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# Hornsea Four Offshore Wind Farm

# Introduction

Welcome to the latest community newsletter for Hornsea Project Four (Hornsea Four), a new offshore wind farm which Ørsted is proposing to develop in the North Sea, approximately 65 km off Flamborough Head on the Yorkshire Coast.

In this edition, we provide an update on the status of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application, our most recent targeted consultation, what's next for the project and how you can continue to be involved going forward.

## DCO application update



Hornsea Four Offshore Wind Farm have recently determined to extend our DCO application submission to Q1 2021. The extension to Q1 2021 has been taken in consideration of the ongoing derogation discussions, relating to compensation for potential impacts to bird features of the Flamborough and Filey Coast Special Protection Area (SPA). We will also be factoring in work in relation to Hornsea Project Three.



The extension is required for Hornsea Four to engage on project specific issues with various stakeholders, including Natural England and the RSPB. It also allows us to further our engagement with key stakeholders to ensure we have a robust and considered application for submission next year.



You can register your interest on the Hornsea Four website to receive updates on how our application is progressing as we finalise our proposals: [hornseaprojects.co.uk/en/Hornsea-Project-Four](https://hornseaprojects.co.uk/en/Hornsea-Project-Four)

If you have any further questions regarding Hornsea Four and wish to speak with a member of the team, please contact us via the details provided at the end of this newsletter.

# Hornsea Four

Hornsea Four is the fourth project in the Hornsea Zone. It will be located to the west of Hornsea One, which is now fully operational, and Hornsea Two, which is under construction. Hornsea Four will also be to the west of Hornsea Three which submitted its DCO application in May 2018 with a planning decision expected on 31 December 2020.



**We are currently investigating an offshore area of up to 492 km<sup>2</sup> where up to 180 wind turbines could be located.**



**If built out to full capacity, Hornsea Four could provide enough power to meet the average daily need of well over 1 million UK homes.<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Whilst at this stage it is not possible to state the capacity of Hornsea Four, the wind farm is expected to have a similar number of turbines to Hornsea One, which has 174 turbines and will generate enough clean electricity to power over 1 million homes.

# Additional targeted consultation

From 4 August to 8 September 2020, we undertook a further round of targeted consultation in accordance with section 42(1) of the Planning Act 2008.

During this consultation period we invited feedback on our proposed access strategy for the Hornsea Four onshore substation (OnSS) and energy balancing infrastructure (EBI). This strategy involves taking permanent access directly from the A1079 and proposing a wider temporary construction access in this location.

This access strategy has been designed to route construction, operation and maintenance traffic for Hornsea Four away from the villages of Cottingham and Dunswell. We have also proposed moving this access 15 metres away from the neighbouring Birkhill Wood, which

will reduce the impact on this ancient woodland.

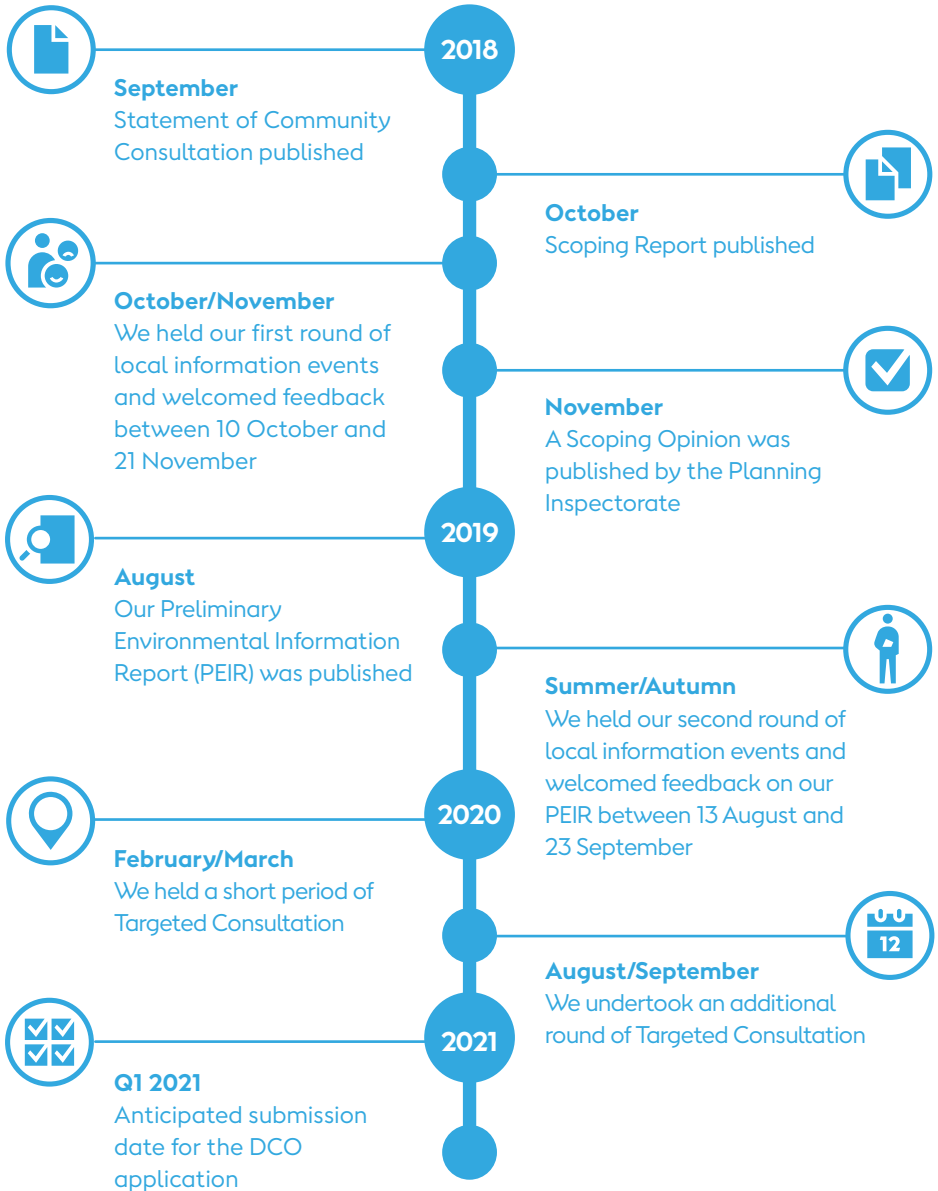
In total, we received 4 Individual responses and would like to thank everyone for taking the time to respond. Your feedback is important in helping us to refine our final proposals. A detailed summary of all the responses received and how we have had regard to these in the final design will be captured in the Consultation Report which we will submit alongside our DCO application in Q1 2021.

More information on our targeted consultations, as shown on our consultation timeline, can be found on our project website:

**[hornseaprojects.co.uk/Hornsea-Project-Four/Documents-Library](https://hornseaprojects.co.uk/Hornsea-Project-Four/Documents-Library)**



# Consultation timeline



\*All dates remain indicative

# Refining our proposals

The feedback we received has helped us to refine our proposals and shape the design of Hornsea Four.

Over the coming months, we will be preparing our DCO application for submission and will be continuing to engage with stakeholders on final details for the project.

Since our last newsletter, we can provide the following project updates:

## Offshore proposals



### Structures Exclusion Zone (SEZ)

Following additional consultation with 25 stakeholders including the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), Trinity House, the UK Chamber of Shipping, DFDS Seaways and ABP Ports, Hornsea Four has agreed to reduce the size of the array area in which wind turbines will be constructed. This reduction in the DCO Order Limits has enabled a SEZ to be implemented, facilitating the continued safe passage of shipping traffic between Hornsea Four and Hornsea Two. This SEZ is shown in the map on page 3.

This also benefits the Ornithology assessments (among others), thereby further reducing impacts upon the ornithological features of the Flamborough and Filey Coast SPA. This is a significant step for the project pre-application, and we are confident the decision will be welcomed by a range of stakeholders.

## Onshore proposals



### Landfall

Following feedback from the local community, landowners and local interest groups, we have selected the southern landfall option (A4) as our preferred landfall site.

This was the preferred option given better traffic access from the existing road network, avoiding Fraisthorpe Bridge. This option also provides better beach access, diverting traffic away from key public amenities, such as Fraisthorpe Beach.



### **Export Cable Corridor**

We have taken detailed feedback into consideration from all stakeholders during our pre-application consultation, including our recent targeted consultation (March – April 2020).

Our finalised plans for the onshore cable corridor will be available in our final DCO application in Q1 2021, when we will publish our next community newsletter.



### **Onshore Substation**

Consultation is currently ongoing with East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) and other stakeholders regarding Hornsea Four's onshore substation access proposals and interaction with the proposed A164/Jock's Lodge junction improvement scheme.

Our final access proposal will be published as part of our final DCO application and announced in our last community newsletter in Q1 2021.



### **Net Gain in Biodiversity**

Hornsea Four has committed to a number of measures to offset and minimise impacts from the project. This includes improvement to biodiversity.

As part of Hornsea Four's Net Gain proposal, we have identified 10 sites for potential net gain and are actively pursuing these opportunities in consultation with Natural England, ERYC and landowners.

Details of these surveys and proposed works to achieve onshore biodiversity net gain will be available in our Outline Net Gain Strategy, submitted as part of our final DCO application.

# Contact us

You can get in touch with our community relations team at any time by any of the methods below:



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