

# Energy Projects update

## Strategic Planning Committee

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# Status of current and forthcoming projects

East Anglia ONE

Constructed

East Anglia THREE

Consented, pre-construction

East Anglia ONE North

Post-Examination, pre-decision

East Anglia TWO

Post-Examination, pre-decision

Sizewell C

Post-Examination, pre-decision

Nautilus Interconnector

Pre-Application

Eurolink Interconnector

Pre-Application

Sea Link

Pre-Application

Five Estuaries

Pre-Application

North Falls

Pre-Application

# Sizewell C and East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two

## **Sizewell C**

- Examination closed on 14 October 2021
- Secretary of State for BEIS to make decision (14 April 2022)
- Post-decision, there is a 6-week period for legal challenge

## **East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two**

- Examinations closed on 6 July 2021
- Secretary of State for BEIS to make decision (6 January 2022)
- SoS sought additional information from Statutory Consultees and Interested Parties on flood risk, offshore ornithology, badgers, and key certified documents.
- Post-decision, there is a 6-week period for legal challenge
- Construction anticipated to commence 2023.

# Nautilus and Eurolink Interconnectors

## Nautilus Multipurpose Interconnector

- 1.4GW HVDC electricity link between GB and Belgium
- Briefing with ESC held on 2 September 2021
- Informal consultation 14 September – 26 October 2021
  - ESC's response to initial consultation available: [3-ESC-response-to-Nautilus-consultation.pdf \(eastsuffolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/media/10000/3-ESC-response-to-Nautilus-consultation.pdf)
- DCO submission expected Q2 2023
- Anticipated construction 2025, operational 2028
- Project page on Planning Inspectorate website: [Nautilus Interconnector | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/nautilus-interconnector/)

## Eurolink Multi-Purpose Interconnector

- 1.4GW HVDC electricity link between GB and Netherlands
- Less mature project

# Other Energy Projects

## Pre-application Stage

### **Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm (Gallop Extension)**

- EIA Scoping Report consultation held Sept/Oct 2021 – Officer response submitted to PINS in October;
- HRA Screening consultation Oct / Nov 2021 – Officer response prepared and submitted to RWE in November;
- Informal consultation expected Q1/Q2 2022; DCO submission expected Q3 2023.

### **North Falls Offshore Wind Farm (Greater Gabbard Extension)**

- Connection location unknown, to be identified 2022, not expected to be in Friston;
- Scoping Report issued July 2021, officer response submitted to PINS in August. Scoping Opinion provided by Planning Inspectorate August 2021;
- Initial informal online consultation opened 25 October 2021, closed 10 December. Available at: [Introducing North Falls - North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Consultation](#) – Officers provided a response in December;
- Consultation expected Q1/Q2 2022, DCO submission expected Q4 2023.

### **Sea Link**

- HVDC subsea link between Suffolk and Kent. Anticipated to be operational 2030.

# Recently Concluded Consultations

## **BEIS OTNR - Proposals for a Future Systems Operator Role - July-Sept 2021**

- ESC provided a response in September - [4-SCC-ESC-Response-to-FSO-Consultation.pdf \(eastsoffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

## **National Policy Statements consultation - Oct/Nov 2021**

- Consultation runs until 29 November 2021. ESC provided a response in November

## **BEIS / Ofgem OTNR Enduring Regime and Multipurpose Interconnectors consultation - Oct/Nov 2021**

- Joint response with SCC provided in November

## **National Infrastructure Planning Reform Programme**

- Opened 12 August 2021, closing 17 December
- Government seeking views on the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Planning (NSIP) process
- ESC provided a response in December.

# Ongoing/ Future Consultations

## **Consultation on the initial findings of Ofgem's Electricity Transmission Network Planning Review**

- Opened 5 November 2021, closing 17 December 2021
- Consultation summarises the initial findings of the Electricity Transmission Network Planning Review which aimed at ensuring the network planning can efficiently support the delivery of Net Zero.
- Officers drafting a response.

## **BEIS (Ofgem/NGESO) OTNR - Offshore Transmission Network Review – ongoing**

- Future consultations on Early Opportunities and Options, Holistic Network Design and Proposed Policy Changes – expected 2022.

# Priorities

- ESC continues to work closely with partners including Suffolk County Council, Natural England, Historic England, Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB, Environment Agency, Suffolk Police, Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Groups etc.
- ESC will continue to engage with and respond to consultations and respond by the appropriate deadlines
- ESC continues to work with our local councillors, local town and parish councils, local groups, happy to talk with anyone who contacts the Energy Projects Team – [energyprojects@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:energyprojects@eastsoffolk.gov.uk) and [sizewellC@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:sizewellC@eastsoffolk.gov.uk)
- ESC continues to lobby government, take part in the Offshore Network Transmission Review, talk with the Crown Estate, etc.