

Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms Community Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to our latest Community Newsletter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trevor Baker
Projects Lead – Dogger Bank South



Project Updates



Agreements for Lease

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

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

Preliminary Environmental Information Report

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



Statutory Consultation

Focus of Consultation

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

What will we be consulting on?

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

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

How and who we will consult

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

Our consultation zone is:

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

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

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

The methods we will use to consult are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Consultation open from 6 June 2023 to 17 July 2023.

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

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

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

Where can I view information?

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

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

Cottingham Library and Customer Service Centre

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

Beverley Library

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

Bridlington Central Library

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

Bridlington Community Hub Centre

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

Driffield Library

Cross Hill, Driffield YO25 6RQ
 Mon 09:30 - 18:30, Tue - Fri 09:30 - 16:30,
 Sat 09:30 - 12:30, Sun Closed

Greenwood Avenue Library

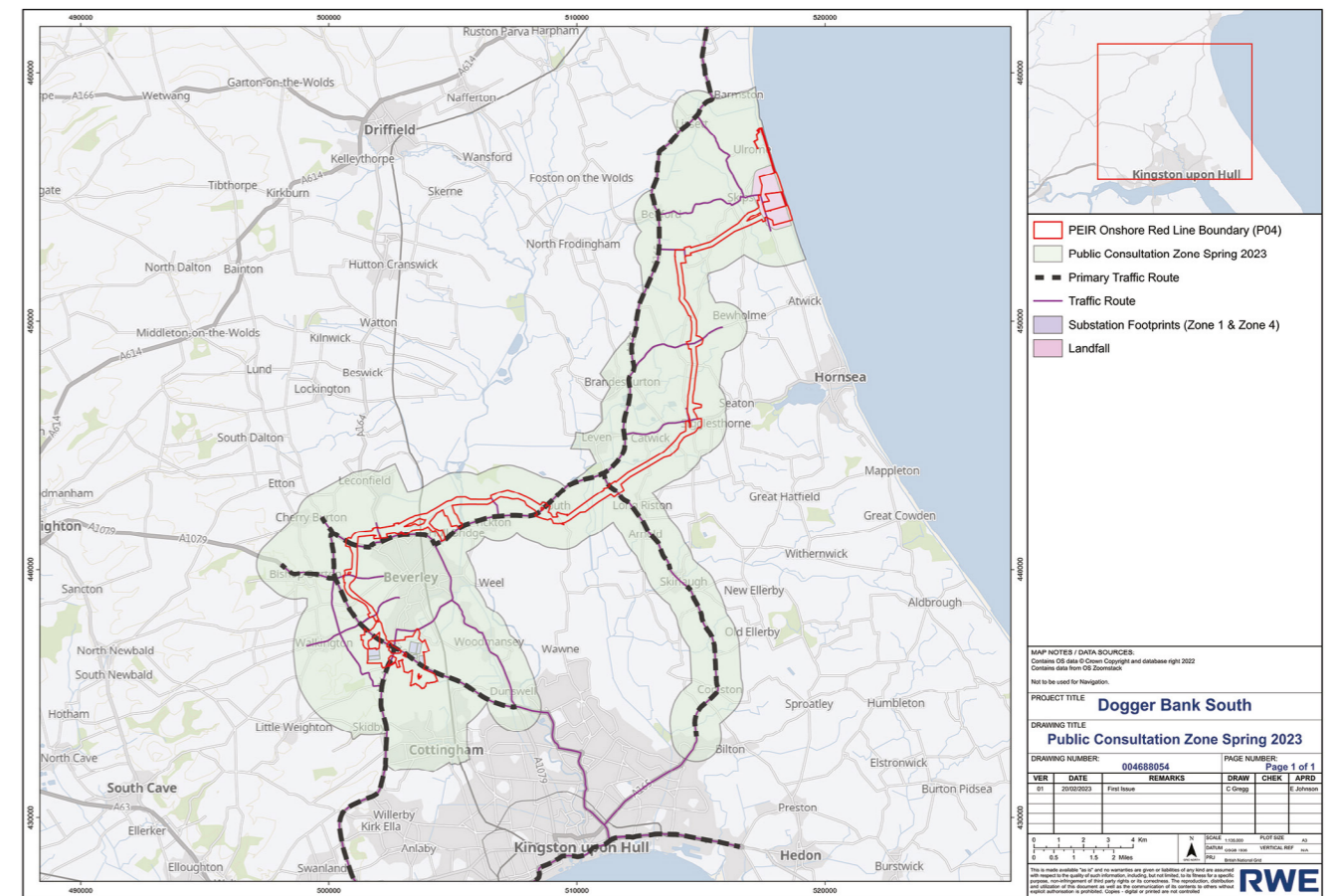
220 Greenwood Avenue, Hull HU6 9RU
 Mon, Fri 10:00 - 17:00, Tue 10:00 - 17:30,
 Wed 10:00 - 18:30, Sat 10:00 - 13:00,
 Thu, Sun Closed

Hornsea Library and Customer Services

Broadway, Hornsea HU18 1RU
 Mon, Fri 09:30 - 16:30, Tue 12:30 - 18:30,
 Thu 09:30 - 13:30, Sat 09:30 - 12:30,
 Wed, Sun Closed

Leven Library

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



Map showing our consultation zone.

Consultation event dates, venues and times

Thursday 22 June 2023

Leven Sports Hall
 and Playing Field
 North St, Leven, Beverley
 HU17 5NF
 3pm - 7pm

Friday 23 June 2023

Skipsea Village Hall
 Bridlington Rd, Skipsea,
 Driffield YO25 8TJ
 3pm - 7pm

Friday 9 June 2023

Beverley Memorial Hall
 73-75 Lairgate, Beverley
 HU17 8HN
 3pm - 7pm

Saturday 10 June 2023

Skipsea Village Hall
 Bridlington Rd, Skipsea,
 Driffield YO25 8TJ
 3pm - 7pm

Saturday 24 June 2023

Beverley Memorial Hall
 73-75 Lairgate, Beverley
 HU17 8HN
 11am - 4pm

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

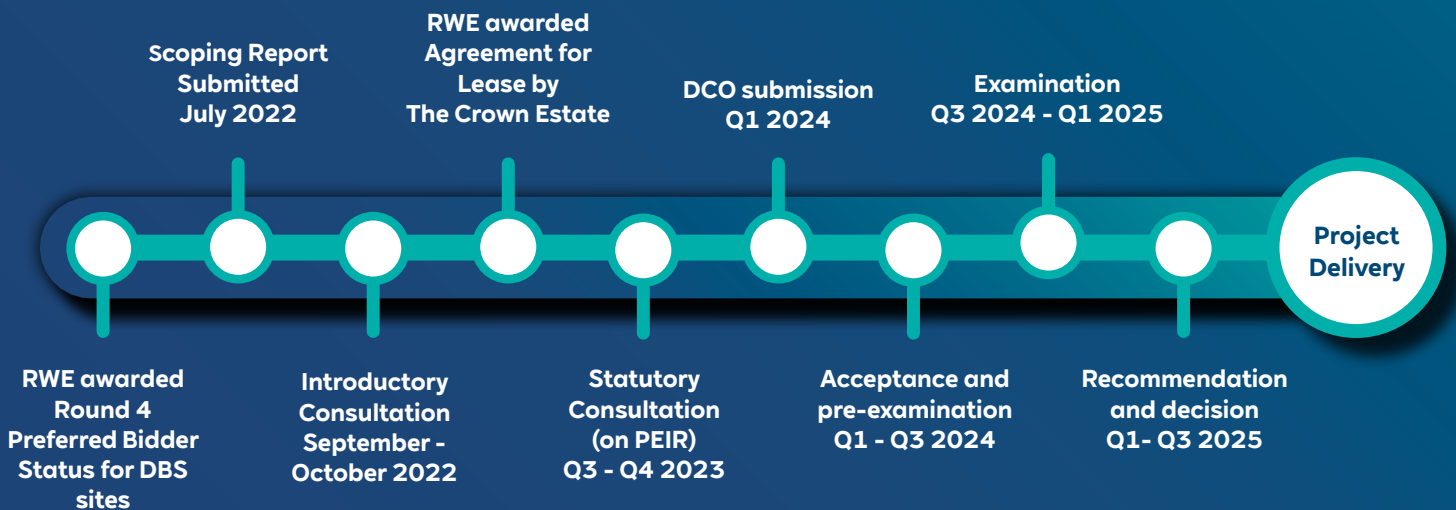
What happens next?

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

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

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

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



Further information

For more background information on the project, please visit our project website at www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk

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