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Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process

The project is currently at an early stage. One of the first formal steps in the EIA process is the scoping stage, which identifies the environmental topics that need to be assessed and the approach to carrying out those assessments.

The environmental information we collect, together with feedback from local communities and stakeholders, will help shape the design of the project and what is assessed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

You may have heard that the Development Consent Order (DCO) process has recently changed, with some steps simplified to make the process more efficient and focused.

We want to be clear that these changes do not reduce the importance of consultation. We remain fully committed to engaging openly and effectively with communities, including carrying out two full rounds of public consultation.

EIA documentation

- 1. Scoping Report** - This is a document prepared by the developer (in this case, Fred. Olsen Renewables). It explains what the proposed project involves and sets out the environmental topics that will be looked at, and the level of detail that will be covered. It is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), which reviews it and asks for input from organisations like local councils and environmental experts.
- 2. Scoping Opinion** – After reviewing the Scoping Report and consulting others, the Planning Inspectorate publishes its official response (on behalf of the Secretary of State). This sets out exactly what environmental information the developer must include in its final report.
- 3. Initial environmental information** – At an early stage, the developer prepares initial environmental information, previously known as a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). This explains the likely environmental effects of the project. It is shared with the public and key organisations to gather feedback, which is then used to help improve the project design and inform the ongoing environmental assessment.
- 4. Environmental Statement (ES)** – This is the final, detailed environmental report. It brings together all the findings from surveys, assessments, and feedback gathered throughout the process. The Environmental Statement is submitted as part of the application for permission to build the project.

If you have any feedback or ideas for the community benefit fund or any other aspect of our proposals, we would like to hear from you. We will consider all feedback submitted on the draft proposals before 30 June 2026. **You can provide feedback in the following ways throughout consultation:**



On our website:

www.hopemoor.co.uk

Where you can find a version of our feedback form which can be filled in online, or downloaded and printed.



Post to our freepost address at

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Post any written feedback, including hard copy feedback forms.

(A stamp is not required and the address must be given in full).



Email:

info@hopemoor.co.uk

Email your feedback or a copy of your feedback form to the Hope Moor Project email address.



Events:

Hard copy forms

Hard copy forms are also available at our consultation events.