



24<sup>th</sup> October 2016

## **Abnormal loads on the road in Suffolk**

- ***Electrical components being transported to Gallopoper onshore substation site near Sizewell***
- ***Journeys planned for 26<sup>h</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> October and the 3<sup>rd</sup> November***
- ***Components will support delivery of clean, renewable electricity to thousands of homes***

Gallopoper Offshore Wind Farm is advising motorists that some abnormal loads will be taking to Suffolk's roads this week (w/c 24<sup>th</sup> October) and next week (w/c 31<sup>st</sup> October). The loads include two electrical transformers and two electrical reactors, all destined for the Gallopoper Wind Farm onshore substation in Sizewell.

Specifically the following components for the onshore substation are planned to be transported between 12 noon and 4.30pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October - two electrical transformers in convey.
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - one shunt reactor.
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – one shunt reactor.

Each of the deliveries will have an escort provided by heavy-load specialists Collet and Sons Ltd, who will be coordinating the deliveries and transporting them from their Immingham Terminal to Sizewell, at speeds expected to be no greater than 20 miles per hour.

Route of the deliveries from A14 onwards:

- Continue straight onto A14: 45.8 miles
- Take the slip road to Lowestoft/Woodbridge/A12 N/Ipswich/A1156: 0.2 miles
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto A12: 1.7 miles
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on A12: 0.9 miles
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on A12: 0.4 miles
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on A12: 0.4 miles
- At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit and stay on A12: 1.5 miles
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit and stay on A12: 0.9 miles
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Grove Rd/A12, Continue to follow A12: 0.9 miles
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit and stay on A12: 15.8 miles
- Turn right onto Middleton Rd/B1122, Continue to follow B1122: 4.7 miles
- Turn left onto Lovers Ln: 1.4 miles
- Continue straight onto Sizewell Gap: 0.9 miles

Galloper and Collet and Sons Ltd have co-ordinated the task to keep traffic disruption and public inconvenience to a minimum. Subject to there being no operational or external reasons for change, all of the deliveries will be made on the specified dates, times and routes.

Galloper Wind Farm Project Director, Toby Edmonds said: "We are genuinely sorry for any delays and disruption the deliveries might cause but it is essential that the journeys are trouble free. These components will be vital to enable electricity generated by Galloper Offshore Wind Farm to reach homes and business. Once operational in 2018, the wind farm will be capable of generating enough energy for over 300,000 homes.

He added: "Collet and Sons Ltd recently transported the National Grid transformer to the onshore site in Sizewell. The components being transported over the next couple of weeks will be smaller than the National Grid Transformer and will be transported at faster speeds. These will also be the final abnormal load deliveries to the onshore site."

For more information about the Galloper Wind Farm visit: [www.galloperwindfarm.com](http://www.galloperwindfarm.com)

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#### Notes to editor

**Galloper Offshore Wind Farm** is an extension of the existing and fully operational Greater Gabbard Wind Farm off the coast of Suffolk. The wind farm represents an expected investment potential of around £1.5 billion. It is estimated that the average annual generation expected at the site will be equivalent to the approximate domestic needs of around 336,000 average UK households<sup>1</sup>. Following Financial Close of the project in October 2015 the GWFL project announced the equal joint equity partnership of 25% each between RWE Innogy UK (now innogy SE), UK Green Investment Bank, Siemens Financial Services and Macquarie Capital.

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<sup>1</sup> Energy predicted to be generated by the proposal is derived using wind speeds monitored in the local area and correlating to suitable reanalysis weather data providing longer term data. The calculations are based on an installed capacity of up to 336MW. The energy capture predicted and hence derived homes equivalent or emissions savings figures may change as further data are gathered. Equivalent homes supplied is based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4500 kWh. This figure is supported by recent domestic electricity consumption data available from The Digest of UK Energy Statistics and household figures from the UK Statistics Authority.