

The Parish Clerk
Leverton Parish Council

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By email: levertonparishcouncil@gmail.com

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Dear Parish Clerk,

Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind

I am writing to introduce Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind, a major new project off the Lincolnshire coast that is presently entering development. As well as offering a brief orientation to the project I wanted to signpost you and your councillors to further sources of information, including a forthcoming series of Public Information Events.

Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind is one of six projects located around the coast of England and Wales that were awarded Preferred Bidder status in 2021 as part of The Crown Estate's latest offshore wind leasing round. Together these projects will contribute 8GW to the Government's 2030 ambition for offshore wind, which was recently increased to 50GW in the British Energy Security Strategy. We are aiming to complete the project at the earliest in 2028, subject to grid connection and planning consent. At this point the project will contribute 1.5GW of offshore wind power to the Government's ambition, saving nearly 2 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions each year of operation, providing low-cost renewable energy to over 1.6 million UK households and businesses, and helping reduce the nation's dependence on imported energy supplies.

As we develop the project and its connection to the National Grid, we are committed to working to respect the needs and concerns of local communities. We will also take extensive steps to mitigate and manage our impacts on communities and the environment, at both a local and strategic level, and to support the goals of biodiversity net gain that are so important to people and communities.

We are presently aiming to apply for a Development Consent Order for Outer Dowsing in 2023/24. Following the submission of our Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate in July 2022, and the receipt of a Scoping Opinion on Friday 9 September, we will shortly be commencing our Phase 1 Consultation with the community. We are planning to publish the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) in October and expect to follow this with a series of Public Information Events in November 2022. As part of our Phase 1 Consultation we also intend to establish a number of Community Liaison Groups (CLGs), inviting participation from local parish councils and relevant community groups in due course. Through this process we hope to build awareness and understanding about the project and encourage engagement among the community and your constituents.

As part of this process we would welcome your support in raising awareness of Outer Dowsing with your councillors and within your constituency. I enclose with this letter a brochure providing further information about Outer Dowsing and would also encourage you to look at our website (outerdowsing.com) for more news and updates. We will be in touch shortly with details of the proposed Public Information Events. We would, of course, be pleased to address any queries you or your councillors may have, either in advance of or during the forthcoming Consultation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Meeks', written in a cursive style.

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Enclosed: Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Brochure