

# DOGGER BANK D WIND FARM

**Autumn 2023**  
Public Summary Consultation Report



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# Project update

**Since we held our consultation in Autumn 2023 some significant changes have been made to the Dogger Bank D Project.**

In Spring 2024 Dogger Bank D received confirmation of a new grid connection location from the National Grid Electricity System Operator and the Project decided to concentrate fully and solely on the electrical transmission opportunity. The plans to explore a hydrogen production opportunity have been retired from the Project.

Following refinement of the Dogger Bank D proposals, a new Scoping Report was prepared and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in June 2024. A Scoping Opinion was received in August 2024.

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# Introduction

## Dogger Bank D is a proposed new fourth phase of the Dogger Bank Wind Farm, the world's largest offshore wind farm.

It has the potential to generate up to 2GW of renewable electricity from offshore wind in the North Sea and maximises the capacity of the eastern portion of the original Dogger Bank C area.

Dogger Bank D is considered a strategic national asset due to its expected generating capacity of over 100 MW, qualifying it as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

To proceed, we will apply for a Development Consent Order which will grant us the powers needed to carry out the project. The Planning Inspectorate will review our application, and the final decision will be made by the Secretary of State for the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.

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### The team behind Dogger Bank D

Dogger Bank D is being developed by a 50 / 50 joint venture between SSE Renewables and Equinor, two of the world's leading companies in the development and operation of offshore wind energy. Both companies were involved in the design and planning consent of Dogger Bank Wind Farm, the world's largest offshore wind farm.



#### About SSE Renewables

SSE Renewables operates about 4.5GW of installed capacity across onshore wind, offshore wind, and hydro power, with a secured project pipeline of over 16GW and an additional 12GW of prospective sites. The operational assets include nearly 2GW of onshore wind, over 1GW of offshore wind, and almost 1.5GW of hydro and pumped storage, producing around 11TWh of renewable power annually.



#### About Equinor

Equinor has a long track record of developing offshore wind farms in the UK, having already built and commissioned into operation Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm, Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm and Hywind Scotland Pilot Park, the world's first floating offshore wind farm. Equinor has been operating in the UK for over 40 years and possesses over 50 years of offshore experience in the North Sea area.

# Our consultation

Between 26 September and 7 November 2023, we held a first phase of consultation and invited comments on our early stage proposals.

The proposals focused on providing electricity to homes and businesses by connecting to the transmission system and using the electricity to produce hydrogen at a dedicated onshore facility.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to our events, took part in the webinar and provided feedback.

## How we engaged and consulted locally and online

-  We established a consultation zone which encompassed the Holderness region and posted a leaflet and letter to over 19,000 households and businesses to publicise the consultation as widely as possible.
-  We advertised in the Hull Daily Mail and the Holderness Gazette, and used targeted Facebook ads for specific areas.
-  Posters were placed at local information points within the consultation zone.
-  We informed local political representatives, parish councils and MPs about our proposals.

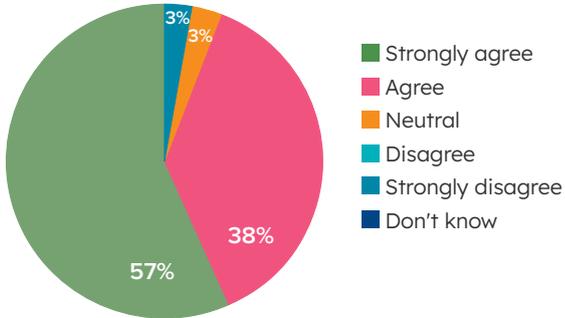
-  We provided materials such as a consultation brochure, survey form, and plans at community access points in Beverley, Hedon, Hornsea, and Withernsea for people to view and take home.
-  We launched a consultation website for Dogger Bank D at [www.doggerbankd.com](http://www.doggerbankd.com), featuring an interactive map where people could share comments on specific locations.
-  To make it easy for everyone to respond or ask questions, we also set up freephone, freepost, and email channels.

## Our consultation in numbers



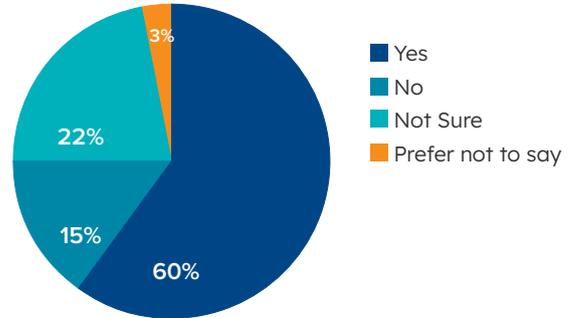
# What you told us

'I support offshore wind as a source of energy.'



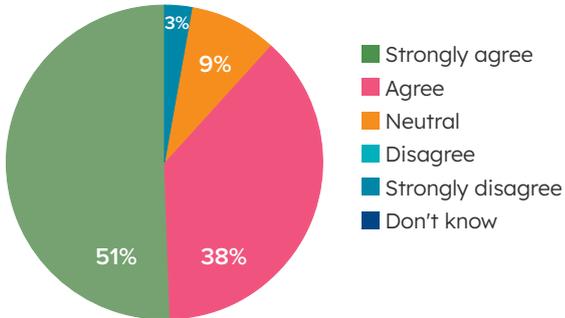
**95%** of respondents agreed with the statement

'Do you have a good understanding of the Dogger Bank D proposals?'



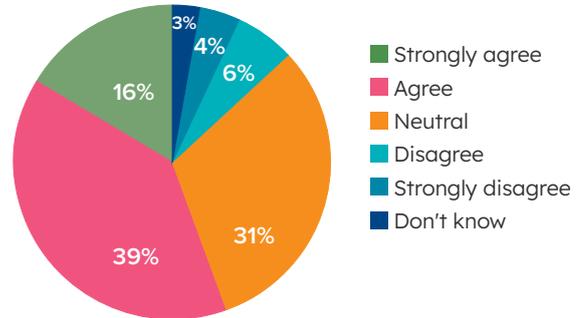
**60%** of respondents agreed with the statement

'I believe that offshore wind has a vital role in meeting the UK Government's Net Zero ambitions.'



**89%** of respondents agreed with the statement

'I found the information shared about Dogger Bank D at this first stage of consultation clear and easy to understand.'



**55%** of respondents agreed with the statement



# Our responses to your feedback

There were common themes expressed in your feedback which we have shown below with how we’re responding.

Theme	What you told us about this topic	How we’re listening and what we’re considering
Electrical transmission opportunity	Some respondents supported this opportunity with comments such as it is a sensible way to replace fossil fuels and demand from electric vehicles.	Following confirmation of a grid connection location, Dogger Bank D will focus on developing proposals to connect to the UK power grid.
Connecting infrastructure	Any cables or pipelines should be installed underground and the land reinstated to its original state	Cable burial will be the preferred option for onshore cables. Post-construction, the working area at the landfall and within the onshore cable corridor will be reinstated to pre-existing conditions as far as reasonably practicable.
Coastal erosion and coastal management	Comments were made about the need to manage coastal erosion impacts and protect coastal defences	The Project will consider East Riding of Yorkshire Council’s existing Shoreline Management Plan for the coastline stretch relevant to the project.
Traffic and access	Across the consultation area, people expressed concerns about traffic and transport movements, safety from site traffic and protecting safe access for non motorised users such as walkers, pedestrians and horse riders.	We will be assessing traffic impacts as part of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Further information will be available in our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and at our statutory consultation in 2025.
Noise and vibration	Concerns that noise and vibration impacts would result from onshore construction and operation of infrastructure.	Noise and vibration effects will be considered as part of noise modelling undertaken by acoustics consultants and assessed within the EIA. Further information will be available in our PEIR and at our statutory consultation in 2025.
Public Rights of Way	People highlighted the importance and value of Public Rights of Way (PRoW) across the consultation area.	Our site selection process will consider the impacts on PRoWs to ensure any potential short and long-term effects are minimised.  An assessment of effects on specific PRoWs and bridleways will also be presented in our PEIR at our statutory consultation.
Landscape and views	The importance of open green spaces for health and wellbeing was commented on. Suggestions were made on the use of screening and siting of above ground infrastructure to reduce visual impacts for nearby residents and users of the area.	Although some visual impact from any new development is unavoidable, we will consider comments about landscape in our site selection and design processes. Our PEIR will present the potential effects upon landscape that are anticipated in the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment chapter.  We commit to designing a project that respects the location and landscape setting and achieves opportunities for environmental enhancements such as extensive landscaping.  We will present detailed designs and visualisations from a range of viewpoints of any above ground infrastructure.

Some of the feedback received was specific to the hydrogen production opportunity but much of the feedback remains relevant to the current Dogger Bank D proposals.

Theme	What you told us about this topic	How we're listening and what we're considering
Local ecology and biodiversity (onshore)	Comments were made about impacts to local wildlife and habitats and the need to protect biodiversity and enhance as much as possible.	<p>We aim to avoid sensitive sites such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and ancient woodland where at all possible as part of our site selection process.</p> <p>Where sensitive sites cannot be avoided, impacts will be assessed and mitigation considered and details provided in the PEIR.</p> <p>In accordance with the provisions of the Environment Act 2021, we will meet the mandatory requirements for Biodiversity Net Gain, which aims to improve the natural environment by 10% compared to its original state and we will prioritise avoiding, minimising, and mitigating impacts, such as through careful cable design and routing.</p>
Archaeology and local heritage (onshore)	Comments were made about the importance of local heritage for the community, such as places with historic character or archaeology.	The avoidance of historic and archaeological features is considered in our site selection process. Impacts on such features will be considered and details provided in the PEIR and we will be consulting with Historic England and East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Historic Environment team on our approach.
Community benefits	Questions were asked as to what benefit there would be for the local communities and residents affected by the Project.	The companies behind Dogger Bank D - SSE Renewables and Equinor - have market leading community benefit programmes. These are tailored to individual communities and developments. These funds can make a valuable contribution to the local area by supporting a range of local projects. The development of a community benefit programme is separate to the planning process and would include independent consultation with the community to define local priorities at a later date.
<b>The feedback themes below relate to the retired Dogger Bank D onshore infrastructure proposals for a hydrogen production facility and the two shortlisted locations of Aldbrough and Saltend.</b>		
Locating the hydrogen production facility at Aldbrough	Those in support highlighted that the location is in a less populated area compared to Saltend and can be sited next to a proposed hydrogen storage facility. Concerns were raised about the area becoming industrialised and the impacts on habitats, traffic and transport movements and the rural way of life.	<p>The sites at Aldbrough and Saltend are no longer included as part of Dogger Bank D as the hydrogen production opportunity has been retired from the Project.</p> <p>Our site selection process for the current proposals will consider the most appropriate location development and take into account the environmental, human, land use, access and amenity impacts.</p>
Locating the hydrogen production facility at Saltend	Those in support highlighted that Saltend is already a heavy industrialised site with growth already underway, more accessible from Hull and locations further afield. Concerns were raised about the impact on environmental designations in the Humber, safety and security concerns and proximity to households in nearby Hedon and Paull.	

# Next steps

After the confirmation of a grid connection location in Spring 2024, we revised the proposals for Dogger Bank D and will present these for public consultation in Autumn 2024.

In the meantime, we will continue to engage with all stakeholders, including landowners and technical consultees.

We will be issuing regular project newsletters to keep you updated. If you would like to receive regular updates so that you can understand how it is developing, you can register your details via our website: [www.doggerbankd.com](http://www.doggerbankd.com)



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