

NOTIFICATION OF HEARINGS

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 TEESSIDE A & B OFFSHORE WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT (Application Reference EN010051)

Notice is hereby given that open-floor hearings and 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 (the Act) for the Dogger Bank Teesside A & B Offshore Wind Farm (the Application). The application was made on 28 March 2014 and accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination on 23 April 2014 (Application Reference: EN010051).

The Application

1. The Application relates to the construction and operation of Dogger Bank Teesside A & B Offshore Wind Farm (the Application). Dogger Bank Teesside A & B Offshore Wind Farm is the second stage of development of the Dogger Bank Zone in the North Sea. It comprises two offshore wind farm arrays (Dogger Bank Teesside A and Dogger Bank Teesside B) each with a generating capacity of up to 1.2 gigawatts and associated infrastructure. The proposed array of Dogger Bank Teesside A is 560km² in area and 196 kilometres at its closest point from the UK coast. The proposed array of Dogger Bank Teesside B is 593km² in area and 165 kilometres at its closest point from the UK coast. Given that the generating capacity of the Development is more than 100 megawatts, an application for development consent is required to be made to the Secretary of State under the provisions of the Act.

2. The Application seeks an order granting development consent for the construction and operation of both Dogger Bank Teesside A and Dogger Bank Teesside B. The proposals include export cables that will connect the offshore wind farm arrays to the UK on the Teesside coast between Redcar and Marske-by-the-Sea and onshore cables from the coast to the converter stations proposed to be located within the Wilton Complex and the existing National Grid substation at Lackenby, Redcar and Cleveland.

3. 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
- Up to 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-joined to create a combined platform, resulting in a combined offshore platform comprising two or more of the platform structures described above

Hearings

Date (2014)	Hearing	Time	Venue
Tuesday 14 October (full day)	Issue specific hearing – Biodiversity effects, Habitats Regulations Assessment and geological effects	Arrival 9:30am Start 10:00am	The Council Chamber, Redcar & Cleveland House (Community Heart), Kirkleatham Street Redcar Cleveland TS10 1TD
Wednesday 15 October (half day)	Issue specific hearing – fisheries resource sustainability and other natural environment considerations	Arrival 9:00am Start 9:30am	
Thursday 16 October (full day)	Issue specific hearing – Development Consent Order	Arrival 9:30am Start 10:00am	

Library	Opening times	Format
Marske Library Windy Hill Lane Marske-by-the-Sea Redcar TS11 7BL	Mon, Thurs and Fri – 9:00am to 12:30pm, 1:30pm to 5:00pm Tues – 9:00am to 12:30pm, 1:30pm to 6:30pm Wed – 9:00am to 1:00pm Sat – 10:00am to 1:30pm Sun – CLOSED	Hard copy
Redcar Central Library Redcar & Cleveland House, Kirkleatham Street, Redcar TS10 1RT	Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri – 9:00am to 6:00pm Thurs – 9:00am to 5:00pm Sat – 9:00am to 12:30pm Sun – CLOSED	Hard copy
Saltburn Library Windsor Road Saltburn-by-the-Sea TS12 1JW	Mon – 9:30am to 12:30pm, 1:30pm to 6:30pm Tues – 1:30pm to 5:00pm Wed, Thurs and Fri – 9:30am to 12:30pm, 1:30pm to 5:00pm Sat – 10:00am to 12:30pm, 1:30pm to 4:00pm Sun – 12:00pm to 4:00pm	DVD only

- Up to ten 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 Teesside coast
 - Ancillary works including: cable and pipeline crossing structures; protection against foundation scour and subsea damage, cable protection measures and vessel-mooring facilities.
4. 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 Application
 - Allow all or part of the benefit and rights of the DCO to be transferred to other person(s)
 - 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 Application.

Onshore in the Borough of Redcar & Cleveland:

- Underground cable transition joint bays at the landfall, located between Redcar and Marske-by-the-Sea on the Teesside coast
- Underground HVDC export cables running approximately seven kilometres from the landfall joint bays to the two converter stations
- Up to two converter stations located within the Wilton Complex, with associated access, fencing, landscaping and drainage
- Underground high voltage alternating current (HVAC) export cables running approximately two kilometres from the converter stations to the existing National Grid substation at Lackenby, where connection works will be carried out
- Ancillary works including: temporary working areas, permanent and temporary access roads, and service corridors.

5. The Application 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.

6. A copy of the application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps may be inspected free of charge until at least **5 February 2015** at the locations and during the hours set out in the table above.

7. 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-teesside-ab/> as well as through the Applicant's website www.forewind.co.uk.