

# Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm

## Phase Two: Consultation Summary Report

November 2017



  
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# Introduction

DONG Energy are proposing to build a new offshore wind farm (Hornsea Project Three), located over 120 km off the north Norfolk coast. Hornsea Project Three is currently in the pre-application stage and we have recently undertaken its formal consultation (also referred to as Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 as amended). This formal consultation took place between 27 July and 20 September 2017. A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) detailing the initial findings of our environmental assessments was produced to inform the consultation and a series of community consultation events were held across Norfolk to present this information to local communities and to seek their feedback.

As part of the formal consultation, we received feedback from statutory bodies, landowners, asset owners, local planning authorities, local representatives and the wider community. We are currently in the process of digesting all the feedback received. Following the consultation, we now require some time to ensure that all comments are properly considered and the design can be developed accordingly, ready for application submission in 2018.

This interim Consultation Summary Report provides a high-level summary of the views expressed at the September 2017 consultation events and draws out the key themes that have emerged as part of this consultation. A Consultation Report, summarising all the feedback received as part of this formal consultation and how we have had regard to those comments will be prepared and submitted alongside our application to the Planning Inspectorate (planned to be submitted in 2018).

## Our Community Consultation Events

In September 2017, seven events were held along the proposed onshore cable corridor route, to present the latest information on our proposals and to seek feedback from members of the local community. In total, 444 people attended our events, with further discussions taking place at the 'Greenbuild - Celebrating Norfolk' event (attended by approximately 6,000 people), where the Project had an information stand and two presentation sessions.

The venues for the seven events were carefully selected along the cable corridor route to maximise the ability for all members of the local community with an interest in our proposal to attend. Where possible, the events were held during the afternoon and early evening to enable people to attend at a convenient time. The venues were also selected based on their accessibility, including wheelchair access and full parking.

Venue	Date	Event Time
Swardeston Village Hall, The Common, Swardeston Common, NR14 8DX	Monday 4th September	3pm - 7pm
King's Centre, King Street, Norwich, NR1 1PH	Tuesday 5th September	4pm - 7:30pm
Corpusty and Saxthorpe Village Hall, Heydon Road, Corpusty, NR11 6QQ	Wednesday 6th September	4pm - 8pm
Weybourne Village Hall, Beach Lane, Weybourne, NR25 7AH	Thursday 7th September	3:30pm - 7:30pm
Reepham Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, NR10 4JW	Friday 8th September	3:30pm - 7:30pm
Hall for All, Church Street, Weston Longville, NR9 5JU	Tuesday 12th September	4pm - 7:30pm
Holt Community Centre, Kerridge Way, Holt, NR25 6DN	Wednesday 13th September	4pm - 7:30pm

Total Attendees

444



Total Feedback Form Responses

92<sup>1</sup>



## Advertising our events

To maximise attendance across all parts of the community we used a variety of channels to promote our events, including:

- Over 12,000 newsletters distributed to residents along the onshore cable corridor **(June)**.
- Event details advertised on our dedicated website **(June – September)**.
- Public notice notification in national and local media regarding start of formal consultation **(July – August)**.
- Consultation Overview document issued to residents along the cable corridor at the start of formal consultation **(July)**.
- Advertisement in local and regional press with a combined distribution of over 143,000 people<sup>2</sup> **(August)**.
- Geographically targeted social media campaign **(August – September)**.
- 880 event posters distributed between 187 locations along the cable route, including event venues, parish council offices and Community Access Points **(August – September)**.
- Information shared with local representatives, parish councils and local community groups **(August)**.

## What did we present and how?

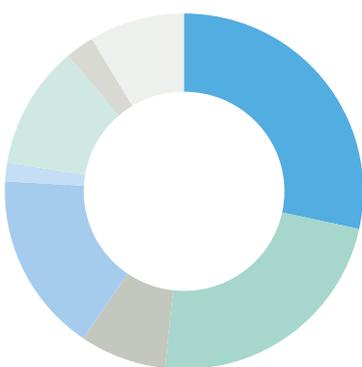
At the events, we presented the latest Project information including the full Preliminary Environmental Information Report. Information was presented via a number of different channels including:

- Exhibition banners.
- Detailed foam board maps displaying the full cable corridor route with pins/post it notes.
- 3D visualisations of the proposed cable corridor, onshore High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) booster station and onshore substation.
- The Preliminary Environmental Information Report.
- Topic fact sheets.

Specialists from across the team, including environment and consents, site and land rights and technical specialists (including fishing and marine experts at the events closest to the coast), were available at each event to answer any specific questions and to provide guidance in terms of the materials provided. Independent Electro-Magnetic Fields (EMF) advisors from National Grid also attended events, based on previous comments from the public on this subject, providing information to those members of the local communities who may have concerns regarding EMF.

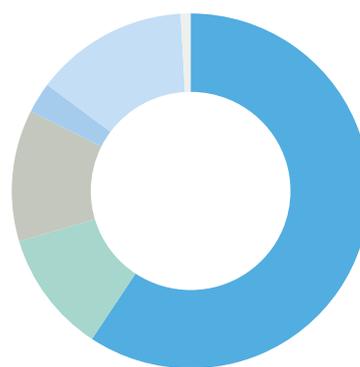
Attendees were encouraged to complete a feedback form, which guided them through all aspects of the proposed development. Envelopes and stamps were provided for those people unable to complete a form on the day.

### How did you find out about this consultation?



- Letter **28.4%**
- Community Newsletter **23.3%**
- Website **7.8%**
- Local Representative **16.4%**
- Advertisement **1.7%**
- Local Media **11.2%**
- Social Media **2.6%**
- Word of Mouth **8.6%**

### How would you describe your interest in Hornsea Project Three?



- Resident **59.3%**
- Landowner (within refined corridor) **11.1%**
- Local Representative (e.g. Councillor) **12%**
- Representative from a local business **2.8%**
- Interested Party **13.9%**
- Representative from a statutory body **0.9%**

# Overview of Feedback

Helpful topics were raised at the consultation events, many of which are now being fed into the Project proposals. Several key themes emerged from the events. This list is not exhaustive and a more comprehensive overview of all responses received as part of this consultation, including how we have considered the responses received, will be included in the final Consultation Report, that will be submitted alongside our application in 2018.

**The key themes from this phase of public consultation are listed below.**

## Offshore

Respondents indicated that they were generally supportive of offshore wind farms. However concerns remain regarding the potential impact on wildlife (including marine mammals and birds). This included several regarding environmentally designated sites. Respondents wanted assurance that the local wildlife and environment are being properly considered.

Respondents were supportive of the potential for the Project to create local jobs and cheaper electricity.

Respondents were keen to minimise the visual impact from the coast and the impact on the local fishing industry.

## Onshore

Respondents were keen to make the Project aware that this is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and a very important part of the tourist area and therefore any development must preserve this. Respondents raised concerns about construction works and any disruption to local residents and tourists should be kept to an absolute minimum.

Locally there were concerns regarding the potential impact on traffic during the construction phase, particularly the impact on the existing road infrastructure, which some noted is currently inadequate. Respondents urged the Project to carefully consider the construction routes as part of the Project refinement.

Locally there were concerns about the number of phases that the Project could be built in and the potential impact that this could have on the local environment, as well as the potential for local disruption during the works.

Respondents were interested in how the Project would seek to minimise any noise or visual impact from the onshore HVAC booster station and onshore substation, stating that green screening and noise reduction would be essential.

The chosen location for the HVAC booster station was seen as preferable compared to previous options displayed in March 2017. There were also concerns regarding the proposed locations for siting these, with respondents highlighting the importance of minimising the potential impact to the local environment and wildlife.

Respondents stressed the importance of local involvement in the decision-making process and were keen to see how the plans were progressing based on the feedback given.

Respondents stated that a commitment should be made to maintaining important habitats and that the Project should take due consideration to sensitive areas with unique wildlife, in particular the potential impact on Kelling Heath SSSI. Respondents were keen for the Project to consider using Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) for crossing obstacles where possible – to reduce the impact on the local landscape, wildlife and maintaining access on local roads.

Many felt that they were unable to respond directly to the PEIR and assessments undertaken to inform this. However, they were keen to access more non-technical information on the proposals as the plans develop.



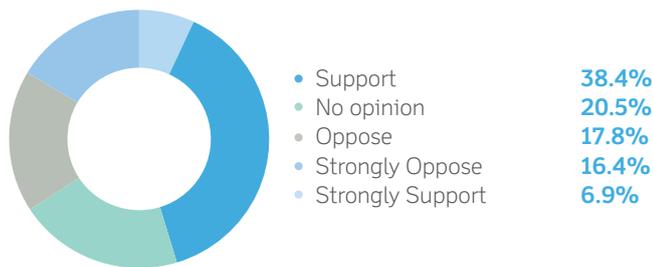
# The Overall Project

45% of respondents indicated that they either support or strongly support Hornsea Project Three, with 34% of respondents opposing the development. We recognise that the design continues to be refined and that naturally some concerns will remain when presented with broader environmental envelopes.

Some of the key concerns remaining included:

- The potential disruption and impact to the coastal area.
- The disturbance caused to people’s property and land along the proposed cable corridor route.
- The choice of phasing of the Project and the disruption this could create.
- Opposition on the grounds of incomplete information for the final application.
- The cumulative effect on rural areas, especially in light of other developments in the region.

## What is your opinion of the proposal?



## Our Consultation Process

We asked respondents to consider our approach to consultation, as this is important to ensure that people understand the process and how their views would be considered.

**Table 1: Percentage of respondents who agreed or disagreed with each statement<sup>3</sup>**

	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
I could easily access all of the information I needed to respond to this consultation	69.7%	10.5%	19.8%
The steps for responding to this consultation were clearly set out by the Applicant (DONG Energy)	86.3%	4.1%	9.6%
The PEIR and supporting consultation materials were sufficiently detailed to enable me to provide an informed response	62%	26.8%	11.2%
My views will be taken into account as the Project develops	16.4%	74%	9.6%
I understand what will happen after the consultation and how my feedback will feed into the final design	34.3%	55.7%	10%

## How informative did you find the consultation event?



## Keeping you informed

You told us that you would like more information on the following topics:

- How our plans are progressing.
- Direct responses to the concerns raised.
- Assurance that feedback is being fed into the final design.
- More information on how we intend to mitigate any impacts.
- More clarity on where the Project will make landfall.
- More information on Electro-Magnetic Fields (EMFs).
- What benefits may be available to local communities.

We will seek to provide more information on the above topics through our future newsletters and wider communications to ensure that you are kept fully informed.

## Next steps

We are currently in the process of reviewing all the feedback we have received as part of our formal consultation. All comments received are being considered by the Project team. As we seek to refine our proposal we will feed this feedback into the final application.

A Consultation Report will be produced and submitted alongside our application. This report will outline how we consulted, the feedback we received and how we have had regard to each comment in the final design.

As we continue to refine the design we will continue to engage with key parties. If you do wish to raise any further comments on the proposal you can continue to give us a call, email or sign up to our quarterly newsletter to keep up-to-date with the latest news and developments.

<sup>3</sup> Not all respondents answered all the questions. As such the percentages shown in the table above are reflective of those participants who responded to each question. For the purpose of this report we have grouped Strongly Disagree/Disagree and Strongly Agree/Agree.

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DONG Energy is changing its name to Ørsted because creating a world that runs entirely on green energy starts with change. \*



We have sold our oil and gas production business to focus on creating a world that runs entirely on green energy. DONG Energy, short for Danish Oil and Natural Gas, no longer reflects who we are.



We take our new name from Hans Christian Ørsted, the Danish scientist who discovered electromagnetism in 1820 and paved the way for how power is generated today.



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\*DONG Energy will continue their work within the local area under the name of Ørsted from 6 November 2017.

## Project contact details

We want to hear your thoughts on our proposals.

There are many ways you can find out more information and get in touch to let us know your views:



Visit our website:  
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