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## **Galloper construction activity underway at Sizewell beach**

- ***Final phase of work being carried out at Sizewell beach***
- ***Beach construction area established from 13<sup>th</sup> March***
- ***Consultation events hosted for local residents***

The final phase of Galloper construction work at Sizewell beach is about to get underway. From Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> March a construction area will be re-established at Sizewell beach, Suffolk. The Galloper team are preparing for the installation of the second and final export cable that will bring the power generated from the offshore wind farm to the onshore substation that will connect to the National Grid. The works will be completed, and the site demobilized this summer, with the beach being returned to its original condition.

Ahead of the works, the project team have hosted a Galloper Local Liaison Committee meeting, sent newsletters to local residents, and this weekend, will be hosting public information drop-in sessions in Sizewell that have been advertised in the newsletters and local media.

Toby Edmonds, Project Director of Galloper Wind Farm Limited said:

“We installed the first export cable last year so have been through this process once before. Local residents and beach users have been very helpful and we very much appreciate their patience whilst this final phase of planned beach activity is completed. Due to the nature of the work much of it has to be done during favorable tidal and weather conditions and this year some of that work does coincide with public holidays but we will of course do our best to minimize any disruption whilst construction activity is ongoing.

He added: “Whilst there will be visible activity, the beach will remain open outside of the designated construction areas which will be clearly signposted”

Normal working hours will be 7am to 7pm, from Monday to Saturday, for the majority of the construction process however it is expected there will be occasional Sunday working. Work is also continuing at the substation construction site north of Sizewell Gap Road and offshore, and offshore work is continuing to make good progress with 40 of the 56 turbine foundations now installed.

If any members of the public or local residents have any enquiries they can phone the Galloper general enquiry line Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm and Friday 9am-4pm on 0845 078 2941. Enquiries can also be emailed to the team on [info@galloperwindfarm.com](mailto:info@galloperwindfarm.com) Further information about the project can be found at the Galloper website [www.galloperwindfarm.com](http://www.galloperwindfarm.com)

Construction of Galloper is being led on behalf of the project partners by innogy SE. The project represents an investment potential of around £1.5 billion and the average annual generation expected is estimated to be equivalent to the approximate domestic needs of around 336,000 average UK households<sup>1</sup>.

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**For more information about the Galloper Wind Farm visit:**

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**Footnote**

<sup>1</sup>Energy predicted to be generated by the proposal is derived using wind speeds monitored in the local area and correlating to suitable reanalysis weather data providing longer term data. The calculations are based on an installed capacity of up to 336MW. The energy capture predicted and hence derived homes equivalent or emissions

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savings figures may change as further data are gathered. Equivalent homes supplied is based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4500 kWh. This figure is supported by recent domestic electricity consumption data available from The Digest of UK Energy Statistics and household figures from the UK Statistics Authority.

#### Notes to editor

Galopper Offshore Wind Farm is an extension of the existing and fully operational Greater Gabbard Wind Farm off the coast of Suffolk. The wind farm represents an expected investment potential of around £1.5 billion. It is estimated that the average annual generation expected at the site will be equivalent to the approximate domestic needs of around 336,000 average UK households. Following Financial Close of the project in October 2015 the GWFL project announced the equal joint equity partnership of 25% each between RWE Innogy UK (now innogy SE), UK Green Investment Bank, Siemens Financial Services and Macquarie Capital.

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innogy SE is Germany's leading energy company, with revenue of around €46 billion (2015), more than 40,000 employees and activities in 16 countries across Europe. With its three business segments Grid & Infrastructure, Retail and Renewables, innogy addresses the requirements of a modern, decarbonised, decentralised and digital energy world. Its activities focus on its 23 million customers, and on offering them innovative and sustainable products and services which enable them to use energy more efficiently and improve their quality of life. The key markets are Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Belgium, as well as several countries in Central Eastern and South Eastern Europe, especially the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland. In renewable power generation, the company is also active in other regions, e.g. Spain, Italy and the MENAT region (Middle East, North Africa and Turkey), with a total capacity of 3.6 gigawatts. As a leader of innovation in future-oriented fields like eMobility, we are represented in the international hot-spots of the technology industry such as Silicon Valley, Tel Aviv and Berlin. We combine the extensive expertise of our energy technicians and engineers with digital technology partners, from start-ups to major corporates. With planned capital investments of around €6.5 billion (2016-2018), we are building the power market of the future and driving forward the transformation of the energy market. innogy was formed from the restructuring of the RWE Group and started operations on 1 April 2016. Its IPO in October 2016 made innogy SE Germany's most valuable energy company. innogy is colourful, flexible and full of energy – let's innogize!

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