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Project's 'healthy' safety record unlocks cash boost for Boston foodbank

- Donations recognise over 2 million hours of safe working⁽¹⁾ by project team
- Charity says business support is vital as demand for services rockets.

A top safety record at Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm is helping a local Boston foodbank during what is proving to be one of its toughest times.

The nationally significant infrastructure project being built by innogy⁽¹⁾ in Lincolnshire is making separate donations of £2,000 each to the Boston & Sutterton foodbank and to the Rock Foundation in Grimsby, as a gesture to mark the project working safely for more than 2million hours.

Staff on the wind farm project were keen that their recognition of this achievement helped local good causes, and so the foodbanks which support local people in food poverty in some of the most deprived areas in the region were selected to receive the donations.

One of the projects, the Boston & Sutterton Foodbank, operates in the parish of Boston, and says that the number of new people needing their support is rising each day, while the number of food donations to the charity's collection bins has fallen dramatically.

Project director for Triton Knoll and innogy, Julian Garnsey said: *"We've all seen in the media that fighting food poverty is hard enough without the added challenges that these uncertain times have brought, and we feel that the foodbank charities that work so hard to help local people deserve all the help we can give them."*

"The safety and welfare of our teams is a top priority for us, and so I'm pleased that we are also able to do something to help support the welfare of the more vulnerable people in our local communities."

Coordinator of the Boston foodbank, Adam Kelk, said that while local people have been great in their support for the project so far, but that shopping habits have changed in recent weeks leading to a drop in donations.

He said: *"We've found there are a lot more people coming to us, many for the first time as a result of furloughing and local businesses going into administration, while there is a considerable strain on the benefit system. When you couple that with the fact that people's shopping habits have had to change, we are beginning to see some gaps forming. We are very grateful for donations like this which are so welcome in helping plug those gaps."*

"Boston is a generous community, but there's been a considerable dip in donations as a result of the Coronavirus, and so we are now having to look at new ways of getting food donations in. We are still open, we desperately need donations to the foodbank, so we would urge people to please get in touch if you think you can help."

For Information and advice on how you can make vital donations to the Boston & Sutterton Foodbank, please visit the parish website, at www.parish-of-boston.org.uk/our-projects/boston-sutterton-foodbank/

Triton Knoll is dedicated to becoming one of the safest projects in construction (1) and has put health and safety performance at the very top of its priority list. It promotes a culture that encourages all members of the team and contractors to Start Safe and Act Safe, to get Home Safe.

Since construction officially started in September 2018 and before the spread of the coronavirus, the project had not had a single member of its team unable to return to work as a result of an incident or accident. For a project installing and constructing high voltage electrical infrastructure, installing over 300 kilometres of underground cable and completing more than 774 specialist drills beneath, roads, rivers and beaches, it's an impressive performance.

Triton Knoll is a state-of-the-art, 857MW offshore wind farm, consisting of 90 of the world's most powerful turbines, and representing a significant investment in new UK energy infrastructure. Located 32km off the Lincolnshire coast, Triton Knoll is the largest offshore wind farm currently in construction by innogy (2) and, once fully operational, will be capable generating renewable energy equivalent to the needs of over 800,000 typical UK households. (3)

For more information about the project, please visit: www.tritonknoll.co.uk

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- (1) As a responsible employer, our top priority is to ensure that all of our staff, contractors and members of the public can stay safe and well throughout this unprecedented time. Along with other UK construction projects, we have been requested to continue building the critical energy infrastructure that our society needs to function while carefully following government guidance. Some activities on this nationally significant electricity infrastructure project are critical and cannot be undertaken remotely, for example, the safe commissioning of our onshore assets in line with national grid timelines, and the safe operation of the offshore construction site. In line with UK government guidance we are continuing these works using revised working procedures, and have implemented a number of control measures which will ensure our commitment to protecting our staff and the public's safety and welfare.
- (2) Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm is owned by innogy (59%), J-Power (25%) and Kansai Electric Power (16%), with innogy managing the construction as well as the long term operation and maintenance works, on behalf of its project partners.
- (3) Energy Generation - It is estimated that the average annual generation expected at the site could be equivalent to the approximate domestic needs of an expected minimum of 800,000 average UK households. Energy predicted to be generated by the proposal is derived using wind speeds monitored in the local area and correlated with long term reference data. The energy capture predicted, and hence derived homes equivalent figure may change as further data are gathered. Equivalent homes supplied is based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4100 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 National Statistics Authority.