



NORTH FALLS

Offshore Wind Farm

NORTH FALLS OFFSHORE WIND FARM APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR EXAMINATION BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE

On 22 August 2024 the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, formally accepted North Falls Offshore Wind Farm's application for a Development Consent Order (DCO). The Project now moves into the 'pre-examination' phase of the consenting process for major infrastructure projects. The next phase, examination, is expected to begin in early 2025.

Acceptance for examination marks a significant landmark for the Project and is a culmination of four rounds of consultation and six years of ongoing engagement – all of which has influenced the Project's development.



Image of Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm. North Falls' design may differ.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Pre-examination

Following acceptance the Project moves into the pre-examination phase of the DCO process. Soon, people will be able to register as an interested party, which means you will be kept informed of the Project's progress and opportunities to share your views in a process led by the Planning Inspectorate. Inspectors assigned by the Planning Inspectorate (known as the Examining Authority or 'ExA') will then hold a preliminary meeting and set the timetable for examination. We expect examination to begin early 2025.

About North Falls

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm is being developed by North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited, a 50/50 joint venture company owned by SSE Renewables and RWE. It is a proposed extension to the southern array of the existing Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm and is being developed in the southern North Sea approximately 40 kilometres (km) off the East Anglia coast. North Falls is aiming to be operational by the end of the decade.

More information and how to take part

All of the Project's application documents are available to view by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera or by visiting the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website. Visit national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Registrations to become an interested party are expected to open soon and you will receive a notification from the Planning Inspectorate about registering as an interested party if you sign up for Project updates. We will also post an update on the Project website once registrations are open.



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