

June 2018

# WELCOME TO TRITON KNOLL OFFSHORE WIND FARM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

We're writing to you during what is possibly the project's most exciting time. After more than 10 years of development and hundreds of hours of local engagement, we're now just weeks away from the start of onshore construction of the Triton Knoll Electrical System.

In preparation, we've been busy setting up a series of key Public Information Days, to be held at locations along the Triton Knoll Electrical System onshore cable route at the end of June.

I'd like to take this opportunity to extend a warm invitation to you to come and join us and find out more information about the project plans and timescales; to talk directly with our project team and main contractors who are carrying out the works; learn more about the next steps of our Community Fund, and find out how to stay in touch with all our latest news and information.

Take a look at the article on page 4 about the new data protection rules and how we can keep you informed. Finally, this newsletter also brings you the latest information about forthcoming project activity on the ground as Triton Knoll's onshore activities get off the starting blocks in June and July.

We've an exciting and very busy time ahead, and I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your interest in this hugely important clean energy project. We look forward to working with you all to maximise opportunities in the local area.



Julian Garnsey, Project Director
Julian is a highly experienced
offshore construction manager,
having constructed three previous
offshore wind farms in the UK over
the past 15 years with innogy.



# COMMUNITY FUND CONSULTATION UPDATE

We'd like to say a huge "thank you" to everyone who took part in the latest round of consultation relating to the Triton Knoll Community Fund.

Over 100 people responded to each of the two questionnaires in relation to the two separate funds. Many more people also came to meet us at the drop-in sessions in November 2017 to talk about their aspirations for the fund.

To see a summary of the consultation results, please visit the Triton Knoll website: www.tritonknoll.co.uk

We have now reviewed the consultation results as well as the informal feedback received. The questionnaire phase of the consultation consistently demonstrated broad support for the funding structure which we proposed. We listened to what people told us about the type of organisations that should be eligible for funding and have incorporated this into the final structure. We also listened to the feedback at the drop-in sessions and have increased the maximum grant size under the one-off construction fund from £10,000 to £50,000 to ensure it can help realise some of the bigger projects in the area.

The Triton Knoll Community Fund is made up of the following:

- £500,000 one-off onshore construction fund – open for applications from summer 2018
- \$40,000 annual fund made available to communities neighbouring the above ground onshore electrical infrastructure (substation) and the landfall location for the lifetime of the project – open for applications when the wind farm begins generating electricity

See our infographics for details of the final fund structure.

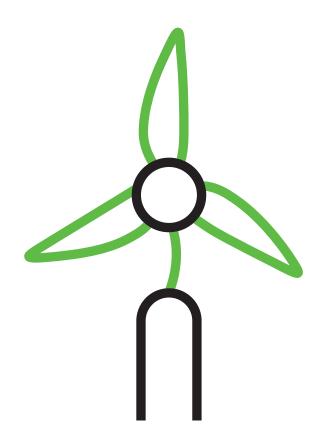
#### What next for the fund?

Triton Knoll is working with the Lincolnshire Community Foundation to ensure full guidelines and processes are in place to be able to open the one-off construction fund for applications this summer (2018).

There will be an application process for panel members who want to get involved in decision making. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming involved in the decision making panel for either of the funds please send your contact details to:

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# Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm



## PROJECT SEQUENCING PLAN

In accordance with Requirement 5(11) of the Triton Knoll Electrical System (TKES) Development Consent Order, we were required to submit a Project Sequencing Plan (PSP), which details the indicative sequencing of the onshore cable works, including landfall works, to the relevant planning authorities at least three months before starting the first stage of the onshore cable works. The PSP provides information on the commencement of work in each stage of the onshore cable route and the anticipated duration of works. At the same time as the plan was submitted to the Planning Authorities, we also confirmed details to all Parish Councils and

all affected landowners. A copy of the PSP can be found on our website and printed copies can be requested by contacting us. The plan will also be available at our upcoming Public Information Days.

The plan is based on the information we currently have available, and when significant changes are made, it will then be provided to the relevant planning authorities and will be made public and communicated to landowners.

A copy of the Project Sequencing Plan can be found on the website:

www.tritonknoll.co.uk/project-sequence-plan

#### **High Level Programme**

#### (Substation works)

- A17 Road Signage From June 2018
- Access Road from A17 Construction July 2018
- Services and Drainage Diversions June – July 2018
- TKES Substation Enabling Works September 2018 – June 2019
- Access Track from TKES Substation to Bicker Fen. Substation – October – December 2018
- TKES Substation Construction February 2019 – April 2020
- Removal and Reinstatement of Access Road from Bicker Fen Substation to TKES Substation – June 2020 - July 2020
- O Commissioning March 2020 August 2020

#### (Cable installation works)

- Preparation works (inc. top soil stripping) from Q3 2018
- Installation of Temporary Construction Compounds - from Q3 2018
- Bellmouth Construction programme starts from Q2 2018
- Horizontal Directional Drilling programme from Q4 2018
- Cable installation from Q2 2019
- Offshore Horizontal Directional Drill March – May 2019
- Reinstatement from Q2 2019
- Completion of cable route works Q3 2020



# GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

Due to new data protection legislation, we need to change the way we communicate our project updates. As a result of this legislation, we need your explicit consent to be able to send you mailings in future and keep you informed about the project.

We would like to stay in touch with you and provide key project updates and literature about the project that will be of interest to you. Going forward, community newsletters and key information will be uploaded to our website, but if you would like to receive further documentation direct to your email inbox or postal address, we will need you to confirm back of this newsletter for our contact details).

your consent for us to do this. All addresses on our current mailing list have been sent a letter and form to complete. If this didn't reach you, and you want to continue receiving project updates, please either complete your details on our website or contact us directly to request a copy of the consent form (see



Map showing the onshore electrical system cable route.

# INFORMATION DAYS COMING SOON

In the lead up to our main construction works, we will be holding a number of Public Information Days which are open for anyone to attend.

These sessions will be held between 26th and 29th June 2018, and will each run from 14:30 – 19:00 at each location listed in the table opposite.

There will be plenty of information available with members of our team in attendance to answer any queries or questions that you might have. You do not have to pre-register to attend these events.

#### **ONSHORE SUBSTATION**

#### 26th June 2018 14:30 - 19:00

Bicker Village Hall, Cemetery Road, Bicker, Boston, Lincolnshire, PE20 3BT

#### 28th June 2018 14:30 - 19:00

Swineshead Village Hall, North End, Swineshead, Boston, Lincolnshire, PE20 3NA

#### ONSHORE CABLE ROUTE INC. LANDFALL

#### 26th June 2018 14:30 - 19:00

Irby & Bratoft Village Hall, Brambleberry Lane, Irby in the Marsh, Lincolnshire, PE24 5DQ

#### 27th June 2018 14:30 - 19:00

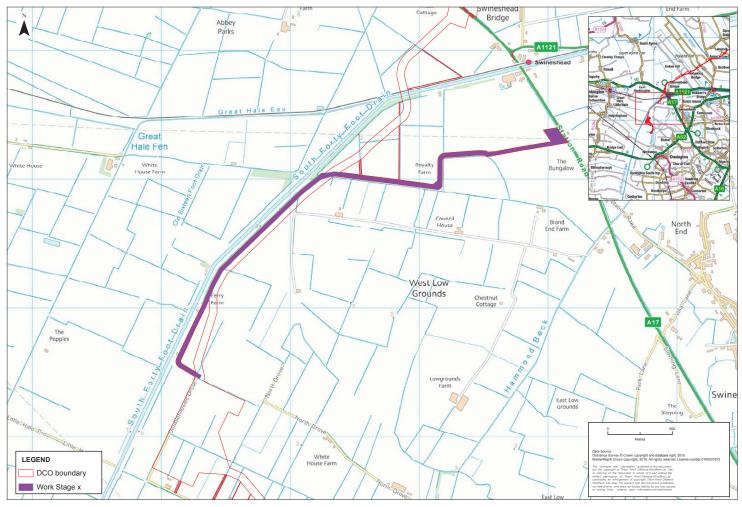
Anderby Village Hall, Sea Road, Anderby, Skegness, Lincolnshire, PE24 5YB

#### 28th June 2018 14:30 - 19:00

Frithville Village Hall, Church Corner, Frithville, Boston, Lincolnshire, PE22 7EX

#### 29th June 2018 14:30 - 19:00

Hogsthorpe Village Hall, Thames Street, Hogsthorpe, Skegness, Lincolnshire, PE24 5PT



Map shows the location of the Triton Knoll substation and new access road from the A17.

## SPEED RESTRICTION ON A17

Following the commencement of work, one of our priority works will be the start of construction of our new substation access track. This will come directly off the A17 and will give access to our new substation directly from the 'A' road, ensuring we can keep construction traffic off the smaller local roads around the Bicker area.

The first part of this work will be to build a new bellmouth off the A17. To ensure we can construct the bellmouth safely, we will enforce a 40mph speed limit around the bellmouth location as agreed with Highways consultees. The speed restriction will cover around 700m of the A17, and will be in place for at least the duration of the bellmouth works, and may be extended as necessary.

More detail on this speed restriction, along with other aspects of our Traffic Management Plan will be available during our Public Information Days and can be requested directly by contacting us.

A 40mph speed restriction will also be in place on the A16 at Stickney, at the location of our main Temporary Construction Compound (TCC) site at TCC 12 and TCC 13, from mid to late July 2018 in order to ensure safety during the construction works. The restriction will be in place for the duration of the construction works. Similarly at the A52, TCC 2 and TCC 3; and at the A158 (TCC 5 and TCC 6) 40mph speed restrictions will be in place from mid to late July 2018 until works are completed in these areas.

Once again, you can find out more from our Traffic Management Plan available during our Public Information Days or by contacting us.











### **ECOLOGY UPDATE**

An Ecological Management Plan (EMP) covering construction work, has been submitted for approval to East Lindsey District Council and Boston Borough Council, in consultation with Natural England.

This sets out mitigation required to protect ecology before, during and after construction. This plan incorporates the results of ecological surveys from our Environmental Impact Assessment, along with further ecology surveys completed by Triton Knoll in 2017

Mitigation is required for habitats and for protected species including Great Crested Newt, Water Vole, Badgers, Reptiles and Birds, some of which require specific licences from Natural England.

Our main contractors have each appointed an Ecological Clerk of Work (ECoW) who are responsible for implementing the EMP.

At locations where our surveys have identified water voles, our main contractors have already taken action to ensure the creatures are unharmed during construction. So far, vegetation has been cut short, under ECoW supervision, to encourage water voles to disperse. Following this, any remaining burrows have been carefully excavated and the vegetation kept low to prevent water voles from returning prior to the start of construction.

All work has been carried out under a Natural England water vole class licence and all water vole habitat will be reinstated once the work is complete.

Great Crested Newts have been recorded in two ponds close to the cable corridor, but there will be no direct impact on these ponds. However, where required, the construction working area will be fenced and any newts trapped and translocated, under a development licence from Natural England. All of the newt habitat will be reinstated once construction work is finished.

Our main contractor's ECoWs are now finalising pre-construction checks for badger activity nearby. Any mitigation required will be in line with Natural England licencing requirements, and will ensure any disturbance does not cause harm to badgers.

## ARCHAEOLOGY UPDATE

As we continue to prepare for construction, Triton Knoll has been carrying out a detailed phase of archaeological evaluation, conducted by Lincolnshire firm Allen Archaeology Limited. This has consisted of:

- geophysical survey
- trial trenching
- earthworks surveys
- metal detecting surveys
- geoarchaeological desk-based assessment and initial hand-augering.

Further geoarchaeological hand-augering is underway at around 50 locations, with more detailed core sampling work, using a mechanical rig, required at 10 to 15 locations.

Separate Archaeological Written Schemes of Investigation (WSI) have been prepared for the cable system and for the substation and associated works. These documents set out what is needed for further archaeological investigation, monitoring and recording during the construction and bring together the requirements of both the Development Consent Order and our own detailed evaluations. WSIs require local authority approval and so have been submitted to East Lindsey District Council and Boston Borough Council, in consultation with their Heritage Advisors. The works within the WSIs, include archaeological excavations at specific locations, either in advance of construction if necessary using alternative access arrangements, or during the initial and subsoil stripping. The WSIs also include the provision of on-site archaeologists in order to monitor works and reinstate any historic landscape features (for example ridge and furrow) following construction. Findings would be assessed and analysed, then published and archived in accordance with the requirements set out in the WSIs.





#### How to keep up to date

Our project website is kept up-to-date with all our latest news and information as we move forward with the project. We will also keep communities up-to-date using newsletters and holding a number of community drop-in events. In the meantime, please feel free to contact the team using the details below.

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