

Welcome to the second Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm newsletter.

This newsletter is intended to update you on the development of the wind farm and includes information on how you can take part in our first public consultation, visit our online exhibition, as well as the date, time and locations of public exhibitions we are hosting in the local area.



PROJECT FACTS

- **Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm** is a proposed extension to the operational Galloper Offshore Wind Farm located in the Southern North Sea.
- **Up to 79 turbines**, dependent on turbine size and type across two separate areas as shown on the map above.
- **One new onshore substation** to connect the project into the National Grid.
- **All new cables will be laid underground**, from landfall to the new onshore substation and onward to the National Grid connection point.
- **RWE is leading the development of the Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm** on behalf of the project partners who include: a Macquarie-led consortium, Siemens' financing arm Siemens Financial Services, ESB and Sumitomo Corporation.

ONLINE EXHIBITION

On **30 June** we are publishing information about the proposed wind farm and inviting people to comment on our emerging proposals.

This consultation will run from **30 June to 12 August 2022**. All information will be available online via

www.fiveestuaries.co.uk

We are hosting two face-to-face events at locations near to the proposed onshore infrastructure at which you will be able to view the same information as that published online. At the events, you will have an opportunity to meet the Five Estuaries' team, ask us questions and learn about the project.

We are collecting feedback online until midnight on 12 August. Please visit the website or attend one of our in person events to find out how to provide feedback. This is the first stage in our consultation process. We have started engagement with the relevant Parish Councils. If you would like to speak to us, please don't hesitate to use the contact details overleaf.

We will continue to provide updates on our website www.fiveestuaries.co.uk and via our regular newsletters.

PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS

Wednesday 13 July 2022, 3pm-8pm
St Mary's Parish Church Hall, Old Road,
Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, CO13 9BX

Thursday 14 July 2022, 2pm-8pm
Ogilvie Hall, Wignall Street, Lawford,
Essex, CO11 2JG

OUR ONGOING WORK IN DEVELOPING THE PROJECT

As the project has a proposed capacity of over 100 megawatts, it is considered a **National Significant Infrastructure Project**. As part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) process we submitted a formal request for a Scoping Opinion accompanied by a Report to The Planning Inspectorate. The project subsequently received a Scoping Opinion in November 2021. The Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion are both available on our website www.fiveestuaries.co.uk and provide information about the wind farm, including its location; its nature and purpose; and the proposed approach to the Environmental Impact Assessment process.

Surveys and desk studies are progressing both onshore and offshore to better understand the local environment. National Grid have proposed the location of the grid connection point for the Five Estuaries offshore wind farm as part of their East Anglia GREEN public consultation. Based on this, Five Estuaries has identified potential areas for siting our onshore infrastructure.

We want to engage with you to gather your views and any information you wish to provide on our outline project proposals so that we can consider them as we develop our plans. When all the studies are completed and we have consulted on the detailed proposals, we expect to submit a DCO application to The Planning Inspectorate in 2023.

AUTUMN 2020	Project name unveiled and website launched
SPRING / SUMMER 2021	Onshore and offshore surveys start
AUTUMN 2021	Scoping Consultation* *The Scoping Report determines the extent of the issues to be considered in the Environmental Impact Assessment and reported in the Environmental Statement
SUMMER 2022	Five Estuaries launch ongoing public engagement programme
AUTUMN 2022	Ongoing survey work and engineering studies
2023	• Preliminary Environmental Information Report and statutory public consultation • Development Consent Order application submission
2024 / 2025	DCO examination decision expected
2030	Wind farm expected to be operational by the end of the decade

All dates are indicative and are subject to change.

KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH DEVELOPMENTS

There are a number of ways in which you can keep up-to-date with the development of the project.

- We will provide regular updates on the project website: www.fiveestuaries.co.uk
- We will email out regular updates. If you would like to be included in this mailing list, please email us at fiveestuaries@rwe.com or sign-up on our website.
- If you have any questions for the project team, please contact us using the details to the right.
- We will notify the local media as and when there are significant news items.

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