

Energy Projects update

Strategic Planning Committee

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NSIP Projects

Sizewell C – Awaiting Decision

- Examining Authority requested a 6-week extension to reporting period to 25 February
- Secretary of State for BEIS to make decision (25 May 2022)

East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two - Awaiting Decision

- SoS sought additional information from Statutory Consultees and Interested Parties on flood risk, offshore ornithology, badgers, and key certified documents.
- Secretary of State for BEIS set a new deadline for decision – 31 March 2022

Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm (Galloper extension) - Pre-application phase

- Informal consultation expected Q1/Q2 2022; DCO submission expected Q3 2023.

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm (Greater Gabbard extension) - Pre-application phase

- Consultation expected Q1/Q2 2022, DCO submission expected Q4 2023.

Nautilus Multipurpose Interconnector - Pre-application phase

- DCO submission expected Q2 2023

Eurolink Multipurpose Interconnector - Pre-application phase

Sea Link - Pre-application phase

- Currently working with NGV to look at coordination options with Nautilus and Eurolink.
- Non-statutory consultation expected later this year.

Site visit to Viking Link

Viking Link Interconnector, Bicker Fen, Lincolnshire

- 1400MW HVDC electricity link between GB and Denmark.
- Consent granted via planning permissions from multiple LPAs (East Lindsey DC, Boston BC, North Kesteven DC and South Holland DC) under TCPA 1990.
- Project is currently under construction.
- Site visit to the Viking Link converter station on 9 February 2022
- Community engagement
 - Newsletters - <https://viking-link.com/uk-community/community-matters-newsletter/>
 - Community Liaison Groups - <https://viking-link.com/uk-community/community-liaison-groups/>



Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR)

- Letter sent to Rt Hon Greg Hands MP (BEIS Minister) – 17 December 2021 to request a discussion regarding:
 - The need to achieve tangible outcomes from the Early Opportunities workstream of the OTNR in relation to projects connecting in East Suffolk, prior to 2030, and
 - How the offer to communities could be improved through appropriate government-led and developer-led community benefits packages.
- Meeting with Rt Hon Greg Hands MP held on 1 February 2022 to discuss issues.
- Commitment to launching a programme of activity facilitated by RenewablesUK to explore more ambitious coordinated solutions in East Anglia.

BEIS (Ofgem/NGESO) OTNR – ongoing

- 2021 evidence gathering, in 2022 seeking to move from ‘reviewing’ to ‘delivering’
- Early Opportunities workstream - Launch of programme to explore more ambitious changes in East Anglia, progress pathfinder projects
- Pathway to 2030 - Holistic Network Design delayed and now expected June 2022
- Enduring Regime – publications of recommendations/engagement planned for Q2 2022
- MPIs – engagement planned for Spring 2022