

## SECTION 48, PLANNING ACT 2008

## REGULATION 4, THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

## NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, MAINTAIN, AND DECOMMISSION OUTER DOWSING OFFSHORE WIND

Notice was given in June 2023 that GTR4 Limited (trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind) C/O Johnston Carmichael Llp Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London, England, EC3V 9DU ("the Applicant")) intends to apply to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind, an offshore wind generating station located approximately 54 km east of the Lincolnshire coastline in the southern north sea, together with associated development to connect the generating station to the national grid (the "Project").

Following the notice, the Applicant undertook consultation in accordance with the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 in June and July 2023 ("Statutory Consultation").

In considering responses to the Statutory Consultation, through ongoing design development, and through the Offshore Transmission Network Review process, there have been a number of changes and refinements to the Project.

To ensure that all parties with an interest in the works and/or land are consulted on these changes to the Project, the Applicant is now undertaking further statutory consultation to ensure that any persons with an interest in such changes are duly consulted with (the "Further Statutory Consultation").

The proposed DCO would, among other things, license and authorise:

- Up to 100 offshore wind turbines and their foundations with a maximum tip height of 403m above lowest astronomical tide and a maximum rotor diameter of 340m;
- Up to two large or up to four small offshore transformer substations and their foundations within the array area;
- Up to one offshore accommodation platform and its foundations;
- Up to two offshore HVAC reactive compensation platforms and their foundations within the offshore cable route;
- A network of subsea cables connecting the wind turbines, offshore transformer substations and offshore accommodation platform;
- Up to four offshore subsea export cable circuits to bring electricity from the offshore transformer substations to landfall, located at Wolla Bank, south of Anderby Creek;
- Works at landfall to connect the offshore export cable circuits to the onshore cable circuits, crossing underneath the beach and including transition joint bays;
- Up to four underground cable circuits approximately 80 km in length, with joint bays, link boxes and/or earth pits, commencing at the landfall and running in a south westerly direction to an onshore substation in the vicinity of Surfleet Marsh/Weston Marsh;
- A new onshore substation in the vicinity of Surfleet Marsh/Weston Marsh;
- A connection into National Grid infrastructure including underground cable circuits with joint bays, link boxes and/or earth pits;

- If required, compensatory measures in respect of the Inner Dowsing, Race Bank, and North Ridge Special Area of Conservation;
- If required, provision of offshore artificial nesting structure(s) as a compensatory measure for potential impacts in respect of special protection area(s);
- If required, the compulsory acquisition of land and/or the compulsory acquisition of permanent and/or temporary rights;
- If required, the temporary stopping up, alteration or diversion of streets;
- The application and/or disapplication of legislation including, among other things, legislation relating to compulsory purchase; and
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits or consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") development for the purposes of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the Project constitutes development for which an EIA is required and the proposed application for a DCO will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement. The Applicant prepared Preliminary Environmental Information for the purposes of the Statutory Consultation and an Environmental Update Report has been prepared to support this Further Statutory Consultation. The documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Project can be accessed free of charge from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at the locations and times set out below.

Venue	Opening hours (may be subject to change)		
Mablethorpe Library and Customer Service	Monday	09:00-17:00	
Centre	Tuesday	09:00-17:00	
Stanley Avenue	Wednesday	09:00-17:00	
Mablethorpe	Thursday	09:00-18:00	
Lincolnshire	Friday	09:00-17:00	
LN12 1DP	Saturday	09:00-13:00	
LINIZ IDP	Sunday	Closed	
Skegness Library	Monday	09:00-17:00	
23 Roman Bank	Tuesday	09:00-17:00	
Skegness	Wednesday	09:00-17:00	
Lincolnshire	Thursday	09:00-18:00	
PE25 2SA	Friday	09:00-17:00	
1 23 207	Saturday	09:00-13:00	
	Sunday	Closed	
Boston Library	Monday	09:00-17:00	
County Hall	Tuesday	09:00-17:00	
Boston	Wednesday	09:00-17:00	
Lincolnshire	Thursday	09:00-18:00	
PE21 6DY	Friday	09:00-17:00	
	Saturday	09:00-16:00	
	Sunday	Closed	
Pinchbeck Community Hub and Library	Monday	Closed	
48 Knight Street	Tuesday	10:00-13:00	
Pinchbeck	Wednesday	10:00-13:00 and 14:00-16:00	
Lincolnshire	Thursday	10:00-13:00	
PE11 3RU	Friday	Closed	
	Saturday	Closed	
	Sunday	Closed	
LincoInshire County Council*	Monday	09:00-17:00	
County Offices	Tuesday	09:00-17:00	
Newland	Wednesday	09:00-17:00	
Lincoln	Thursday	09:00-17:00	
LN1 1YL	Friday	09:00-17:00	
	Saturday	Closed	
	Sunday	Closed	

East Lindsey District Council*	Monday	09:00-17:00
The Hub	Tuesday	09:00-17:00
Mareham Road	Wednesday	09:00-17:00
Horncastle	Thursday	09:00-17:00
LN9 6PH	Friday	09:00-17:00
	Saturday	Closed
	Sunday	Closed
South Holland District Council	Monday	09:00-17:00
Council Offices	Tuesday	09:00-17:00
Priory Road	Wednesday	09:00-17:00
Spalding	Thursday	09:00-17:00
Lincolnshire	Friday	09:00-17:00
PE11 2XE	Saturday	Closed
	Sunday	Closed
Boston Borough Council	Monday	08:45-17:15
Municipal Buildings	Tuesday	08:45-17:15
West Street	Wednesday	08:45-17:15
Boston	Thursday	08:45-17:15
PE21 8QR	Friday	08:45-16:45
	Saturday	Closed
	Sunday	Closed

A hard copy of the Environmental Update Report, Onshore Substation Visualisations and associated plans will be available to inspect at all of the above venues. USBs containing the Preliminary Environmental Information, Environmental Update Report and associated plans will be available to take away from all of the above venues and computers will be available at all venues except those marked with an \* to view the material at the venue.

Public Information Days, where the consultation materials will be available for inspection, will also be held by the Applicant on the following dates in the locations specified:

Date	Address	Time
Tuesday, 24 October 2023	Wainfleet All Saints Coronation Hall High Street Wainfleet PE24 4BS	2pm – 8pm
Wednesday, 25 October 2023	Hogsthorpe Village Hall Thames Street, Hogsthorpe, PE24 5PT	2pm – 8pm
Thursday, 26 October 2023	Live online webinar with Q&A www.outerdowsing.com	1pm – 2pm
Thursday, 26 October 2023	Live online webinar with Q&A www.outerdowsing.com	7pm – 8pm
Friday, 27 October 2023	Butterwick Village Hall Church Road Butterwick PE22 0HT	2pm – 8pm
Saturday, 28 October 2023	Fosdyke Village Hall Old Main Road Fosdyke PE20 2BU	10am – 4pm
Thursday, 2 November 2023	Old Leake Community Centre Furlongs Lane Old Leake, PE22 9NX	2pm – 8pm

Where a copy of the documents is requested from the Applicant, this can be provided free of charge on a USB. The documents can also be made available in hard copy on request at a cost of:

- Environmental Update Report: free on request;
- Non-Technical Summary of Preliminary Environmental Information: free on request;
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report: £750;
- Plans: £50.

Further details in relation to the Project and copies of the documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Project can be inspected free of charge from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 on the Applicant's website at <u>www.outerdowsing.com/</u>.

Any responses or representations to the publication of this notice must be made in writing to:

FREEPOST ODOW (no stamp or further address details needed on the envelope)

Or via email to contact@outerdowsing.com.

The consultation will end at 11:59pm on Friday 24 November 2023.

Responses must (i) be received by the Applicant no later than 11:59pm on Friday 24 November 2023 (ii) be in writing (iii) state the grounds of the response or representation (iv) indicate who is making the response or representation and (b) give an address to which correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent.

Consultation responses may be made publicly available however the Applicant will not share individuals' data although the general area of an individual's location may be indicated for context.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation documents or the Project, or would like to request copies of the consultation documents please contact the project team by using one of the following contact methods:

Email: <u>contact@outerdowsing.com</u>

Post: FREEPOST ODOW (no stamp or further address details needed on the envelope)

Telephone: 0808 175 2970