DBS Offshore Wind

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Keeping you informed

Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms

Community Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the Dogger Bank South (DBS) community newsletter.

A big thank you to everyone who joined us at our public information day in Beverley in September. It was good to meet you, answer your questions and hear your views. Your feedback helps us understand what matters to you as the projects progress.

In this edition, we look ahead to pre-construction preparatory works at the site of the onshore converter stations near Bentley, explain what to expect locally and how you can stay informed. You'll also meet our new Community Liaison Officer, Lee Kilby, and hear from graduate Teigan Aitken about the exciting opportunity to learn first-hand about offshore wind through RWE's graduate programme.

We share discoveries from our archaeological digs near Skipsea and explore our environmental work. Meanwhile, pupils at Skipsea Primary School became archaeologists for the day, uncovering artefacts and discovering how science and engineering connect with the world around them.

We hope you enjoy catching up with our news.



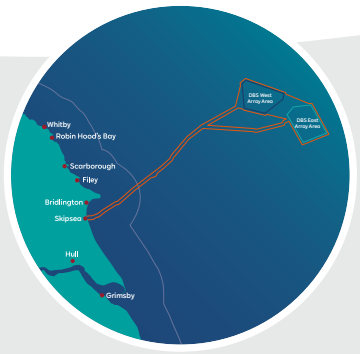
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Senior Consents Manager



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Project Director

Fast facts

DBS offshore wind farms



DBS is two projects:

- **DBS East**
- **DBS West**

Located over 100km off the north east coast of England.

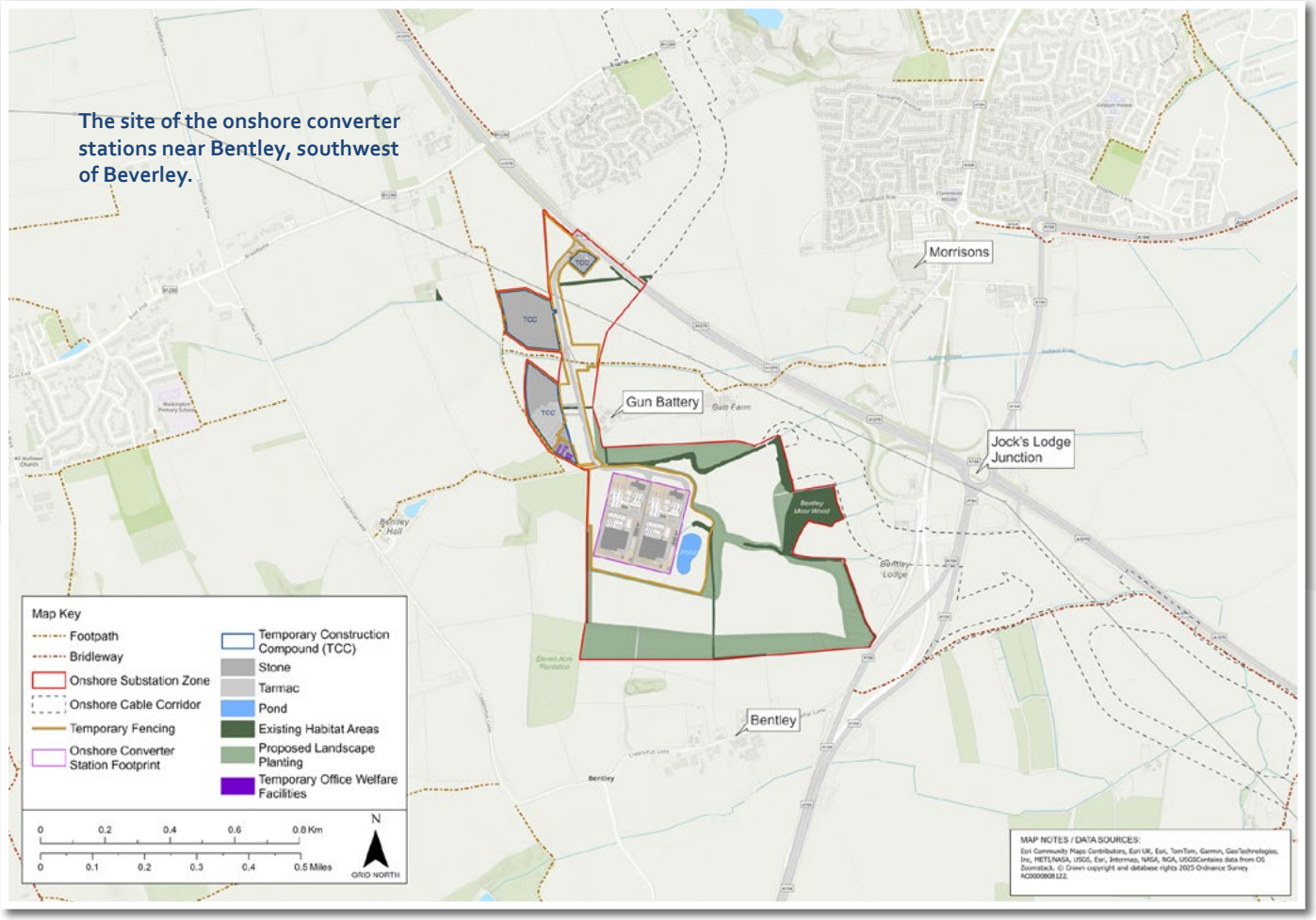
Combined capacity of ~ 3GW

Enough electricity for more than 3 million typical UK homes*

*Calculation based on 2020-2024 five-year rolling average offshore wind sector load factor, assuming typical UK household consumption, based on latest statistics from DUKES (2025) and ofgem (2026).

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DBS onshore converter stations work



The site of the onshore converter stations near Bentley, southwest of Beverley.

An overview of our onshore converter stations work

Essential pre-construction preparatory works in the vicinity of the onshore converter stations near Bentley will will begin in late 2026 and continue into early 2027.

Work in late 2026 will focus on facilitating the construction of a bell-mouth access from the A1079. In early 2027, work will focus on the installation of a new access road connecting the newly created bell-mouth to the site of the onshore converter stations.

In summary, pre-construction preparatory works scheduled for later this year will include:

- Environmental surveys
- Limited vegetation removal
- Work to facilitate the construction of a permanent bell-mouth entrance off the A1079
- Temporary fencing
- Installation of a temporary construction compound

The start of each phase of work will be communicated before before it begins.

Main construction work on the onshore converter stations, which will be led by our main construction contractor, Hitachi Energy, is anticipated is anticipated to start in summer 2027. More information will be shared in due course.

The impacts of our work

A1079

The A1079 will have a temporary 40 mph speed restriction for approximately 12 – 14 weeks during bell-mouth construction. The speed restriction will affect about 1 km of the road in the vicinity of the work.

In January 2027, and again at the end of this 12 – 14-week period, there will be a single lane closure overnight for up to seven days between 22:00-06:00. The road will remain open with appropriate traffic management measures in place.

The nearest layby to the north-west of the bell-mouth will be closed for the duration of the onshore converter station works – potentially up to four years. An additional layby along the A1079 may need to be closed for an eight-week period from January 2027, although this remains subject to further design refinement.

Footpath works

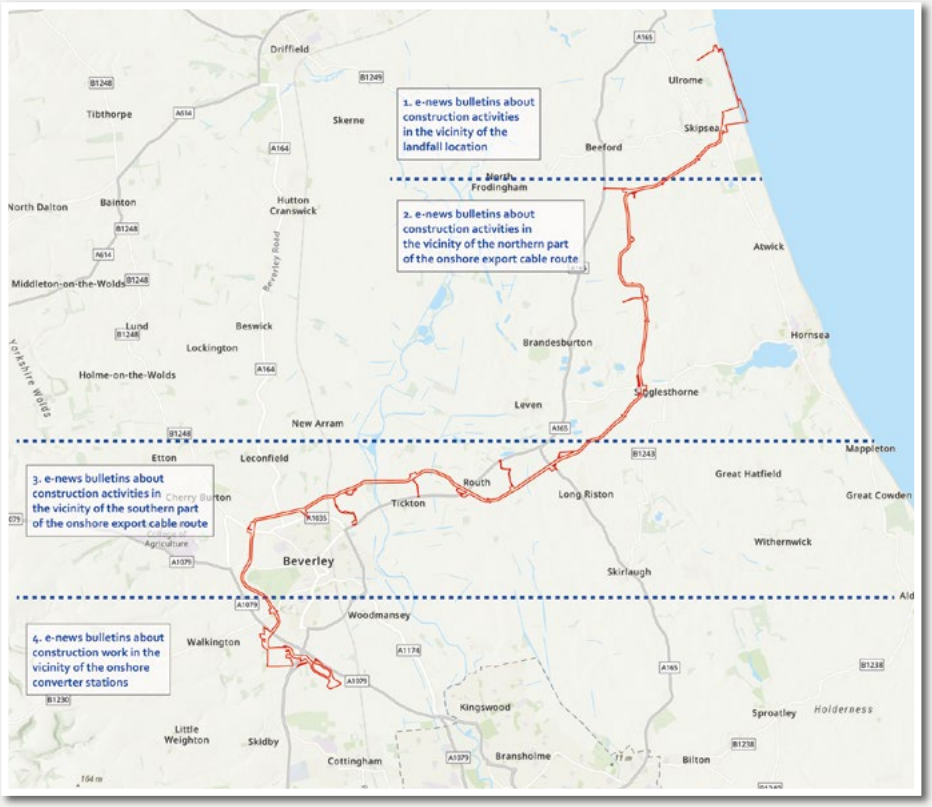
The footpath running east-west to the north of Butt Farm and the Gun Battery, located along the Autherd Drain, will be impacted by pre-construction preparatory works in spring 2027. A temporary diversion taking walkers to the south of the drain will be in place while a permanent diversion is constructed.

The permanent diversion has been agreed with East Riding of Yorkshire Council, and requires a ramp from the existing public right of way to cross the new permanent access road.

No other footpaths are currently expected to be affected.

Keeping you informed

As work progresses, we will update our website with the latest information. You can also sign up to our e-news bulletins to receive current construction updates by email and can select one, or all, of the four areas you are interested in receiving updates about. The bulletins are short and focused specifically on pre-construction and main construction activities happening in each area. You can unsubscribe at any time.



Onshore development boundaries and e-news bulletin areas.

Key

- **DCO Onshore Development Area**
- **Area 1** - landfall, Skipsea
- **Area 2** - onshore export cable north
- **Area 3** - onshore export cable south
- **Area 4** - onshore converter stations

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Public information day

A DBS public information day was held at Beverley Memorial Hall on 10 September.

The event was attended by 55 people and members of the team were on hand to answer questions about pre-construction preparatory works at the site of the onshore converter stations, near Bentley, southwest of Beverley.



Attendees also received an update on the proposed £1.06 million DBS community fund which will be launched around the start of main construction at the site of the onshore converter stations. They were able to view feedback gathered through the community fund consultation earlier this year. Copies of the consultation report and information about the proposed next steps for the fund were also available.

Earlier in the day, members of the team were outside Heron Foods on Toll Gavel, Beverley, where they met passing members of the public and answered their questions.

Public feedback

Feedback from the public information day was very positive, with 23 of 24 attendees who filled in an event survey form indicating that they found the event useful and that the information provided on upcoming pre-construction work was clear.

People's feedback is really important to us and we're committed to continuing to improve and evolve how we communicate and engage with local communities.

How we met our objectives for the event

- 23 out of 24 responders felt very, or fairly, clear about the next steps of the projects
- Most questions were fully answered; further detail was requested on routes, visuals and cumulative impacts
- Attendees welcomed guidance on where to find information online



Your communication preferences

Those filling out event survey forms identified email and online channels as favoured channels of communication, followed by post, social media and local media.

We will continue to make use of a variety of channels to share information about the projects.

Lee Kilby, Community Liaison Officer, said:

"We would like to thank people for taking the time to provide this feedback and the points raised will shape future engagement and online updates in the months ahead."

- The next public information day will take place early in the new year and will be announced around four-weeks in advance.
- Residents with questions about the projects or upcoming pre-construction activity can contact Lee Kilby, Community Liaison Officer for the DBS projects, by emailing dbs@rwe.com





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Skipsea Primary School children dig into the past.

Hands-on STEM inspires children of Skipsea

As part of our outreach work in the local community, we delivered a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) engagement day at Skipsea Primary School on 16 September.

Class 4 were given a hands-on introduction to the world of offshore wind, archaeology, and the onshore works connected to the DBS projects.

The session began with a classroom-based exploration of DBS: who we are, what we're building, and how the onshore construction programme will take shape in the East Riding of Yorkshire. The pupils were then introduced to archaeology in a presentation from Andy Coupe from AOC Archaeology.

To connect engineering with real-world discovery, students then went out 'into the field' and took part in a hands-on dig, led by Andy and supported by our education provider UKSTEM and members of the DBS team.

During the dig, the children uncovered several interesting artefacts and evidence of human settlements, including a piece of post-medieval pottery and some prehistoric flint that showed signs of human shaping during tool manufacture.

Andy Coupe said: "The tactile nature of the dig brought archaeology to life, and it was great to see the children so engaged and interested.

"Their natural curiosity took over quickly and they asked questions, compared finds, and tried to imagine who might have used the objects they discovered.

"All in all, it was a fantastic and thoroughly rewarding day."



Inspiring future careers

The day formed part of our wider commitment to community engagement, helping young people to understand the opportunities that major infrastructure projects can create. By blending engineering, archaeology, and environmental learning, the session helped sow early seeds of interest in renewable energy and archaeology, as well as in other key areas of STEM.

Laura Smith, a teacher at Skipsea Primary School, said:

"We're really grateful to DBS, AOC and UKSTEM for providing such an amazing opportunity for the children. Engaging and hands-on experiences like this, where the children are learning about careers as well as applying STEM skills are priceless and the children had a wonderful time!"





The dig uncovered a piece of post-medieval pottery.

Meet our new Community Liaison Officer



We are pleased to welcome Lee Kilby to the team as our new Community Liaison Officer.

Lee has over 21 years' experience in communications and engagement, primarily in the public sector where he has worked closely with a range of local communities and key stakeholders during project and incident response work.

Lee said: "I am very pleased to be starting this role for DBS and meeting people from the communities in the East Riding who have a keen interest in the work that is being undertaken.

"I am the projects' representative for the community and will take all questions, feedback and concerns shared with me seriously, sourcing appropriate responses in a timely fashion."

Lee will work closely with Taylor Williams, Stakeholder Manager and Karen Boud, Communications Manager.

Contact Lee Kilby by emailing dbs@rwe.com



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From North Wales to the top of a turbine

Teigan Aitken, 24, grew up in Rhyl on the North Wales coast, a place where several offshore wind projects have shaped the local landscape and brought visible community benefits.

She is one year into RWE's graduate programme, having started a six-month rotation in September 2026 on the DBS team.

With a BSc in Astrophysics from St Andrews and an MSc in Renewable Energy from Exeter, Teigan's academic path reflects a long-standing fascination with science and the transition to clean energy.

Hands on with construction

Teigan's role in the team focuses on the onshore cable route, the required crossing permits and ensuring compliance across this complex and fast moving construction environment.

She describes the experience simply: "I love it. I never thought I'd work in an industry where I would have the opportunity to stand on top of a wind turbine.

"Expecting the unexpected, and handling the responsibility that comes with it, has shaped my understanding of what large scale renewable projects demand and what they can deliver for communities."

Advice for future graduates

Teigan encourages anyone considering a career in renewables to "do your research; understand your employer's values and how they align with your own and apply with confidence."

She highlights RWE's strong focus on personal development as one of the programme's major benefits, a place where curiosity, ambition, and initiative genuinely open doors.

Looking ahead

Teigan's long-term goal is clear: she wants to run a large project, and her time with DBS is giving her the grounding, exposure, and operational understanding to build towards that future.

Life beyond the turbines

Outside of work, Teigan plays rugby for Kenilworth RUFC, bringing the same energy and commitment to the pitch that she brings to offshore wind.



Specialists carry out a set piece excavation as part of DBS's archaeological mitigation plan.

© AOC Archaeology.

Archaeology update

In August this year we started work on a series of archaeological digs at the DBS projects' landfall near Skipsea.

Known as 'set piece excavations', the work builds on the trial trenching work carried out earlier in the year and further investigates areas of archaeological interest that have been identified.

The first of three large areas has been excavated covering 0.81 hectares, and forms part of an archaeological mitigation plan that must be completed before main construction work can begin.

During the trial trenching, several undated pits were found, and although they did not contain datable artefacts, several contained charred cereal grains that will have been waste products from cooking and indicate that the pits are of human origin.

In one of the trenches, deposits were also uncovered that suggest the location of a silted-up former pond. There is increasing evidence in the East Riding of Yorkshire of prehistoric activity near to these damp locations which might once have been good sources of fish, fowl, water and reeds.

The ongoing excavation work will investigate the area more fully to better understand the character of the activity taking place. So far, we have identified three large pond features and a multitude of small pits like those encountered during the trenching. This supports the theory that the landfall site contained several watery hollows during prehistory and that these became focal points for human activity. We hope to use scientific dating techniques to clarify the precise date.

We have also encountered a large enclosure ditch which we suspect is Roman, although few datable artefacts have so far been recovered.



Consents and ecological work

Minimising the impact of our work on local ecology, wildlife and communities remains central to everything we do.

For several years now, the DBS consents team has been working with this exact goal in mind: how to deliver projects which have the least detrimental effect on the local environment, wildlife and communities in the East Riding area.

We achieve this by reviewing maps, commissioning surveys and assessments and consulting with local landowners, stakeholders and regulators. This helps us to understand where the most sensitive land types and habitats are located so that we can plot a route or choose locations for our development which avoids them.

One of our key ecological concerns is avoiding impacts on protected species, including badgers and water voles and various bird species. Despite numerous surveys, no evidence has been found of the the presence of badger setts at the site of the onshore converter stations, or water voles along any nearby watercourses, thereby ruling out concern for these species.

We also aim to minimise the impacts on the environment by avoiding sensitive habitats or designated sites.

After construction work is over, land temporarily required for the cable installation (beyond the onshore converter stations site boundary) will be reinstated, allowing farmers to continue to farm their land. We have committed to improving Bentley Moor ancient woodland through a 30-year management plan.

This work by our specialist teams and contractors demonstrates our commitment to respecting local communities whilst bringing new sources of renewable energy to the country.





Image: The Triton Knoll offshore wind farm, operated by RWE (not intended to represent the size or scale of the DBS offshore wind farms).

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Our new e-newsletter



We'll soon be distributing an electronic version of our community newsletter, providing another way to stay informed about the DBS projects.

You will receive it if you have already provided us with your email address, although you can unsubscribe at any time.

If you would prefer not to receive a printed copy, please register online for our new e-newsletter by scanning the QR code or contacting us at dbs@rwe.com

If you have any questions about the DBS projects or would like more information on anything in this newsletter, please get in touch using the contact details below.

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