

# Community newsletter

## Introduction

### Welcome to Ossian's second community newsletter

Ossian is a proposed floating offshore wind farm located approximately 80km off the east coast of Scotland (referred to as the Ossian Array). It has the potential to deliver up to 3.6GW of renewable energy.

In this edition, we share an update on the project's proposed grid connection design, an overview of the non-statutory consultation

on transmission infrastructure, alongside a programme update and introduction to Ossian Energise - our initiative to support community engagement. You will also find a look ahead at the next steps in the design and planning process.

This newsletter is designed to keep you informed and involved as Ossian progresses.

## Ossian's proposed grid connection design update

The National Energy System Operator (NESO), through consultation with transmission owners and other developers, has proposed design changes relating to how offshore wind farms, including Ossian, connect into the national electricity grid.

The updated design was published September 2025 and keeps two of Ossian's connections to Weston Marsh substations in Lincolnshire and adds a new connection to a substation in Angus, Scotland. While the project design has evolved, the wider network infrastructure planned for Lincolnshire remains, and the development work that has taken place to date alongside the survey campaigns will support further development of site selection.



# Summary of transmission infrastructure non-statutory consultation

Ossian would like to thank everyone who attended and provided feedback on the non-statutory consultation held between the 17 March 2025 and the 13 April 2025.

It was a great opportunity for the team to engage with the local community, and we gained some great insights into the land use and potential constraints in the local area. This consultation period formed a key part of ongoing community engagement and feedback received has been reviewed and included in the next stages of site selection.

The recent non-statutory consultation marked the next step in engaging with the local community on the Ossian Transmission Infrastructure. Aimed at keeping the Lincolnshire community informed and involved, this activity followed the Project Information Days held in October 2024.

The non-statutory consultation was an opportunity for the community to share their views and stay informed about the Ossian Transmission Infrastructure. To ensure as many local voices as possible could take part, the consultation was widely promoted through local media, advertisements, and posters displayed in 129 local businesses and community venues across the six event locations. A5 postcards with event details were also delivered directly to homes and businesses within the transmission study area shown at consultation.

In addition to in-person events, the project website ([ossiantransmission.com](https://ossiantransmission.com)) was launched on 3 March 2025 to provide easy access to key project information and offer digital feedback options. A freephone line and freepost address were also made available to make it simple for anyone to get in touch or ask questions.



Each event was staffed by members of the project team and technical experts, who were on hand to speak directly with community members, answer questions, and listen to concerns. Feedback was gathered through a feedback form, a feedback box, and the [ossiantransmission.com](https://ossiantransmission.com) mailbox that encouraged ongoing conversation beyond the events themselves.

To support clear and accessible communication, a series of information panels were displayed at each venue, and printed factsheets with project details and Q&As were provided for residents and landowners. As well as this, the project displayed samples of an indicative HVDC export cable, cable ducting and a cable protection tile.

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Further engagement will take place in 2026 including updates on the project's consultation plans.

**492** attendees

**84** feedback forms submitted

**6** in person events and **1** webinar event

**For a full breakdown of the non-statutory consultation please visit [ossiantransmission.com](https://ossiantransmission.com) where you can access a Record of Consultation.**



## Landowner engagement

Thank you for the continued engagement with our land agents.

Your engagement is essential with helping Ossian during its extensive site selection process to determine the transmission route that will bring the generated electricity onshore.

Since summer 2024, we have been issuing introductory letters and Landowner Occupier Questionnaires (LOQs) to help inform the site selection process. This has enabled Ossian to commence environmental surveys and gather information about constraints within our search area, helping to identify the lowest impact options.

Surveys will allow us to consider environmental constraints that may influence how we further refine our proposals. This has so far included phase 1 habitat surveys which involves an ecologist walking over a site to identify and map different habitats based on plant species.

The findings and feedback from these surveys

will also inform our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which is a key document we are required to consult on at our future statutory consultation.

Where required, landowners potentially impacted by Ossian's onshore infrastructure will receive requests for access, information, and details directly from Ossian's appointed land agents, Dalcour Maclaren.

Ossian's land team met with the Land Interest Group (LIG) earlier on in the year in preparation for their landowner engagement. The LIG is made up of local land agents who have acted for landowners on infrastructure schemes which have recently been proposed and constructed in the wider Lincolnshire area.

Engagement with landowners and occupiers will enable Ossian to gain a better understanding of land uses and farming businesses that are in, or close to, our search area. It will help us build relationships and provide the land team with an opportunity to give updates to local landowners.



# Introducing Ossian Energise

Community engagement and supporting local projects were key topics raised at the non-statutory consultation in Spring. Working with the community continues to be a priority for Ossian and as the project proposals are refined, discussions with local stakeholders will be informed and strengthened.

Academic partnerships, skills, education and research engagement is fundamental to securing the future workforce and working with the community. To date, Ossian has established an academic partnership with the University of Highlands and Islands and contributed to their STEM Outreach programme.



In Lincolnshire, Ossian is in the very early stages of engagement with universities and colleges.

## More about Ossian Energise and how to get in touch

Ossian Energise is a programme dedicated to fostering growth in skills, employability, education, research, and innovation, through strong partnerships with local communities, industry and academia.

Through collaborations with academic institutions, the programme will explore innovative technologies and research key to renewable energy, including advancements in floating offshore wind technology. We're focused on building links with industry

to create initiatives that will help secure a skilled workforce for the future.

We'll also work 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.

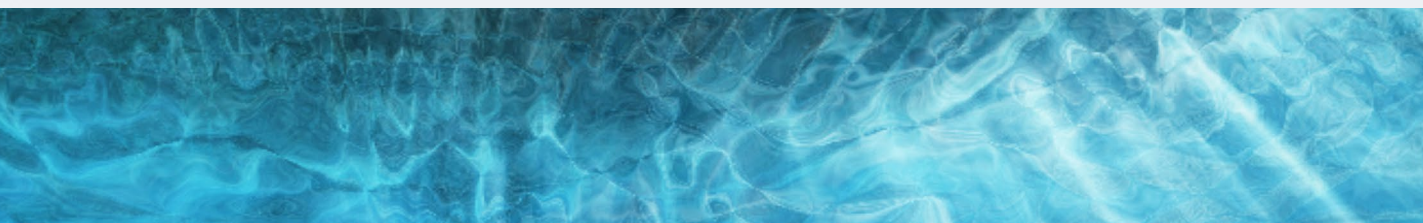
**If you know of any opportunities for collaboration, please get in touch with [contact@ossianwindfarm.com](mailto:contact@ossianwindfarm.com)**

## What's next

The feedback shared by the community so far is playing an important role in shaping the next stages of the Ossian project. What we've heard will not only inform the evolving proposals but will also help us plan meaningful follow up engagement that reflects local priorities and concerns.

Further engagement will take place in 2026 including updates on the project's consultation plans.

Ossian remains fully committed to open, transparent dialogue with the local community and to carefully considering all feedback as we work together to refine proposals.



## What have we done this year

### Wintering bird surveys, landfall

October 2023 – March 2024

### Expert Topic Groups

2024 – ongoing

### Geophysical survey, export cable corridor, offshore

completed 2024

### First year of Wintering bird surveys, onshore

Sept 2024 – March 2025

### Expert Steering Group established

January 2025 – ongoing

### Non-statutory consultation

March – April 2025

### Benthic habitat survey, export cable corridor, offshore

completed May 2025

### Phase 1 UK Habitat surveys, onshore

February 2025 – ongoing

### Phase 2 ecological surveys, onshore

Summer 2025 – September 2026

## Meet the team



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## Contact details

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(this number is free from a landline, other network providers may charge and is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).



If you would like to register to be kept up to date with our proposals as they progress, please visit the consultation website:

**<https://ossiantransmission.com/register/>**