

Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm Development

Our Consultation Process

Introduction

DONG Energy is exploring the potential to develop Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm, situated in the North Sea, over 120 km off the north Norfolk coast. The proposed offshore wind farm has the potential to generate up to 2.4 gigawatts (GW), which is enough power to meet the average daily needs of well over 2 million UK homes. If built, Hornsea Project Three will not only provide much needed energy infrastructure, but will also help the UK to meet its national climate change targets.

The Planning Process

As the proposed generating capacity of Hornsea Project Three exceeds 100 megawatts (MW) it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), as defined by Section 15(3) of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act). Before it can be built, DONG Energy must apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) which is the means by which new offshore wind farms gain consent. If the application is accepted, the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) will then process and examine the application, before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. The final decision on whether to grant the DCO application will be made by the Secretary of State.

The Project is currently in the pre-application phase, with a DCO application expected to be submitted in 2018. Under the Act, DONG Energy is required to carry out consultation on the proposed DCO application before submitting it. As part of this process, we will pay attention to the responses received in regard to the final design of Hornsea Project Three, and in the assessment and mitigation of its environmental impacts. This consultation provides an opportunity for anyone interested or impacted by the proposal to engage at the earliest stage and help to shape the Project as it evolves. A Consultation Report explaining how DONG Energy has taken any responses received into consideration will be submitted as part of the DCO application.

This consultation includes:

- Consultation with prescribed bodies, host and neighbouring authorities and any persons with an interest in land potentially affected by Hornsea Project Three (under Section 42 of the Act);
- Consultation with the local community in the vicinity of Hornsea Project Three (under Section 47 of the Act); and
- General public consultation on Hornsea Project Three (under Section 48 of the Act).

For more information on the consultation process for a NSIP, please see Advice Note 8 of the Act, prepared by PINS:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

Public consultation

We at DONG Energy want to hear your views on our proposed Project.

Throughout this consultation, we will do everything we can to make sure that everyone who may feel a direct or indirect impact from our proposed development, and wants to make their views known, has an opportunity to do so. We recognise that you and your community offer an extensive pool of local knowledge and we want to work with you to address any concerns you may have in order to help shape the Project as it develops.

We recognise that effective consultation means balancing the benefits of early engagement, when plans are fluid enough for you to influence their direction, and presenting proposals that are firm enough to allow you to comment effectively. For this reason, we have held several rounds of public consultation events.

We are committed to open, honest and inclusive engagement, and will support anyone who wishes to become involved, whether it be to share your views or simply find out more about the Project. We want to keep you informed throughout the consultation period and beyond, and will make sure that you receive proper feedback. This is so that you know what views were expressed during the consultation, how they influenced our proposals and, in instances where we did not make any changes, we will explain why this was the case.

Please note that this document has been produced to supplement our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)¹ which was published in September 2016.

Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

As part of our pre-application consultation process, we prepared and published a SoCC for Hornsea Project Three, which sets out how we propose to consult people living within the vicinity of the land on the proposed development. The SoCC explains how members of the public can access information on our proposals, how they can engage in the consultation process and how they will receive feedback and be kept informed.

At DONG Energy, we recognise that local communities and their environments will vary, and therefore a 'one-size-fits-all' approach is not appropriate. To ensure that our selected approach was conducive to effective and inclusive consultation, we engaged at the earliest stage with the relevant Local Planning Authority to ensure that we selected the most appropriate consultation methods for your area.

The SoCC is available to view/download on our website (www.dongenergy.co.uk/hornseaproject3). Hardcopies are also available at our Community Access Points (CAP sites), located across the Consultation Zone (detailed at the end of this document). The SoCC was advertised in local and regional publications (in accordance with Section 47(6) of the Act) and via social media to maximise visibility.



¹ Hornsea Project Three - Statement of Community Consultation, September 2016, Available online: https://assets.dongenergy.com/DONGEnergyDocuments/uk/HOW3_Statement%20of%20Community%20Consultation.pdf

Our Consultation Zone

We want to make sure that we have consulted with as many people as possible who may feel a direct or indirect impact from our proposed development. To do this, we have focused our consultation area as widely as we can, so as not to jeopardise your opportunity to become involved and to have your views heard.

Hornsea Project Three is located over 120 km off the north Norfolk coast. As such, we have focused consultation in those areas where the proposed export cables (transporting electricity generated by the offshore wind farm) could come ashore (known as the Landfall Zone) and the wards we will need to cross with our onshore export cables to reach to our connection point (Norwich Main National Grid substation, just south of Norwich).

Our Consultation Zone covers six local Local Authority boundaries – North Norfolk, Broadland, Breckland, South Norfolk, Norwich City and Great Yarmouth (see figure 1). It also encompasses part of the Broads Authority. We will focus principally on wards within these Local Authorities, which are situated in or around the proposed onshore infrastructure areas. This infrastructure includes the underground cable corridor, the onshore substation and the onshore High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) booster station (if required).

Our consultation will focus on those people and areas that will be most affected by the proposed Project, but we also want to hear from anyone who may feel indirectly affected (e.g. by traffic movements or impacts on local recreational areas).

Our latest plans can be viewed our website www.dongenergy.co.uk/hornseaproject3.

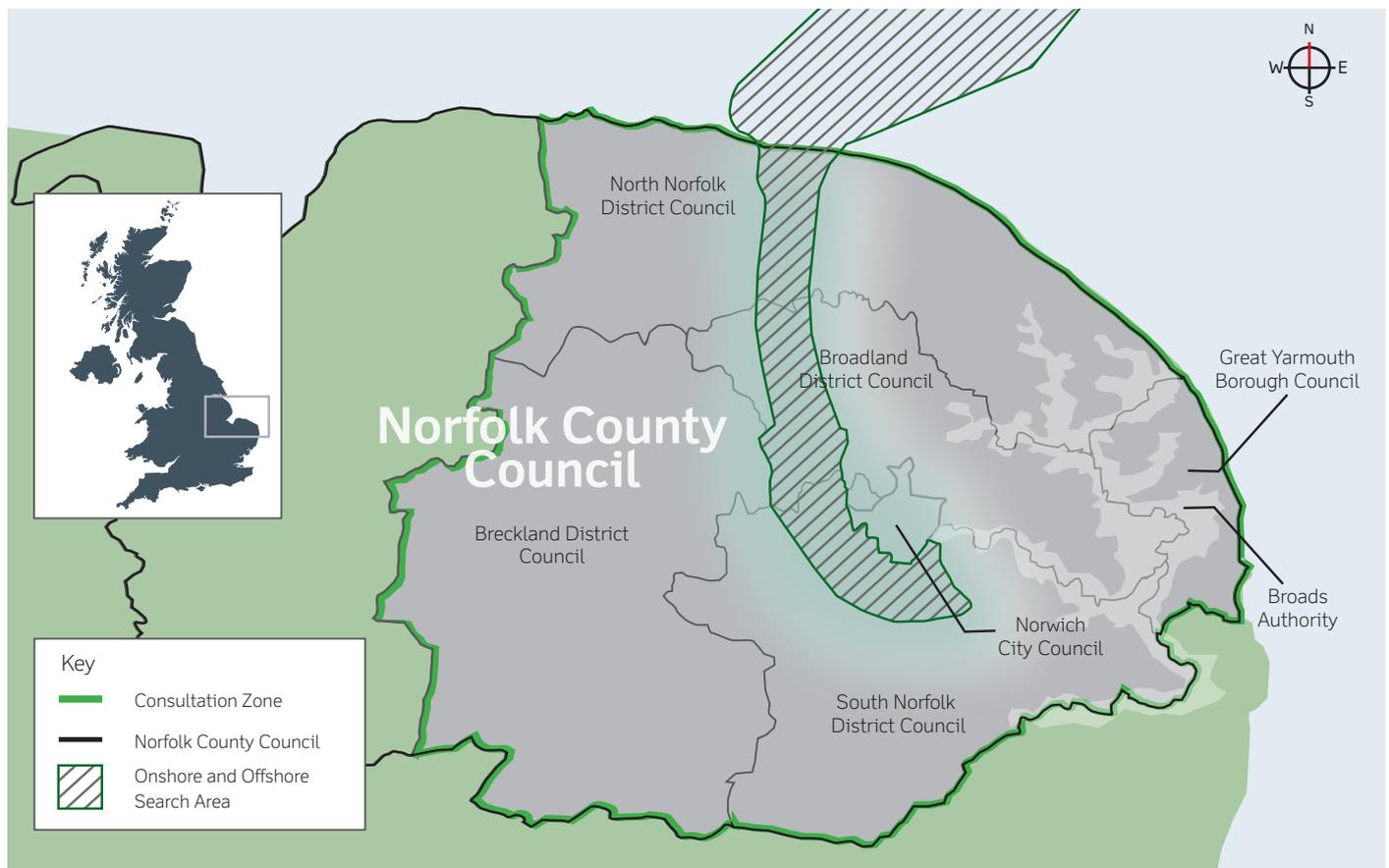


Figure 1: Map showing the original onshore search area (approximately 5 km in width). Those authorities marked in grey were consulted on the contents of our SoCC.*

* Please note that this map was produced and representative at the time of issuing our SoCC. For our refined onshore cable corridor, please visit our website.

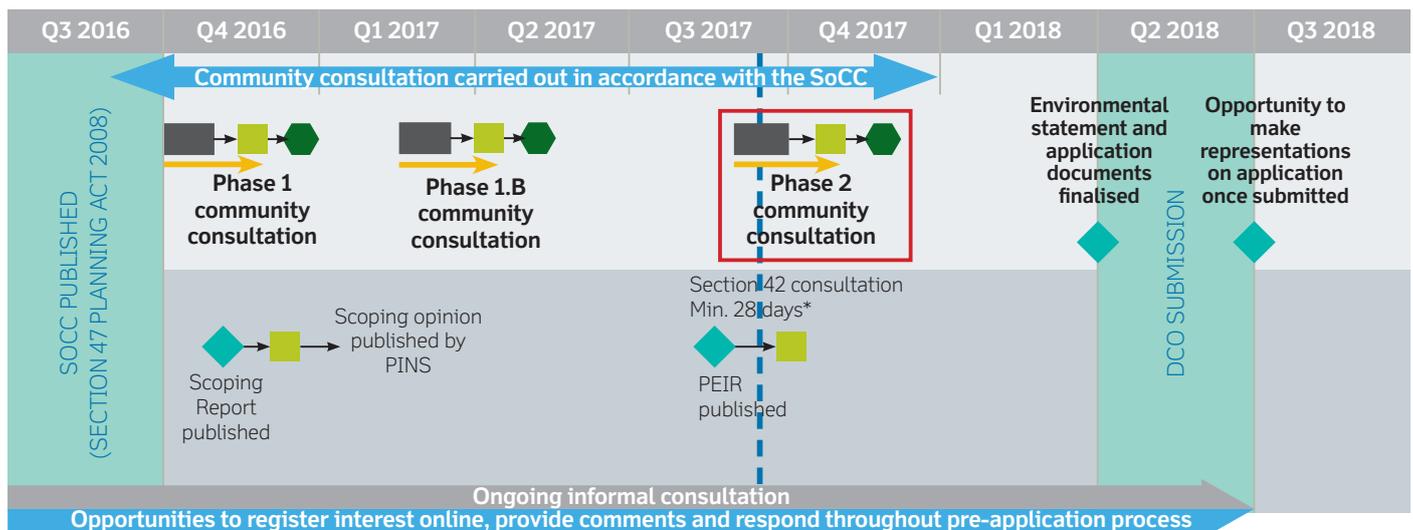
How we will consult

To build an effective dialogue during this consultation, we will consult with you via a number of different channels.

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Freephone Information Line: 0800 0288 466
 This Freephone information line is open for calls between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, with an answer phone facility to take calls outside these hours. The information line allows you to ask questions about Hornsea Project Three and the consultation process.
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Enquiries Email: contact@hornsea-project-three.co.uk
 The enquiries email allows you to put general questions or comments in writing about Hornsea Project Three.
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Community Access Points (CAP sites)
 CAP sites are places where you can obtain information about Hornsea Project Three. They are local sites easily accessible to people in the area, such as shops, libraries and community buildings. You can find your nearest CAP site by using our online mapping tool on our website.
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Newsletters
 Quarterly newsletters will contain information about Hornsea Project Three and the progression of the consultation process. Newsletters will be sent to council offices and CAP sites, as well as being available online through the website.
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Events
 We will keep you up to date at events such as exhibitions and meetings during the consultation period. Event details will be published in our newsletters, on our website and shared with local representatives such as Parish Councils.
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Twitter: [@DONGEnergyUK](https://twitter.com/DONGEnergyUK) #HornseaProject3
 We will tweet about Project developments and activities during the consultation period so that you can keep up to date using social media.
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Send us a letter
 Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm, c/o Emily Woolfenden, DONG Energy Power (UK) Ltd, 5 Howick Place, Victoria, London, SW1P 1WG

Consultation Timeline

Our community consultation, as detailed in our SoCC, will run in parallel to ongoing non-statutory consultation with landowners and environmental bodies. There will be one round of formal consultation under Section 42 of the Act (see figure 2).



Note: Regular newsletters and key documents will be available throughout the consultation process.

Key							
	Statement of Community Consultation		Event material available online		Feedback deadline		* Statutory time period for consultation
	Consultation documents		Public community consultation event		Consultation Summary Report		Where we are in the process

Figure 2: Timeline setting out the consultation process. Please note that this has been updated to include the Phase 1.B events since the timeline was first published in the SoCC.

Our Community Access Points (CAP sites)

Holt Library
9 Church Street
Holt
NR25 6BB

Cromer Library
Prince of Wales Road
Cromer
NR27 9HS

North Walsham Library
New Road
North Walsham
NR28 9DE

The Village Store
2 Beach Lane
Weybourne, Holt
NR25 7AH

Edgefield Village Hall
The Green
Edgefield
Melton Constable
NR24 2AL

The Kingfisher Café
Coast Road
Walcott
NR12 0AP

Banham Post Office
The Green
Banham
NR16 2AA

Litcham Post Office
Church Street
Litcham
PE32 2NS

New Frost Hall
Claypit Road
Foulsham
Dereham
NR20 5RW

Martham Post Office
The Green
Martham
Great Yarmouth
NR29 4PA

Winterton On Sea Post Office
PO Stores
Beach Road
Winterton-On-Sea
NR29 4AJ

Caister Library
Beach Road
Caister
Great Yarmouth
NR30 5EX

Fakenham Library
22 Oak Street
Fakenham
NR21 9DY

Newslands Newsagents
88 High Street
Stalham
Norwich
NR12 9AU

Dereham Library
59 High Street
Dereham
NR19 1DZ

Aylsham Library
7 Huntgate Street
Aylsham
NR11 6AA

Acle Library
Bridewell Lane
Acle
NR13 3RA

Norfolk Broads Information
Centre
10 Norwich Road
Wroxham
NR12 8RX

Johnson's Newsagents
Carlton House
Market Place
Reepham
NR10 4AD

Brundall Post Office
The Street
Brundall
NR13 5AA

Costessey Post Office
10 West End
Costessey
NR8 5AG

Hingham Library
The Fairland
Hingham
NR9 4HW

Wymondham Leisure Centre
Norwich Road
Wymondham
NR18 0NT

Long Stratton One Stop
Swan Lane
Long Stratton
NR15 2XN

The Business Base
Rowan House
28 Queens Road
Hethersett
NR9 3DB

Sheringham Tourist Information
Centre
Station Approach
Station Road,
Sheringham
NR26 8RA

Attleborough Library
31 Connaught Road
Attleborough
NR17 2BW

Mulbarton One Stop
45 Birchfield Lane
Mulbarton
NR14 8AA

Reepham Library
Bircham Institute / Market Place
Reepham
NR10 4JJ

Taverham Library
9 Sandy Lane
Taverham
NR8 6JR

Sheringham Library
New Road
Sheringham
NR26 8EB

Hellesdon Library
Woodview Road
Hellesdon
NR6 5QB

Sprowston Library
Recreation Ground Road
Sprowsto
NR7 8EW

Loddon Post Office
High Street
Loddon
NR14 6AH

Dickleburgh Village Shop
1 Rectory Road
Dickleburgh
Diss
IP21 4NW

Mill Stores
Mill Road
Stoke Holy Cross
NR14 8PA

Surlingham Post Office
Serena School Lane
Surlingham
NR14 7DQ

Tasty Bites
14 Great Melton Road
Hethersett
NR9 3AB

Blakeney Post Office
7-9 Westgate Street
Blakeney
Holt
NR25 7NQ

Londis
76 Staithe Street
Wells next the Sea
NR23 1AQ

Briston Co-op
18 Church St
Briston
Melton Constable
NR24 2HN

Melton Constable Post Office
71-73 Briston Road
Melton Constable
NR24 2AP

Swaffham Tourism Information
Centre
4 London Street
Swaffham
PE37 7DQ

Hethersett Library
Queens Road
Hethersett
NR9 3DB

The Parson Woodforde
Church Street
Weston Longville
NR9 5JU

Poringland Library
Overtons Way
Poringland
NR14 7WB

Information on Hornsea Project Three is also available at the following council offices

- **North Norfolk District Council** Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer, Norfolk, NR27 9EN, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30am-5pm, Wednesday: 10am-5pm, Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm
- **Broadland District Council** 1 Yarmouth Road, Thorpe Lodge, Norfolk, NR7 0DU, Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5pm
- **South Norfolk Council** South Norfolk House, Cygnet Court, Long Stratton, Norwich, NR15 2XE, Monday-Friday: 8:15am-5pm
- **Broads Authority** Yare House, 62-64 Thorpe Road, Norwich, NR1 1RY, Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm
- **Breckland Council** Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1EE Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm
- **Great Yarmouth Borough Council** Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF, Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm
- **Norwich City Council** City Hall, St Peters Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH, Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm, Customer Centre: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:45am-5pm, Wednesday: 1pm-5pm
- **Norfolk County Council** County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 2DH, Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm

Responding to your views

How will we respond to your views and opinions?

All responses received during this pre-application consultation phase will be carefully considered. Consultees will be made aware that the comments you make, either in part or in their entirety, may be submitted to PINS as part of the DCO application.

We look forward to meeting you face-to-face at one of our community events, and will do our best to answer any direct questions you have either on the day or, if not, we will get back to you with an answer as soon as we can. Where you have comments, views, or useful local information this will be recorded and fed directly into the on-going development of the Project.

If you are unable to attend the events, but want to express your views, you can get in touch with the Project Team via one of our communications channels listed at the end of this document. All the consultation materials will be made available online.

Responding to your concerns

After each set of events, we will produce a Consultation Summary Report to provide a summary of the opinions raised and to highlight the topics most people wanted to talk to us about. We want to make sure you know what others are telling us as soon as possible, as we hope this will encourage you to become more involved in our consultation too.

We will record all the comments made through all our various consultation channels, and our responses to them, to make sure a detailed record of the whole consultation is compiled. This information will then be used to guide and support further development of the Project. It will also be included in the Consultation Report, which will be published and submitted alongside our final application in 2018.

The Consultation Report will set out how the Project has been influenced by the consultation responses, outlining any changes made to the Project as a direct result of consultation and providing an explanation where it was not possible to make changes.

Please make sure you have also read our SoCC, which provides further information on the proposed Project and outlines how we intend to consult with you. You can access this document on our website, by contacting us directly or by visiting one of our Community Access Points.

Further information

Documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of Hornsea Project Three, including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) (with a Non-Technical Summary) for Hornsea Project Three, can be accessed free of charge during Phase 2 Consultation from 27 July 2017 until 20 September 2017.



Project contact details

 **Visit our website:**
www.dongenergy.co.uk/hornseaproject3

 **Send us an email:**
contact@hornsea-project-three.co.uk

 **Call our Freephone information line:**
0800 0288 466

 **Send us a letter:**
Hornsea Project Three Offshore
Wind Farm,
c/o Emily Woolfenden,
DONG Energy Power (UK) Ltd,
5 Howick Place, Victoria,
London, SW1P 1WG

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