

# Issues raised during public information day



## What we are doing

### SITE SELECTION

#### Connecting into Lincolnshire

Why is this power being brought onshore in Lincolnshire?

The National Energy System Operator (NESO, formerly ESO), which manages the supply of electricity within Great Britain, has determined that Ossian will need to connect to the transmission network via new converter stations at the Lincolnshire Connection Node near Alford and Weston Marsh near Spalding.

Ossian will export to Great Britain's grid via connections to Lincolnshire which are being delivered as part of National Grid ESO's Holistic Network Design. You can learn more in National Grid ESO's 'Beyond 2030' [report](#).

#### Location of the converter stations

Can Ossian provide specific locations for the proposed converter stations at Weston Marsh and Lincolnshire Connection Node?

Ossian is still at an early stage in its development and we do not yet know the proposed locations for our converter stations. Environmental surveys started in the autumn and will continue to take place as we develop our proposals. They help us to understand more about the environment and local aspects that may influence the design of our project. The results of these surveys will be considered as part of our site selection process which will determine the proposed offshore and onshore cable routes, as well as the location of the converter stations.

More detailed information will become available as the proposals progress.

#### Weston Marsh connection

Why is the proposed connection point in Weston Marsh, shouldn't it be routed through the Wash?

Ossian has already undertaken an initial assessment of the potential landfall areas and has been advised that routing cables through the environmentally-protected and highly-sensitive Wash area is not possible. As a result, we need to consider landfall sites and cable routes that avoid going through the Wash.

#### Location of proposed cable route and landfall site

Is there more detail on the proposed cable route and landfall sites?

Ossian is still at an early stage in its development. Environmental surveys started in the autumn and will continue to take place as we develop our proposals. They help us to understand more about the environment and local aspects that may influence the design of our project.

These surveys will help us understand the local environment and identify potential sensitivities which can then be considered as part of our site selection process and are a vital part of the environmental impact assessment process. We are committed to undergrounding all our onshore cabling and will reinstate the land used to its former condition wherever practicable.

#### Consideration of alternative sites for our proposals

Has Ossian considered alternative connection proposals, such as moving the connection offshore?

We're conducting an extensive site selection process to determine the transmission route. This includes considering environmental constraints and avoiding areas of flood risk wherever possible, undertaking surveys to consider the quality of agricultural land and engaging with landowners to minimise impacts.

There is currently no fully-offshore solution, either in place or being proposed, that will enable us to connect power generated or transported offshore to the grid. At the moment, Ossian has an onshore connection and this is what the project is looking to deliver. When assigning our grid connection National Grid ESO, as part of the Holistic Network Design, considered our request alongside other developers to create a co-ordinated network design that minimises onshore infrastructure.

## WORKING WITH OTHER DEVELOPERS

### **Other energy / infrastructure proposals in Lincolnshire**

Will Ossian consider the cumulative impact of the project alongside the projects being proposed by other developers?

We're aware there are other energy infrastructure proposals being brought forward in the area and recognise the importance of collaborating with developers to reduce impacts on local communities wherever possible.

We are actively engaging with the relevant developers and will continue to do so as our project progresses.

### **Consideration of other projects in environmental and technical assessments**

Has Ossian factored in other projects in ongoing technical assessments?

The project is aware of a number of proposed developments within the Lincolnshire area and Ossian will seek to adopt best practice and guidance when undertaking our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). We will consider other projects that are at an appropriate stage in their development within a cumulative impact assessment as part of the EIA process, which will form part of our Development Consent Order application.

## ONSHORE INFRASTRUCTURE

### **Nature and biodiversity**

Has Ossian assessed the impact of its proposals on nature and biodiversity?

We are conducting an extensive site selection process to determine the transmission route, and environmental constraints are a key consideration.

We're committed to minimising impacts on nature and biodiversity wherever we can, which includes identifying the most direct route possible while avoiding ecological designations. We'll also be carrying out a range of detailed environmental surveys for habitats and protected species once the search area has been refined.

Site selection work is ongoing and we will work with communities and landowners as this process evolves.

### **Agricultural land**

How will Ossian minimise impacts on agricultural and food-producing land?

The extensive site selection process includes surveys to consider the grade of agricultural land and engaging with landowners to minimise potential impacts.

We are committed to undergrounding all our onshore cabling and reinstating the land used to its former condition wherever practicable.

### **Floodplains**

Will Ossian be constructing a converter station on a flood plain?

We are conducting an extensive site selection process to determine the transmission route. This includes considering environmental constraints and avoiding areas of flood risk wherever possible. More detailed information will become available as the proposals progress.

## THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE

### Construction timings

When will construction work be starting in Lincolnshire, and how long will it take?

As our project is at an early stage, we don't yet have a confirmed construction timeline.

However, we expect to submit a Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the Project's transmission infrastructure in 2026. The outcome of this DCO application will determine when we can start construction.

Timescales can vary between projects but based on projects of a similar size, construction from commencement to completion can typically take around three to four years. We anticipate that Ossian will be operational in the early 2030s. More detailed information will become available as the proposals progress.

### Traffic and transport

How will construction traffic impact the local area?

As our project progresses, we will develop a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP). This will detail the measures Ossian will take to control and monitor HGV (Heavy Goods Vehicles) movements during construction.

We will be assessing traffic and transport construction impacts as part of developing our application, initially as part of our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) that will be the subject of our statutory consultation in 2025.

It's key for Ossian that we maintain engagement with the community at every stage of the process.

### Project timeline

When will Ossian submit the Development Consent Order (DCO) application to the Planning Inspectorate?

Ossian will need to apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) and submit its application to the Planning Inspectorate.

Ossian is planning to hold further stages of public consultation in 2025, before it makes an application for Development Consent in 2026.

There will be many opportunities to provide feedback throughout the pre-application process. Once the application is submitted, the Planning Inspectorate will examine the application and, again, the community and other stakeholders will be invited to have their say.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Community benefit

What benefits will the Ossian project bring to communities in Lincolnshire?

We are committed to working closely with local communities, positioning them as vital stakeholders in the project's success. By partnering with residents on community initiatives, the programme aims to demonstrate the long-term benefits of renewable energy projects.

We're also keen to explore opportunities to work with local suppliers in the Lincolnshire area.

If you know of any opportunities for collaboration, please get in touch with the team at [info@ossiantransmission.com](mailto:info@ossiantransmission.com)

### Ossian Energise

Will there be opportunities for local businesses and organisations to collaborate with the Ossian project?

Ossian is keen to engage and collaborate with a wide range of stakeholders, including the local community. To help facilitate this we have set up Ossian Energise, a programme dedicated to fostering growth in skills, employability, education, research, and innovation. We want this to help Ossian identify and establish strong partnerships with local communities, industry and academia.

Through collaborations with academic institutions and the supply chain, the programme will explore innovative technologies and the areas of research that are the key to renewable energy, including advancements in floating offshore wind technology. Ossian is focused on building links with Lincolnshire businesses to create initiatives that will help secure a skilled workforce for the future.

### Venues

Will Ossian be using a wider variety of venues and locations to host future public events?

Event venues are chosen using a variety of factors including availability, suitability and accessibility. Ossian will always consider the full range of venues available for hire and assess their suitability for future events.

We're committed to keeping the local community up to date on our proposals in Lincolnshire and will be regularly sharing project updates including through our regular project newsletter.