



Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind

Targeted Consultation Supporting
Information

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Our Targeted Consultation

1. In response to the Project’s Autumn consultation held between October 20th 2023 and November 24th 2023 (with certain parties being consulted beyond this date) a number of refinements to the onshore Project Boundary have been made.
2. The consultation materials made available and referenced within this report are:
 - Targeted Consultation Refinements Plan;
 - Targeted Consultation Onshore Order Limits Plan; and
 - This document, the Targeted Consultation Supporting Information.
3. Feedback received in relation to accesses, compound locations, and the planting proposals have resulted in a suite of minor changes to the Onshore Project Boundary that was presented during the Autumn Consultation.
4. The **Targeted Consultation Refinements Plan** highlights where areas have been added to the Autumn Consultation boundary (coloured green) and where areas have been removed (coloured blue). Due to the minor nature of these changes; the proposed project refinements are not anticipated to cause materially new or materially different environmental impacts to those presented in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) or Autumn Consultation Environmental Update Report.

Table 1 Project Refinements

Project Refinement	Summary
<p>Refinement of landscaping to better align with landownership boundaries to prevent severed land and enable access for maintenance.</p>	<p>It was highlighted that in some instances the landscaping areas (see FAQs below) proposed could be adjusted to better align with the landownership boundaries and prevent severance of agricultural land. As a result, the landscaping areas have been moved slightly to better align with landownership boundaries.</p> <p>Where an IDB drain is present, a buffer of 9m is required for access by the IDBs for maintenance activities. In these instances, the planting strips were refined to accommodate this with an additional 1m buffer.</p> <p>In addition, it was identified that the landscaping proposed may not allow access for maintenance activities related to the landscaping. As a result, the Project’s Order limits now incorporate sufficient land to allow access for maintenance.</p>
<p>Addition of drainage works adjacent to the landscaping to mitigate landowner concerns of</p>	<p>It was raised as part of the Autumn Consultation phase that due to the scale and type of planting proposed (see FAQs below), there was the possibility for potential impacts on agricultural drainage.</p>

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potential impacts of planting on land drainage.	The Project has therefore included drainage works adjacent to the identified landscaping areas (as well as including drainage as part of the landscaping works) to ensure that the Project has the ability to modify existing drainage or install additional drainage (if required) in order to mitigate any interference with existing drains.
Amendments to accesses following landowner consultation.	<p>Following the Autumn Consultation phase, the Project received feedback from landowners that the suitability of a number of accesses could be improved. This has resulted in the removal, addition, and re-location of a number of accesses. In some instances, the access has been amended to abut the extent of the publicly maintainable highway.</p> <p>The Project also undertook more detailed ground truthing site visits that helped inform the removal of some of the accesses and corroborate the refinements as proposed in the feedback.</p>
Re-location and removal of passing places following design optimisation studies.	In response to avoiding sensitive locations, a small number of passing places were re-designed or removed from the Project Boundary.
Removal and re-location of construction compounds based on engineering refinements and landowner feedback.	It was raised as part of the Autumn Consultation phase that two of the proposed construction compounds could be refined to reduce severance of surrounding land and following further engineering studies two could also be removed. As a result, the Project has relocated two construction compounds at Skirmore road, Friskney and Marsh road, Kirton as shown on pages 22 and 41 of the Targeted Consultation Refinements Plan respectively, and has also removed two construction compounds, one was located at Fen Bank, Friskney and the other located at double bank, Wrangle as shown on pages 20 and 25 of the Targeted Consultation Refinements Plan respectively.
Refinement of landfall works to accommodate optimised engineering design and environmental mitigation.	As a result of further engineering studies, refinements to the location of the Transition Joint Bays (TJBs) (see FAQs) were made which reduced the overall proposed landfall footprint. The use of the landfall access off Roman Bank road has been further defined (see FAQs).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What do you mean by Landscaping?

5. The onshore substation site benefits from existing hedgerows along the existing field boundaries which surround the site. Additional planting of shrubs and trees to further screen the substation has been included in the Project design.
6. The landscaping comprises of an “onsite” landscaping perimeter that surrounds the onshore substation and a number of “offsite” landscaping strips that are located in the surrounding fields and follow existing field boundaries. It is anticipated that the landscaping works may require drainage works within and adjacent to them to reduce the likelihood that the drainage systems of the fields would be impacted by the planting.

What will the landfall access be used for?

7. The landfall access off Roman Bank Road will be utilised at the start of the construction phase, however, it will not be used for construction activities following the establishment of the haul road between the A52 and the landfall compound. This haul road will be the main construction access for the landfall works.
8. A bellmouth will be constructed off Roman Bank Road into the landfall area and following completion of the HDD and reinstatement works, the bellmouth will be retained to allow for operational access to facilitate routine maintenance activities (anticipated to be 1 visit per annum).

What are Construction Compounds?

9. Temporary construction compounds (also referred to as “temporary works areas”) of various sizes will be required along the Project onshore ECC and 400 kV cable corridor. These temporary works areas are construction sites including hard standings, plant and equipment, lay down and storage areas for construction materials, plant and equipment, areas for spoil, areas for vehicular parking, bunded storage areas, areas for welfare facilities including offices and canteen and washroom facilities, wheel washing facilities, workshop facilities and temporary fencing or other means of enclosure and areas for other facilities required for construction purposes.

What is a Transition Joint Bay (TJB)?

10. The offshore export cables will be jointed to the onshore cables in TJBs on the landward side of the landfall site. The TJB is an underground concrete structure hosting the joint between the offshore and onshore export cables. TJBs are located near the landfall area to facilitate the strategic connection of the offshore export cables to the onshore export cables.

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