

### Case study : Rampion Offshore Wind Farm -Coexistence of Tourism and Offshore Wind

### **Rampion Offshore Wind Farm – a case study**

- Overview of the Rampion Wind farm
- Engagement & Consultation
- Development assessing the impacts / concerns
- Construction Marine Users
- Operations A tourist attraction
- Conclusions



## Our offshore assets In operation

#### 3.3 GW<sup>2</sup> in operation



#### In operation

**Galloper** UK, 353 MW<sup>1</sup> (88 MW<sup>2</sup>)

2 Greater Gabbard UK, 504 MW<sup>1</sup> (252 MW<sup>2</sup>)

3 Gwynt y Môr UK, 576 MW<sup>1</sup> (288 MW<sup>2</sup>)

Humber UK, 219 MW<sup>1</sup> (112 MW<sup>2</sup>)

5 London Array UK, 630 MW<sup>1</sup> (189 MW<sup>2</sup>)

6 Rampion UK, 400 MW<sup>1</sup> (200 MW<sup>2</sup>)

7 Rhyl Flats UK, 90 MW<sup>1</sup> (45 MW<sup>2</sup>)

8 Robin Rigg UK, 174 MW<sup>1</sup>

9 Scroby Sands UK, 60 MW<sup>1</sup> **10** Triton Knoll UK, 857 MW<sup>1</sup> (506 MW<sup>2</sup>)

**11 Thornton Bank** BE, 325 MW<sup>1</sup> (87 MW<sup>2</sup>)

12 Alpha Ventus DE, 60 MW<sup>1</sup> (16 MW<sup>2</sup>)

13 Amrumbank West DE, 302 MW<sup>1</sup>

14 Arkona DE, 385 MW<sup>1</sup> (193 MW<sup>2</sup>)

15 Nordsee One DE, 332 MW<sup>1</sup> (50 MW<sup>2</sup>)

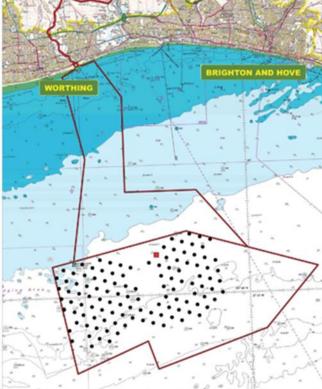
16 Nordsee Ost DE, 295 MW<sup>1</sup>

17 Rødsand 2 DK, 207 MW<sup>1</sup> (41 MW<sup>2</sup>)

18 Kårehamn SE, 48 MW<sup>1</sup>

19 Kaskasi DE, 342 MW <sup>12</sup>





### **Development timeline**

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#### January 2010

The Crown Estate award exclusivity to a development area off South Coast .

#### 2010 - 2013

Early engagement, engineering and environmental surveys, including consultation on draft proposals

#### March 2013 – July 2014

Consents application submitted to Planning Inspectorate, examination and consent award

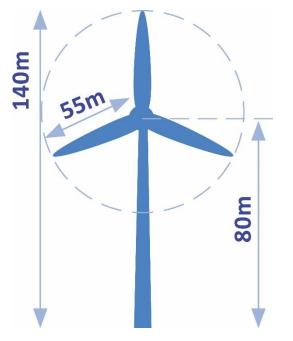
#### May 2015 Financial Investment Decision .

September 2015 – October 2018 Construction of wind farm through to operation

#### **Rampion offshore wind farm - in numbers**

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350,000 homes supplied



### **Early Engagement**

•Be accessible - local office and Development Manager

•Involve the community - Schools naming competition and public vote choose 'Rampion', County flower of Sussex

•Identify and inform **key stakeholders** -MPs, councils and influential local stakeholder organisations

•Set up **Project Liaison groups** – to share and discuss proposals – outreach to community







### **Development – Concerns of Visual impact**

Concerns raised by South Downs National Park Authority and Natural England regarding impact of turbines within the seascape

Assessed impacts from key locations along the coast and within the National Park

Refined design to mitigate the impact from sensitive locations





age View from Brighton Sea Front I

### **Construction impacts – Marine Users**

Set up Working groups with commercial fishermen and charter boat owners – Co-operation Agreements

Fisheries Liaison Officer and Diver Liaison Officers appointed

Diver & Sea Users Fact Sheet & laminated charts

Presentations to Yacht and Sailing clubs





#### **Safety First**

- Safety zones established and communicated
- Notices on public slipways, dive shops
- Notices to Mariners
- Protocol in place for construction vessels
- Guard vessels
- Construction photo and video record
- Charts updated and hazards noted

### **Operations – A tourist attraction**

Commercial fishing, recreational fishing and diving activities resumed in area with no restriction to movement

Local charter boat owners have amended their business model to promote site visits to the Rampion Wind Farm

Offer visits to key stakeholders – opportunity to lobby and network

Offer media trips to trigger positive coverage on local TV, radio, websites and social media



ys Out Attractions & Tickets Wind Farm Tours Brighton



#### Wind Farm Tours Brighton

Brighton Marina, East Sussex ♀ REF: BDTOUR

Get up close to Rampion Wind Farm on a boat trip Shared & private charters are available The farm has 161 of the 140m-high wind turbines A 2 to 3hr voyage, returning via Brighton sea front

Instant E Voucher Same-day Dispatch Choice of Packaging Valid for 12 Months



#### Choose an option:



LET'S CHAT!



### **Rampion Visitor Centre**

- Early commitment recognising tourism interest
- Looked at a number of venues & locations demonstrate local and tourism interest in the wind farm and supports positive PR
- Seafront location with view of the wind farm, with high footfall and excellent public transport links

#### The Rampion Visitor Centre:

- is free for all and engages schools from across Sussex

- tells the story of Rampion from a technical, environmental & community perspective

- raises awareness of climate change, renewable energy, offshore wind
- utilises the latest interactive displays and exhibitions





### **Conclusions**

Importance of **early engagement** with the community - concerns due to a lack of understanding and fear of the unknown

Listen to opinions, and **work together** to mitigate impacts – through design, notification and information sharing

**Communication is key** – understand what is proposed, how it can be influenced, and how we can co-ordinate and co-exist.

**Share the opportunities** – offshore wind farms can become a tourist attraction, and diversification for local vessel users

Consider a **Visitor Centre** – engaging with local community, visitors and providing an educational facility for all





# Thank you for listening