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Abbreviations

Acronym	Expanded name
CLG	Community Liaison Group
DCO	Development Consent Order
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EPP	Evidence Plan Process
ES	Environmental Statement
ETG	Expert Topic Group
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
LCC	Lincolnshire County Council
LIG	Land Interest Group
LPA	Local Planning Authority
MCA	Maritime Coastguard Agency
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
NPS	National Policy Statement
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
ODOW	Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind
OTNR	Offshore Transmission Network Review
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
The Inspectorate	Planning Inspectorate
S&ELCP	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership
SoCC	Statement of Community Consultation

Definitions

Term	Definition
2008 Act	The Planning Act 2008
Development Consent Order (DCO)	An order made under the Planning Act 2008 granting development consent for a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) from the Secretary of State (SoS) for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)
Effect	Term used to express the consequence of an impact.
EIA Directive	European Union Directive 2011/92/EU of 13 December 2011 (as amended in 2014 by Directive 2014/52/EU).
EIA Regulations	The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.
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 Directive and 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 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.

Term	Definition
	The Applicant is GTR4 Limited (a joint venture between Corio Generation and, TotalEnergies and Gulf Energy Development), trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind.
Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)	A process which helps determine likely significant effects and (where appropriate) assesses adverse impacts on the integrity of European conservation sites and Ramsar sites. The process consists of up to four stages of assessment: screening, appropriate assessment, assessment of alternative solutions and assessment of imperative reasons of over-riding public interest (IROPI).
Impact	An impact to the receiving environment is defined as any change to its baseline condition, either adverse or beneficial.
Local Authority	The Local Authority is 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	The purpose of mitigation is to reduce and/or eliminate Likely Significant Effects (LSEs), in EIA terms. Mitigation measures are embedded within the assessment at the relevant point in the EIA (e.g. at Scoping or PEIR).
Non-statutory consultee	Organisations that the Applicant may be required to (under Section 42 of the 2008 Act) or may otherwise choose to engage during the pre-application phases (if, for example, there are planning policy reasons to do so) who are not designated in law but are likely to have an interest in a proposed development.
Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind (ODOW)	The Project.
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report. The PEIR is written in the style of a draft Environmental Statement (ES) and provides information to support and inform the statutory consultation process in the pre-application phase. Following that consultation, the PEIR documentation will be updated to produce the Project's ES that will 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.
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 interests will be statutory consultees (see non-statutory consultee definition).
The Planning Inspectorate	The agency responsible for operating the planning process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).
The Project	Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind including the proposed onshore and offshore infrastructure

1 Consultation Summary Introduction

1.1 Consultation Summary Purpose

1.1.1 This Consultation Summary Report (PEIR document 5.1) provides a summary of the principles, approach and details of, or signposting to, the consultation undertaken to date for the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Project. This document also summarises overarching themes which have come out of the consultation to date and where this has influenced design and decision-making processes. This summary should be read in conjunction with Section 6 Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), Volume 1, Chapter 6: Consultation Process (PEIR document 6.1.6).

1.1.2 The Project has sought to engage actively and openly throughout the pre-application consultation process to date with the community, prescribed consultees, and persons with an interest in land. This Summary Report has been structured to reflect the phases and timeline of the consultation to best communicate how the design of the Project and the development of the PEIR has progressed in line with the feedback received from our stakeholders:

- Section 1 Consultation Summary Introduction;
- Section 2 Project Background;
- Section 3 Consultation - Policy & Guidance;
- Section 4 Pre-Application Community Consultation (to date);
- Section 5 Pre-Application Consultation with the County Council and Local Authorities (to date);
- Section 6 Pre-Application Land Interest Consultation (to date); and
- Section 7 Next Steps.

1.1.3 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 (specifically Sections 4.3 and 4.4 respectively). Mitigation measures agreed through consultation will be detailed in the Schedule of Mitigation which will be submitted as part of the DCO Application.

This document is a precursor to the Consultation Report which will be submitted as part of the DCO Application.

1.2 The PEIR and Section 42 Consultation

1.2.1 The purpose of PEIR is to provide sufficient information about the Project to allow consultation bodies to develop an informed view of the likely significant environmental effects of the development as required by Regulation 12 (2)(b) of the EIA Regulations.

1.2.2 The Project is seeking feedback on the PEIR from statutory consultees, local communities and interested parties through this statutory process (in accordance with the Section 42 and Section 47 consultation requirements of the 2008 Act). In keeping with our previous phases of consultation, the Project are referring to this PEIR consultation phase as “Phase 2”.

1.2.3 The Project welcomes comments on the consultation to date as part of the EIA and will continue to engage with the relevant stakeholders throughout the remaining pre-application period on updates or changes to the proposed Project and the assessments presented within this PEIR, as it prepares the final DCO application.

1.2.4 Subsequent to this Phase 2 Consultation, an ES will be prepared as part of the DCO Application which will describe and summarise the results of the EIA process. The final ES will be based on:

- the Scoping Opinion;
- responses received from the Project’s pre- application consultation process (including any comments on resulting from the Project’s Phase 2 Consultation); and
- ongoing engagement with relevant stakeholders, interested parties and communities throughout the remainder of the pre-application period.

1.2.5 PEIR Chapter 6 Consultation Process (PEIR document 6.1.6), provides an overview of the consultation undertaken for Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind in accordance with the EIA Regulations, the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and the Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). Section 3 of this document summarises the relevant policy and guidance that has been considered by the Project in relation to consultation.

1.2.6 As part of the consultation under the EIA and Habitats Regulations Assessment an Evidence Plan Process (EPP) is being run with key stakeholders to co-ordinate responses, identify issues and solutions in advance of the application regarding key offshore and onshore environmental issues and receptors (see PEIR document 6.1.6 Consultation Process for further details).

1.2.7 A summary of all the consultation responses received during the statutory consultation process will be presented in a Consultation Report, which will set out how the Project has had due regard to the consultation in preparing the final Application. This will be submitted as part of the DCO Application.

2 Project Background

2.1 The Project

2.1.1 Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind (hereafter referred to as ‘the Project’) is a proposed offshore windfarm located approximately 54km off the coast of Lincolnshire, England. The Project comprises an offshore generating station and covers an area of seabed, at this stage, of 500km². Outer Dowsing 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 PEIR Volume 1 Chapter 3 Project Description (PEIR document 6.1.3).

2.1.2 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 Planning Act 2008 (the 2008 Act) it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). As such, the Project must apply for a Development Consent Order (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.

2.2 Early Project Definition, Site Selection and Refinement

2.2.1 The Project’s boundaries are presented in the Location Plan Onshore (PEIR document 2.3) and the Location Plan Offshore (PEIR document 2.4).

2.2.2 The offshore PEIR boundary includes: the 500km² offshore wind farm array area, for which Preferred Bidder status has been awarded by The Crown Estate; the offshore export cable route corridor (offshore ECC); and the export cable landfall on the Lincolnshire coast (to mean high water springs (MHWS)).

2.2.3 The location for the Project’s array area was selected through the consideration of various environmental and engineering/technical constraints (described in PEIR Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives (PEIR document 6.1.4)).

2.2.4 The Project’s onshore proposals were initially developed following publication of the preliminary results of the Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR) Holistic Network Design (HND) process which was published in July 2022 and identified two potential grid connection options for the Project. Further information on the OTNR process is provided in PEIR Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives (PEIR document 6.1.4).

2.2.5 The Project has assessed both potential grid connection options as part of this PEIR and to date, all consultation has encompassed both of these connection options. Once a grid connection is confirmed by National Grid, only one of these connection options and associated onshore infrastructure will be taken forward.

2.2.6 Further details on defining both the onshore and offshore PEIR boundaries including the Array area, offshore Export Cable Corridor (ECC), Landfall, Onshore ECC and Onshore Substation Locations are detailed in PEIR Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives (PEIR document 6.1.4). The consultation that has been undertaken to date and that has informed the iterative design process of the Project is summarised in this Consultation Summary Document.

2.3 The Applicant

2.3.1 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).

3 Consultation – Policy and Guidance

3.1.1 This Consultation Summary document is being submitted as part of the suite of documents prepared for formal consultation which include a draft DCO, PEIR and supporting plans and documents for consultation purposes. The final consultation report will be submitted as part of the DCO application in accordance with Section 37(3)(c) of the 2008 Act. This Consultation Summary has been drafted alongside PEIR Chapter 6 Consultation Process (PEIR document 6.1.6).

3.1.2 Details on the Planning Act 2008, National Policy Statements and EIA Regulations as well as other guidance that has informed the Projects consultation is outlined in PEIR Chapter 2: Need, policy & Legislative Context (PEIR document 6.1.2).

3.2 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

3.2.1 The Project uses a secure GDPR compliant stakeholder engagement and management system to support in the planning, engaging, and measuring of communication with stakeholders, in order to secure and demonstrate corporate social responsibility.

3.2.2 Establishing constructive and trusted relationships with all stakeholders is central to the Project's Consultation Principles and approach.

3.3 Statutory Consultation Requirements under the 2008 Act

3.3.1 A detailed table or checklist setting out how the Project has complied with the statutory consultation requirements and guidance under the Planning Act 2008 (the 2008 Act), such as Sections 42 to 50 as well as other relevant legislation and guidance will be presented in the Project's Consultation Report submitted as part of the DCO Application.

3.3.2 As detailed in PEIR Chapter 2: Need, policy & Legislative Context (PEIR document 6.1.2) the Project is defined under Part 3, Section 15(3) of the Planning Act 2008 as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). The Project must therefore undertake pre-application consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008. As the development is EIA development (as discussed further in section 3.5.1 below), the Project must also ensure that it complies with the consultation requirements under the EIA Regulations.

3.3.3 The relevant sections of Part 5, Chapter 2 of the Planning Act 2008 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; and
- Section 49 Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity.

3.4 National Policy Statements

3.4.1 The relevant National Policy Statements (NPS) which form the primary national guidance documents for 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;
- EN-3 - Renewable Energy Infrastructure; and
- EN-5 - Electricity Networks Infrastructure, which covers the electrical infrastructure in conjunction with EN-1

3.5 EIA Regulations

3.5.1 The Project notified the SoS under Regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations 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.

3.5.2 An ES presenting the findings of the EIA will be submitted with the DCO application. An EIA Scoping Report (PEIR document 8.10) was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 01 August 2022 and can be viewed at: <https://www.outerdowsing.com/document-library/>.

3.5.3 The Planning Inspectorate reviewed and consulted on the EIA Scoping Report and published a Scoping Opinion on 09 September 2022 which can be viewed at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010130/EN010130-000035-EN010130-Scoping-Opinion.pdf>

3.5.4 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 have been considered in undertaking the ongoing EIA and in preparing the PEIR.

3.5.5 The Project maintains an ongoing dialogue with the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory stakeholders in relation to the scope of EIA to ensure that it is proportionate and meets the requirements of the EIA Regulations.

3.6 Planning Inspectorate Advice Notes

3.6.1 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.

3.6.2 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).

4 Pre-Application Community Consultation (to date)

4.1 Project Community Consultation Timeline

6.2.1 The Project has sought to engage actively and openly throughout the pre-application consultation process to date with the community. The timeline in Figure 1 demonstrates a high-level community consultation timeline outlining the key consultation milestones undertaken by the project.

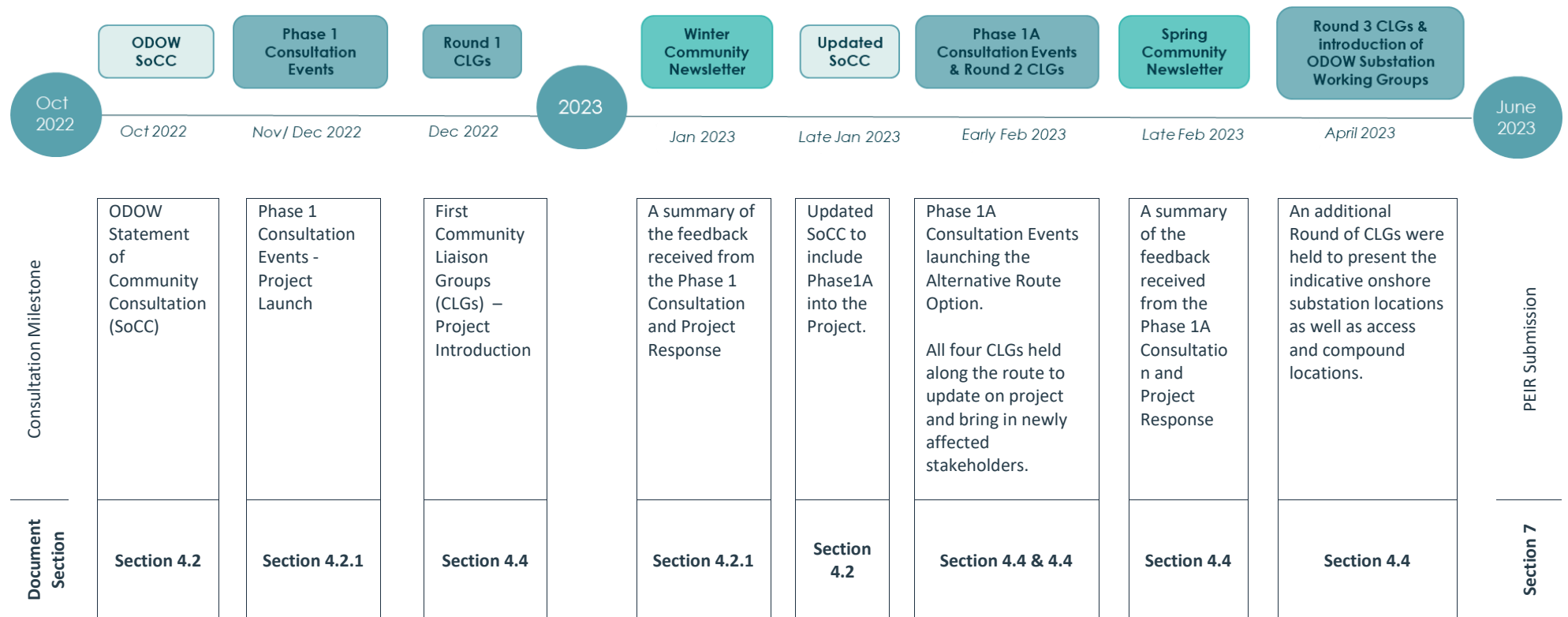


Figure 1 Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Pre-Application Community Consultation Timeline (to date)

4.2 Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

4.2.1 In accordance with Section 47 of the 2008 Act, the Project developed a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) in consultation with the relevant stakeholders (Figure 2) which was published in October 2022. This was subsequently updated following the introduction of an additional phase of consultation which introduced an alternative onshore cable route option into the Project’s proposals. This was introduced following feedback from the community and local stakeholders following our Phase 1 Consultation events, please see Section 4.3, and particularly Section 4.3.8 and Table 4, for more information on this.

4.2.2 Copies of the draft and final SoCC as well as feedback from stakeholders who were consulted on the draft SoCC and how this was taken on board are included in Appendix 5.1.1.

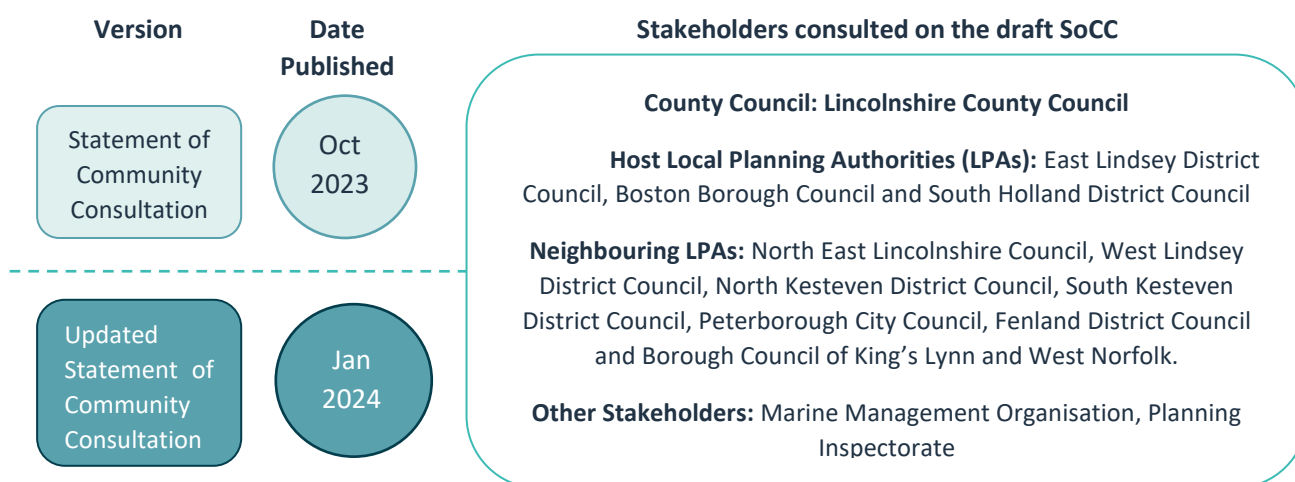


Figure 2 Consultation on the Draft Statement of Community Consultations (SoCCs)

4.2.3 Copies of the Formal Notices that were used to advertise the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Statements of Community Consultation publications are included in Appendix 5.1.2. Table 1 outlines in what outlets and on what date these notices were published.

Table 1 Publication of Formal Notices related to ODOW SoCCs

Media Outlet		ODOW SoCC (October 2022)		ODOW Updated SoCC (January 2023)	
Outlet	Reach	Public Notice	Date Published	Public Notice	Date Published
Skegness Standard	East Lindsey	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2A)	19-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2B)	18-Jan-23
Boston Target	Boston	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2A)	19-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2B)	18-Jan-23
Spalding Guardian	South Holland	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2A)	20-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2B)	19-Jan-23
Spalding Voice	South Holland	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2A)	19-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2B)	18-Jan-23
Spalding Today	Boston	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2A)	20-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2B)	19-Jan-23

Media Outlet		ODOW SoCC (October 2022)		ODOW Updated SoCC (January 2023)	
Outlet	Reach	Public Notice	Date Published	Public Notice	Date Published
Lincolnshire Echo	Lincoln	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2A)	20-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2B)	19-Jan-23
Lincolnshire Free Press	Lincoln	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2A)	20-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2B)	19-Jan-23
Lincolnshire Live <i>(including newsprint papers)</i>	Lincoln	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2A)	19-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2B)	18-Jan-23
Lincolnshire World <i>(including newsprint papers)</i>	Lincoln	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2A)	19-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2B)	18-Jan-23
Fishing News	National	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2A)	27-Oct-22	SoCC Public Notice (Annex 5.1.2B)	26-Jan-23
As outlined in the ODOW SoCC the below radio stations were contacted with news of the SoCC being published					
BBC Radio Lincolnshire	Lincoln	SoCC Radio Advert			
Lincs 102.2FM	Lincoln	SoCC Radio Advert			
BBC Look North	National	SoCC Radio Advert			
ITV Newscalendar	National	SoCC Radio Advert			

4.2.4 Hard copies of the SoCC (as included in the final SoCCs) were deposited at the locations on the dates as outlined in Table 2.

Table 2 Deposit dates and availability of hard copies of the initial and updated Statement of Community Consultations.

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		

4.2.5 Community Consultation has been carried out in accordance with the 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 Project's proposals, and as identified, for example, through consultation with the LPAs and other stakeholders. The mechanisms used to consult on issues including environmental, economic and social impacts, such as those set out Sections 4.3 and 4.4 below, and gather and respond to feedback, include:

- Locally held public information events & online virtual exhibitions
- Online Webinars with Q&A sessions
- Information has been made available online via the Outer Dowsing website www.OuterDowsing.Com
- Freephone number 0808 175 2970
- Project email address Contact@OuterDowsing.com
- Feedback forms (both in hard copy and online)
- Consultation can be mailed free of charge to FREEPOST ODOV
- Leafleting
- Emails
- Posters and Notices sent to local Parish Councils for notice boards
- Social Media
- Newspapers

4.2.6 For a detailed list of consultation methods please refer to the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Updated SoCC (Annex 5.1.1F).

4.3 Phase 1 Consultation (Project Launch)

4.3.1 The purpose of the Phase 1 Consultation was to launch the Project and the initial proposals into the local community with a view to receiving feedback at an early stage in the Project’s design process.

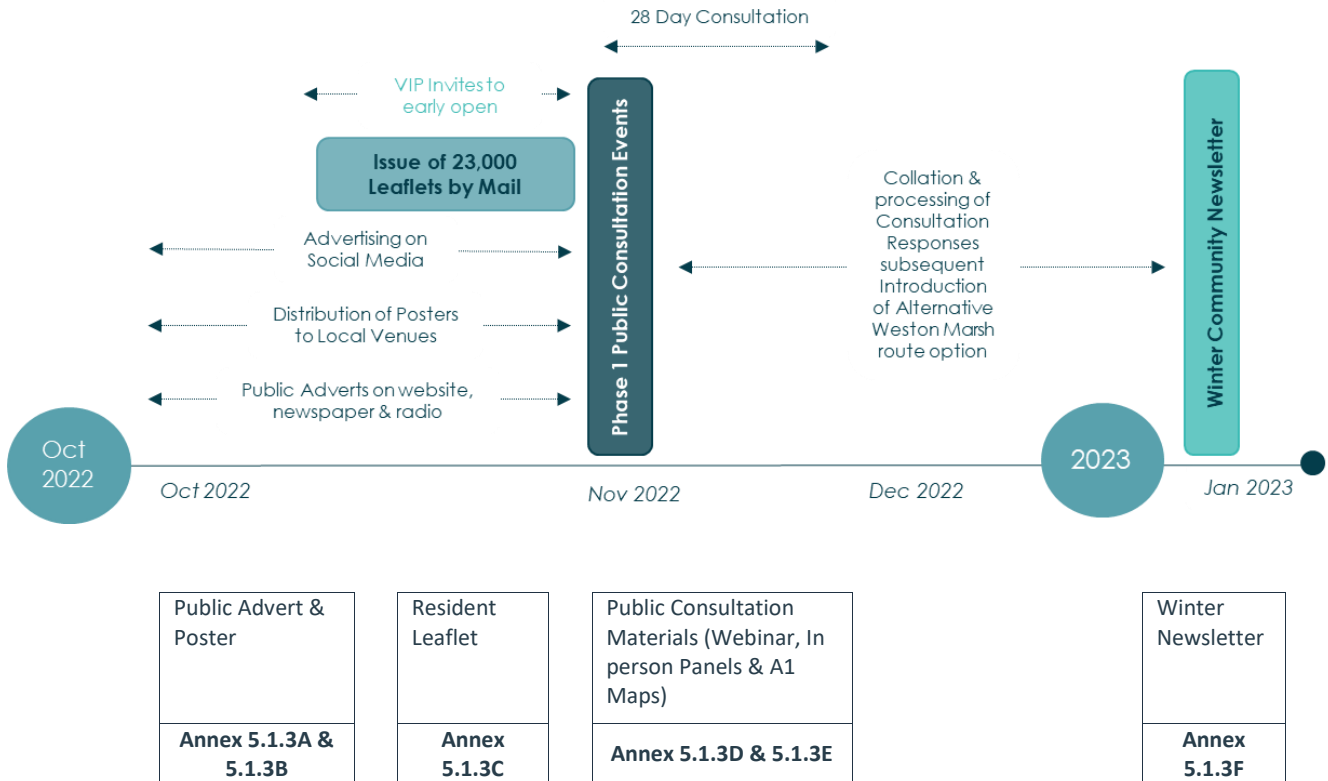


Figure 3 Phase 1 Consultation Timeline

4.3.2 A core consultation zone was identified for the Phase 1 Consultation. 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. A map was included in the draft SoCC (Annex 5.1.1C) and in the Phase 1 Leaflet that was issued to all residents and businesses within this core consultation zone (Annex 5.1.3C). This approach was to ensure that all individuals and stakeholders identified within the vicinity of any proposed underground or overground infrastructure were consulted.

4.3.3 An “outer zone” was also identified as included in the SoCC (Annex 5.1.1C) 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 SoCC, this zone was reached through local and social media (Section 4.2).

4.3.4 In addition to consulting residents and businesses (Section 4.2), land interest parties (Section 6) and local parish, district and county representatives (Section 4.5 & 5Error! Reference source not found.) within the consultation zone, the Project 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.

4.3.5 These consultees were identified through discussions with local stakeholders and stakeholder mapping. These organisations 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.

Table 3 Attendance and Feedback Statistics for the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Phase 1 Consultation Events.

Resident Leaflets Issued	Public Consultation Event			No. Attendees	No of written responses	No of freephone responses	No of completed Q's received
	Date	Time	Location				
23,326 Issued to all residents and businesses via Royal Mail within the Phase 1 Consultation Zone.	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			
Total no. of Attendees to In-person events & webinars.				472			
This can be found on our Project Website here (https://www.outerdowsing.com/outer-dowsing-offshore-wind-virtual-exhibition/)	Available online 24/7 for the duration of the Phase 1 Consultation 01 Nov 2022 - 29 Nov 2022	Online Virtual Exhibition	310				

**All responses, feedback and queries the Project has received from the community to date have been considered and, where possible and appropriate personally responded to. All feedback received as part of our Pre-Application Consultation and our responses will be included in the final Consultation Report submitted as part of the DCO Application.*

4.3.6 A summary of the feedback received during the Phase 1 events and the Project’s responses are included in Table 4.

4.3.7 The Project received a great deal of 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 Project considered the feedback to be of key significance and, following detailed review, as described in PEIR Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives (PEIR Document 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.

4.3.8 This feedback was communicated to the community and local stakeholders by means of a Project newsletter (Annex 5.1.3F), which the Project published in early 2023 following the decision to include the alternative cable route option. The newsletter also outlined that the Project would be undertaking an additional phase of consultation (Phase 1A – details provided Section 4.4).

Table 4 Summary of feedback received and Project responses to Phase 1 Consultation (as included in the Outer Dowsing Winter Newsletter Annex 5.1.3F)

Theme	Comments	Response
Energy security	People were concerned about energy security and the rising cost of fuel.	Whilst energy security is a broad subject and one that this Project alone cannot solve, the Project scheme will provide enough clean, green electricity to power 1.6m homes.
Learning from previous schemes in the area	People highlighted concerns regarding previous schemes in the area such as the chopping down of trees for access turning points, dust, traffic & air quality (in particular the 40mph temporary zones in place 24/7) and a limit to HGVs through local towns and villages.	The Project aims to learn from what worked well for other schemes and also what didn’t work so well. Our aim is to deliver a traffic, construction and operations programme that has been shaped by local input and views.
Substation search zones	Residents’ views on constraints within the substation search zones were heavily influenced by the location of their homes, existing screening, topography, ecology, potential noise impacts and access for construction traffic.	Site specific knowledge will be added to the constraints mapping that will be used to identify substation sites that will be taken forward to the Phase 2 Consultation Events.
Local grid constraints	People commented that the growth in the local economy is being held back by a lack of local grid capacity, e.g. electric car charging points, capacity to supply new industrial developments	Whilst the Project cannot directly affect local power supply, it will increase capacity in the Grid as a whole increasing the potential for local development.
Cumulative impacts for future projects	Some residents mentioned that there had already been a number of schemes in the area and they were concerned about the cumulative impact of this Project and any future projects.	The Project are aware of the previous schemes in the area and the Project aim to learn from them. The Project will also work closely with the local councils to identify, consider and mitigate any potential cumulative impacts with future projects.

Theme	Comments	Response
Environmental impact	Attendees provided useful information and feedback on ecology, flood risk, access, transport, visual impact, noise and dust.	The Project are currently undertaking a number of detailed studies and surveys to understand how the Project might impact these topics and others. The results and any proposed mitigation measures will be outlined in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which Outer Dowsing will publish and consult on as part of our Phase 2 Consultation Events.
Temporary impact on agriculture, food security & restoration	Some people were concerned about how much land the Project would require and whether this would affect agriculture in the area.	Along most of the cable route construction will require temporary access to a small strip of land 80m wide to place the cables in. This will be reinstated and returned to agricultural use shortly afterwards. Outer Dowsing are undertaking additional consultation on an alternative route between Wainfleet and Butterwick. If this alternative route is chosen, the Project think that it would reduce the impact on the most intensively farmed areas and would mitigate some engineering issues.
Archaeology	Visitors provided us with some detailed information about local archaeological and heritage sites such as the salterns and submerged forests.	The Project are carrying out detailed archaeological and heritage studies as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. Details will be provided in the PEIR.
Ecology and ornithology	Respondents gave us valuable feedback in terms of areas important to wildlife and different species which can be found across the area.	The Project is committed to delivering a positive legacy for local wildlife, it is for this reason that the avoidance of sensitive environmental receptors has been central to the design of the Project. The Project are carrying out habitat and species surveys and studies and will report the results in the PEIR and ES
Community benefit engagement and Biodiversity Net Gain – feedback from community	Visitors gave us their ideas for Biodiversity Net Gain and asked how the Project could support various schemes. The Project ng also received a lot of feedback on how other projects in the area delivered community benefit in the form of a Community Benefit Fund (CBF).	The Project are keen to offer a Community Benefit Fund with an aim to deliver a substantive and enduring benefit to local communities. The Project are talking to local organisations who may be able to help us deliver these aims. The coastal communities of Lincolnshire have an inspiring fondness for nature. The Project want to encourage, support and foster this and are actively looking into opportunities where Biodiversity Net Gain can be provided as part of the Project.

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

4.4.1 The purpose of the Phase 1A Consultation was to consult the local community and residents on the newly proposed alternative route option.

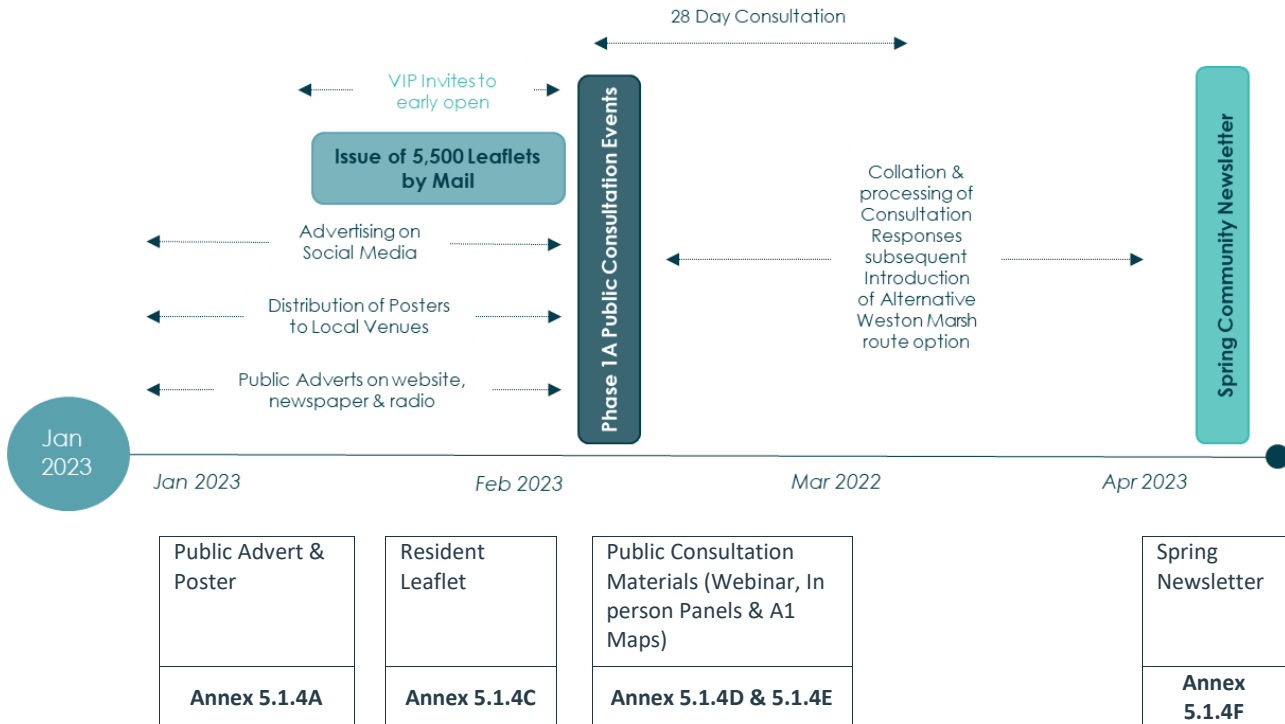


Figure 4 Phase 1A Consultation Timeline

4.4.2 A core consultation zone (as included in the Updated SoCC (Annex 5.1.1F)) was identified for the Phase 1A Consultation. 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. A map was included in the Updated SoCC (Annex 5.1.1F) and in the Phase 1A Leaflet (Annex 5.1.4C) 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.

4.4.3 An “outer zone” was also identified (as included in the Updated SoCC (Annex 5.1.1F)) 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 (Section 4.2).

4.4.4 In addition to consulting residents and businesses (Section 4.2), land interest parties (Section 6) and local parish, district and county representatives (Section 4.5 & 5) within the Phase 1A Consultation zone, the Project reviewed their list of seldom heard voices against the updated Phase 1A Consultation zone.

Table 5 Attendance and Feedback Statistics for the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Phase 1A Consultation Events

Resident Leaflets Issued	Public Consultation Event			No. Attendees	No of written responses	No of freephone responses	No of completed Q's received
	Date	Time	Location		<i>Within the 28 day consultation period*</i>		
5,557 Issued to all residents and businesses via Royal Mail within the Phase 1 Consultation Zone.	Tue 21 Feb 2023	2pm-8pm	Wainfleet Village Hall	128	9	3	5
	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			
Total no. of Attendees to In-person events & webinars.				319			
This can be found on our Project Website here (https://www.outerdowsing.com/outer-dowsing-offshore-wind-phase-1a-virtual-exhibition/)	Available online 24/7 for the duration of the Phase 1 Consultation 21 Feb 2023 - 21 Mar 2023		Online Virtual Exhibition	114			

**All responses, feedback and queries the Project has received from the community to date have been considered and, where possible and appropriate personally responded to. All feedback received as part of our Pre-Application Consultation and our responses will be included in the final Consultation Report submitted as part of the DCO Application.*

4.4.5 A summary of the feedback received during the Phase 1A events and the Projects responses are included in Table 8.

4.4.6 The Project received a great deal of 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 5.1.4F). A summary of this feedback and the Project's responses is outlined in Table 6.

Table 6 Summary of feedback received and Project responses to Phase 1A Consultation (as included in the Outer Dowsing Winter Newsletter Annex 5.1.4F)

Theme	Comments	Response
Alternative route proposals	The general feedback was that this was a good route as it affected fewer residential properties and avoided the engineering issues raised at Phase 1.	These comments will be fed back to the development team to help with the production of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, the next step in the consultation process.
Energy costs	A number of respondents asked whether the Project would make a difference to the energy bills of people in the local area if they were supplied with 100% renewable energy as this is cheaper than electricity produced by gas.	The cost of energy crisis is a broad issue and one that this project cannot solve on its own. However, the Project will increase supply of renewable energy into the Grid, providing enough electricity to power 1.6 million homes with clean, green electricity.
Biodiversity and environmental enhancements	Several people commented that they would like to see an environmental corridor/green grid, with an increase in relevant biodiversity.	The Project is actively looking into opportunities where we can provide Biodiversity Net Gain as part of the Project and are talking to local organisations who may be able to help us deliver these aims.
Consultation quality	A number of attendees at the events commented on how well the information was presented and that it was easy to understand. They also wanted the Project to keep in regular contact at a local level.	The Project are delighted that attendees found the exhibition useful. The Project will take on board these comments when designing the exhibition for the Phase 2 consultation in the summer. We will continue to hold regular Community Liaison Groups and communicate via newsletters and the website.
Supporting local projects	We received a lot of feedback on how other projects in the area delivered community benefit in the form of a Community Benefit Fund, with suggestions on how we could support with funding local projects.	The Project are keen to offer a Community Benefit Fund with an aim to deliver a substantive and enduring benefit to local communities. We are talking to local organisations who may be able to help us deliver these aims.
The effects of previous schemes on local communities	People highlighted concerns regarding previous schemes in the area. It was acknowledged that whilst some aspects could have perhaps been handled better, there were also a lot of good practices the Project could learn from.	The Project aims to learn from what worked well for other schemes and also what didn't work so well. Our aim is to deliver a traffic, construction and operations programme that has been shaped by local input and views.

4.5 Community Liaison Groups (CLGs)

4.5.1 Four CLGs were established 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.

4.5.2 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. The geographical definition of these zones are outlined in Figure 5.

Table 7 Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meetings to date

Purpose	Community Liaison Group					No. of Invitees	No. Attendees	Annex of PPT & Minutes
	Date	Time	Location	Group				
CLG Round 1 Project Introduction & Introducing the Aims of the CLGs	Mon 28 Nov 2022	7pm-8pm	Anderby Village Hall	Substation North	15	13	Annex 5.1.5A & 5.1.5B	
	Tue 29 Nov 2022	7pm-8pm	Butterwick Village Hall	Cable Route South	6	4		
	Thu 01 Dec 2022	7pm-8pm	Fosdyke Village Hall	Substation South	11	6		
	Fri 02 Dec 2022	7pm-8pm	Wainfleet Village Hall	Cable Route North	12	6		
CLG Round 2 Update on Project & Alternative Route	Mon 20 Feb 2023	7pm-8pm	St Wilfrids Church Hall	Substation North	15	5	Annex 5.1.5A & 5.1.5B	
	Tue 21 Feb 2023	7pm-8pm	Wainfleet Village Hall	Cable Route North	12	4		
	Thu 23 Feb 2023	7pm-8pm	Fosdyke Village Hall	Substation South	11	6		
	Fri 24 Feb 2023	7pm-8pm	Old Leake Village Hall	Cable Route South	6	1		
CLG Round 3 Feedback on Phase 1A events & proposed onshore substation & construction access locations	Tue 18 Apr 2023	7pm-8pm	Wainfleet Village Hall	Cable Route North	12	7	Will be uploaded to Project website once approved.	
	Wed 19 Apr 2023	7pm-8pm	The Windmill, Alford	Substation North	15	6		
	Thu 20 Apr 2023	7pm-8pm	Fosdyke Village Hall	Substation South	11	4		
	Fri 21 Apr 2023	7pm-8pm	Butterwick Village Hall	Cable Route South	6	2		
Round 4 CLG proposed post - Phase 2 Public Consultation								

An Onshore Substation Design Principles Memo (Annex 5.1.5C) prior to Round 3 CLGs (An updated version of this has been submitted as part of this Consultation in Appendix 3 of PEIR chapter 3 Project Description (document 6.2.3.3)).

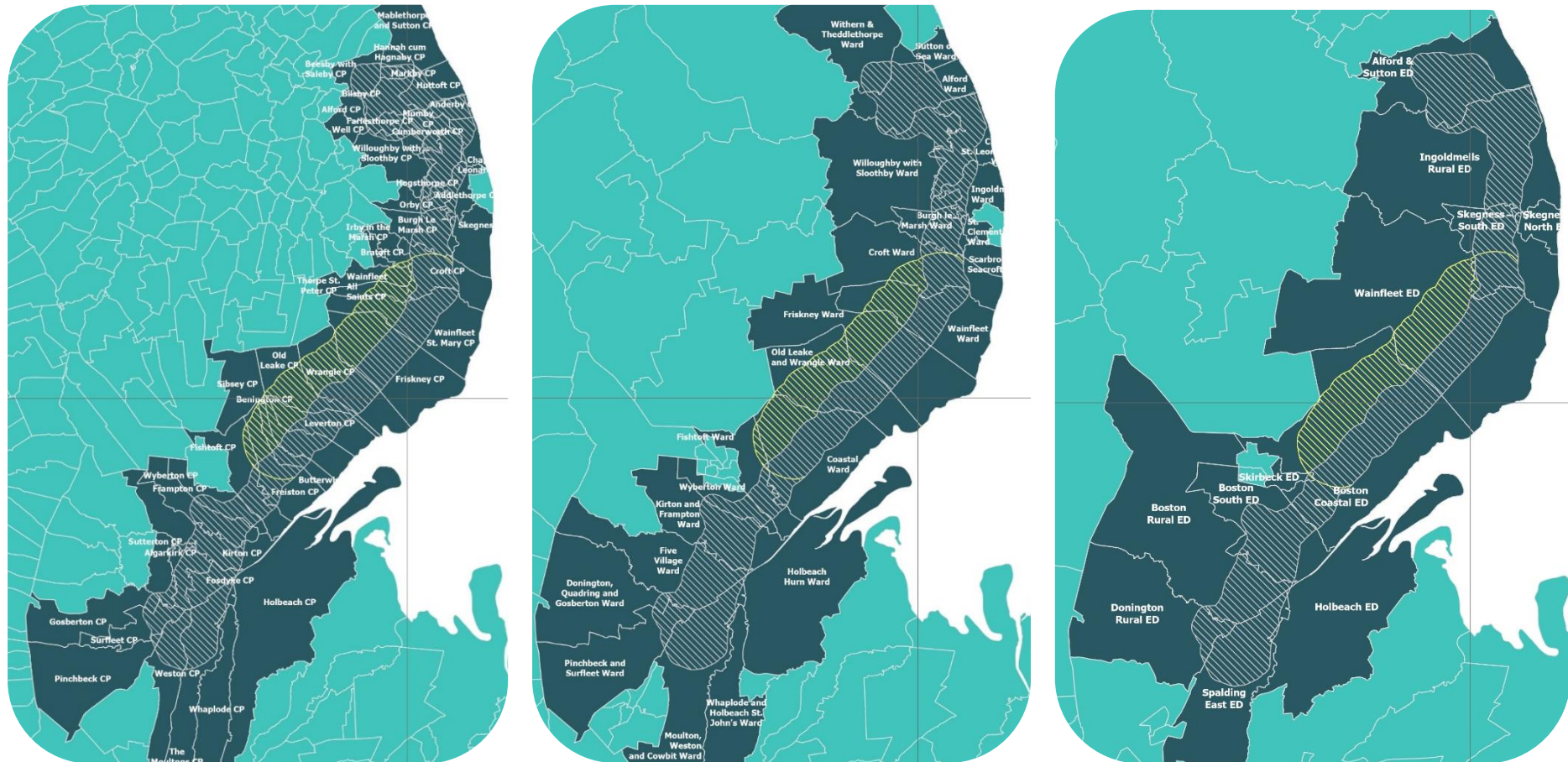


Figure 5 Parish, District and County Wards (respectively) that intersect the Phase 1 (white hash) and Phase 1A (yellow hash) Consultation Zones.

4.5.3 The Project gave a presentation to facilitate discussion. The Minutes are approved at the subsequent meeting before being uploaded along with the Presentation to the Outer Dowsing website: <https://www.outerdowsing.com/community-liason-groups/>.

5 Pre – Application Consultation with the County Council and Local Authorities (to date)

5.1.1 Local Authorities were identified and engaged with for consultation purposes if they were a host Local Authority (where the Project overlaps with their Local Authority area) or if they were an immediate neighbouring authority who may be impacted by the Project.

5.1.2 The Project consulted with the local county council as well as the host and neighbouring Local Authorities regarding their Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) as outlined in Section 4.2 of this document.

5.1.3 The Project subsequently commenced monthly meetings with Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) and has hosted introductory and follow up meetings with the host local authorities via the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership (S&ELCP). The S&ELCP is made up of Boston Borough Council, East Lindsey District Council and South Holland District Council, following initial introductory meetings with representatives of the partnership, the Project were appointed a main Point of Contact (POC) to act on behalf of all three district councils.

5.1.4 The meetings were established to provide updates to the Councils regarding the development of the Project’s proposals; to provide a forum for questions; and, to invite discussion on various aspects of the project’s proposals.

5.1.5 The case officers assigned for each of the councils as well as our appointed POC were also invited to sit on the relevant Expert Topic Groups (ETGs) undertaken as part of the EPP process as described in PEIR Chapter 6 Consultation Process (PEIR document 6.1.6).

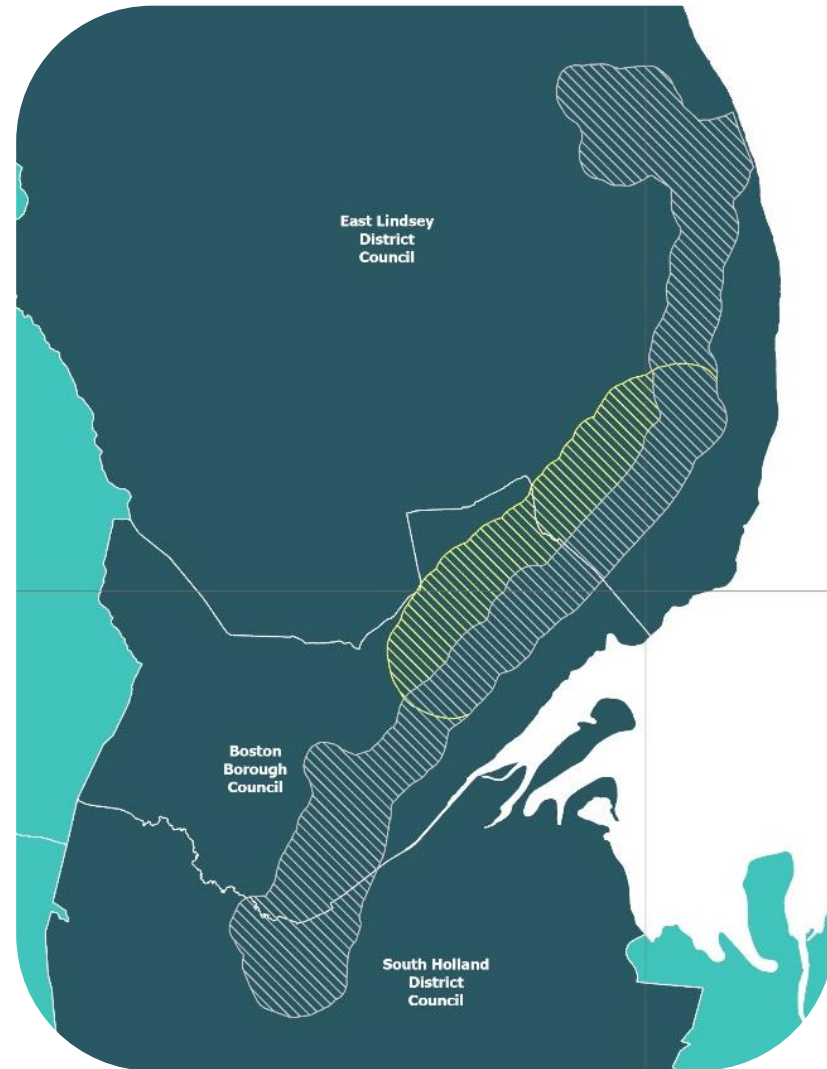


Figure 6 Local Planning Authorities (LPA’s) that intersect the Phase 1 (white hash) and Phase 1A (yellow hash) Consultation Zones.

6 Pre-Application Land Interest Consultation (to date)

6.1 Project Land Interest Consultation Timeline

The Project has sought to engage actively throughout the pre-application consultation process to date with affected persons with an interest in land. Figure 7 demonstrates a high-level land interest consultation timeline outlining the key consultation milestones undertaken by the project to date.

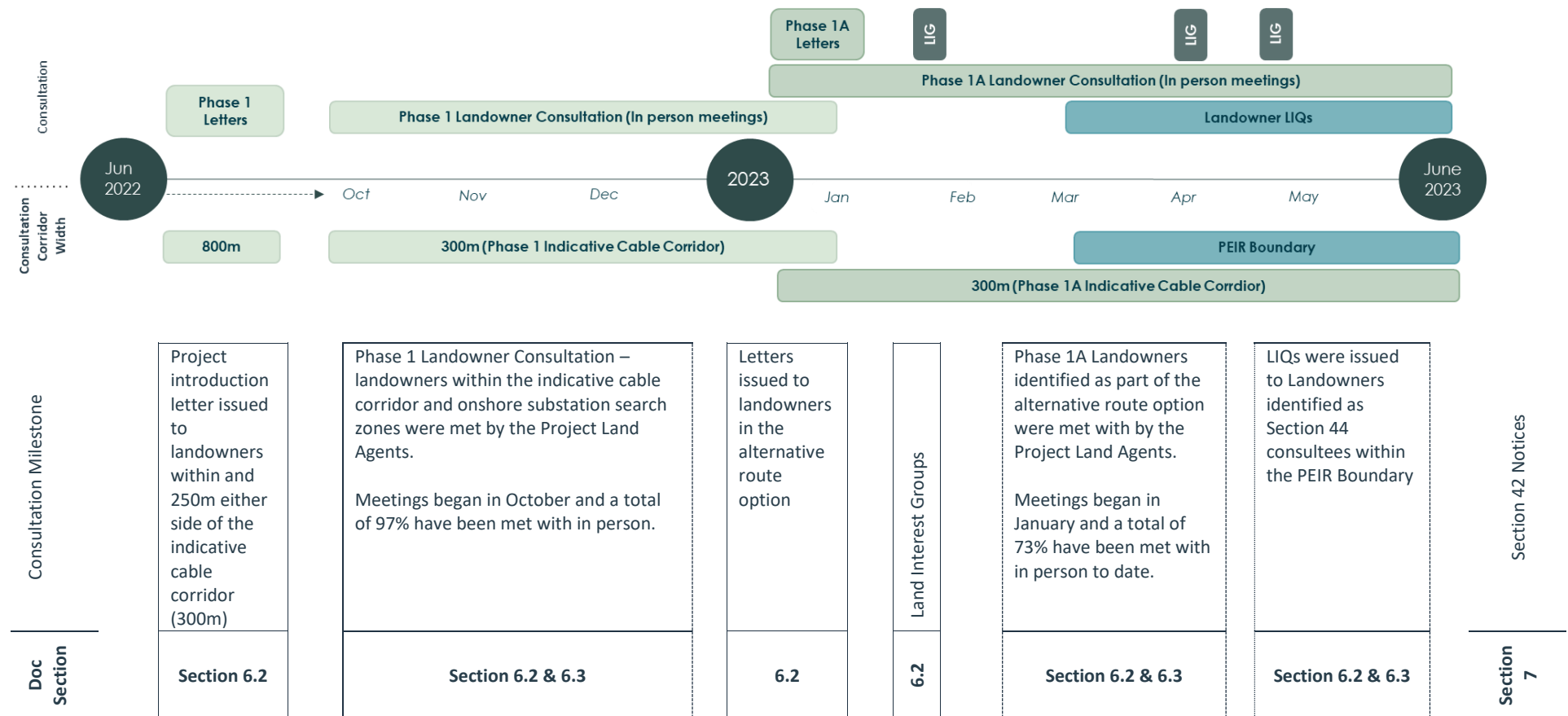


Figure 7 Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Pre-Application Land Interest Consultation Timeline (to date)

6.2 Land Interest Consultation Methods

Table 8 Land Interest Consultation Methods

		Timing	Purpose	Description	Coverage	No of parties	No of parties consulted	% of parties consulted
Phase 1 Consultation	Phase 1 Project Introduction Letters	Jun - Jul 2022	Project intro letter, LOQ, Project leaflet and FAQ's	Letters to all landowners affected by the indicative 300m corridor plus 250m either side (total 800m corridor). The letter introduced the Project and included a Landowner Owner Questionnaire (LOQ).	800m indicative corridor width	847	847	100%
	Phase 1 meetings	Oct 2022 - Jan 2023	In Person Meetings	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 in order to obtain landowner feedback to feed back to the Project to assist with route feasibility.	300m indicative corridor width	314	305	97%
Phase 1a Consultation	Phase 1a Project Introduction Letters	Jan 23	Letter & LOQs	Letters to all landowners affected by the alternative route option indicative 300m corridor. The letter introduced the Project and requested meeting to discuss the Project in more detail.	300m indicative corridor width	227	227	100%
	Phase 1a meetings	Jan 23 - Present	In Person Meetings	Meeting with landowners and or their agents to review the search areas for cables along Rev1A to obtain landowner feedback to feed back to the Project to assist with route feasibility.		177	129	73%

		Timing	Purpose	Description	
Other Land Interests	Unregistered Land	Jun 22 - Present	Site Notices	Site Notices were placed on sites for unregistered land. Local door knocking and discussions with adjoining landowners to ascertain ownership of unregistered land.	300m consultation corridor width
	Static Caravan Parks	Feb 23	Letters & Email	Land 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 to the Project to inform them of the Project and up and coming public information days.	Phase 1 and Phase 1A Consultation Zones (Section 4)

Landowner Interest Groups	Meeting 1	Jan 23	In Person Meeting	The Project and the land agent met with land agents acting on behalf of affected landowners to run through the Project timeline, approach to negotiations and next steps.
	Meeting 2	Start Apr 23	In Person Meeting	Ongoing discussions with the land agents.
	Meeting 3	End Apr 23	In Person Meeting	Ongoing discussions with the land agents.

Landowner Interest Questionnaires	LIQs	Mar 23 - Present	LIQs	Landowner Interest Questionnaires were issued in the post to all of those with an interest in the 300m corridors and the substation search areas.
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6.3 Identifying Section 44 Consultees

6.3.1 As identified under Section 42(1)(d) of the 2008 Act, the Applicant must consult with the relevant persons defined under Section 44 of the 2008 Act, hereafter referred to as Section 44 Consultees.

6.3.2 Section 44 Consultees are 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 is entitled to make a relevant claim if the order sought by the proposed application were to be made and fully implemented’.

6.3.3 The Project sought to identify Section 44 Consultees by diligent inquiry before the statutory consultation which will be fully detailed as part of the DCO Application within a “Summary of Land Referencing and Engagement with Landowners” document and the “Land Referencing Methodology”.

6.3.4 To identify relevant land interests, the Project commissioned a search through the use of His Majesty’s Land Registry (HMLR) within the Project’s PEIR Boundary. This method was used to identify all registered titles and to obtain the official documents. From this search, all registered freeholders and leaseholders hereafter referred to as Landowners, within the search zone were issued a Landowner Owner Questionnaire (LOQ) to introduce the Project, offer a face-to-face meeting and for them to confirm, deny or amend their interest in land.

6.3.5 When an alternative route option was introduced during the pre-application development of the design following the initial round of consultation (Phase 1- See Section 4.3) the same process was followed for identifying new landowners for the alternative route.

6.3.6 Unregistered landowners were identified where possible by utilising public sources of information including site visits, erecting site notices and discussions with neighbouring landowners.

6.3.7 Landowner Interest Questionnaires (LIQs) were issued to Landowners identified as Section 44 Consultees within the PEIR Boundary – the PEIR Boundary can be found in PEIR Volume 1, Chapter 5: Project Description (PEIR document 6.1.3). The LIQ sought to confirm details held from HMLR, confirm contact details, confirm details of tenancies, the current land use and confirmation of any other interests such as third party interests.

6.3.8 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 the Project is supporting this as it brings efficiencies and a more streamlined approach to negotiations.

6.4 Land Interest Feedback

6.4.1 There were a number of key/ repeated themes that arose throughout the land interest consultation phases as set out in Section 6.2. These are outlined in Table 9 below along with how the Project has responded.

Table 9 Key themes and responses to Land Interest feedback

Theme	Comments	Response
Land Drainage	Landowners and tenants were concerned that their and drainage systems would be compromised as part of the works. Concerns were also raised over the knowledge and expertise of drainage contractors who are not local due to the unique soil structure.	The Project made two commitments relating to land drainage: The Project to utilise a local land drainage consultant to undertake initial surveys and inform drainage designs; and

Theme	Comments	Response
	Landowners requested that local land drainage consultants be utilised by the Project.	Where available, commit to an appropriately qualified and experienced drainage contractor with local knowledge undertaking pre and post construction drainage works. In the event, an alternative contractor not meeting the above requirements undertakes the works, a local drainage company act as clerk of works when drainage is installed.
Severing of Land Parcels	Landowners and tenants were concerned that the indicative 300m cable corridor severed and clipped fields unnecessarily.	The Project listened to the comments and ensured that severing fields and clipping into parts of fields would be a factor considered when reducing the corridor width as the Project progressed. Other factors may impact the ability to do this completely, but the Project committed to minimising our impact on the land and this will be taken into account when refining the Order Limits for the Application.
Crop Loss	Landowners and tenants were concerned that the cable route goes through grade 1 arable land that is suitable for growing a variety of high value crops.	The Project listened to the concerns but stressed that the indicative 300m shown at this stage was not the final land take and this would be reduced as the Project progressed. The Project committed to on-going discussions with the landowners and tenants to understand the issues surrounding the high value crops such as impact of dust, supermarket contracts, impact on farming operations.
Miro-siting	The Project met with landowners and tenants to discuss both the 2km cable search zone and the indicative 300m cable corridor. Suggestions were made to re-route the indicative 300m cable corridor and to micro-site an 80m corridor within the indicative 300 cable corridor.	The Project held a landowner consultation workshop to discuss the suggestions from landowners and tenants. The suggestions were assessed by the Project team and implemented, where possible.
Soil Structure and ground conditions	Landowners and tenants East of the A52 outlined that the soil structure is unique to the area and is formed of silt. They outlined that the project may find it difficult to excavate to a depth of 1.5m given the soil structure and the nature of silt. They outlined their experiences of installing infrastructure and of installing reservoirs in the area.	<p>The Project has commissioned early geotechnical site investigations to further understand the geology and soil structure in the land East of the A52. This will enable the Project to better understand the constraints that may be faced for construction in this area.</p> <p>The Project acted on the information provided and began consultation on an alternative route West of the A52. This alternative is being assessed in parallel with the route to the East of the A52 and, once fully assessed, a single route will be selected.</p>

7 Next Steps

7.1.1 Following this submission of the Project's PEIR and other documents for consultation, the Project will proceed with its Phase 2 Consultation. The feedback received from this phase of consultation will inform further development of the Project as it prepares for the DCO Application.

7.1.2 The feedback from the Phase 2 Consultation and how the Project has responded, or, intends to respond, will be detailed in the Consultation Report submitted as part of the DCO Application.