

Windfarm Update

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COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR EAST ANGLIA ONE OFFSHORE WINDFARM

As local residents will know, Bawdsey has been designated the 'landfall site' for the East Anglia One (EAOOne) and Three (EAThree) Offshore Windfarms. This site, immediately south of the Landmark Path, will be where power cables from the (envisaged) 102 offshore wind turbines, connected from offshore to onshore cables, will start their route through Suffolk to a transformer station at Bramford. The methods employed will be Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) and trenching. The ducts to hold the cables for EAOOne will also be prepared to house those for the second project, EAThree, due to commence in 2020. Full details of timelines can be seen on Bawdsey village website. Information on both of these projects has been communicated to the local community via a number of open meetings at the Village Hall but full details can be found on documentation which can be downloaded from:

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

This work on the landfall site is now due to commence mid-2017. During this period, residents will experience a noticeable amount of HGV and other traffic movement through the village and further disruption at the landfall site itself.

The Parish Council has been keeping track these developments which impact significantly on our community. It is monitoring the planning application for EAThree and has initiated the sharing of information with other parishes along the cable route. It now intends to develop a more extensive communications strategy and is requesting sight of the Traffic Management Plan and Landfall Methods documentation which is/will be held by Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Also the Parish Council has been persistent in its efforts to seek ScottishPower's (SP) agreement to some form of community benefit in compensation for the disruption which will be caused to the village. SP's standard response has been that as they applied for expensive underground rather than overground cables, they have adopted the policy of no community benefits at all. The Parish hopes to pursue this matter possibly through the media and in liaison with other parishes along the cable route.

If you have any specific questions/concerns that are not addressed by the formal documentation (above) please contact Richard Tricker at **rjtricker@gmail.com**

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