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| Export Cable Landing Section (KP0 – KP13.25) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0.0 | 0.75 | 497093.53, 5958057.39 | 496556.07, 5957798.23 | 0.60 | Estimated HDD entry point at KP0 [from TJB to exit point reception pit within beach surf zone] | Superficial deposits consist of Blown Sand - Sand | Currently no relevant exploratory holes | Geology inferred from BGS onshore GeoIndex | Planned HDD section | | | Planned HDD section | | | | Planned HDD section | | |
| 0.75 | 1.55 | 496556.07, 5957798.23 | 495682.57, 5957415.92 | 0.95 | Estimated HDD exit point at KP0.6 Intertidal cable lay and burial | Superficial deposits consist of Storm Beach Deposits – Gravel and Tidal Flat Deposits – Clay and Silt | All Fugro Intertidal CPT | Geology inferred from BGS onshore GeoIndex | No geophysical survey coverage of this area | | | Not mapped | Negligible | Negligible | SAND | Sediment morphology TBC, but intertidal variability understood to be +/-1.5m | Negligible | Minimum DOL 3.0m considered adequate at this stage |
| 1.55 | 3.55 | 495682.57, 5957415.92 | 493873.61, 5956565.55 | 2.0 | Nearshore cable lay and burial | SAND and Slightly gravelly clayey SAND. Loose to dense gravelly SAND or very low strength CLAY | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_105 BP22MOR_C PT_105 | VC_105 terminated at depth 6.2m within the Mercia Mudstone layer of the Irish Sea Formation | -1.34 to -3.85 | Sand with ripple 0.03m in height and 4.9m in wavelength up to approx. KP4.2 Boulder of size 0.5m or greater detected | Unknown wreck and debris noted north-east of KP3.55 | 0.53 | 0.2 | 0.25 | SAND | 0.73 | 0.25 | Minimum DOL 1.5m considered adequate |
| 3.55 | 6.35 | 493873.61, 5956565.55 | 491196.97, 5955892.25 | 2.8 | Nearshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Silty fine SAND, Silty fine to medium SAND | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_104 BP22MOR_C PT_104 | | -3.85 to -7.6 | SAND. Area of ripple with height of 0.03m and wavelength of 4.9m up to approx. KP4.2 Boulder of sizes between 0.1- 0.5m or greater detected | Magnetometer anomaly noted south of KP3.75 and north of approx.. KP4.8 | 0.53 | 0.2 | 0.25 | SAND | 0.73 | 0.25 | Minimum DOL 1.5m considered adequate |
| 6.35 | 9.85 | 491196.97, 5955892.25 | 487702.72, 5955764.14 | 3.5 | Nearshore cable lay and burial | Clayey SAND with Slightly Gravelly Clayey SAND and SAND | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_103 BP22MOR_C PT_103 | BGS Offshore GeoIndex noted South-North fault line noted at approx. KP6.5 | -7.6 to -11.13 | Clayey SAND with Slightly Gravelly Clayey SAND and SAND Boulder with size 0.3-0.4 and 0.5 noted to the south of KP7.95 and north of KP8.05 respectively | Debris noted at KP7.25 | 0 | 0.2 | 0.25 | SAND | 0.2 | 0.25 | Minimum DOL 1.5m considered adequate |
| 9.85 | 11.5 | 487702.72, 5955764.14 | 486102.68, 5955699.81 | 1.65 | Nearshore cable lay and burial | SAND and Clayey SAND | | Base Unit II (Western Irish Sea Formation – A, Mud Facies) becomes thinner between KP | | Clayey sand with Slightly gravelly clayey SAND up to approx. KP 10.5. SAND with ripple of 0.03m in height and 4.9m in wavelength AND clayey SAND | | 0.03 | 0.2 | 0.25 | SAND | 0.23 | 0.25 | Minimum DOL 1.5m considered adequate |

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| | | | | | | | | 9.85-11.5 and eventually thins out at KP11 | | between KP10.5 to KP11.5 Rock dump is noted between KP11.2 and 11.25 Possible boulder with unknown size and boulder of size 0.4 taken from MBES data reported at KP10.95 | | | | | | | | |
| 11.5 | 13.25 | 486102.68, 5955699.81 | 484283.88, 5955631.27 | 1.85 | Nearshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Very soft low strength dark grey silty very sandy CLAY overlying silty fine to medium SAND | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_102 BP22MOR_C PT_102 | | -11.13 to -14.23 | SAND. Clayey SAND and Slightly Gravelly Clayey SAND. SAND with ripple 0.03m in height and 4.9m in wavelength Boulder with size between 0.3-0.4m at approx. KP12.1 | 2 no. wrecks noted between these KPs. Debris noted south-east of est. KP12.8 | 0.03 | 0.2 | 0.25 | SAND | 0.23 | 0.25 | Minimum DOL 1.5m considered adequate |
| Export Cable Offshore Routing Section (KP13.25 to KP68) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13.25 | 17.0 | 484283.88, 5955631.27 | 480542.6, 5955658.42 | 3.75 | Offshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Very soft extremely low strength silty very sandy slightly gravelly CLAY overlying slightly silty fine to medium SAND Sub-bottom profile: Loose to dense gravelly SAND or very low strength CLAY overlying Dense to very dense gravelly SAND Unit III Western Irish sea formation throughout KP13.25 to KP17 apart from KP14.25 to KP15.25 where Holocene Sand overlies Base Unit II (Western Irish Sea Formation – A. Mud Facies followed by Unit III. | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_101 BP22MOR_C PT_101 | VC_101 terminated at depth 2.64m | -14.23 to -17.75 | SAND and Clayey SAND detected between KP13.25 to 16.5 with ripple of 0.02m in height and 5.2m in wavelength between KP13.25 to 15.75. Clayey SAND present between KP15.75 to 17 and sandy CLAY present between KP16.25 to 17 Area of fishing scars reported between KP16.5 to 17. | | 0.02 | 0.25 | 1.1 | SAND | 0.27 | 1.1 | Minimum DOL 1.5m considered adequate |
| 17.0 | 21.0 | 480542.6, 5955658.42 | 478285.63, 5958254.29 | 4.0 | Offshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Very soft extremely low strength silty sandy CLAY | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_37 | | -17.75 to -16.25 | Sandy CLAY and Clayey SAND detected between KP17 to 21. | AQUA-COMSS HAV 1.5 crossing the cable routing perpendicular at | 0.5 | 0.7 | 3.3 | CLAY | 1.2 | 3.3 | Minimum DOL 3m considered adequate |

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| | | | | | | overlying silty fine to coarse SAND. Sub-bottom profile: Loose to dense gravelly SAND or very low strength CLAY overlying Dense to very dense gravelly SAND | BP22MOR_C PT_42 | | | Area of fishing spot scars present between KP17 to 18.25. approximately KP18.5 to 19 Lanis 1 Cable crossing the cable route at 90 degrees between KP19 to 19.5. | | | | | | | | |
| 21.0 | 29.0 | 478285.63, 5958254.29 | 471719.22, 5962768.3 | 7.0 | Offshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Very soft extremely low strength silty sandy CLAY overlying soft very low strength silty sandy CLAY Sub-bottom profile: Very low strength CLAY overlying very low to low strength CLAY | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_35 BP22MOR_C PT_39 BP22MOR_C PT_40 | VC_35 terminated at depth 2.6m. Mud Facies is within depth of burial | -16.25 to -20 | Clayey SAND and SAND reported between KP21 to 28.25 and Sandy CLAY reported between KP28.25 to 29. Area of scars reported between KP26 to 28.5. | Linear debris 12.2m in length detected just after KP21 Side scan sonar detected linear debris feature between KP28.5 to 29. Magnetometer anomaly recorded near KP28.5. CLAY layer between KP22 to 24.25 ranging from depth 17m to 20.5m and 17m. This layer is found again between KP25.75 to 29 where this layer begins at depth 18.5m and extends beyond 29m. | 0.5 | 0.7 | 3.3 | CLAY | 1.2 | 3.3 | Minimum DOL 3m considered adequate |
| 29.0 | 34.2 | 471719.22, 5962768.3 | 467739.1, 5966144.21 | 5.2 | Offshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Very soft extremely low strength silty sandy CLAY overlying soft very low strength silty sandy CLAY Sub-bottom profile: Very low strength CLAY overlying very low to low strength CLAY | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_36 BP22MOR_C PT_41 BP22MOR_C PT_38 | VC_36 terminated at depth 6m. | -20 to -18 at KP30.5 to -21 at KP34.1 | Sandy CLAY and Clayey SAND reported from geophysical survey | Magnetometer anomaly recorded northeast and west of KP30.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 3.3 | CLAY | 1.2 | 3.3 | Minimum DOL 3m considered adequate |
| 34.1 | 37.0 | 467739.1, 5966144.21 | 465900.89, 5968215.8 | 2.9 | Offshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Very soft extremely low to very low strength silty sandy CLAY overlying slightly sandy SILT followed by sandy CLAY | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_33 BP22MOR_C PT_36 | VC_33 terminated at depth 6m Ground truthing suggests weak soils at this section and | -21 to -22.5 | Clayey SAND reported from geophysical survey in this section . | Boulders detected between KP36.5 to 37. Magnetometer anomaly detected between KP34.5 to 35 which shows the Caldera to Rivers Onshore | 0.5 | 0.7 | 3.3 | CLAY | 1.2 | 3.3 | Minimum DOL 3m considered adequate |

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| | | | | | | Sub-bottom profile: Very low strength CLAY overlying very low to low strength CLAY | | may be part of the Irish Sea Mudbelt. | | | Terminal 24 Gas Line | | | | | | | |
| 37.0 | 39.0 | 465900.89, 5968215.8 | 464711.64, 5969839.82 | 2.0 | Offshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Very soft extremely low strength silty sandy slightly gravelly CLAY overlying soft very low strength sandy slightly gravelly CLAY Sub-bottom profile: Loose to dense gravelly SAND or very low strength CLAY overlying very low to low strength CLAY | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_32 BP22MOR_C PT_35 | Ground truthing suggests weak soils at this section and may be part of the Irish Sea VC_32 terminated at depth 6m | -22.5 to 24.25 | Clayey SAND reported from geophysical survey in this section | PL1958 Bains Wellhead to Morecambe DP1 8° Gas pipeline and PL1959: Morecambe DP1 to Bains Wellhead Chemical pipelines detected between KP37 and 37.5. PL144 South Morecambe 35 Gas Trunkline is detected between KP37.5 to 38. Depth of burial is reported to be 1.3m from bed level. | 0.5 | 0.7 | 3.3 | CLAY | 1.2 | 3.3 | Minimum DOL 3m considered adequate |
| 39.0 | 44.0 | 464711.64, 5969839.82 | 461674.6, 5973746.41 | 5.0 | Offshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Clayey fine to medium SAND with organic staining overlying very soft to soft sandy CLAY with a depth of around 3m. Sub-bottom profile: Loose to dense gravelly SAND or very low strength CLAY overlying very low to low strength CLAY | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_31 BP22MOR-CPT-34 | Ground truthing suggests weak soils at this section and may be part of the Irish Sea VC_31 terminated at depth 6m | -24.25 to -23 at KP39.75 to -25.25 at KP44 | Clayey SAND reported from geophysical survey in this section. CLAY layer becomes thinner from KP39 and disappears at KP40. Layer reappears again from KP41.25 and extends to KP44 appearing to show a thickness of 3.5m | 24 magnetometer anomalies detected along this section. | 0.5 | 0.7 | 3.3 | CLAY | 1.2 | 3.3 | Minimum DOL 3m considered adequate |
| 44.0 | 51.0 | 461674.6, 5973746.41 | 455667.64, 5977378.08 | 7.0 | Offshore cable lay and burial | CPT: Very loose to loose silty SAND to depth 3.79m below bed level overlying extremely low to low strength sandy CLAY at depth 5.13m below bed level Sub-bottom profile: Loose to dense gravelly SAND or very low strength CLAY overlying very low to low strength CLAY. | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR-CPT-33 | CPT-33 terminated at depth 5.98m | -25.25 to -30.5 | Clayey SAND reported from geophysical survey in this section. | 3 magnetometer anomalies were detected in this section 1 no. well located between KP50.5 to 51 | 0.5 | 0.25 | 1.1 | SAND | 0.75 | 1.1 | Minimum DOL 2m considered adequate |
| 51.0 | 53.0 | 455667.64, 5977378.08 | 453931.73, 5978346.74 | 2.0 | Offshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Silty fine to medium | Gardline 2022 investigation : | VC_30 terminated | -30.5 to -30.5 | Clayey SAND reported from | Magnetometer reading detected | 0.5 | 0.25 | 1.1 | SAND | 0.75 | 1.1 | Minimum DOL 2m considered adequate |

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| | | | | | | SAND overlying very soft extremely low strength sandy CLAY This layer is followed by clayey fine to medium SAND Sub-bottom profile: : Loose to dense gravelly SAND or very low strength CLAY overlying very low to low strength CLAY. | BP22MOR_V C_30 BP22MOR-CPT-32A | at depth 4.7m | | geophysical survey with ripple of 0.5m in height and 1-1.5m in wavelength between KP51.5 to 53. PL1668: Dalton PLEM to DPPA 12" Gas Line and PL1671: Morecambe DPPA to Dalton PLEM detected between KP51.5 and 52. | that the depth of burial of the gas line is at 1.3m | | | | | | | |
| 53.0 | 57.0 | 453931.73, 5978346.74 | 450220.15, 5979830.09 | 4.0 | Offshore cable lay and burial | CPT: Very loose to loose silty SAND to depth 3.79m below bed level overlying extremely low to low strength sandy CLAY at depth 5.13m below bed level | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR-CPT-31 | CPT-31 terminated at depth 3.98m | -30.5 to -32 | Clayey SAND reported from geophysical survey in this section. Ripples of 0.5m in height and 1-1.5m in wavelength present throughout this section. | 0.8m height boulder detected between KP55 to 55.5 1 no. magnetometer anomaly reported between KP56.5 to 57 | 0.5 | 0.25 | 1.1 | SAND | 0.75 | 1.1 | Minimum DOL 2m considered adequate |
| 57.0 | 59.0 | 450220.15, 5979830.09 | 449136.4, 5980936.22 | 2.0 | Offshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Silty fine to medium SAND underlying gravelly medium SAND Sub-bottom profile: Loose to dense gravelly SAND overlying very low to low strength CLAY | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_23 BP22MOR_V C_23A BP22MOR-CPT-21 | VC_23 terminated at depth 2.5m VC_23A terminated at depth 2.3m | -32 | Clayey SAND reported from geophysical survey in this section. Ripples of 0.5m in height and 10-15m in wavelength present throughout this section. | | 0.5 | 0.25 | 3.3 | CLAY | 0.75 | 3.3 | Minimum DOL 3m ⁶ considered adequate |
| Export Cable Route to the array from KP59 to OSP 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 59.0 | 61.0 | 449136.4, 5980936.22 | 449346.82, 5983237.53 | 2.0 | Offshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Silty fine to coarse SAND overlying Clayey sandy SILT Sub-bottom profile: Loose to dense gravelly SAND overlying very low to low strength CLAY | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_24 BP22MOR-CPT-22 | VC_24 terminated at depth 2.1m | -32 to -35 | Clayey SAND reported from geophysical survey in this section. Ripples of 0.5m in height and 10-15m in wavelength present throughout this section. | Isle of Man Interconnector detected between KP59 and 59.5 with a depth of 2.4m from bed level 5 no. magnetometer anomaly reported between this section | 0.5 | 0.25 | 1.1 | SAND | 0.75 | 1.1 | Minimum DOL 2m considered adequate |
| 61.0 | 64.0 | 449346.82, 5983237.53 | 446995.97, 5984934.5 | 3.0 | Offshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Silty fine to medium SAND overlying soft to extremely soft CLAY followed by gravelly fine to coarse SAND | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_27 BP22MOR-CPT-27 BP22MOR-CPT-27A | VC_27 terminated at depth 6m | -35 to -34.5 | Clayey SAND reported from geophysical survey in this section. Ripples of 0.5m in height and 10-15m in wavelength present throughout this section. | | 0.5 | 0.25 | 1.1 | SAND | 0.75 | 1.1 | Minimum DOL 2m considered adequate |

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| 64.0 | 68.0 | 446995.97, 5984934.5 | 443181.69, 5986151.95 | 4.0 | Offshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Silty fine to medium SAND overlying sandy gravelly CLAY and sandy clayey GRAVEL | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_26 BP22MOR-CPT-26 BP22MOR-CPT-25 | VC_26 terminated at depth 4.7m | -34.5 to -35 | Clayey SAND reported from geophysical survey in this section. Ripples of 0.5m in height and 10-15m in wavelength present throughout this section | Debris of length 6.3m and 0.7m detected near KP66.5 1 no. magnetometer anomaly reported between this section | 0.5 | 0.25 | 3.3 | CLAY | 0.75 | 3.3 | Minimum DOL 3m ⁶ considered adequate |
| 68.0 | 77.0 | 443181.69, 5986151.95 | 435929.89, 5990638.79 | 9.0 | Offshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Slightly silty slightly gravelly fine to coarse SAND overlying extremely low to low strength CLAY followed by fine to coarse SAND | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_25 BP22MOR-CPT-23 BP22MOR-CPT-24 | VC_25 terminated at depth 5m | -35 to -43 | Clayey SAND reported from geophysical survey in this section Ripples of 0.5m in height and 10-15m in wavelength present between KP68 to 69.5 Megaripples of 0.6m in height and 15m in wavelength is present between KP69.5 to 77 | 2 no. boulders of height 0.2m detected near KP73.5 9 no. boulders of varying height Isle of Man Interconnector detected near KP77 | 0.6 | 0.25 | 3.3 | CLAY | 0.85 | 3.3 | Minimum DOL 3m ⁶ considered adequate |
| 77.0 | OSP 1 | 435929.89, 5990638.79 | 434854.14, 5988167.94 | 2.0 ^{4a} | Offshore cable lay and burial Connection to OSP 1 | Borehole: Calcareous fine to medium SAND overlying slightly gravelly slight sandy CLAY followed by slightly silty slightly calcareous SAND | Fugro array investigation: MRG-BH22-05 | MRG-BH22-05 terminated at depth 38.3m Slightly cemented SAND noted at depth 3.55m below bed level Ultra-high strength CLAY present from 9.3m below bed level | -43 to -47 ⁵ | Shelly SAND reported in this section ⁵ Megaripples noted within this section ⁵ | | 0.6 ^{4b} | 0 | 1.1 | SAND | 0.6 | 1.1 | Minimum DOL 2m considered adequate |
| Export Cable Route to the array from KP59 to OSP2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 59.0 | 61.0 | 449136.4, 5980936.22 | 449346.82, 5983237.53 | 2.0 | Offshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Silty fine to coarse SAND overlying Clayey sandy SILT Sub-bottom profile: Loose to dense gravelly SAND overlying very low to low strength CLAY | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_24 BP22MOR-CPT-22 | VC_24 terminated at depth 2.1m | -32 to -35 | Clayey SAND reported from geophysical survey in this section. Ripples of 0.5m in height and 10-15m in wavelength present throughout this section. | Isle of Man Interconnector detected between KP59 and 59.5 with a depth of 2.4m from bed level 5 no. magnetometer anomalies | 0.5 | 0.25 | 1.1 | SAND | 0.75 | 1.1 | Minimum DOL 2m considered adequate |

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| 61.0 | 64.0 | 449346.82, 5983237.53 | 446995.97, 5984934.5 | 3.0 | Offshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Silty fine to medium SAND overlying soft to extremely soft CLAY followed by gravelly fine to coarse SAND | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_27 BP22MOR-CPT-27 BP22MOR-CPT-27A | VC_27 terminated at depth 6m | -35 to -34.5 | Clayey SAND reported from geophysical survey in this section. Ripples of 0.5m in height and 10-15m in wavelength present throughout this section. | | 0.5 | 0.25 | 1.1 | SAND | 0.75 | 1.1 | Minimum DOL 2m considered adequate |
| 64.0 | 68.0 | 446995.97, 5984934.5 | 443181.69, 5986151.95 | 4.0 | Offshore cable lay and burial | Vibrocore: Silty fine to medium SAND overlying sandy gravelly CLAY and sandy clayey GRAVEL | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_26 BP22MOR-CPT-26 BP22MOR-CPT-25 | VC_26 terminated at depth 4.7m | -34.5 to -35 | Clayey SAND reported from geophysical survey in this section. Ripples of 0.5m in height and 10-15m in wavelength present throughout this section | Debris of length 6.3m and 0.7m detected near KP66.5 1 no. magnetometer anomaly reported between this section | 0.5 | 0.7 | 3.3 | CLAY | 1.2 | 3.3 | Minimum DOL 3m ⁶ considered adequate |
| 68.0 | OSP 2 | 443181.69, 5986151.95 | 436557.73, 5979907.8 | 9.0 ^{4a} | Offshore cable lay and burial Connection to OSP 2 | Vibrocore: Slightly fine to medium SAND underlying gravelly fine to coarse SAND | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_09A Fugro array investigation: MRG-BH22-17 | VC_09A terminated at depth 0.8m | -35 ⁵ | Gravelly shelly SAND and Gravelly SAND with patches of shelly sand reported ⁵ Intermittent sand waves and megaripples reported within this section ⁵ | | 0.6 ^{4b} | 0.25 | 1.1 | SAND | 0.85 | 1.1 | Minimum DOL 2m considered adequate |
| Export Cable Route to the array from KP59 to OSP 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 59.0 | OSP 3 | 449136.4, 5980936.22 | 442917.25, 5981407.8 | 6.0 ^{4a} | Offshore cable lay and burial Connection to OSP 3 | Vibrocore: Slightly silty fine to coarse SAND overlying GRAVEL | Gardline 2022 investigation : BP22MOR_V C_10 | VC_09A terminated at depth 2.85m | -35 to -36 ⁵ | Clayey SAND and Shelly SAND reported ⁵ Megaripples reported in this section ⁵ | | 0.6 ^{4b} | 0.25 | 1.1 | SAND | 0.85 | 1.1 | Minimum DOL 2m considered adequate |
| Notes: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Reference: | | | |
| 1. | Fishing gear hazard: Fishing gear hazard taken from CTC835 Table 9-1 for generally sandy bed conditions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Carbon Trust Cable Burial Risk Assessment Methodology, Guidance for the Preparation of Cable Burial Depth of Lowering Specification, CTC835, February 2015 | | |
| 2. | Semi-qualitative worst credible anchor penetration for vessels crossing the Morgan cable landfall (KP0.6 – KP13.25): | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Relevant port for existing vessels in transit across cable landfall: Fleetwood (Principal vessel traffic: Unit loads Ro-Ro, vehicles/wheeled cargoes, Dredgers and Fisheries) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Associated British Ports Fleetwood (abports.co.uk) | | |
| | Co-ordinates (WGS84 30N): Easting: 499684.28 Northing: 5975215.15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Maximum vessel capacity: 400 dwt fishing vessel (based on largest fishing vessel based in Fleetwood) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ship SUFFOLK CHIEFTAIN (Trawler) Registered in United Kingdom - Vessel details, Current position and Voyage information - IMO 6815304, MMSI 232006830, Call Sign MMFK9 AIS Marine Traffic | | |
| Typical draught (scantling): 3m | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| KP | | Co-ordinates | | Length (km) | Proposed cable installation method | Sub-seabed geology and ground conditions | | | Seabed features | | | Hazard depth [m] | | | Depth of lowering ³ [m] | | |
|---|----|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--|---|--|
| From | To | From [Easting, Northing] | To [Easting, Northing] | | | Summary of Geology over typical depth of burial | Relevant exploratory holes | Comments | Bathymetry [m CD] | Seabed features | Comments | Maximum mobile bedform height | Fishing ¹ | Anchor threat ² | Principal sediment type for anchoring assessment | Recommended Depth of Lowering (DOL) to mitigate risks from fishing and mobile sediments | Recommended Depth of Lowering (DOL) to mitigate risks from anchors |
| Estimated draught (light ship): c. 5m | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated zone of possible cable transit: > KP3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Typical anchor weight: 100 kg | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Carbon Trust Cable Burial Risk Assessment Methodology, Guidance for the Preparation of Cable Burial Depth of Lowering Specification, CTC835, February 2015 | | |
| Typical Hall stockless anchor hall dimensions: fluke length = 378 mm shank length = 750 mm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3hall_anchors.pdf (seacat-schmeding.com) Hall Anchor 40kg To 46000kg, Stockless Anchor Pilotfits | | |
| Typical anchor penetration = 1 x fluke length (sand or stiff clay) x sin 45° = 3 x fluke length (soft clay) x sin 45° | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Carbon Trust Cable Burial Risk Assessment Methodology, Guidance for the Preparation of Cable Burial Depth of Lowering Specification, CTC835, February 2015 | | |
| Semi-qualitative worst credible anchor penetration for vessels crossing the Morgan cable landfall (KP0 – KP3): | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maximum vessel capacity: SUFFOLK CHEFTAIN (fishing vessel) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Typical draught: 3m | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated zone of possible cable transit: KP1 – KP13.25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated anchor weight: 60 kg | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Typical Hall stockless anchor hall dimensions: fluke length = 347 mm shank length = 637 mm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Typical anchor penetration = 1 x fluke length (sand or stiff clay) x sin 45° = 3 x fluke length (soft clay) x sin 45° | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The vessels considered in the assessment of anchor risk were extracted from relevant AIS data which have been categorised based on the navigation status (NAVSTATUS) : | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Vessel status based on AIS NAVSTATUS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AT_ANCHOR: A vessel is at anchor when it is held in position by an anchor on the bottom of a body of water, thus preventing a vessel from drifting away from the desired position (e.g. waiting for a berth, heavy weather, receiving fuel oil, loading, and unloading cargo, for maintenance purposes). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ENGAGED_IN_FISHING: Any vessel fishing with nets, lines, trawls or other fishing apparatus. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RESTRICTED_MANEUVRABILITY: Manoeuvring characteristics include turning, yaw-checking, course-keeping and stopping abilities of the vessel. The term "restricted manoeuvrability" means the vessel cannot keep out of the way of another vessel. It also includes: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2b. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A vessel engaged in laying, servicing, or picking up a navigational mark, submarine cable or pipeline. A vessel engaged in dredging, surveying or underwater operations. A vessel engaged in replenishment or transferring persons, provisions or cargo while underway. A vessel engaged in the launching or recovery of aircraft. A vessel engaged in mine clearance operations. A vessel engaged in a towing operation such as severely restricts the towing vessel and her tow in their ability to deviate from their course. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | HHP Danforth Anchor 20kg To 25000kg Pilotfits Hall Anchor 40kg To 46000kg, Stockless Anchor Pilotfits | | |
| b) Worst case vessel size based on KP: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Vessel Engaged in Fishing (assumed to have a Hall Anchor of 60kg) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| KP0-26: no recorded Fishing Vessels | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| KP | | Co-ordinates | | Length (km) | Proposed cable installation method | Sub-seabed geology and ground conditions | | | Seabed features | | | Hazard depth [m] | | | Depth of lowering ³ [m] | | |
|------|----|---|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--|---|--|
| From | To | From [Easting , Northing] | To [Easting , Northing] | | | Summary of Geology over typical depth of burial | Relevant exploratory holes | Comments | Bathymetry [m CD] | Seabed features | Comments | Maximum mobile bedform height | Fishing ¹ | Anchor threat ² | Principal sediment type for anchoring assessment | Recommended Depth of Lowering (DOL) to mitigate risks from fishing and mobile sediments | Recommended Depth of Lowering (DOL) to mitigate risks from anchors |
| | | <p>KP27-52: Z26 Avanti (575t DWT fishing vessel) KP53-72: no recorded Fishing Vessels KP73-74: Z26 Avanti (575t DWT fishing vessel) KP74-77: no recorded Fishing Vessels</p> <p>- Vessels At Anchor KP0-21: no recorded Vessels at Anchor KP22-36: Grampian Talisman (3614t DWT Offshore Supply Ship) KP37-77: no recorded Vessels at Anchor</p> <p>- Vessels with Restricted Manoeuvrability Some vessel types under this category have been filtered based on its destination, specifically survey vessels (e.g Forth Joustler) and vessels serving nearby offshore windfarms (Mona, Morgan and Morecambe). KP0-51: no relevant vessels with Restricted Manoeuvrability KP52-60: Boka Topaz (8009 GRT Multi-Purpose Offshore Vessel) (assumed to have Danforth Anchor of c. 1000kg) KP61-62: no relevant vessels with Restricted Manoeuvrability KP63- Deo Gloria (2100t DWT TSHD dredger) (assumed to have Danforth Anchor of c. 100kg) KP64-77: no relevant vessels with Restricted Manoeuvrability</p> <p>- Isle of Man Ferries in transit KP42 – KP76: Ben my Chree (12,747t GRT Ro-Ro ferry, several 1000's crossings) KP48 – KP70: Manannan (5,029t GRT High speed ferry)</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | <p>Definition of Depth of Lowering (DOL) after CTC835 Section 9:</p> <p>9 Specifying Depth of Lowering</p> <p>Having identified the size of vessel, larger than which the risk to the cable is tolerable, the potential depth of penetration of the associated anchor must be determined. This must be combined with the required Depth of Lowering from other factors such as fishing and changes to the seabed in order to specify the Depth of Lowering.</p> <p>9.1 Depth of Lowering Definition</p> <p>The authors have noted that the terms burial depth, depth of cover, target depth and trench depth are often used interchangeably by different operators, developers, consultants and contractors. For clarity the following definitions as shown in Figure 9 - 1, all referenced from mean seabed, are used in this document and are suggested for cable burial risk assessments. Note that the two target depths are installation parameters based on known protection method and site conditions, and as such are not covered by this document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended Minimum Depth of Lowering – This is the minimum depth recommended for protection from the external threats, it is the direct output of the risk assessment. • Target Depth of Lowering – This is the depth that cable installers should target; specified by the developer. Target Depth of Lowering should be equal to or greater than the recommended minimum Depth of Lowering and may include a factor of safety; it may also be prudent to increase the target Depth of Lowering where the recommended minimum Depth of Lowering is relatively shallow. This will account for instability in burial tools. Where the target Depth of Lowering is not achieved no remedial action would be required as long as the recommended Minimum Depth of Lowering is achieved. • Target Trench Depth - Cable installers should determine the trench depth that they require based on the cable properties and the trenching tool selected to complete the works. This is usually the diameter of the cable plus between 0.1 m and 0.4 m beyond the Target Depth of Lowering. • Depth of Cover - the thickness of material on top of the cable after trenching. It is not normally required for cable protection; however, it may be required by some consenting authorities e.g. BSH in the German Sector where the 2 K¹⁰ rule is imposed. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| KP From | KP To | Co-ordinates | | Length (km) | Proposed cable installation method | Sub-seabed geology and ground conditions | | | Seabed features | | | Hazard depth [m] | | | Depth of lowering ³ [m] | | |
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| <p>A Recommended Minimum Depth of Lowering B Target Depth of Lowering C Target Trench Depth D Depth of Cover</p> <p>Figure 9-1: Definition of Trench Parameters</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | <p>The end of the cable routes to the start of each OSP has been assumed to be in a straight line from the assumed separation point from the nominal routes to the OSP's as there is no definite cable route in the array. This is illustrated in the image below:</p> <p>Due to this assumption, the following has been considered in the CBRA as seen by the following superscripts:</p> <p>4a: Length of the cable route is taken as the straight line from the final KP of each cable to the OSP 4b: Value of seabed mobility adopted for the cables in the array are based upon the values quoted by Gardline 2022 Geophysical Survey report</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. | <p>Information provided by this subscript is based upon data obtained from Project Elizabeth. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bathymetry Survey of the Array b) Seabed Features of the Array c) Seabed Sediments of the Array | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. | <p>Where significant soft clay deposits (e.g. Irish Sea Mud Belt deposits) underlie the seabed the theoretical anchor penetration may exceed 3m. However in these instances the recommended DOL was limited to 3m which is the typical maximum practicable DOL which is achievable.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |