

The Application

Notice is hereby given that SSE Renewables and Equinor acting through Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 4 Projco Limited of No.1 Forbury Place, 43 Forbury Road, Reading, United Kingdom, RG1 3JH (the “Applicant ”), are proposing to submit an application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under Section 37 of the Act for development consent (the “Application”) for the Project.

Dogger Bank Wind Farm is the world’s largest offshore wind farm in construction, located in the North Sea. The first three phases of Dogger Bank Wind Farm, Dogger Bank A, B and C, are underway. The Project is a proposed fourth phase which seeks to maximise the capacity of the eastern portion of the original Dogger Bank C area. The Project has the potential to export up to 1.5GW of energy and is expected to support the UK’s Net Zero targets.

The Project is a development for which development consent is required under Section 31 of the Planning Act 2008. As the Project is an offshore generating station with a proposed capacity of more than 100MW it is classified as a nationally significant infrastructure project under Sections 14(1)(a) and 15(3) of the Planning Act 2008.

About the Project

The Project will comprise both permanent and temporary infrastructure for the generation and transmission of electricity from up to 113 wind turbine generators in the array area located in the Dogger Bank, North Sea. Electricity generated from the Project will be transmitted to shore via offshore export cables, making landfall southeast of Skipsea in East Riding of Yorkshire. From there, underground onshore high voltage direct current (HVDC) cables will connect to a converter station, with high voltage alternating current (HVAC) cables continuing to the proposed National Grid Substation at Birkhill Wood. Note that Birkhill Wood Substation is being developed separately by National Grid Electricity Transmission and does not form part of the Project proposals.

Project infrastructure will comprise, but is not limited to:

- Offshore infrastructure including offshore wind turbines and associated foundation structures, offshore platform(s) and associated foundation structures, inter-array cables and offshore export cables ;
- Landfall infrastructure such as a transition joint bay and associated underground link box to connect the offshore and onshore export cables;
- Onshore infrastructure including underground HVDC cables (up to 500kV), HVAC cables (400kV), jointing bays, link boxes, a converter station, energy storage and balancing infrastructure, and a connection to the national grid substation; and
- Environmental areas for biodiversity net gain, enhancement and/or mitigation, with permanent access for operation and maintenance of those areas.

The Applicant has notified the Secretary of State in writing under Regulation 8(1)(b) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the “EIA Regulations”) that they intend to provide an Environmental Statement (“ES”) in respect of the Project. The Project is therefore an “EIA development” for the purposes of the EIA Regulations and an ES will form part of the Application. The ES will assess the likely significant effects arising from the Project on the environment and the measures proposed to mitigate them.

The Project is consulting on its preliminary assessment of environmental effects that are compiled in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and is accompanied by a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the PEIR.

Consultation on the Project, which will include an opportunity to view and comment on the PEIR and the NTS, will take place from **10 June 2025** and will close at **11.59pm on 5 August 2025**.

Statement of Community Consultation

Before making the Application, the Applicant has a duty under Section 47 of the Act to produce a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). The SoCC explains the public consultation which the Applicant intends to undertake. It sets out how the Applicant will consult the local community about the proposals and how those with an interest can take part.

The Project consulted with the following local planning authorities on the SoCC, before making it available for public inspection: East Riding of Yorkshire and Hull City Council.

This Notice provides formal notification of the publication of the SoCC, including where and when it can be inspected, in accordance with Section 47(6) of the Act.

The SoCC will be available on the Project website from 27 May 2025 at www.doggerbankd.com. If you would like to request an electronic or printed copy of the SoCC please email contact@doggerbankd.com, call **0800 254 5029** or write to **FREEPOST DOGGER BANK D**.

Deposit locations

A printed copy of the SoCC can be inspected free of charge from 27 May 2025 to 5 August 2025 in the following locations. Opening hours are subject to change, please check before you visit.

| Location | Opening Times |
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| Beverley Customer Service Centre, Champney Treasure House, Champney Road, Beverley, HU17 8HE | Mon to Weds: 9.30am to 4.30pm Fri: 9.30am to 4.30pm Thurs, Sat and Sun: Closed |
| Bridlington North Library, Marton Gate, Bridlington, YO16 6YD | Tues: 9.30am to 5.00pm Thurs: 9.30am to 7.00pm Fri: 9.30am to 2.00pm Sat: 9.30am to 1.00pm Mon, Weds and Sun: Closed |
| Cottingham Library and Customer Service Centre, Market Green, Cottingham, HU16 5QG | Mon and Tues: 9.30am to 4.30pm Thurs: 9.30am to 6.30pm Fri: 9.30am to 1.00pm Sat: 9.30am to 12.30pm Weds and Sun: Closed |
| Driffield Centre, Cross Hill, Driffield, YO25 6RQ | Mon: 9.30am to 6.30pm Tues to Fri: 9.30am to 4.30pm Sat: 9.30am to 12.30pm Sun: Closed |
| Hornsea Library and Customer Services, Broadway, Hornsea, HU18 1PZ | Mon: 9.30am to 4.30pm Tues: 12.30pm to 6.30pm Thurs: 9.30am to 1.30pm Fri: 9.30am to 4.30pm Sat: 9.30am to 12.30pm Weds and Sun: Closed |
| Leven Library, 74 East Street, Leven, HU17 5NG | Weds: 10.30am to 12.30pm, 3.30pm to 7.00pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat and Sun: Closed |
| Market Weighton Wicstun Centre, 14 Beverley Road, Market Weighton, YO43 3JP | Mon and Fri: 9.30am to 4.30pm Weds: 9.30am to 6.30pm Sat: 9.30am to 12.30pm Tues, Thurs and Sun: Closed |

Upcoming consultation events and webinars

You can also view consultation materials at the consultation events where you can speak with members of the Project team. Consultation events and webinars will be held at the following venues, times and dates:

| Date | Time | Venue |
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| Tuesday 24 June 2025 | 3pm to 6:30pm | Skipsea Village Hall, Bridlington Road, Skipsea, YO25 8TJ |
| Wednesday 25 June 2025 | 2pm to 7pm | Leven Sports Hall, North Street, Leven, HU17 5NF |
| Thursday 26 June 2025 | 10am to 2pm | Cottingham Civic Hall, Market Green, Cottingham, HU16 5QG |
| | 3pm to 6pm | Walkington Village Hall, 17 East End, Walkington, HU17 8RX |
| Friday 27 June 2025 | 10am to 2pm | Toll Gavel Church Hall, 27 Toll Gavel, Beverley, HU17 9AA |
| Saturday 28 June 2025 | 10am to 2pm | Beverley Memorial Hall, 73-75 Lairgate, Beverley, HU17 8HN |
| Thursday 3 July 2025 | 6pm to 7pm | Visit www.doggerbankd.com or email contact@doggerbankd.com to register and receive your webinar access link. |
| Tuesday 8 July 2025 | 12pm to 1pm | |