

# Survey Response Document

## Statutory Consultation Feedback Form

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## Offshore

### **1. Do you have any comments on our offshore proposals?**

See pages 20 to 25 of the statutory consultation brochure for a summary of the offshore proposals.

#### **Answer:**

Lockington Parish Council has grave concerns over the impact on the marine environment and wishes that appropriate measures are taken to minimise this during the lifetime of the project. We would like to understand the controls and mitigation measures that will be in place to mitigate these concerns.

When turbines are in commission, what measures will be in place to minimise potential bird strikes? This includes local sea bird colonies and seasonally migrating land-based populations.

### **2. Do you have any comments on specific offshore topics such as fisheries, marine ecology or shipping and navigation?**

See pages 26 to 32 of the statutory consultation brochure for a summary of the offshore topics.

#### **Answer:**

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## Onshore

Refer to the onshore map for the location of the landfall point, the cable corridor, and the two possible zones to locate the converter station.

### Landfall

#### **3. Do you have any comments on the selected location for the landfall point and the proposed method for bringing the cables ashore?**

See pages 36 and 37 of the statutory consultation brochure for the landfall proposals.

#### **Answer:**

Are there any alternative landfall points and related cable routes that have less impact on the environment and local population?

We are comfortable with the proposed method of bringing the cables ashore and connecting them to the “Transition Joint Bay and Link Box.”

### Onshore cable corridor

We have selected an onshore export cable corridor from the landfall to the National Grid substation at Birkhill Wood.

#### **4. Do you have any comments on the proposed onshore export cable corridor?**

See page 38 to 42 of the statutory consultation brochure for a summary of the cable corridor proposals.

#### **Answer:**

We do have serious concerns about the proposed cable corridor and access routes around Aike and Lockington.

Aike Road, along which all access traffic to Aike would pass, is a single-track road with passing places. It passes over the infamous “Lockington Level crossing” and has deep dykes along much of its length, with areas of quite severe subsidence. It is already a busy road with heavy agricultural traffic and horse boxes, and is unsuitable for any additional project-related traffic.

We also have serious concerns regarding the cable route and access roads in and around Lockington, where this interacts with Bealeys Beck/Moor Beck and Bealeys Plantation. This is a local beauty spot within a Conservation Village, and residents have significant concerns about the disruption and the quality of the restoration work.

## **Cable Installation Methods**

For most of the route, the onshore export cables will be buried underground using open-cut methods. However, trenchless techniques may be used at certain key locations, such as major road crossings, where appropriate, to help minimise disruption.

### **5. Do you have any comments on the proposed construction methods for installing the underground onshore export cables?**

See page 43 of the statutory consultation brochure for a summary of the construction methods.

#### **Answer:**

We have concerns about the width of the proposed Construction Corridors.

In the “Statutory Consultation Document”, Page 43, the corridor width stated for the HVDC cable is “typically 32 metres”.

At the various public meetings held during this consultation period, typical corridor widths of 50 to 80 metres were quoted. The width of the cable corridor will have a significant impact on both Aike and Lockington. Is there anything that can be done to minimise this?

We also have concerns about the impact of “Horizontal Directional Drilling” (HDD) when used to pass cables beneath established watercourses, particularly those that are surrounded by well-established woods and protected chalk and gravel streams, which are rare and precious. At their brilliant best, these chalk streams are endowed with cool, crystal-clear, mineral-rich waters that support a vibrant community of plant and animal life. Such is the diversity and abundance of the biota of our chalk streams that they have been spoken of as “England's Rain Forests”. The onus is firmly on us to look after them – we are referring here to Bealeys Beck/Moor Beck/Bealeys Plantation.

Another area of concern is where the cable route would cross (utilising HDD), the River Hull and the Beverley and Barmston Drain to the South-East of Aike.

Are the capabilities of the HDD process such that the cables could be tunnelled beneath such combined “obstacles” without causing any damage to either the watercourses or to any associated woodland, without damaging the roots of established trees?

When using HDD for the above two situations, to what extent and depth is the HDD technique and equipment able to operate, to avoid any possible environmental damage?

## **Onshore Converter Station Zones**

Two Onshore Converter Station zones (Zone 4 and Zone 8) are presented for flexibility at this stage. The Onshore Converter Station zone will house the onshore converter station and the Energy Storage and Balancing Infrastructure which will store excess energy.

### **6. Do you have any comments on Zone 4 or Zone 8?**

See page 44 to 47 of the statutory consultation brochure for a summary of the proposals for Zone 4 and Zone 8.

#### **Answer:**

No comments other than as noted in our response to Question 3 (Landfall).

## Onshore Topics

### 7. Do you have any comments on specific onshore topics such as ecology and ornithology, landscape and visual impacts or traffic and transport?

See pages 48 to 53 of the statutory consultation brochure for a summary of the onshore proposals.

#### Answer:

There appear to be some issues with the environmental consultants who have been appointed and scheduled to visit properties affected. In many cases, these scheduled visits (scheduled in weekly time slots) do not happen. - There appears to be little control by, and feedback from, the DBD environmental management team.

On page 50 of the Statutory Consultation document, it states that the project “Will follow best practice by implementing an “EcoMP” and a “LMP” which will include restoring and enhancing habitats, replacing trees etc”

Does this statement apply to trees removed and habitats displaced during the creation of the Access routes, as well as the main cable routes?

Are we correct in our interpretation of the above-quoted passage that any trees removed during the construction of the main cable route and access routes would be replaced by the same variety and size of trees as those removed initially? – That is our understanding of what “restoring” would imply.

We have concerns about the impact of any additional traffic that could be using Aike Road as one of the presently proposed access routes. This also applies to the access routes associated with Bealey's Beck in Lockington.

We have already covered this in our responses to questions 3 and 4.

Aike road, along which all access traffic to Aike would pass, is a single-track road with passing places, passes over the infamous “Lockington Level crossing”, has deep dykes along much of its length and has areas of quite severe subsidence. It is a road already busy with heavy agricultural traffic and horse boxes, and unsuitable for any additional project-related traffic.

## Environment

### 8. Do you have any comments on ways to enhance the local environment?

This could include ideas for landscaping, protecting scenic views, supporting wildlife conservation, supporting local environmental events or preserving sensitive areas such as recreational routes, nature reserves, and tourist spots.

#### Answer:

Our initial response would be not to damage it in the first place!

Where the cable route has to pass through (under) watercourses and sensitive areas, and HDD is used, then the length and depth of the drill channel should be such that any damage to the immediate surrounding habitat is avoided.

We think that “protecting scenic views”, “supporting wildlife conservation”, etc, should go without saying, and the focus should be on preserving the existing natural habitat and environment, rather than any artificial “enhancement”.

## **Preliminary Environmental Information Report**

We have published a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), explaining the Project, its possible environmental effects, and ways to reduce them. The PEIR is available at [www.doggerbankd.com](http://www.doggerbankd.com).

### **9. Do you have any comments on the Project's PEIR?**

You may want to comment on the types and levels of assessments conducted on specific topics, the preliminary findings, or whether the proposed mitigation measures seem appropriate. Please be as specific as possible and reference relevant chapters or documents.

**Answer:**

No further comment, other than already explained in our responses to the earlier questions.

## **Commitments Register**

We have provided a Commitments Register which sets out our proposed measures to avoid, prevent and where possible mitigate effects. You can find it on our website at [www.doggerbankd.com](http://www.doggerbankd.com), Volume 2, Appendix 6.3.

### **10. Are there any new commitments or changes to existing commitments that you would like the Project to consider?**

**Answer:**

No further comment, other than already explained in our responses to the earlier questions.

## **Outline Management Plans**

Outline Management Plans have been prepared for consultation alongside the PEIR. These plans outline how the relevant commitments will be managed throughout the different phases of the Project. You can find these on our website at [www.doggerbankd.com](http://www.doggerbankd.com).

### **11. Do you have any comments on the measures proposed within the Outline Management Plans?**

**Answer:**

No further comment, other than already explained in our responses to the earlier questions.

## **Community**

### **12. Do you have any suggestions on potential benefits to the community and how we can support local initiatives?**

**Answer:**

The Project should do everything possible to minimise any disruption or damage to the local environment.

**Other comments**

**13. Do you have any other comments you think we should consider or feedback on the Project proposals?**

**Answer:**

Are there any alternative landfall points and related cable routes that have less impact on the environment and local population?

**Please provide details:**

**I am concerned about climate change (sometimes called global warming)**

**Answer:**

Strongly agree

**I support offshore wind as a source of energy**

**Answer:**

Strongly agree

**I believe that offshore wind has a vital role to play in the UK's energy future**

**Answer:**

Agree

**I believe communities should benefit from energy projects close to them**

**Answer:**

Strongly agree

**I found the information shared about Dogger Bank D clear and easy to understand**

**Answer:**

Disagree

**I believe that the project team has engaged in an open and transparent way**

**Answer:**

Neutral

**How did you find out about this consultation? You can choose more than one.**

**Answer:**

I received a letter  
I received an e-newsletter  
I saw a digital advert  
I saw an advert in the local press  
Someone told me about the consultation  
I saw the consultation materials at one of the deposit locations  
I saw a post on social media

**Our aim is to ensure our consultation events and materials are welcoming and materials are accessible to everyone. The deadline to submit feedback is 11.59pm on Tuesday 5 August 2025.**

Providing personal details overleaf is optional, but it helps us understand the views of people in specific areas (using postcode data) and ensures we meet community needs during the consultation process. Any personal information you provide will be stored in accordance with our data protection policy.

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## Respondents Details

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## Demographic Data

### Postcode

YO25 9SH

### How old are you?

65 or over

### E-Newsletters

Subscribed

### Events

Subscribed



**Postal**

Subscribed

**Telephone**

Unsubscribed

**SMS**

Unsubscribed

**IP Address**

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