



Community Project Liaison Group meeting: Tuesday 8th December, 3pm-4.30pm at Rampion Offshore Wind Farm Office, 20 New Road, Brighton, BN1 1UF

Notes from meeting

Firstly, here is a link to the Rampion team's update presentation (updated in January 2016) – <https://www.eonenergy.com/About-eon-our-company/generation/planning-for-the-future/wind/offshore/rampion-offshore-wind-farm/project-information/~media/Content%20Editors/ECR/Rampion/Public%20Communication%20Documents/1601%20Rampion%20presentation%20for%20website%20Final.pdf>

Chris Tomlinson (Development Manager), Neville Horton (Offshore Construction Manager), Eleri Owen (Offshore Consents Manager) Richard Carpenter (Onshore Cable Package Manager), Raphaelle Madignier (Onshore Substation Package Manager), Philip Tarren (Onshore Substation Site Manager) and John Barnes (Onshore Substation Consents Manager) were all present to update attendees of the progress of both on- and offshore work on the Rampion Offshore Wind Farm. Please see the slide show for more details on this.

Some questions were raised in the meeting:

Q How does badger relocation work when they are a protected species?

A ROW has a special license to block off sets and build new ones where necessary.

Q From which direction at Wineham Lane does work traffic have access?

A From the north. Our HGV deliveries arrive at our holding area at the junction of the A23 and A272 and from there they are marshalled to site to avoid traffic moving in convoy and blocking the road.

Q Is a "mole" like method, like the one used to build the channel tunnel, an option when digging trenches onshore?

A This is known as horizontal directional drilling and is being employed at four points along the route: The beach / A259, the Railway, the A27 and the River Adur / A283. There are implications in using this technique, such as the need for large drilling compounds, so we only use it where absolutely essential to protect the environment (River Adur) and keep the transport systems moving.

Q Do all onshore vehicles have markings on to show who they are working for?

A No they don't, as they may work for several clients at any one time. There is a process in place if you have a complaint about any vehicle you think may be ours (see complaints procedure on website). However, we do have A4 signage in the windows of vehicles at the substation.

Q Are you on schedule?

A Yes. The work end points are fixed and will not change, but some start points will be affected by the weather, especially during the winter. Current onshore progress is that 50% of the 27km of topsoil has been removed.

Q Offshore, will the cardinal buoys flash a Morse code?

A Yes, this will be a Morse Q.

Q What is the provenance of the turbines?

A The turbines are assembled in Denmark, but the raw materials and / or component parts may come from various countries.

Q There are exclusion zones offshore and this makes the fishing industry unhappy

A Safety zones are only put in place for a radius of 500m around the major construction activity, e.g. the MPI Discovery installing a foundation or turbine. The entire wind farm array is not an exclusion zone for navigation, although it should be noted that anyone venturing into the 500m safety zones would be breaking the law.

Q Is there any documentation showing information about the offshore site for notice boards?

A ROW is arranging for A4 laminated charts to be posted to all vessel owners and for A3 charts to be sent to local diving, yachting, sailing clubs and associations for display.

Q There will be a boat with a plough moored in Lancing, which coincides when they tide goes out so that you can walk around it. When will this be?

A People will not be able to walk around the vessel as there will be a 500m safety zone in place, but there will be a vessel working in the intertidal area, probably in August 2016 to support the connection of the onshore and offshore cabling.

Further Meetings:

The Divers & Sea Users Event was held on 12th January 2016 with around 50 sea user organisations in attendance, from yacht, diving and sailing clubs, to fishermen and charter vessel owners. We presented to them (please see link at the top of this document for up to date presentation) and had a detailed Q&A session with our Construction Team on hand to answer questions. Also re Sea Users PLG, we took their advice and sent a laminated A4 chart to all vessel owners and an A3 chart for clubs and associations to put on their notice board.

All PLG representatives will be invited to a major stakeholder event we plan to hold in April 2016 when offshore work has begun, where we aim to show some video footage of the work underway and share an update with interested parties, politicians and media.

In the meantime, we do encourage you to spread the word to keep people with an interest up to date on the construction project.

The next PLG updates will be held in June 2016.