

Windfarm Substations - What We Know

EAST ANGLIA ONE NORTH and EAST ANGLIA TWO

ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) has been planning the delivery of two new offshore wind farm projects in the East Anglia zone, called East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO.

Detail on the two projects are published and maintained by SPR on the following websites.

https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/east_anglia_one_north.aspx

https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/east_anglia_two.aspx

What we know

Onshore in this area, there will be:-

- A National Grid substation: 325m (approximately one quarter-mile) x 140m (150yd) x 13m (40ft) high
- Two connection substations: Each 190m (200yd) x 190m (200yd) x 21m (69ft) high, and each with 18m (60ft) external equipment
- Underground cabling which will occupy a swathe of land 50m (55 yards) wide

- The location of the substations has not yet been defined.

- The offshore cabling is to reach shore at a place (not yet announced) on the coast between Sizewell and Thorpeness.

- An “Onshore study area” for determining where to locate substations and cabling has been drawn south of Leiston, stretching from Sizewell and past Knodishall.

- A significant part of the Parish of Aldringham-cum-Thorpe lies within the Study Area (except Thorpeness, The Meare, The Fens and some land to the south of the Parish up to the boundary with Knodishall)

- Land owners may be required to release land for the cable tranche and/or substations.

- Savills has been appointed as land agents to support SPR.
- Onshore environmental surveys are due to commence during the Spring 2018, following selection of a preferred cable route. The SPR team will also be undertaking initial site surveys to identify potentially sensitive species and habitats and to generally understand the area better.

- There was a SPR Information Day held in Leiston on 31st October, 2017.
- The Parish Council hosted SPR at its regular meeting on 27th November, 2017.

Next Steps

SPR intends to hold further events in March, June and November of this year. At these events summary material will be provided regarding the nature of the projects and its approach to development and assessment of impacts as the projects are developed throughout the year. Further information on its consultation plans will be published in late February in what is known as a Statement of Community Consultation. Meanwhile, details have been made available for Public Information Days planned for March 2018. These are currently scheduled as follows and will be further advertised locally in due course.

AREA	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Lowestoft	Victoria Hotel	17 March 2018	10am – 1pm
Southwold	Stella Peskett Hall	17 March 2018	3pm - 6pm
Leiston	United Church	18 March 2018	10am – 1pm
Thorpeness	Thorpeness Country Club	24 March 2018	10am – 1pm
Aldeburgh	Jubilee Hall	24 March 2018	3pm – 6pm
Orford	Town Hall	25 March 2018	10am – 1pm

To register your interest with SPR in order to be kept up to date as this project progresses, click here.

https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/east_anglia_contact_us.aspx

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