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## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### Introduction

Welcome to our latest newsletter which provides an update on recent progress for the Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm. This update includes:

- details of the consent decision for the Triton Knoll Electrical System;
- current and future site investigation campaigns;
- and, details of our plans over the coming months.

We have recently launched a project website which we will use to keep all stakeholders updated on progress, please visit [www.tritonknoll.co.uk](http://www.tritonknoll.co.uk) to find out more. There is a dedicated area on the website for communities where you can find a map of the onshore cable route. Please contact us for a printed version.

I hope that you find this update useful but, as always, if you do have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the team using the details on the back of this newsletter.

**James Cotter**  
Triton Knoll Project Director

### Triton Knoll Electrical System granted consent

As you may be aware, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) awarded a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Triton Knoll Electrical System (TKES) in September 2016.

The consent for the TKES covers both the buried onshore and offshore cable routes, an intermediate electrical compound at Orby, and a new substation at Bicker Fen. The offshore array area (offshore wind turbines and the offshore substation platforms) was subject to a separate consent application, for which a DCO was awarded in July 2013. Following the consent award for TKES, we are now progressing both DCOs as a single project.

You can find further information, including a copy of the DCO and the decision letter issued by the Secretary of State on the Planning Inspectorate website (<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/triton-knoll-electrical-system>).

## What happens next?

We are currently progressing well through the latter stages of development. The next stage is to secure a Final Investment Decision, which we will look to achieve as soon as possible.

Following the award of consent for the Triton Knoll Electrical System we are now moving quickly into the design and then delivery phases of the project, so we are undertaking some onshore and offshore pre-construction engineering and environmental surveys. This will allow us to refine the design and the results will inform the detailed design documents that must be signed off prior to the commencement of construction, as required by the DCO and Deemed Marine Licence (DML).

The project team will be holding a number of community drop-in sessions towards the middle of 2017. These sessions will be a good opportunity to meet the team and gain further information on the project. We will give plenty of notice for these events once dates have been finalised. We will also be looking to establish a Local Liaison Committee to represent communities along the cable route, further information on this can be found later in the newsletter.

We will be looking to work with the local supply chain to see how local businesses could benefit from the construction of Triton Knoll. In addition to the

opportunities for equipment supplies, hire services and manpower provision, our experience shows that many local businesses such as taxi firms, hotels, cafes, etc. can really benefit from the additional footfall which comes from the construction of infrastructure projects. If you think this relates to you, please visit the Supply Chain page of our website to register your interest as a potential supplier so that you are kept up-to-date on supply chain opportunities.



Photo: The digging of a trial trench from the recent Site Investigation campaign.

## Indicative view of Triton Knoll Electrical System



## Pre-construction surveys and investigations

Onshore site investigations (SI), such as boreholes and trial pits, have been successfully undertaken around the cable route and landfall, to establish key information which will inform the detailed design of the onshore works.

Specialist contractors were appointed to undertake the essential site investigation works, which will help us better understand the detailed site-specific ground conditions of the land and environment at key locations along the length of the onshore cable corridor.

The results will complement the information that we already have, and allow us to refine our designs for the installation and management of the onshore electrical system. These works were specialist, low impact activities which used relatively small scale equipment.

Specific access licenses were agreed with all landowners and tenants on which the SI works took place, before any work commencing. Throughout the process, we kept in close contact with landowners, to ensure they were fully informed of the works taking place and also had an easy route to bring any issues to our attention.

We took additional steps to control any mud deposited on local roads as a result of the work. We ensured we kept a safe distance from river banks and water courses and carried out stringent environmental checks for ecology and archaeology prior to any intrusive works taking place.

Further site investigation works will be required along the cable route in the future but these will mainly be non-intrusive surveys such as archaeological and engineering geophys, topographical surveys and ecology surveys. However, there will also be the need for archaeological trial trenching and soil sampling at a later stage of the pre-construction phase. Our agricultural liaison officers will be keeping landowners fully informed of our plans and notice will be given prior to any works being undertaken. You can find out more information on pre-construction surveys on our website along with several photos which were taken during the previous SI campaign.



Photo: A trial trench from the recent Site Investigation campaign.

## Anticipated Project Timeline

<b>From June 2016 and throughout 2017</b>	<b>Pre-construction</b>	Pre-construction survey works carried out on-site (including site investigation, ecology, archaeology, topography). Independent agricultural liaison officer, plus soil and drainage specialists on board to work with landowners.
<b>Sept 2016</b>	<b>Consent decision on TKES</b>	Development Consent Order granted by Secretary of State for the Triton Knoll Electrical System.
<b>Throughout 2017</b>	<b>Pre-construction works</b>	Detailed design of the cable, substations and landfall. Detailed engagement with landowners on interactions with land drainage and agricultural practices. Production of outline construction schedule. Gathering information to feed into the management plans which require approval by the Local Planning Authorities prior to construction.
<b>2018 onwards</b>	<b>Construction phase</b>	Subject to a number of factors, such as a successful Financial Investment Decision, onshore construction work could potentially start as soon as 2018. The cable route and electrical infrastructure will be constructed in a number of stages over several years.

## Community Engagement

### Parish Meetings

We are looking to meet with Parish Councils to provide more information on our plans and discuss any concerns that have been raised by them. We presented at the Anderby Parish Council meeting on 17 September 2016 and will be extending invites to further Parish Councils in the coming months.

### Local Liaison Committee

As part of our Communications Plan which is included in our final DCO. We hope to be in position to establish a Local Liaison Committee during 2017. The committee will involve members of the project team, members of the community and also representatives from Parish and Local Councils. The committee will meet regularly in the run up to and during construction to discuss upcoming activities and arrange appropriate means and timescales to communicate information to the wider community. This committee will ensure that members of the community have a forum for representatives to raise any issues and concerns directly with the project team. We will provide further information around the Local Liaison Committee in the coming months, but if you are interested in being part of the committee, please let us know by emailing [info@tritonknoll.co.uk](mailto:info@tritonknoll.co.uk).

### Community Drop-in Sessions

We will hold a number of community drop-in sessions towards the middle of 2017, these will be a good way for communities to meet the project team and ask any questions directly.



Photo: Members of the community attending a public exhibition.

## How to keep up to date

Our project website will be 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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## RWE becomes innogy

RWE Innogy GmbH has become part of innogy SE.

Under the transformation of the RWE Group, RWE Innogy GmbH was merged into innogy SE. innogy combines the business areas of Renewables, Grid & Infrastructure and Retail. Consequently, innogy SE's UK subsidiary Innogy Renewables UK Ltd is now a partner on the Triton Knoll project. If you would like to know more about innogy, please visit our website: [www.innogy.com](http://www.innogy.com)

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