESCA Cable Recovery and Compensation continued discussion.</li> </ul>
KSCP	Dec 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KSCP Meeting 1</li> </ul>



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KSCP	Feb 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KSCP Meeting 1.5</li> </ul>
KSCP	Mar 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KSCP Meeting 2</li> </ul>
KSCP	Mar 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KSCP Meeting 3</li> </ul>
KSCP	Apr 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KSCP Meeting 4</li> </ul>
KSCP	May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KSCP Meeting 5</li> </ul>
KSCP	Jun 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KSCP Meeting 6</li> </ul>
KSCP	Aug 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KSCP Meeting 7</li> </ul>
KSCP	Aug 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KSCP Meeting 8</li> </ul>
KSCP	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KSCP Meeting 9</li> </ul>
KSCP	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KSCP Meeting 10</li> </ul>
KSCP	Jan 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KSCP Meeting 11</li> </ul>
MMO	Dec 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussion regarding Guillemot sites in Devon and Cornwall.</li> </ul>
National Trust Jersey	Apr 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussion regarding Guillemot sites in Devon and Cornwall.</li> </ul>
National Trust Jersey	May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussion regarding Ornithological Compensation Plans for Guillemot.</li> </ul>
National Trust Jersey	Jun 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project Introduction,</li> <li>▪ NT Jersey Introduction to potential Predator Control Project</li> </ul>
National Trust Jersey	Jul 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continued Discussion regarding Plemont Seabird Reserve,</li> <li>▪ ODOW Updates,</li> <li>▪ NT Jersey Updates</li> </ul>
National Trust Jersey	Aug 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussion regarding Ornithological Compensation Plans for Guillemot,</li> <li>▪ ODOW Updates,</li> <li>▪ NT Jersey Updates</li> </ul>
National Trust Jersey	Sep 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continued Discussion regarding Plemont Seabird Reserve,</li> <li>▪ ODOW Updates,</li> <li>▪ NT Jersey Updates</li> </ul>
National Trust Jersey	Oct 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continued Discussion regarding Plemont Seabird Reserve,</li> </ul>

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date	Key Discussion Points
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ODOW Updates,</li> <li>▪ NT Jersey Updates</li> </ul>
National Trust Jersey	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continued Discussion regarding Plemont Seabird Reserve,</li> <li>▪ ODOW Updates,</li> <li>▪ NT Jersey Updates</li> </ul>
National Trust Jersey	Dec 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continued Discussion regarding Plemont Seabird Reserve,</li> <li>▪ ODOW Updates,</li> <li>▪ NT Jersey Updates</li> </ul>
National Trust	Dec 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussion regarding Guillemot sites in Devon and Cornwall.</li> </ul>
Orsted	Apr 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collaborative Meeting on Compensation,</li> <li>▪ Hornsea 4 Project 4 Updates,</li> <li>▪ ODOW Updates</li> </ul>
RWE	Jun 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meeting to discuss collaboration on compensation,</li> <li>▪ updates on Five Estuaries,</li> <li>▪ ODOW Updates and</li> <li>▪ RWE Updates</li> </ul>
RWE	Aug 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meeting to discuss collaboration on compensation and data sharing with Dogger Bank South</li> </ul>
RWE	Sep 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meeting to discuss collaboration on compensation,</li> <li>▪ updates on Five Estuaries,</li> <li>▪ ODOW Updates and</li> <li>▪ RWE Updates</li> </ul>
RWE	Oct 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meeting to discuss collaboration on compensation,</li> <li>▪ updates on Five Estuaries,</li> <li>▪ ODOW Updates and</li> <li>▪ RWE Updates</li> </ul>
RWE	Oct 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meeting to discuss collaboration on compensation,</li> <li>▪ updates on Five Estuaries,</li> <li>▪ ODOW Updates and</li> <li>▪ RWE Updates</li> </ul>
RWE	Oct 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meeting to discuss collaboration on compensation,</li> </ul>

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date	Key Discussion Points
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ updates on Five Estuaries,</li> <li>▪ ODOW Updates and</li> <li>▪ RWE Updates</li> </ul>
RWE	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meeting to discuss collaboration on compensation,</li> <li>▪ updates on Five Estuaries,</li> <li>▪ ODOW Updates and</li> <li>▪ RWE Updates</li> </ul>
RWE	Jan 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meeting to discuss collaboration on compensation,</li> <li>▪ updates on Five Estuaries,</li> <li>▪ ODOW Updates and</li> <li>▪ RWE Updates</li> </ul>
SPR	Aug 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collaboration discussions on compensation,</li> <li>▪ ODOW Introduction to project,</li> <li>▪ SPR Introduction to project</li> </ul>
Vattenfall	Aug 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collaboration discussions on compensation,</li> <li>▪ ODOW Introduction to project,</li> <li>▪ Vattenfall introduction to projects</li> </ul>
Vattenfall	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collaborative discussions on compensation,</li> <li>▪ ODOW project updates,</li> <li>▪ Vattenfall project updates</li> </ul>
Exmoor National Park	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Email to Introduce Project and ask for information regarding Guillemot in Devon</li> </ul>
Devon National Landscape	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Email to Introduce Project and ask for information regarding Guillemot in Devon</li> </ul>
Cornwall National Landscape	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Email to Introduce Project and ask for information regarding Guillemot in Devon</li> </ul>
Torbay Harbour Authority	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Email to Introduce Project and ask for information regarding Guillemot in Devon</li> </ul>
Natural England	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Email to Introduce Project and ask for information regarding Guillemot in Devon and Cornwall</li> </ul>
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Natural England	Dec 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Email to Introduce Project and ask for information regarding Guillemot in Devon and Cornwall</li> </ul>

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date	Key Discussion Points
Natural England	Dec 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email to Introduce Project and ask for information regarding Guillemot in Devon and Cornwall</li> </ul>
Cornwall Wildlife Trust	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email to Introduce Project and ask for information regarding Guillemot in Devon and Cornwall</li> </ul>
Seabird Monitoring Programme	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email to Introduce Project and ask for information regarding Guillemot in Devon and Cornwall</li> </ul>
RSPB	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email to Introduce Project and ask for information regarding Guillemot in Devon and Cornwall</li> </ul>
RSPB	Jan 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting to Introduce the project and gather information on guillemot populations in Devon and Cornwall</li> </ul>
Devon Birds	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email to Introduce Project and ask for information regarding Guillemot in Devon and Cornwall</li> </ul>
Cornwall Birds	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email to Introduce Project and ask for information regarding Guillemot in Devon and Cornwall</li> </ul>
Cornwall Wildlife Trust	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email to Introduce Project and ask for information regarding Guillemot in Devon and Cornwall</li> </ul>

### 9.10.8 Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs)

223. The ECC is located within the areas managed by five IDBs who own certain drainage assets, including pumping stations and some of the largest drains:

- Lindsey March IDB
- Witham Fourth District IDB (W4DIDB)
- Black Sluice IDB
- Welland and Deepings IDB (WDIBD)
- South Holland IDB

224. Other drains are managed by the IDBs and activities relating to riparian drains (which are owned by the relevant landowner) also are regulated by the IDBs. The IDB owned or maintained drains, and the riparian drains are identified in ES Volume 3 Crossing Schedule (document reference 6.3.3.2) and ES Volume 1 Hydrology and Flood Risk (document reference 6.1.24).

225. The IDBs own certain drainage assets, including pumping stations and some of the largest drains. Other drains are managed by the IDBs and activities relating to riparian drains, which are owned by the relevant landowner, are regulated by the IDBs. The IDB owned or maintained drains and the riparian drains are identified in the Chapter 24 of the ES Hydrology and Flood Risk (document reference 6.1.24) and the Crossing Schedule (document reference 6.3.3.2).

226. All of the IDBs listed above have been involved in the Onshore Ecology, Hydrology, Geology & Ground Conditions and Land Use ETG meetings conducted as part of the EPP with Witham Fourth District IDB acting as a representative of the group for negotiating technical details and arrangements for approvals.

227. Additionally, the Applicant has held additional meetings to discuss Project activities that fall within the IDB's regulatory remit and clarify the Project's understanding of their requirements in relation to works. Table 9.19 below outlines separate discussions that have taken place with the Welland and Deepings IDB regarding the permanent drainage discharge arrangements for the OnSS, which are described in Outline Operational Drainage Management Plan (Document 8.12).

*Table 9.19 Consultation with the IDBs*

IDB	Engagement Date	Topic/ Key Discussion Points
W4DIDB (as rep)	Jun 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project Programme</li> <li>▪ ECC route</li> <li>▪ IDB Crossing parameters</li> <li>▪ Technical requirements</li> <li>▪ IDB key concerns to be addressed</li> </ul>
WDIDB (as IDB for the OnSS site)	Sep 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ OnSS introduction</li> <li>▪ Site features</li> <li>▪ Drainage discharge requirements</li> <li>▪ Discharge run off levels and costs</li> </ul>
WDIDB (as IDB for the OnSS site)	Sep 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Confirmation of development drainage charges</li> </ul>
WDIDB (as IDB for the OnSS site)	Oct 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project's OnSS landscaping</li> <li>▪ IDB easements</li> <li>▪ Access and maintenance</li> <li>▪ Agreement of planting arrangements</li> </ul>
W4DIDB (as rep)	Oct 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Documents for W4IDB legal review</li> <li>▪ Rollout to other IDBs</li> <li>▪ DCO and Protective Provisions</li> <li>▪ Crossing arrangements and administrative process</li> </ul>
W4DIDB (as rep)	Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consent Process Summary</li> <li>▪ Approval of disapplications</li> <li>▪ PPA</li> </ul>
WDIDB	Feb 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project OnSS drainage options and costs</li> </ul>
WDIDB	Feb 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ OnSS drainage</li> </ul>

### 9.10.9 Anglian Water Services (AWS)

228. AWS is the statutory undertaker providing potable water and sewerage services within the Project area and has a large number of assets, such as water mains and sewerage pipes located within the Project's Order Limits.
229. The Applicant consulted AWS through its formal consultation processes and received responses regarding the requirement for protective provisions in relation plant which could be affected by the project, and a request for a meeting. An inception meeting was held to brief AWS regarding the project and for AWS to set out its requirements and procedures, both for the DCO process and for the management of service crossings during construction.
230. An inception meeting was held to brief AWS regarding the project and for AWS to set out its requirements and procedures, both for the DCO process and for the management of service crossings during construction.
231. AWS infrastructure is shown in the Onshore Crossings Schedule (document 6.3.3.2) and following a review of crossing methodology by the applicant's engineers, a site meeting was held with AWS to investigate recorded redundant services at one crossing location, which represented a potential design consideration

*Table 9.20 Consultation with Anglian Water*

Engagement Date	Topic/ Key Discussion Points
Jun 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project Inception Meeting</li> <li>▪ Scoping of topics to be addressed</li> <li>▪ Arrangements for review of protective provisions</li> </ul>
October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review of Protective Provisions</li> </ul>
Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Haven crossing AWS existing infrastructure</li> </ul>

### 9.10.10 The Environment Agency

232. The Environment Agency (EA) is a public body sponsored by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) which has responsibilities and a regulatory role for the management of flood defences, main rivers, abstraction and discharges and other activities requiring environmental permits. The primary areas of interaction between ODOW and the EA relate to the landfall, the five main rivers and associated flood defences (under which cables will be installed by trenchless techniques) and the OnSS, in relation to Flood Risk Assessment (FRA). The EA is also a landowner and owns assets, including flood defences, land and a bridge within the project order limits.
233. The EA has been involved in the ETG and Evidence Plan process through the Onshore Ecology, Hydrology and Land-use group and specific meetings have been held to discuss project activities that fall within the EA's regulatory remit. The assessments relating to the topics discussed are contained in ES Volume 1, Chapter 24: Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Flood Risk (document 6.1.24).
234. Specific consultation meetings have been carried out, both to discuss concerns raised by the EA and to clarify ODOW's understanding of EA requirements in relation to works, such as the clearances required for trenchless crossings under main rivers and to discuss ODOWs indicative construction methodologies.

235. The EA currently has an annual program of beach nourishment close to the cable landfall location and discussions have taken place in order to understand each party's works and potential interactions. The potential for the EA to carry out future flood defence works has also been considered in relation to the depth of installation of the cables, at locations where the EA has identified that works may occur in the future.

236. The EA has been the main consultee in relation to the flood resilience requirements for the OnSS and the modelling that was required in order to determine the maximum depth to be considered in the OnSS design. The assessment is contained in the OnSS Flood Risk Assessment (document 6.3.24.3) and Annex 1 the River Welland Breach Model report (document 6.3.24.3.1).

*Table 9.21 Consultation with the Environment Agency*

Engagement Date	Topic/ Key Discussion Points
Jan 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Landfall methodology</li> <li>▪ Temporary flood protection</li> <li>▪ TJB permanent site level</li> <li>▪ East coast defences- commitment re cable depth</li> <li>▪ Beach nourishment works</li> <li>▪ Topics for SOCG</li> </ul>
Jan 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Flood risk modelling report</li> <li>▪ Flood modelling review arrangements</li> <li>▪ Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) Sequential test</li> <li>▪ FRA Exception test</li> <li>▪ Topics for SOCG</li> </ul>
April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project Introductions</li> <li>▪ Scoping of Issues</li> <li>▪ Project Updates</li> <li>▪ Geotechnical Investigations (beach borehole permit)</li> <li>▪ Beach Nourishment works</li> <li>▪ Project Landfall works</li> <li>▪ Flood defences and coastal assets</li> <li>▪ EA Steeping catchment management plans</li> <li>▪ Trenchless crossings</li> <li>▪ Wainfleet relief channel bridge</li> <li>▪ Construction assumptions</li> </ul>
Apr 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Receipt of EA review of flood modelling methodology</li> </ul>
Jul 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Flood defences and coastal assets</li> <li>▪ IDB crossing arrangements (info only)</li> <li>▪ EA Beach nourishment – outline SIMOPS agreements</li> <li>▪ EA Steeping catchment management plan</li> <li>▪ DCO and Protective Provisions</li> <li>▪ OnSS flood resilience design</li> <li>▪ Wainfleet relief channel bridge</li> </ul>
Aug 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Submission of ODOV methodology for flood modelling for EA review</li> </ul>



Engagement Date	Topic/ Key Discussion Points
Sep 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EA (Estates): bridge ownership</li> </ul>
Oct 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DCO and Protective Provisions</li> <li>Disapplication of EP Regulations</li> <li>Use of EP exemptions</li> <li>EA Beach Nourishment – comments on SIMOPS</li> <li>Other EA assets</li> <li>OnSS flood risk modelling update</li> <li>OnSS flood protection proposals</li> </ul>
Mar 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EA beach works and interaction with the EA’s beach nourishment works at landfall</li> </ul>

### 9.10.11 Van Oord

237. The Applicant engaged with Van Oord in relation to interactions with the construction with their dredging activities.

*Table 9.22 Engagement with the Van Oord*

Consultee	Engagement Date	Topic	Key Discussion Points
Van Oord	May 2022	Interaction with beach replenishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interface with beach replenishment scheme</li> </ul>
Van Oord	March 2023	Interaction with beach replenishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interface with beach replenishment scheme</li> </ul>
Van Oord	June 2023	Interaction with beach replenishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interface with beach replenishment scheme</li> </ul>

### 9.10.12 Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust (LWT)

238. The Applicant engaged early with the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust to ensure they could avoid or minimise impacts on LWT wildlife sites as well as to discuss potential opportunities in relation to Biodiversity Net Gain.

*Table 9.23 Consultation with the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust (LWT)*

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date	Topic	Key Discussion Points
LWT	May 2021	Introduction to Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project introduction</li> </ul>
LWT	June 2022	Landfall and cable route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Input to Landfall and cable route options</li> </ul>
LWT	September 2022	Scoping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Response to Scoping Report</li> </ul>
LWT	January 2023	Landfall interaction with LWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On site meeting to discuss the landfall and Anderby Marsh LNR</li> </ul>

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date	Topic	Key Discussion Points
LWT	March 2023	Borehole investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landfall and Ecological mitigation</li> <li>Preparation for borehole campaign</li> </ul>
LWT	June 2023	Borehole investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation for onshore borehole investigation</li> <li>Access arrangements</li> <li>Timing of works</li> </ul>

### 9.10.13 RSPB

239. The Applicant engaged in a number of meetings with the RSBP to understand more about their Landscape Recovery Project ‘The Greater Frampton Vision’ and how they can support and contribute to it. Further information in relation to this engagement is included in ES Chapter 22 Onshore Ornithology (document reference 6.1.22).

*Table 9.24 Other Consultation with the RSPB*

Consultee	Engagement Date	Topic	Key Discussion Points
RSPB	March 2023	Teams Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 1a consultation and introduction</li> </ul>
RSPB	October 2023	On Site In person meeting - The Greater Frampton Vision project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Greater Frampton Vision project and opportunities for the Project to support and contribute to it.</li> <li>. Discussions in relation to the project’s reinstatement of the impacted area in line with the Frampton Vision.</li> </ul>
RSPB	December 2023	Teams Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principles of the MoU</li> </ul>

### 9.10.14 Boston Alternative Energy Facility (BAEF)

240. The Applicant engaged with the BAEF about their potential compensation site that is in the vicinity of the Project’s footprint. Further information in relation to this engagement is included in ES Chapter 22 Onshore Ornithology (document reference 6.1.22).

*Table 9.25 Engagement with the BAEF*

Consultee	Engagement Date	Topic	Key Discussion Points
BAEF	May 2023	Compensation sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To discuss interface with proposed compensation sites with onshore cable route</li> </ul>

Consultee	Engagement Date	Topic	Key Discussion Points
BAEF	January 2024	Compensation sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To discuss interface with proposed compensation sites with onshore cable route and timelines</li> </ul>

### 9.10.15 National Trust

241. The Applicant engaged early with the National Trust to discuss their Sandilands Project and discuss potential opportunities in relation to Biodiversity Net Gain.

*Table 9.26 Consultation with the National Trust*

Panel/Consultee	Engagement Date	Topic	Key Discussion Points
National Trust	March 2023	Sandilands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>potential opportunities in relation to Biodiversity Net Gain</li> </ul>

### 9.10.16 Land Interest Groups

242. A Land Interest Group (LIG) has been formed consisting of land agents who are representing landowners affected by the Project’s proposals. The LIG was set up by the agents and supported by the Project as it brings efficiencies and a more streamlined approach to voluntary negotiations. The Project has also engaged with the LIG on both the outline Code of Construction Practice (document reference 8.1) and Soil Management Plan (document reference 8.1.3) to ensure that concerns highlighted throughout both the formal and informal consultation have been addressed.

243. The LIG has met with the Applicant and the Applicant’s land agents regularly since January 2023. These meetings have been centred around agreeing Heads of Terms for the Deeds of Easement which the Applicant is seeking to enter into on a voluntary basis to obtain the land rights for the Project.

244. Due to the number of landowners impacted by the cable corridor, the LIG enabled feedback to be streamlined prior to the Heads of Terms being issued to the landowners.

245. Following the Heads of Terms being issued there were further negotiations facilitated through the LIG which led to these being amended.

246. The LIG has also held meetings to discuss and negotiate terms for the Temporary Works Areas.

*Table 9.27 LIG Meetings*

Meeting No.	Date	Meeting Type	Topics Covered
Meeting 1	Jan 23	In Person Meeting	kick off meeting
Meeting 2	Start Apr 23		started review of HoTS
Meeting 3	End Apr 23		completed 1st review of HoTs
Meeting 4	Start July 23		Teams Meeting – HoTs review

Meeting No.	Date	Meeting Type	Topics Covered
Meeting 5	End July 23	Teams Meeting	Teams Meeting – HoTs review
Meeting 6	Aug 23		LIG Meeting re Easement HoTs
Meeting 7	Sep 23		Easement Heads of Terms
Meeting 8	Nov 23	Solicitors meeting	Draft Option Agreement for Easement and Deed of Easement
Meeting 9	Feb 24	Teams Meeting	Temporary Working Areas

## 10 Community Liaison Groups (CLGs)

247. The Applicant established four CLGs at appropriate locations along the onshore ECC in an effort to ensure effective consultation with the local communities, taking account of the proposed infrastructure in the given areas. The purpose of splitting the groups geographically was to facilitate consultation that focused on the key infrastructure proposed within the affected wards. Table 10.1 outlines which CLG's the representatives of each ward were invited to. The four CLGs remained consistent throughout the pre-application process although the names were updated as the Project was refined. These four groups were:

- Landfall and Northern Substation Search Area (later 'Landfall')
- Northern Cable Route
- Southern Cable Route
- Southern Substation Search Area (later 'Substation')

248. The Parish, District and Country Wards that intersect the Phase 1 Consultation Zone (shown in white hash on Plate 9.4) and Phase 1A Consultation Zones (shown in yellow hash on Plate 9.6) are shown on Plate 10.1. The Phase 2 and Autumn Consultation Zones comprise both the Phase 1 and Phase 1A Consultation Zones.

249. Locally elected members at county, district and parish councils were invited to ensure local residents were appropriately represented. District and County councillors were invited where the consultation zone intercepted their ward and each of the affected parish councils were invited to elect a member to sit on the group on behalf of that parish.

250. Following parish and district local elections held in May 2023 to ensure that the communities were fairly represented on the CLGs, the Applicant invited all appointed District Councillors and requested that the parish clerks re-nominate a parish representative.

251. The CLGs operate as a discussion group where the Applicant gives presentations to cover project updates and developments, feedback from any relevant consultation phases and minutes are taken.

252. Once the minutes are approved these are uploaded along with the Presentation to the Outer Dowsing website.

*Table 10.1 CLGs and Invited Ward Representatives (District, Parish and County)*

CLG	Wards
Landfall (previously also Substation North)	Alford and Sutton
	Ingoldmells Rural
	Willoughby & Sloothby
	Alford
	Alford Town Council
	Anderby Parish Council
	Beesby with Saleby Parish Meeting
	Bilsby & Farlesthorpe Parish Council
	Withern and Theddlethorpe
	Chapel St Leonards
	Chapel St Leonards Parish Council
	Cumberworth Parish Meeting
	Hannah Cum Hagnaby Parish Council

CLG	Wards
	Hogsthorpe Parish Council
	Huttoft Parish Council
	Mablethorpe and Sutton Parish Council
	Markby Parish Council
	Mumby Parish Council
	Well Parish Meeting
	Willoughby with Sloothby Parish Council
	Sutton on Sea
Cable North	Skegness North
	Skegness South
	Wainfleet
	Burgh le Marsh
	Friskney
	Croft
	Skegness St Clements
	Skegness Scarborough and Seacroft
	Ingoldmells
	Addlethorpe Parish Council
	Bratoft Parish Council
	Burgh Le Marsh Parish Council
	Croft Parish Council
	Friskney Parish Council
	Orby Parish Council
	Skegness Parish Council
Wainfleet All Saints Parish Council	
Wainfleet St Marys Parish Council	
Cable South	Boston Coastal
	Skirbeck
	Fishtoft
	Coastal
	Old Leake
	Benington Parish Council
	Butterwick Parish Council
	Fishtoft Parish Council
	Freiston Parish Council
	Leverton Parish Council
	Old Leake Parish Council
Wrangle Parish Council	
Substation (previously Substation South)	Spalding East
	Boston Rural
	Holbeach Rural
	Boston South
	Donington Rural
	Donington, Quadring and Gosberton
	Holbeach Hurn
	Moulton, Weston and Cowbit
Pinchbeck and Surfleet	

CLG	Wards
	Whaplode and Holbeach St Johns
	Kirkton and Frampton
	Five Villages
	Wyberton
	Algarkirk Parish Council
	Fosdyke Parish Council
	Frampton Parish Council
	Gosberton Parish Council
	Holbeach Parish Council
	Kirton Parish Council
	Pinchbeck Parish Council
	Surfleet Parish Council
	Sutterton Parish Council
	The Moultons Parish Council
	Weston Parish Council
	Whaplode Parish Council
	Wyberton Parish Council

253. Copies of the presentations and minutes are included as Annex 5.1.13B and Annex 5.1.13C.

254. The aims of the group (as outlined in the Terms of Reference, (Annex 5.1.13A) are:

- To involve key local stakeholders in the design and development of the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind project (landfall, onshore cable route and substation) through presentations, discussions and planned workshop activities.
- To act as a two-way communication channel between local communities and the project team.
- To help foster local involvement with the Project



Table 10.2 Pre Application CLG Meetings

Purpose		Community Liaison Group				No. of Invitees	No. Attendees	Annex of presentations & minutes
		Date	Time	Location	Group			
CLG Round 1	Project Introduction & Introducing the Aims of the CLGs	Mon 28 Nov 2022	7pm-9pm	Anderby Village Hall	Substation North	15	13	Annex 5.1.13B & 5.1.13C
		Tue 29 Nov 2022	7pm-9pm	Butterwick Village Hall	Cable Route South	6	4	
		Thu 01 Dec 2022	7pm-9pm	Fosdyke Village Hall	Substation South	11	6	
		Fri 02 Dec 2022	7pm-9pm	Wainfleet Coronation Hall	Cable Route North	12	6	
CLG Round 2	Update on Project & Alternative Route	Mon 20 Feb 2023	7pm-9pm	St Wilfrids Church Hall	Substation North	15	5	Annex 5.1.13B & 5.1.13C
		Tue 21 Feb 2023	7pm-9pm	Wainfleet Coronation Hall	Cable Route North	12	4	
		Thu 23 Feb 2023	7pm-9pm	Fosdyke Village Hall	Substation South	11	6	
		Fri 24 Feb 2023	7pm-9pm	Old Leake Village Hall	Cable Route South	6	1	
CLG Round 3	Feedback on Phase 1A events & proposed onshore substation & construction	Tue 18 Apr 2023	7pm-9pm	Wainfleet Village Hall	Cable Route North	12	7	Annex 5.1.13B & 5.1.13C
		Wed 19 Apr 2023	7pm-9pm	The Windmill, Alford	Substation North	15	6	
		Thu 20 Apr 2023	7pm-9pm	Fosdyke Village Hall	Substation South	11	4	
		Fri 21 Apr 2023	7pm-9pm	Butterwick Village Hall	Cable Route South	6	2	

A document setting out the design principles for the OnSS was issued prior to Round 3 CLGs (An updated version of this has been submitted as part of DCO application)

Purpose	Community Liaison Group				No. of Invitees	No. Attendees	Annex of presentations & minutes
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	Date	Time	Location	Group			
access locations							

Prior to Round 4 of the CLGs, a Press Release was issued and sent to all CLG invitees outlining the National Grid recommendation for the Project’s connection option at Weston Marsh (A copy of this can be found in Annex 5.1.10H).

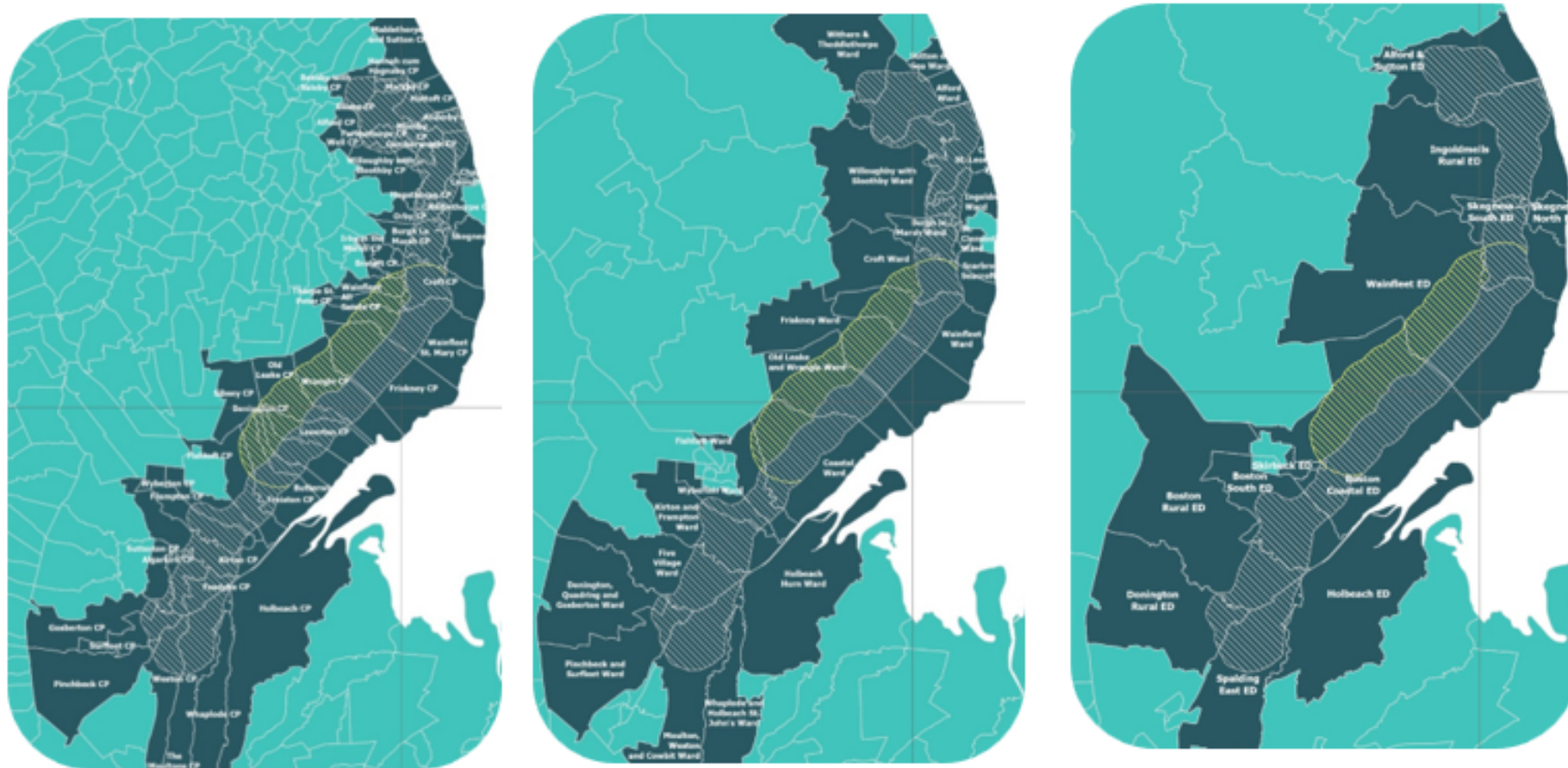
CLG Round 4	Feedback on Phase 2 Consultation, update from NG on connection location confirmation & decision on chosen route to Weston Marsh	Thu 10 Aug 2023	7pm-9pm	Fosdyke Village Hall	Substation South	37	9	Annex 5.1.13B & 5.1.13C
		Thu 10 Aug 2023	7pm-9pm	St Wilfrids Church Hall	Substation North	36	12	
		Fri 11 Aug 2023	7pm-9pm	Wainfleet Coronation Hall	Cable Route North	31	5	
		Fri 11 Aug 2023	7pm-9pm	Butterwick Village Hall	Cable Route South	14	7	

Following the confirmation of the Project’s connection point as Weston Marsh, the “Substation North” CLG was renamed to “Landfall” and “Substation South” was renamed to “Substation”.

CLG Round 5	Key project updates; namely the Onshore Substation site, the refined 80m cable corridor and associated	Tue 17 Oct 2023	7pm-9pm	Wainfleet Coronation Hall	Cable Route North	30	4	Annex 5.1.13B & 5.1.13C
		Tue 17 Oct 2023	7pm-9pm	Butterwick Village Hall	Cable Route South	17	4	
		Thu 19 Oct 2023	7pm-9pm	Fosdyke Village Hall	Substation	38	7	
		Thu 19 Oct 2023	7pm-9pm	Hogsthorpe Village Hall	Landfall	35	6	

Purpose		Community Liaison Group				No. of Invitees	No. Attendees	Annex of presentations & minutes
		Date	Time	Location	Group			
	noise, LVIA & traffic data.							
CLG Round 6	Key Project Updates: overview of consultation undertaken and Community Benefit Fund themes and criteria	Wed 31 Jan 2024	7pm-9pm	Hogsthorpe Village Hall	Landfall	35	5	Annex 5.1.13B & 5.1.13C
		Wed 31 Jan 2024	7pm-9pm	Community Hub, Surfleet	Substation	43	9	
		Fri 2 Feb 2024	7pm-9pm	Wainfleet Coronation Hall	Cable Route North	30	4	
		Fri 2 Feb 2024	7pm-9pm	Butterwick Village Hall	Cable Route South	17	4	

Plate 10.1 Parish, District and County Councils that intersect the Project Consultation Zones



## 11 Other Community Consultation

255. The Project has utilised social media, in order to engage with communities and raise awareness about the consultation phases and corresponding events. Full details of the Project's engagement with social media are outlined in the Social Media Report. (Annex 5.1.14A)
256. In respect of the Project's social media presence, the Project proactively utilised Facebook, twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram to achieve the following goals:
- Promotion of in-person community consultation days to increase community attendance
  - Utilisation of local Facebook groups and community Facebook pages to proactively share details of events with local councillors, MPs, parish councils and the local communities.
  - Promotion of webinars particularly on LinkedIn to increase attendance from interested parties.
  - Promotion of the webinars and in-person events on Instagram in order to attract a younger audience.
  - Promotion of the consultation options on twitter to engage with non-governmental organisations (NGOs), media and other interested parties who are more active on this channel.
  - Facebook was identified as a core channel for those who live and work in the consultation zone and the Project aimed to utilise this extensively throughout the Phase 2 consultation onwards. Several statutory stakeholders and community leaders have 'followed' the Project on Facebook.

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257. The Project has begun to engage with the community outside of the consultation process and will continue to engage throughout the examination, pre-construction and construction phases.
258. To date this has included supporting the John Splenduffe Careers Fair in March 2023 and the provision of stationery and bee friendly native wildflower seeds for the Lincolnshire Pride Pack.
259. Members of the Project team participated in Green Libraries Week in Boston in October 2023. Green Libraries Week is an annual showcase which aims to focus on sustainability and climate change.
260. The Project has also volunteered with the Boston Woods Trust to engage in replanting of indigenous plants.
261. The Project has also engaged with the regional Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Network (STEMNET) lead to discuss opportunities for STEMNET ambassadors to support local schools in the area in 2024.



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