

NOTIFICATION OF HEARINGS

APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

THE PROPOSED DOGGER BANK CREYKE BECK OFFSHORE WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT (Application Reference EN010021)

Notice is hereby given that issue-specific hearings will be held by the Examining Authority for the examination of the application made by Forewind Limited (the Applicant) of 55 Vastern Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 8BU for a development consent order (DCO) under sections 14, 15 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for the Dogger Bank Creyke Beck offshore wind farm (the Application). The Application was made on 29 August 2013 and accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination on 25 September 2013 (Application Reference: EN010021).

Hearings

Date (2014)	Hearing	Time	Venue
Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 July	Issue specific hearing – development consent order and deemed marine licence	Arrival 9am Start 9.30am	Holiday Inn Marina Castle St Hull HU1 2BX
(Should all matters be dealt with on day one, the hearing will conclude and will not then take place on Thursday 17 July)			

The Application

- The Application relates to the construction and operation of Dogger Bank Creyke Beck (the Project). Dogger Bank Creyke Beck is the first stage of development of the Dogger Bank Zone in the North Sea. It comprises two offshore wind farm arrays (Dogger Bank Creyke Beck A and Dogger Bank Creyke Beck B) each with a generating capacity of up to 1.2 gigawatts and associated infrastructure. Dogger Bank Creyke Beck A is 515km² in area and Dogger Bank Creyke Beck B is 599km² in area. Each wind farm array is 131 kilometres from the Holderness coast at its closest point.
- The Application seeks an order granting development consent for the construction and operation of both Dogger Bank Creyke Beck A and Dogger Bank Creyke Beck B. The proposals include export cables that will connect the offshore wind farm arrays to the UK on the Holderness coast near Ulrome; and onshore cables from the coast to the converter stations and substation near Cottingham, East Riding of Yorkshire.

- The DCO would, amongst other things, authorise:

Offshore

- Up to 400 wind turbines with supporting tower structures, foundations fixed to the seabed and associated support and access structures;
- Two offshore high voltage direct current (HVDC) converter platforms with foundations fixed to the seabed;
- Up to eight offshore collector platforms with foundations fixed to the seabed;
- Up to four offshore accommodation or helicopter platforms with foundations fixed to the seabed and including facilities for vessels and helicopters for operations and maintenance activities;
- Offshore platforms may be co-located on a single foundation, resulting in a combined offshore platform comprising two or more of the platform structures described above;
- Up to 10 offshore meteorological monitoring stations with foundations fixed to the seabed;
- Subsea cables between the elements of offshore infrastructure described above;
- Offshore export cables carrying electricity from the offshore HVDC converter platforms to the Holderness coast; and
- Ancillary works including: cable and pipeline crossing structures; protection against foundation scour and subsea damage, cable protection measures and vessel-mooring facilities.

Onshore in the East Riding of Yorkshire:

- Underground cable transition joint bays at the landfall, north of Ulrome on the Holderness coast;
- Underground HVDC export cables running approximately 30 kilometres from the landfall transition joint bays to the two converter stations;
- Two converter stations located between Beverley and Cottingham adjacent to the A1079 and with associated roads, fencing, landscaping and drainage;
- Underground high voltage alternating current (HVAC) export cables running approximately two kilometres from the converter stations to the National Grid substation at Creyke Beck, where connection works will be carried out; and
- Ancillary works including: temporary working areas, permanent and temporary access roads, and service corridors.

- The DCO will include a number of other provisions, including those which:
 - authorise the compulsory purchase of land and rights over land, if necessary, to construct and maintain the Project;
 - allow all or part of the benefit and rights of the DCO to be transferred to other person(s); and
 - are ancillary, incidental and consequential to the above-mentioned purposes and which provide for the permits and/or consents (including but not limited to four deemed Marine Licences) which are required in connection with the Project.
- The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009. Accordingly, an Environmental Statement accompanied the Application.
- A copy of the application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps may be inspected free of charge from 4 February 2014 until at least 18 August 2014 at the following locations and during the hours set out below:

Library	Opening times
Beverley Library Champney Road Beverley HU17 8HE	Mon, Wed and Fri – 9.30am to 5.00pm Tues and Thurs – 9.30am to 8.00pm Sat – 9.00am to 4.00pm Sun – CLOSED
Bridlington Library 14 King Street Bridlington YO15 2DF	Mon to Thurs – 9.00am to 6.00pm Fri – 9.00am to 5.00pm Sat – 9.00am to 4.00pm Sun – CLOSED
Hull Central Library Albion Street Hull HU1 3TF	Mon and Wed – 9.30am to 6.00pm Tues and Thurs – 9.30am to 7.00pm Fri – 9.30am to 5.30pm Sat – 10.00am to 4.00pm Sun – CLOSED

- Copies of the documents are also available online through The Planning Inspectorate's website at <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/dogger-bank-creyke-beck> as well as through the Applicant's website www.forewind.co.uk.