

Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm given development consent

The Hornsea Project Three offshore wind farm offers an approximate capacity of up to 2,400MW and is located off the coast of Norfolk. This is within the area known as Zone 4, under the Round 3 offshore wind licensing arrangements established by The Crown Estate.

The application was submitted for consideration on 14 May 2018 and accepted for examination on 8 June 2018. It is the 98 project to be decided under the Planning Act 2008 regime and is the 61st energy project examined by the Planning Inspectorate to gain development consent.

Following a six-month examination during which the public, statutory consultees and interested parties were given the opportunity to give evidence to the Examining Authority, a recommendation was made to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) on 2 July 2019.

Following a request for further information and comments from interested parties, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy issued a letter stating that he was [minded to approve this application](#) subject to further information from the applicant and Interested Parties on a number of specific issues.

To allow time for the Applicant to submit further information by 30 September 2020 and to allow for consultation on the further information with Interested Parties, the Secretary of State set a new deadline of 31 December 2020 for his decision on this application.

The Planning Inspectorate's Chief Executive, Sarah Richards, said:

When examining the application and making their Recommendation, the Examining Authority took full account of views from communities, particularly those near the North East coast of England who might be affected by this proposal, alongside national policy and evidence of the need for the project.

The decision, the recommendation made by the Examining Authority to the Secretary of State and the evidence considered by the Examining Authority, is [publicly available on the National Infrastructure Planning website](#).

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