

TRITON KNOLL PRESS RELEASE

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Project's 'healthy' safety record unlocks cash boost for Grimsby foodbank

- Donations recognise over 2 million hours of safe working⁽¹⁾ by project team
- Charity says business support is vital as demand for services rockets.

A top safety record at Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm is helping a local Grimsby foodbank during what is proving to be one of their toughest times.

The nationally significant infrastructure project being built by innogy⁽¹⁾ in Lincolnshire is making separate donations of £2,000 each to both The Rock Foundation in Grimsby and the Boston foodbank, as a gesture to mark the project working safely for more than 2million hours.

Staff on the wind farm project were keen that their recognition of this achievement helped local good causes, and so the foodbanks which support local people in food poverty in some of the most deprived areas in the region were selected to receive the donations.

One of the projects, The Rock Foundation, operates foodbanks in Grimsby, and provides learning support for 90 young pupils with learning difficulties. But the project says the impact of the current coronavirus crisis has caused a huge rise in demand, while stretching resources to the limit.

Project director for Triton Knoll and innogy, Julian Garnsey said: *"We've all seen in the media that fighting food poverty is hard enough without the added challenges that these uncertain times have brought, and we feel that the foodbank charities that work so hard to help local people deserve all the help we can give them."*

"The safety and welfare of our teams is a top priority for us, and so I'm pleased that we are also able to do something to help support the welfare of the more vulnerable people in our local communities."

Founder and CEO of The Rock Foundation, Pam Hodge, said that the support of local businesses is vital to the long term survival of local charities and their work with the most vulnerable members of society.

She said: *"In the last two weeks, we've dealt with 1,296 clients needing food, with each of those people going away with a food parcel suitable for 9 meals. This is a huge increase over 700 from this time last year– it's gone crazy with the amount of people needing help."*

"Donations like this will help the foodbank tremendously. At this time, charities are under more pressure than ever and we really need more of this kind of support if we're to keep going and still be around after the Corona crisis is over."

If you want to help, you can contact the charity at office@rockfoundation.org.uk or call 01472 488026.

Triton Knoll is dedicated to becoming one of the safest projects in construction (1) and has put health and safety performance at the very top of its priority list. It promotes a culture that encourages all members of the team and contractors to Start Safe and Act Safe, to get Home Safe.

Since construction officially started in September 2018 and before the spread of the coronavirus, the project had not had a single member of its team unable to return to work as a result of an incident or accident. For a project installing and constructing high voltage electrical infrastructure, installing over 300 kilometres of underground cable and completing more than 774 specialist drills beneath, roads, rivers and beaches, it's an impressive performance.

Triton Knoll is a state-of-the-art, 857MW offshore wind farm, consisting of 90 of the world's most powerful turbines, and representing a significant investment in new UK energy infrastructure. Located 32km off the Lincolnshire coast, Triton Knoll is the largest offshore wind farm currently in construction by innogy (2) and, once fully operational, will be capable generating renewable energy equivalent to the needs of over 800,000 typical UK households. (3)

For more information about the project, please visit: www.tritonknoll.co.uk

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(1) As a responsible employer, our top priority is to ensure that all of our staff, contractors and members of the public can stay safe and well throughout this unprecedented time. Along with other UK construction projects, we have been requested to continue building the critical energy infrastructure that our society needs to function while carefully following government guidance. Some activities on this nationally significant electricity infrastructure project are critical and cannot be undertaken remotely, for example, the safe commissioning of our onshore assets in line with national grid timelines, and the safe operation of the offshore construction site. In line with UK government guidance we are continuing these works using revised working procedures, and have implemented a number of control measures which will ensure our commitment to protecting our staff and the public's safety and welfare.

(2) Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm is owned by innogy (59%), J-Power (25%) and Kansai Electric Power (16%), with innogy managing the construction as well as the long term operation and maintenance works, on behalf of its project partners.

(3) Energy Generation - It is estimated that the average annual generation expected at the site could be equivalent to the approximate domestic needs of an expected minimum of 800,000 average UK households. Energy predicted to be generated by the proposal is derived using wind speeds monitored in the local area and correlated with long term reference data. The energy capture predicted, and hence derived homes equivalent figure may change as further data are gathered. Equivalent homes supplied is based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4100 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 National Statistics Authority.