

TRITON KNOLL OFFSHORE WIND FARM

Project update - keeping you informed

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Welcome to our latest newsletter, which we hope will keep you up to date with plans for Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm.

Earlier this year we signed an agreement with Statkraft – Europe’s largest generator of renewable energy. The agreement with Statkraft means Triton Knoll will now be taken forward by a joint project team, drawing on the experience of both companies. You can read more about the partnership within this newsletter.

LATEST NEWS



APPLICATION FOR THE TRITON KNOLL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

We are very pleased to confirm that our application for a development consent order for the Triton Knoll Electrical System (TKES) has been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) and will go forward to the examination phase. This newsletter provides an update on that process, explains what happens next and how you can get involved during the examination phase. The acceptance of the development consent order for examination by PINS is an important stage for local communities and interested parties, who will be able to register to take part in the forthcoming stages of the decision making process.

In addition, you will find an update on the recent Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Community Investment Fund consultation. Thank you to the 184 people from across Lincolnshire who participated by returning a questionnaire. You can find a summary of the responses in this newsletter and a full report on our website, www.rweinnogy.com/tritonknoll

We hope this newsletter is useful. As always, if you have any questions, please contact the project team using the details at the back of this newsletter.

Triton Knoll Project Team



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm is now a 50:50 partnership between RWE Innogy and Statkraft. The partnership was announced in mid-February and means the development and construction phases will be delivered by a joint RWE/Statkraft project team, managed by Statkraft and drawing upon the experience of both companies.

RWE Innogy UK and Statkraft are global leaders in renewable energy, long term investors in the UK renewables sector and together have interest in more than 6,500MW (pro rata) of offshore wind assets¹. The combined experience and expertise of both companies will create a formidable team within the offshore wind industry, and in the development of Triton Knoll.

You can find out more about Statkraft at www.statkraft.com

The partnership is good news for the development of Triton Knoll, helping to unlock the investment and job opportunities which should flow from the construction and operation of the wind farm. This partnership will not alter the project's existing commitments or previous arrangements around development of the site.

Economic benefits have already begun to flow from the project with over £20million already invested in the UK during the development process. Construction and operation of the project will boost this significantly, creating around 1,900 UK jobs during construction.

THE PINS PROCESS

ACCEPTANCE AND REGISTRATION

The acceptance of the development consent order for examination by PINS is an important stage for local communities and interested parties, who can now register an interest with the Planning Inspectorate to take part in the forthcoming stages of the decision making process of the Triton Knoll Electrical System. The next phase will be the formal S56 consultation on the proposals (under Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008).

From now on PINS becomes the lead organisation. Official comments on the electrical system application must be submitted to them, in line with the timescales PINS set out. The window to register with PINS opens on the 12th June and closes on the 13th July 2015. All "interested parties" that wish to participate in the examination process must register with PINS, to formally have a say on the development consent application. Only people who register with PINS will be able to take part in the examination and express their views regarding the development consent application at the examination stage.

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/triton-knoll-electrical-system/>

You can register with PINS online or by completing a paper version of the registration form.

If you would like to request a paper version of Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form to complete, please telephone PINS on **0303 444 5000**. Completed forms should be returned to: The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Directorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. The Planning Inspectorate reference number for the Application is EN020019 and it should be quoted in all correspondence.

When you register, you will need to provide your contact details and a summary of your views of the proposal. Everyone who has registered will later have the opportunity to provide more detailed written views of the proposal, and may request to speak at the Preliminary Meeting about how the application should be examined, request that a hearing be held and request to speak at a hearing.

CONTACT THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE:

All comments about the Triton Knoll Electrical System application should now be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. Please always refer to application reference no. EN020019

PINS Web: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk>

PINS email: enquiries@infrastructure.gsi.gov.uk

PINS Telephone helpdesk: **0303 444 500**

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NEXT STEPS:

Now that the application has been accepted for examination, the acceptance will be notified by publication of notices in both local and national newspapers. This will set out the period within which people can register to be involved, after which the examination stage will begin.

If you would like to make any comments to PINS on Triton Knoll Electrical System, you must first register as an interested party during the notified period. Once registered, you will then have the opportunity to take part in the examination process – and PINS will keep you up to date with its progress.

CONSULTATION

OUR CONSULTATION WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A formal consultation period with the public took place from 15th October to 19th November 2014. We consulted on plans and maps which showed the nature and location of the proposed Triton Knoll Electrical System as well as information and results from the environmental studies we had been carrying out for the project. Information was also provided about the project components, layout and potential environmental impacts.

At the same time we also consulted with local planning authorities and statutory bodies, organisations such as Natural England and Lincolnshire Coastal Grazing Marsh.

The feedback received has been collated and considered as part of our application. The Consultation Report, which accompanies the application, summarises the feedback and gives an overview of how it has been taken on board.

Community Investment Fund Summary

The Community Investment Fund consultation ran from 27th of January to 26th of February 2015. Members of the public were asked a series of questions relating to where and how they would like the fund to be spent. Questions asked were based on a one-off fund of up to £500,000 and an annual fund of £40,000. Some of the main responses are summarised below:

- Most respondents (64%) thought that the areas of Boston Borough Council, East Lindsey District Council and North Kesteven District Council should benefit from the one-off £500,000 fund; 23% selected the 'other' option and 8% selected Lincolnshire County Council.
- 75% of respondents agreed that the boundary areas indicated by Triton Knoll, were the appropriate areas to benefit from the annual £40,000 fund, 4% disagreed and 15% selected 'other' offering alternatives such as including the South Holland District Council.
- The three most popular funding options for the one-off fund of £500,000 were; Improving rural transport, large grants for community projects and small grants to local community projects.
- The three most popular funding options for the £40,000 annual fund were; Small grants to local community projects, support for older people at risk of social isolation and improving rural transport.
- Over half of the respondents (51%) said they would like to see parish council and local resident representatives involved in the decision making process for the allocation of the annual fund. 27% selected a Borough/ District council and local voluntary organisations; 11% selected TKOWFL representatives and 5% selected County Council representatives.



LANDOWNER UPDATE

We have met with a number of landowners and land agents to date to discuss the draft terms to secure the necessary rights and land for the electrical system. Good progress has been made with several landowners and their agents. We remain committed to securing necessary land and rights by mutual agreement. We encourage landowners to enter into a dialogue with us on our proposals.

Our appointed chartered surveyors, Ardent, are the first point of contact for landowners. If you think your land is affected but you haven't heard from us or Ardent, please use the contact details for the Triton Knoll project team, on the back page of this newsletter, to get in touch.

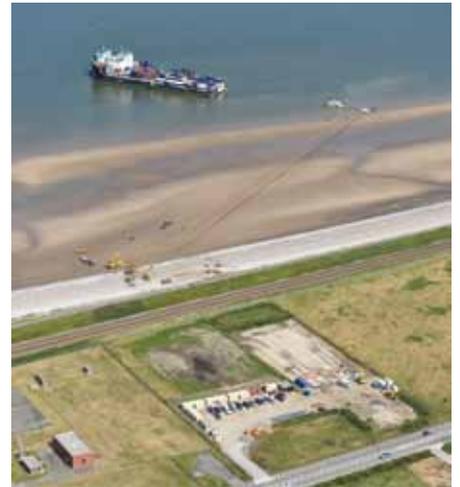
FAQS

WHAT IS TRITON KNOLL OFFSHORE WIND FARM?

Triton Knoll is an offshore wind farm being proposed for 20 miles off the coast of Lincolnshire. The project is a 50:50 partnership between RWE Innogy UK and Statkraft.

Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm is being developed as two separate packages:

- The Offshore Array – the wind turbines, meteorological masts, offshore substations and the cables that link the wind turbines to the offshore substations.
- The Electrical System – the onshore substation underground cables, the offshore export cables and an intermediate electrical compound along the onshore cable route.



WHAT ABOUT THE OFFSHORE ARRAY OF THE WIND FARM?

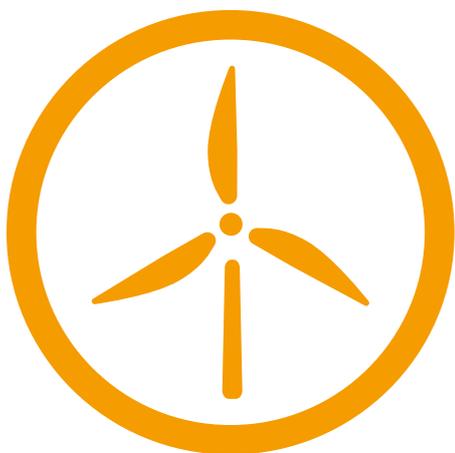
Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Ltd was awarded a Development Consent Order for the offshore array of the wind farm by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change in July 2013.



WHAT DOES 'ACCEPTANCE' OF THE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION MEAN?

Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Limited submitted its application for Triton Knoll Electrical System to PINS. PINS has accepted that the application complies with the requirements for an application and that they will now proceed to examine the application, in consultation with the public and statutory bodies.

TRITON KNOLL – AT A GLANCE



Offshore Location: 20 miles off the coast of Lincolnshire

Capacity: up to 900MW (maximum consented capacity up to 1200MW)

Homes equivalent²: up to 800,000 average UK households each year

Proposed location of Location of onshore substation: Bicker Fen, Lincolnshire

Proposed location of intermediate electrical component: near Orby, Lincolnshire

Proposed onshore cable route: 37 miles between Anderby Creek and Bicker Fen

Onshore construction expected to start: early 2017

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RWE INNOGY UK - CHANGE OF ADDRESS

RWE Innogy UK Limited has moved its registered office address. As from 26th May 2015, RWE Innogy is located at Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN5 6PB. Correspondence relating to the Triton Knoll Electrical System DCO application should be sent to this new address. The project email address remains the same and can be found with other contact information on the back page of this newsletter.

Going forward and as a result of the partnership between Statkraft and RWE Innogy UK for the development of Triton Knoll, a new project office is being sourced to bring the entire team together. More details will follow in due course.

FOOTNOTES

¹ Figure relates to construction, operation and development

² Energy predicted to be generated by the proposal is derived using long term wind speeds calculated by meteorological models seeded with historical weather data obtained from satellite, surface-based and airborne measurement systems. 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 estimates and projections from the UK Statistics Authority.

³ Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Limited have been awarded EU TEN-E funding. The funding which is to be matched will support a number of surveys, engineering reports, and environmental impact assessment studies for the Triton Knoll Electrical System. The sum of €1,159,559 has been granted and the process to reclaim this funding is ongoing.

Our website contains information about the scheme and will be updated on a regular basis:

www.rweinnogy.com/tritonknoll

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