

Offshore Wind

Strategic enabling actions programme Workshop summary

4 December 2019



Cross-sector workshops

Overview

On 4 December 2019, we welcomed representatives from a wide range of organisations with an interest in the future of UK offshore wind to a workshop in London.

The purpose of the workshop was to help shape a programme of investment in strategic enabling actions for future offshore wind farm deployment.

The workshop covered four topics:

- Improving understanding of environmental impacts and benefits
- Unlocking further deployment via the derogation process (Habitats Regulations)
- Better spatial planning and co-ordination of activities onshore and offshore
- How the industry can deliver net environmental gains

The following slides show the summary of key themes discussed for each topic. We have also included the combined list of these themes on slide 7 in a table format.

Improving understanding of environmental impacts and benefits



Unlocking further deployment via the derogation process (Habitats Regulations)



Better spatial planning and co-ordination of activities onshore and offshore



How the industry can deliver net environmental gains



Overview – key themes list

Improving our understanding of environmental impacts and benefits

Evidence base
Reducing uncertainty
Informed decision making
Addressing impacts
Attitudes to risk
Confidence
Marine planning
Policy & regulation
Resource planning
Strategic approach
Materiality
Terrestrial planning
Existing knowledge
Mitigation
Policy and Regulation
Regulators
Environmental Impact
Assessment
Enable
Funding
Industry
Collaboration
Governments
Consensus
Precaution
Good practice

Unlocking further deployment via the derogation process (Habitats Regulations)

Derogation
Compensation
NSIP process
SNCB/regulator resources
Climate emergency
No alternatives
Biodiversity
Defra position
Lessons learned
Skill development
MPA network
Balance
Species
Technical understanding
Developer appetite
Discussion
Strategic
Guidance
Case law
Like for like
Off site
Office for Environmental
Protection
MPA management
Conservation status

Better spatial planning and co-ordination of activities onshore and offshore

co-location
regulatory regime
coordination
multi-sector
across borders
Trade-offs
Innovation
Future-proofing
technology
global
agreed targets
reduce uncertainty
evidence
Devolved administrations
Marine planning
impacts
benefits
climate change
strategic approach
policy
decision making
government lead

How the industry can deliver net environmental gains

net gain
environmental benefits
biodiversity
Governments
Research
Innovation
Lessons-learned
Marine
Process
Spatial planning
Decision-making
Devolved administrations
Industry
Evidence
Assessment
Balance
Funding
Consensus
Clarity
Infrastructure
Coordination
Define and differentiate
Project level
Holistic approach
Maximum return on investment
Recognition

Attendees

We were pleased to welcome 43 delegates to our workshop, representing:





Working together to deliver transformative change – looking forwards

- We will follow this summary presentation up with a more detailed write up of the workshop.
- We will continue with engagement as the programme develops. If you or your organisations would like further information, please contact Mandy King at OffshoreStakeholder@thecrownestate.co.uk