

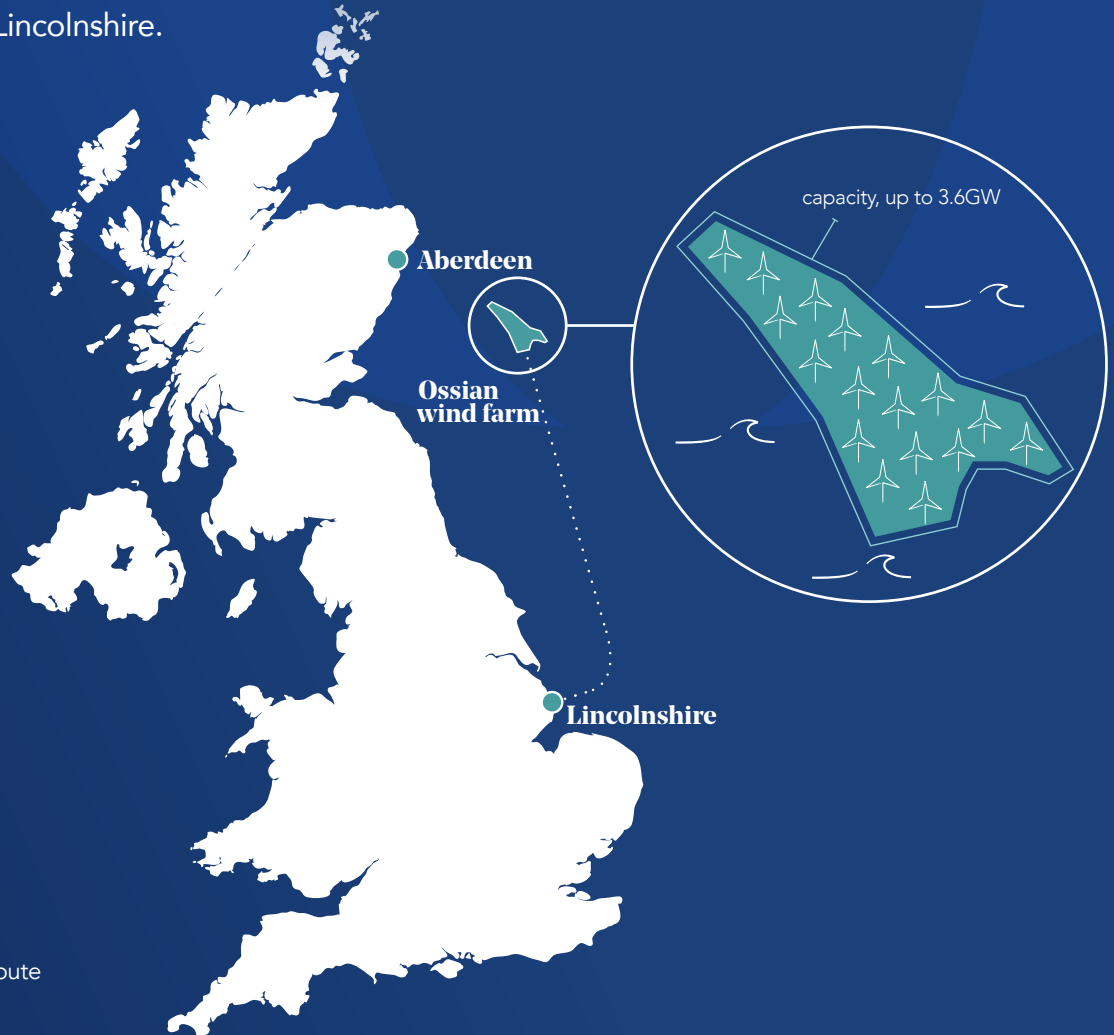
Community newsletter

Introducing Ossian

Welcome to the first community newsletter for Ossian.

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 and, once built, it will connect to new national grid infrastructure - at proposed substations near Spalding and Alford in Lincolnshire.

This newsletter introduces Ossian Transmission Infrastructure to those who have the potential to be impacted by the planned transmission infrastructure in Lincolnshire and provides information about what can be expected moving forward.



Illustrative map with indicative route

The story so far in Lincolnshire

Ossian held two information days in October 2024, which provided an opportunity for local people within the area and stakeholders to meet the team, view our early proposals and provide their feedback.

We would like to thank everybody who attended these Project Information Days. We're considering the feedback received as we look to our next stage of engagement.

You can visit our website and view the materials we presented at our information days: www.ossiantransmission.com

Benefits

Ossian will provide the following benefits:

up to

3.6GW
of new green energy

up to

6m
homes powered

up to

7.5m
tonnes of carbon emissions offset

**you
said**

**we
did**

In December 2024, we published a document that details the key questions and themes that were asked and our responses to those questions from the October information days.

It also sets out where we're taking action in response to the feedback we received and the many areas in which we will be developing our proposals in more detail as our proposals progress.

This can be viewed on the consultation website by following this link

www.ossiantransmission.com/documents

if viewing online, or scanning the QR code on the right, if you're reading this newsletter in print.



Next steps: Scoping Report submission

Scoping is a key element of the Environmental Impact Assessment regulatory process. Our EIA Scoping Report was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in February 2025. This outlines the nature and purpose of the Project, the potential impacts, the level of assessment and potential mitigation measures. The Planning Inspectorate will respond to this report with a Scoping Opinion, which will set out the information required to be included in our Environmental Statement (ES) which will accompany our application for a Development Consent Order.

The Scoping consultation is a separate formal process governed by EIA regulations, the non-statutory consultation detailed below is part of Ossian's community engagement consultation. If you have any questions about the Scoping process, please visit the Planning Inspectorate website.

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/planning-inspectorate.

Fukushima Offshore Wind Consortium



Upcoming consultation: March 2025

Our next stage of community engagement will be a non-statutory consultation, taking place from 17 March to 13 April 2025.

This will include both in-person and online opportunities for members of the public and interested stakeholders to meet the team and ask any questions they may have. More information about this consultation will be made available on our website www.ossiantransmission.com.

Consultation events

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday 20 March 2025	3pm – 7pm	Anderby Village Hall, Sea Road, Anderby, Skegness, PE24 5YD
Friday 21 March 2025	3pm – 7pm	Sibsey Village Hall, 28 Frithville Road, Boston, PE22 0SR
Saturday 22 March 2025	9am – 12pm	Spilsby Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby, PE23 5LA
Thursday 27 March 2025	3pm – 7pm	Weston Village Hall, Small Drove, Weston, Spalding, PE12 6HU
Friday 28 March 2025	3pm – 7pm	Alford Corn Exchange, 9 Market Place, Alford, LN13 9EB
Saturday 29 March 2025	9am – 12pm	Fosdyke Village Hall, Old Main Road, Fosdyke, Boston, PE20 2BU

Consultation and DCO process

DCO classification

The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) is responsible for the process governing how large infrastructure projects are consented, known as the development consent order (DCO) process.

The transmission infrastructure for Ossian has been granted a section 35 directive by the Secretary of State, meaning it will be applying for consent through this process.

Once submitted, PINS will examine our application before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State who will make the final decision on whether to grant development consent.

The DCO process has six stages, which are outlined below. We are currently in the pre-application stage and anticipate submission of our application in the latter half of 2026.

Pre-application

Ossian Transmission Infrastructure is currently in the pre-application stage which will last until the submission of our DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate, who will manage and process the application on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Pre-examination

If accepted, our application will progress into the pre-examination period where interested parties can register to submit relevant representations and an examining authority is appointed.

Recommendation and Decision

Following the close of examination, the Planning Inspectorate has a further three months to prepare a recommendation to the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State then has three months to consider this recommendation and make a decision on whether consent should be granted.

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Acceptance

Once our application is submitted, the Planning Inspectorate has 28 days to decide whether to accept it for examination.

Examination

The Planning Inspectorate then has six months to examine our application, which will include in person and possibly virtual hearings.

Post-decision

Following consent, there is a six-week period in which this decision can be challenged in the High Court through a process known as Judicial Review. Following this the developer can then implement the project in accordance with the DCO (including requirements for mitigation).

Landowner liaison

Summary of work to date and next steps

Ossian is engaging in an 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.

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.

Recently, Ossian's land team met with the Land Interest Group ("LIG") in preparation for their landowner engagement. The LIG is made up of land agents in the


area 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 also help us build relationships and provide the land team with an opportunity to give updates to local landowners.

An important part of this process involves surveys and ground investigation works that will allow us to consider any environmental constraints that may influence how we further refine our proposals.

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.

Contact Us

If you are a landowner and have any questions about how your land could be affected, you can contact our land team

 **Phone: 03330 918336**

 **Email: Ossian@dalcourmaclaren.com**



Community corner

Ossian Energise

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

The Project will 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.



Educational engagement



As part of Ossian Transmission Infrastructure's engagement with the local community in Lincolnshire, we are committed to working with local schools and colleges to help them understand the work we are doing in their area and develop the skills needed for a career in offshore wind.

If you know of any opportunities for collaboration, either as part of Ossian Energise or with local educational institutions, please get in touch with contact@ossianwindfarm.com

Ossian at Offshore Wind North East (Sunderland)

In November, members of the Ossian team attended the Offshore Wind North East conference in Sunderland to engage and share knowledge with other businesses working in the offshore wind industry. Ossian will continue to engage with events like this to ensure we can develop the best possible proposals.



Our timeline

Autumn / winter 2024

Project Information Days

COMPLETE

Winter / spring 2025

COMPLETE

Scoping report submission

Spring 2025

Non-statutory consultation

Autumn 2025

Preliminary Environmental Information Report published

Autumn / Winter 2025

Statutory consultation

Summer 2026

DCO application submission

Useful contacts



If you would like to register your interest as a potential supplier to the Ossian Offshore Wind Farm Project (either directly to Ossian Offshore Wind Farm Ltd or via our contractors) please visit our website:

<http://www.ossianwindfarm.com/supply-chain>



If you would like to speak to a member of our land team, please
Phone: 03330 918336 or **Email: Ossian@dalcourmaclaren.com**



If you would like to speak to our fisheries liaison officer, please contact
contact@ossianwindfarm.com



Contact details

If you have any questions on the Ossian Transmission Infrastructure, you can get in touch with the team on:



Email:

info@ossiantransmission.com



Freepost:

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Phone:

0800 138 5407

(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/>