

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 GW² in operation



In operation

Galloper UK, 353 MW¹ (88 MW²)

2 Greater Gabbard UK, 504 MW¹ (252 MW²)

3 Gwynt y Môr UK, 576 MW¹ (288 MW²)

Humber UK, 219 MW¹ (112 MW²)

5 London Array UK, 630 MW¹ (189 MW²)

6 Rampion UK, 400 MW¹ (200 MW²)

7 Rhyl Flats UK, 90 MW¹ (45 MW²)

8 Robin Rigg UK, 174 MW¹

9 Scroby Sands UK, 60 MW¹ **10** Triton Knoll UK, 857 MW¹ (506 MW²)

11 Thornton Bank BE, 325 MW¹ (87 MW²)

12 Alpha Ventus DE, 60 MW¹ (16 MW²)

13 Amrumbank West DE, 302 MW¹

14 Arkona DE, 385 MW¹ (193 MW²)

15 Nordsee One DE, 332 MW¹ (50 MW²)

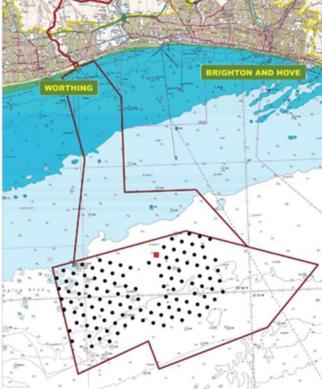
16 Nordsee Ost DE, 295 MW¹

17 Rødsand 2 DK, 207 MW¹ (41 MW²)

18 Kårehamn SE, 48 MW¹

19 Kaskasi DE, 342 MW ¹²





Development timeline

Development Timeline

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

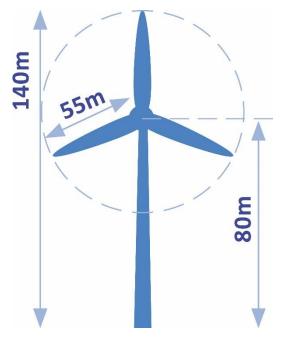
Consents application submitted to Planning Inspectorate, examination and consent award

May 2015 Financial Investment Decision .

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

Rampion offshore wind farm - in numbers

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