

# Section 56 Planning Act 2008

## Regulation 9, The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

### NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE (ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE)

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

1. Notice is hereby given that The Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change) has accepted an application made by Forewind Limited (the Applicant) of 55 Vastern Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 8BU for a development consent order (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 (the Application). The Application was made on 29 August 2013 and accepted for examination on 25 September 2013 (Application Reference: EN010021).

2. 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 515km<sup>2</sup> in area and Dogger Bank Creyke Beck B is 599km<sup>2</sup> in area. Each wind farm array is 131 kilometres at its closest point from the Holderness coast.

3. 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.

4. 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.
5. 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.

6. 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.

7. A copy of the application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps may be inspected free of charge from 7 October 2013 until at least 8 November 2013 at the following locations and during the hours set out below:

Library	Opening times	Format
<b>Beverley Library</b> Champney Road Beverley HU17 8HE	Mon, Wed, Fri: 9.30am to 5.00pm Tues and Thurs: 9.30am to 8.00pm Sat: 9.00am to 4.00pm Sun: Closed Closed on bank holidays	Hard copy
<b>Bridlington Library</b> 14 King Street Bridlington YO15 2DF	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs: 9.00am to 6.00pm Fri: 9.00am to 5.00pm Sat 9.00am to 4.00pm Sun: Closed Closed on bank holidays	Hard copy
<b>Cottingham Library</b> Market Green Cottingham HU16 5QG	Mon, Tues, Fri: 9.30am to 12.30pm / 1.30pm to 5.00pm Thurs: 9.30am to 12.30pm / 1.30pm to 7.30pm Wed and Sun: Closed Closed on bank holidays	Hard copy
<b>Driffield Library</b> Cross Hill St Johns Road Driffield YO25 6RQ	Mon and Fri: 9.30am to 1.00pm / 2.00pm to 7.00pm Tues and Thurs: 9.30am to 1.00pm / 2.00pm to 5.00pm Sat: 10.00am to 1.00pm Wed and Sun: Closed Closed on bank holidays	DVD
<b>Hornsea Library</b> 77 Newbegin Hornsea HU18 1PA	Mon and Sun: Closed Tues and Fri: 9.30am to 7.00pm Wed and Thurs: 9.30am to 5.00pm Sat: 9.30am to 12.30pm Closed on bank holidays	Hard copy

Library	Opening times	Format
<b>Hull Central Library</b> 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 Closed on bank holidays	Hard copy
<b>Leven Library</b> 74 East Street Leven HU17 5NG	Only open Wed: 10.30am to 12.30pm / 3.30pm to 7.00pm Closed on bank holidays	DVD
<b>North Bridlington Library</b> Martongate Bridlington YO16 6YD	Mon and Sun: Closed Tues: 8.00am to 5.00pm Wed and Thurs: 9.00am to 8.00pm Fri: 9.00am to 5.00pm Sat: 9.00am to 4.00pm Closed on bank holidays	Hard copy
<b>East Riding of Yorkshire Council Mobile Libraries</b>	Please visit <b>www.eastriding.gov.uk</b> or call <b>01482 393939</b> to find locations and opening times of mobile libraries	DVD

8. 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](http://www.forewind.co.uk). Copies can be provided on request by emailing [info@forewind.co.uk](mailto:info@forewind.co.uk), writing to FREEPOST RSLY-HKGK-HEBR, Forewind, Davidson House, Forbury Square, Reading, RG1 3EU or Freephone 0800 975 5636. A charge of £2,500 will be made for the full suite of printed documents, however, electronic copies on DVD can be provided free of charge. Copies of individual documents are also available on request. Reasonable charges may apply to cover the cost of postage.

9. Any representations (giving notice of any interest in, or objection to, the Application) must be made on a Registered and Relevant Representation Form which can be completed online at <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/dogger-bank-creyke-beck>.

10. The Planning Inspectorate encourages registration online but where this is not possible completed paper copies of the Registered and Relevant Representation Form can be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate by telephoning 0303 444 5000. Once completed, paper copy Registered and Relevant Representation Forms should be sent to the Planning Inspectorate (National Infrastructure Directorate), Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. The Planning Inspectorate reference for the Project (which is EN010021) should be quoted in any correspondence.

11. Guidance on how to register and submit a representation in relation to the Project can be found in The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.3 "How to register and become an interested party in an application" which is available on The Planning Inspectorate's website at <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8-3v4.pdf>.

12. Any representation or response must be received by The Planning Inspectorate by 8 November 2013. Responses and other representations will be made public by The Planning Inspectorate on its website.

**Forewind Limited**  
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