

Keeping you informed

Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms

Community Newsletter

Welcome

The beginning of 2026 has brought some important developments for the DBS offshore wind farms. We're happy to share that on 14 January, both projects (DBS East and DBS West) secured a contract with the government to supply electricity through the Government's Allocation Round 7 (AR7) auction. More on this to follow.

We were also informed that a decision on our Development Consent Order (DCO) application, which would grant consent to construct our projects, was delayed by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero from 10 January to 30 April 2026. The delay is disappointing; however, we continue to work with all stakeholders to move the projects ahead.

More recently, we launched a consultation to hear local ideas and opinions about a proposed community fund associated with the projects'

converter stations southwest of Beverley. To help shape how the fund could be managed and which local projects might benefit, we invite you to take part in a short survey. More details on page 3.

In this edition you'll also find interviews with Anthony, our civil project engineer, and Bakr, a student working with us during his year in industry placement. Plus, we share highlights from some of our recent offshore activities.

Thank you for your continued interest and support!

If you have any questions about the DBS projects, we encourage you to contact us by email at dbs@rwe.com, by phone at 0800 254 5459, or by post at **FREEPOST DBSOWF**.



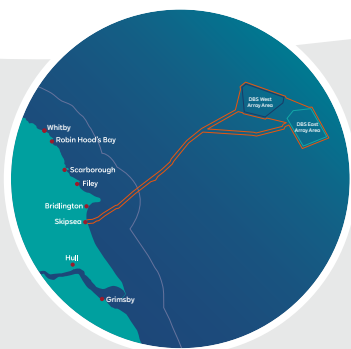
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Fast facts

DBS offshore
wind farms



DBS is two projects:

- DBS East
- DBS West

Located over 100km
off the north east
coast of England.



Combined
capacity of
~3GW



Enough electricity
for around 3 million
typical UK homes*

*Calculation based on 2021 generation, and assuming average (mean) annual household consumption of 3,509 kWh, based on latest statistics from Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (Subnational Electricity and Gas Consumption Statistics Regional and Local Authority, Great Britain, 2021, Mean domestic electricity consumption (kWh per meter) by country/region, Great Britain, 2021).

DBS success in Allocation Round 7

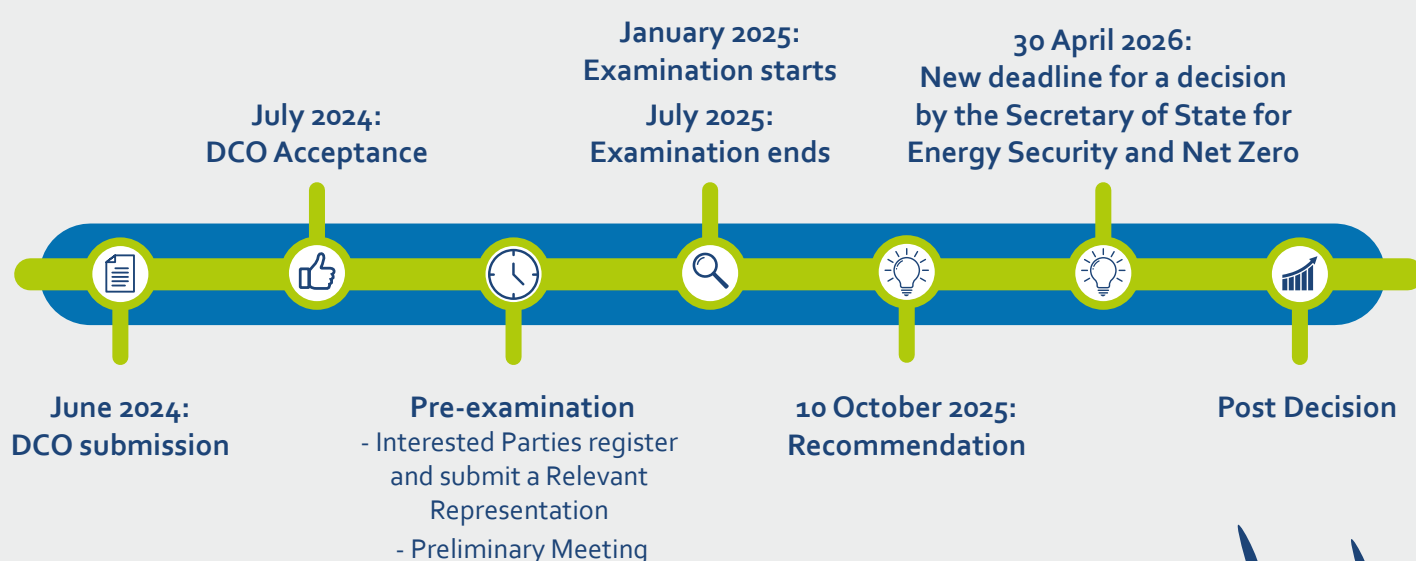
On 14 January, both DBS projects (DBS East and DBS West) secured a contract with the government to supply electricity from the projects through the government's Allocation Round 7 (AR7) auction.

This means our projects were each awarded a Contract for Difference (CfD)* which is a significant step forward in the project development process. By agreeing a fixed price for electricity in advance of construction, the projects are less financially risky to develop.

It also means that the taxpayer gets a rebate if electricity prices rise above the agreed level. The prices were set by a competitive auction into which the DBS projects submitted winning bids.

*CfDs are the UK government's primary mechanism for enabling the deployment of low-carbon electricity at scale, providing long-term price certainty while supporting affordability and security of supply.

Timeline showing DCO application process



Community Fund Consultation

As part of the plans for the proposed DBS projects, a community benefit package is being developed that includes a community fund to help deliver local plans and aspirations. The community fund is being developed in line with new government guidance, which sets out how projects like ours can deliver a positive legacy for local areas.

The guidance sets out the types of infrastructure projects that should deliver community funds, and the level of funding that should be made available. The proposed DBS converter stations are expected to be in scope of the Government's new guidance, resulting in a total community benefit fund of up to £1,060,000 (based on the installation of two converter stations).

Consultation survey

We invite you to take part in a consultation survey before 27 March 2026 to share what matters most to your community and to help shape the future of the fund.

The consultation questionnaire can be accessed by scanning the QR code, or by clicking the following link: <https://FNnDuu.short.gy/surveyDBS>

If you would like to discuss your ideas for the proposed fund in person, then please do join members of the team at our in-person Community Fund Consultation events:



Tuesday 24 February 2026

Little Weighton Village Hall

21 Old Village Road, HU20 3US

15:00 to 19:00

Wednesday 25 February 2026

Walkington Village Hall

17 East End, HU17 8RX

14:00 to 18:00

If you require a paper copy of the questionnaire, please contact us and we will send one to you:

Email: dbs@rwe.com | FREEPOST DBSOWF | Tel: 0800 254 5459

To find out how community funds have benefited other communities local to wind farm projects, click on the individual case studies below:

- Education & training fund
- Angle for the community
- Watten Shop
- Bicker Village Hall
- Green Shoots
- Dolen Teifi





What else will the Community Benefit Package include?

DBS has already started driving education, skills and careers in STEM through offshore wind education initiatives.

We are committed to fostering thriving and sustainable local economies by investing in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education, alongside job creation, skills development and training. Our initiatives help people develop essential skills, enhance employability, and explore promising careers in offshore wind and beyond.

The UK Government has also announced plans for an electricity bill discount scheme for nearby households, which we also expect would apply to our proposed converter stations. This could include bill discounts of up to £2,500 over 10 years for those living within 500 metres of the converter stations. The mechanism for delivering this funding has been secured as part of the

recent Planning and Infrastructure Act, and the government expects the scheme to be in place by 2026. We will share further details as they become available.

For further support, please contact the project team on dbs@rwe.com or call 0800 254 5459. Your feedback is a vital part of shaping this opportunity for the community.

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Marine Recovery Fund: Safeguarding Our Seas and Supporting Clean Energy

As part of a national initiative, the government has announced the Marine Recovery Fund (MRF), which aims to balance the development of clean, homegrown energy with the protection of Britain's marine biodiversity.

How does it work?

Offshore wind developments, including DBS, will make payments into a government-managed fund. By combining contributions from various projects, the MRF will support coordinated, large-scale conservation measures. These efforts are designed to benefit seabirds and marine habitats, promoting progress toward clean energy alongside ongoing work to protect wildlife.

What will DBS contribute to the MRF?

The DBS offshore wind farms will be among the first to contribute to the MRF with funds to support the benthic environment and its inhabitants which can be found on and just below the seabed.



Exploring DBS' Ancient Seabed

Since summer 2022, the DBS team has been surveying the seabed around the proposed sites of the offshore infrastructure, collecting samples to guide design decisions. Interestingly, these samples also offer glimpses into the area's distant past – some even coming from ancient landscapes that were once dry land.

To unlock these secrets, the team has worked closely with specialist marine archaeologists, selecting sites to sample and sharing data for expert analysis. Their collaborative efforts are detailed in a preliminary report that was submitted as part of the Development Consent Order application. Click the following link to view the report: <https://FNnDuu.short.gy/geol-review>

The final round of surveys was completed by Fugro in 2025, paving the way for archaeologists to study samples in person. In December 2025, members of the DBS offshore consents team and archaeological experts visited Fugro's labs in Wallingford to review materials. The focus was on samples believed to contain features of interest such as wood and peat formed in prehistoric landscapes, which are key to understanding ancient environmental conditions.

Several interesting samples were identified, with further analysis planned for 2026. A comprehensive report on the findings will follow for review by Historic England and the Marine Management Organisation.

People in offshore wind

Engineering careers are not just technical, they're about people too.

As part of our series of interviews bringing some of the significant development roles at DBS to life, we are pleased to feature a summary of an interview with Anthony Pearson, one of our civil project engineers



Why do the DBS projects matter?

The DBS offshore wind farms matter because they are transitioning our UK generation to clean energy. I've worked on coal and gas stations and it's really nice to be working on the next generation of clean power.

What is your role in the DBS team?

I'm an onshore civil engineer for the DBS projects. My role entails looking after all the onshore physical assets, so things like cables in the ground, buildings, structures – everything to get the power from the cable landfall to the National Grid.

What surprises people about your job?

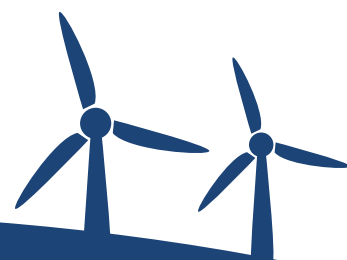
As an engineer, my role is very technical, but I actually find the people side of things more complex. I'm working with the consenting team, the land team, the electrical engineering team, and we're trying to put together the picture of what's actually physically going to be there on the land.

Any advice for young people considering doing your job in the future?

My advice for young people thinking to get into a civil engineering career is to build not just the technical skills though maths and science, but also to put yourself in lots of experiential things. So, getting involved with a team where you can work with different people where you've got to work towards a common goal.

You can view Anthony's full interview and the rest of the series on our website.

<https://doggerbanksouth.co.uk/community-jobs-and-benefits/career-opportunities/>



Meet Bakr – Year in industry placement at RWE

Bakr is studying for a degree in Construction, Engineering and Management at Loughborough University. He discovered the opportunity to work within RWE's offshore wind team while browsing Gradcracker, an engineering careers portal.

Faced with a choice between a traditional construction role or a new adventure in offshore wind, he decided to step outside his comfort zone. "I wanted to challenge myself and do something different and exciting during my year in industry," Bakr recalls.

Application process

The application process was straightforward, starting with a CV and cover letter. Bakr was then invited for an interview which required further research into RWE and the projects to ensure he was as prepared as he possibly could be. A few months later, Bakr got the good news. "It all took around four or five months, so I had plenty of time to get ready for the placement," he says.

Advice for students considering a placement

For those at university considering a placement, Bakr offers some great advice: "You don't have to be an expert in renewables or offshore wind to get started. You'll pick up new skills and knowledge every day and there is an amazing team of people around you who are understanding and willing to help. It really is a fantastic opportunity."



A bit more about Bakr

Outside of his placement, Bakr has a creative side – he loves baking and even competed in the Junior Bake Off when he was 15. Living with fellow interns gives his year in industry experience a fun, university vibe, and evenings are often spent out with friends or climbing at the local bouldering wall.

If you, or someone you know is interested in a year in industry placement, keep an eye on RWE's undergraduate and student web page. Or, if you're doing a Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths related course like Bakr, check out Gradcracker:

RWE:

<https://www.rwe.com/en/rwe-careers-portal/early-careers/undergraduate-and-student-opportunities>

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<https://www.gradcracker.com>

Earn while you learn with a wind turbine technician apprenticeship!

Are you looking for a future-proof apprenticeship that offers exciting tasks both on site and in training?

The RWE Wind Turbine Technician apprenticeship is a fantastic opportunity to join the world of renewable energy, and to earn while you learn.

The three-year apprenticeship has a rising salary of £17,000 – £24,000. It combines practical training with technical education, with the opportunity to work alongside experienced technicians, while completing academic qualifications.

There will be study at either Coleg Llandrillo, Rhyl or IPS International, Rochester, with some hands-on experience at one of our offshore wind

farm locations. For the third year, all apprentices will be based full time at one of our wind farm locations.

It's a career that offers challenge, purpose and adventure.

- Applicants need to have 5 GCSEs (or equivalent) at 4/C or above including Science, Maths and English.

For full details and to read about other apprentice's experiences, visit

<https://uk.rwe.com/careers/early-careers/apprenticeships/offshore-wind-turbine-technician-apprenticeship/>

Springpod[®] into the Future!

Offshore wind is shaping the future of energy and creating thousands of new career opportunities. Our free interactive online programme gives young people a simple, accessible way to explore this fast-growing industry and consider how they might fit in.

Delivered in collaboration with SpringPod, this content-rich course is open to students aged 13 and over. It introduces the offshore wind industry, highlights career opportunities and explains possible pathways, with modules covering industry basics, operations, the environment and innovation.

Students can complete the course at their own pace, and will receive a certificate on completion to support applications for jobs, apprenticeships and UCAS personal statements.

Access the training by visiting www.springpod.co.uk and searching for RWE's virtual offshore wind work experience.

Start your work experience journey!

Use the QR code to be taken straight to the programme.




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Further information

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