

BERWICK BANK WIND FARM

Pre-Application Consultation Report

Appendix 15
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(PAC) Notice

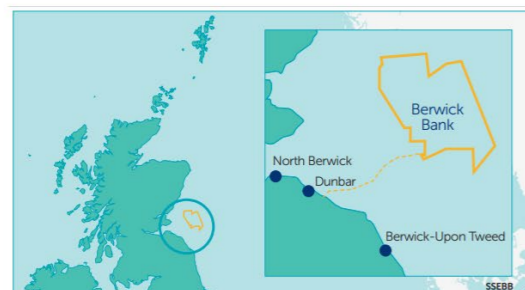
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Proposal: Marine Licences for the construction and operation of Berwick Bank Wind Farm's offshore generating infrastructure and transmission works up to Mean High Water Springs. The offshore export cable infrastructure will transport electricity from the Berwick Bank Wind Farm's offshore array area, and make landfall at Skateraw, East Lothian.

Notice is hereby given that SSE Renewables Limited (company number SC435847 and with registered office at Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ) and/or another company within the SSE group (the "Applicant") intends to submit applications for two marine licences in relation to the Berwick Bank Wind Farm (the "Project"): one in respect of the offshore generating infrastructure and the other in respect of offshore transmission infrastructure, both further described below. The Applicant plans to hold pre-application online consultation events in relation to the Project.

Project Overview

The Applicant is developing the Project, an offshore wind farm located in the outer Firth of Forth with potential to generate up to 4.1GW of renewable energy. The Project will be located in the central North Sea, 43 km offshore of the East Lothian coastline and 33.5 km from the Scottish Borders coastline at St, Abbs.



The Project's intended offshore generating infrastructure is proposed to be located within the area shown indicatively in solid yellow within the figure above and comprises:

- Up to 307 offshore wind turbines and associated support structures and foundations;
- A network of cabling linking individual wind turbines to each other and to the offshore substation platforms (OSPs) (approx. 1,225 km of inter-array cabling); and
- Estimated scour protection of up to 2,280 m² per wind turbine.

The Project's intended offshore transmission works comprise:

- Up to ten OSPs and associated support structures and foundations proposed to be located within the area shown indicatively in solid yellow in the figure above;

- Estimated scour protection of up to 4,825 m² per OSP proposed to be located within the area shown indicatively in solid yellow in the figure above;
- Inter-connection cabling between the OSPs (approx.94 km of interconnector cabling) proposed to be located within the area shown indicatively in solid yellow in the figure above;
- Up to 8 export cables connecting the OSPs to the Skateraw Landfall proposed to be located via the route shown indicatively by the dashed yellow line in the figure above; and
- High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) and/or High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission options for connection into the onshore substation which may include the use of Offshore Transformer Modules (OTMs) and / or Converter Stations.

Further information can be accessed through the Project website (www.berwickbank.com).

A separate planning application will be submitted to East Lothian Council for the Project's onshore infrastructure and transmission works.

Upcoming Community Consultation

Pre-application consultation (PAC) on the proposals, will take place through a virtual public exhibition. The virtual public exhibition will be available between 7 March – 18 March 2022, this will be free to access with details on how to access the platform provided on the project website (www.berwickbank.com) from week commencing 28 February 2022. The virtual exhibition will include live chat sessions where the Project team will be present on the following times:

- 9 March 12:00 – 14:00 & 16:00 – 18:00; and
- 10 March 12:00 – 14:00 & 16:00 – 18:00.

The virtual public exhibition will also include a link to a feedback form where comments and questions on the proposal, as well as any requests for further information, can be submitted directly to the Project Team.

The project team has provisionally booked the Innerwick Village Hall on the 8th of March 2022 with a view to hosting an in-person consultation event. This would take place between 13:00 and 19:00. Please note that any in-person gathering is dependent on COVID-19 guidance as issued by the Scottish Government at the time allowing such an event, and further details on whether the event will take place will be given via the project website or can be obtained via the contact details below.

Feedback may be provided by emailing the Project Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Gary Donlin at gary.donlin@sse.com or by calling (0)7384 798 101.

All feedback following the virtual or in person public exhibition should be provided by 31 March 2022.

Please note that the PAC comments are not representations to the Scottish Ministers and that, if the Applicant makes an application for one or more marine licences, there will be an opportunity to make such representations to the Scottish Ministers on the relevant application when the application is made.