DBS Offshore Wind

Keeping you informed

Spring 2026

Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms

Community Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to this edition of the Dogger Bank South (DBS) community newsletter. There have been some significant milestones for the projects in recent months, including a major development consent decision from the UK Government, progress on our community fund and education activities, and new leadership for the project team.

In this update, we share what these developments mean for the local area and how we'll continue to keep you informed and involved as DBS moves towards construction.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

If you have any questions about the DBS projects, we encourage you to contact us by email at dbs@rwe.com, by phone at 0800 254 5459, or by post at FREEPOST DBSOWF.



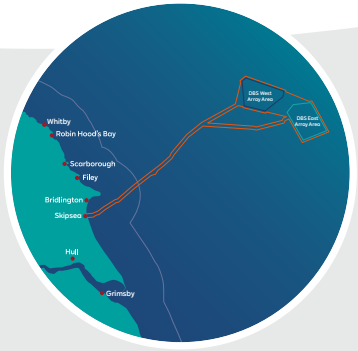
Thomas Tremlett
Senior Consents Manager



Adam Ezzamel
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 around 3 million typical UK homes*

*Calculation based on 2021 generation, and assuming average (mean) annual household consumption of 3,509 kWh, based on latest statistics from Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (Subnational Electricity and Gas Consumption Statistics Regional and Local Authority, Great Britain, 2021, Mean domestic electricity consumption (kWh per meter) by country/region, Great Britain, 2021).

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Development Consent Order decision

We are pleased to confirm that on 14 May 2026 the UK Government approved the Development Consent Order (DCO) for the two Dogger Bank South (DBS) offshore wind farms.

Copies of the DCO decision are available to view online on the Planning Inspectorate website and as hard copies at local libraries until at least 01 July 2026. A hard copy is also available to view at RWE's head office in Swindon by emailing us on dbs@rwe.com to arrange an appointment.

This approval follows the projects' success in securing Contracts for Difference (CfD) with the UK Government in Allocation Round 7 (AR7) in January 2026. These CfDs provide the route to market for the electricity that will be generated by the projects once they are operational.

Planning Inspectorate website:

https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010125

Local libraries hosting printed copies of the DBS DCO

Beverley Library
Champney Road
Beverley HU17 8HE

Monday: 9:30am - 4:30pm
Tuesday: 9:30am - 6:30pm
Wednesday: 9:30am - 4:30pm
Thursday: Closed
Friday: 9:30am - 4:30pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 4pm
Sunday: Closed

Bridlington Central Library
King Street
Bridlington YO15 2DF

Monday: 9:30am - 5pm
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 9:30am - 6pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 3pm
Friday: Closed
Saturday: 9:30am - 1pm
Sunday: Closed

Bridlington Community Hub
1st Floor
2a Marshall Avenue
Bridlington YO15 2DS

Monday: 10am - 4:30pm
Tuesday: 10am - 4:30pm
Wednesday: 10am - 4:30pm
Thursday: Closed
Friday: Closed
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: Closed

Greenwood Avenue Library
Greenwood Avenue
Hull HU6 9RA

Monday: 10am - 12:30pm and 2pm - 5 pm
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 10am - 12:30pm and 2pm - 6:30pm
Thursday: Closed
Friday: 10am - 12:30pm and 2pm - 5pm
Saturday: 10am - 1pm
Sunday: Closed

Hornsea Library and Customer Services
Hornsea Hub
Broadway
Hornsea HU18 1PZ

Monday: 9:30am - 4:30pm
Tuesday: 12:30am - 6:30pm
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 9:30am - 1:30pm
Friday: 9:30am - 4:30pm
Saturday: 9:30am - 12:30pm
Sunday: Closed

Leven Library
74 East Street
Leven HU17 5NG

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 10:30am -12:30pm and 3:30pm - 7pm
Thursday: Closed
Friday: Closed
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: Closed

Next steps

There is still a great deal of work to do as we prepare the DBS projects for their next phase.

We have already started to put in place the measures required to meet the conditions associated with the DCO. This will continue alongside preparation of the detailed final designs and procurement activities, with the aim of taking a final investment decision (FID) in 2027.

In the meantime, we are planning some early enabling works around the site of the onshore converter stations near Bentley, ahead of main construction starting in spring 2027.

These enabling works could include:

- Erection of safety fencing
- Limited vegetation clearance and soil stripping
- Construction of a bell-mouth entrance to the future converter station site off the A1079
- Creation of access roads from the A1079 to the future location of the converter stations
- Works to form construction compounds

We will share more detailed information about timing and any temporary impacts as plans are finalised.

Keeping you informed

Communities remain at the forefront of our thinking as we move towards construction.

We are committed to working closely with your community representatives, including parish councils and East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC), to keep residents and businesses informed about our activities. We have developed a detailed communications plan for the construction period which will be shared with the Local Liaison Committees and ERYC for feedback.

The plan sets out how we will keep you updated, including but not limited to:

- Public Information Days
- Dedicated construction web pages
- An option to sign up for regular electronic news alerts about activities in your local area
- Engagement with local media

Our existing contact methods will remain in place (24-hour telephone number, freepost address and email), and there will also be a dedicated Local Liaison Officer for the projects, whom we will introduce in a future edition of this newsletter.

We will, of course, continue to produce this newsletter in both hard copy and digital formats.

Contact us

Freephone: 0800 254 5459

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Freepost: FREEPOST DBSOWF

Website: www.doggerbanksouth.co.uk

Meet the new Project Director

As we move into this next phase, we are pleased to welcome Adam Ezzamel as the new DBS Project Director.

Adam brings a wealth of experience, having worked in the energy sector since 2005 and exclusively in the offshore wind industry since 2012. Before joining RWE in 2023, he held project leadership roles with several offshore wind developers, and since then he has worked in a range of senior positions within RWE's offshore wind development team.

Adam said, "I am delighted to take on the role of Project Director for the DBS projects at such an exciting time. In January, both projects successfully secured Contracts for Difference



in Auction Round 7 and we have recently secured another key milestone: approval for the Development Consent Order (DCO). This is a critical step required to move DBS from development into delivery, and I'm proud to be leading a highly capable and committed team as we approach this next phase."

Community fund update

Between 27 January and 27 March 2026, we ran a public consultation inviting residents living near the proposed converter stations to share their views on how a £1,060,000 community fund should be designed and used to support local communities.

People were able to share ideas via online and hard copy surveys, and we held events in Little Weighton and Walkington where residents could discuss their suggestions directly with members of the project team.

The response was excellent, with more than 500 submissions. This feedback is now being used to help shape the fund's priorities, eligibility criteria and how it will be administered. Thank you to everyone who took the time to contribute — your ideas will be central to designing the fund over the coming months and outcomes from the consultation will be shared with communities in the autumn.

Education update

We continue to enjoy working with local schools to support science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) education.

Through our education partner UKSTEM, we have:

- Delivered STEM workshops to primary pupils, focused on offshore wind and renewable energy
- Provided training to teaching staff to support their continuing professional development
- Supplied 'kit boxes' containing resources such as model wind turbines, voltmeters, cables and protractors so schools can run their own sessions in future

By February 2026, UKSTEM had delivered the **Supergrid Challenge** to 1,264 pupils through primary school sessions, ColliderFest 2025, Humber STEM events and outreach with members of the public at STEM events.



Supergrid is a hands-on wind turbine design challenge where participants work in teams to become the most efficient energy provider. Power outputs from all teams are displayed simultaneously via the Supergrid software, creating a fun and competitive atmosphere.

Colliderfest 2026



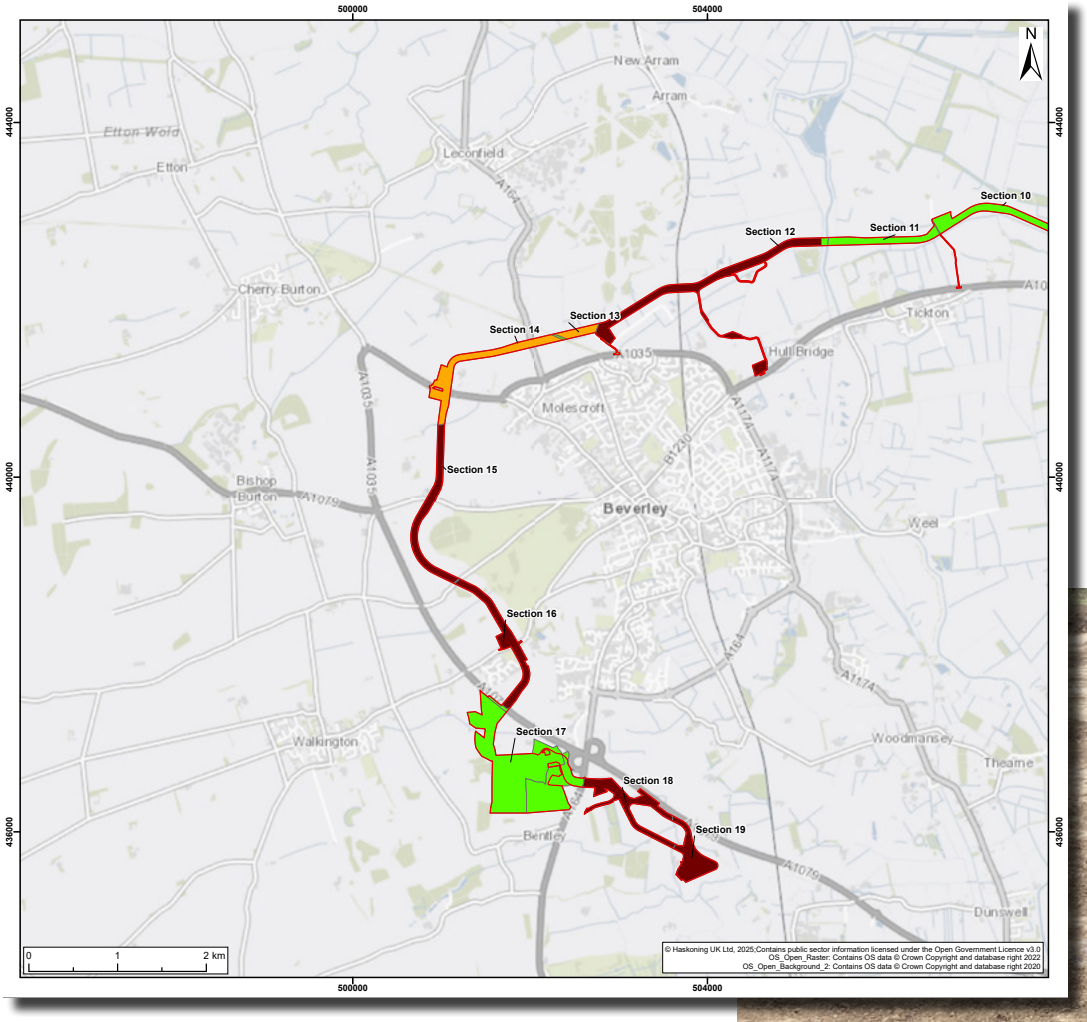
In March, UKSTEM took the Supergrid Challenge to Hull ColliderFest 2026.

Our stand attracted strong interest throughout the event, with over 230 children and their parents taking part in the challenge. Many participants returned multiple times to try to improve their scores and test new ideas for turbine design.

Our work with schools and education partners is an important part of our community benefit package, and we will continue to support STEM education across the region as the projects progress.

Archaeology

Our final phase (phase 4) of archaeological trial trenching along the onshore cable route started on 05 May and is expected to be completed in September 2026.



Key

- Onshore Development Area

Trenching Section

- Phase 1 and 2 - Reporting Complete
- Phase 3 - Fieldwork Complete
- Phase 4



We are investigating five parts of the southern section of the cable route, around Beverley and in the approaches to the new National Grid Substation at Birkhill Wood.

At the onshore converter station zone, between May and September this year, we are carrying out a final phase of archaeological excavations prior to the start of construction. During these works we have already uncovered a substantial network of linear paleochannels; these are extinct river systems and hollows in the landscape. The excavations recorded colluvial flood deposits in the upper layers of the channels, which demonstrates that they had seasonal flooding events.

We have encountered evidence for human activity associated with the channels, including multiple fire pits along the fringes of the geological features. We have also retrieved multiple lithic (flint) artefacts from the upper flood deposits; these represent debitage and flakes from flint knapping activity (a process to make flint tools such as blades). On initial inspection, the lithics date from the Mesolithic to the Neolithic period. We are therefore looking at early prehistoric human activity in the landscape, where humans possibly utilised the network of channels and seasonal waterlogged/flooded areas. In two areas we have encountered occupation activity dating to the Romano-British period, with trackways and ditch enclosures that that produced sherds of domestic handmade ware pottery.

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to watch a short film from BBC Bitsize.



Mesolithic and Neolithic flints.

Colluvial flood deposits.

Offshore Environment

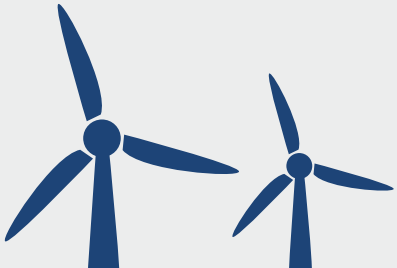
Haskoning, our specialist offshore archaeological consultant, has recently completed an updated offshore geoarchaeological assessment. This work is based on samples of rock and sediment collected from many metres below the seabed.

The assessment helps build a clearer picture of how Doggerland – the now-submerged landscape beneath the North Sea – changed over hundreds of thousands of years. It traces how repeated cycles of glaciation, sea-level rise and exposure, gradually shaped Doggerland into what we now know as the Dogger Bank.

By studying these buried landscapes and sediments, we can also learn more about the people who may have lived there when the area was dry land. The assessment recommends further analysis of the samples to better understand when sand and peat layers were laid down, and which plant species may have been present at the time.

Alongside this work, the offshore team has started preparing a number of documents and plans required under the project consents. These include monitoring plans for areas such as seabed (benthic) habitats, fish ecology and the marine physical environment, as well as a final Written Scheme of Investigation for offshore archaeology.

A series of meetings is now taking place with expert regulators and other stakeholders to discuss and refine these plans and documents.



Supporting guillemot populations

As part of our consenting requirements, DBS must address potential impacts on common guillemot.

We are therefore exploring conservation measures, including removing invasive mammalian predators (such as rats), a proven way to help seabird colonies recover.

Working with specialist restoration ecologists, we are assessing sites where rat removal could significantly boost guillemot populations. In April, we consulted on two potential locations in Scotland where specific conditions mean we could have a significant, long-lasting positive impact on the survival of guillemot chicks; local attendance was strong and feedback was positive.

We are now undertaking detailed investigations and will use these findings and local feedback to select a preferred conservation site in the coming months. Further updates will be provided in future newsletters and on our website.



Specialised detection dogs will help to detect rats and map out rat hotspots.

Where can we host rat eradication projects to support guillemots?

Ideal locations have:

- Existing guillemot nesting colonies
- Space and suitable terrain for colonies to expand
- Proven rat predation on guillemot eggs and chicks
- Island settings (to reduce rat reinvasion)
- Landowner permission
- Support from residents



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