

East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarm and East Anglia ONE North Offshore Windfarm

Public Information Days

Feedback Summary

Informal consultation 30 October 2017 – 2 November 2017

1 Introduction

Between the 30th October and the 2nd November 2017 ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) held four Public Information Days (PIDS) (throughout Suffolk in the four locations listed in the table below) to launch two new offshore windfarm projects; East Anglia TWO (EA2) and East Anglia ONE North (EA1N).

These events formed part of pre-scoping informal consultation to help inform SPR's plans at an early stage.

Over the four days 129 people attended and were encouraged to share their feedback on the proposals.

This documents outlines that feedback.

Venue	Date	Time
Southwold St Edmund's Hall, Cumberland Rd, Southwold, IP18 6JP	30 October 2017	12pm – 7pm
Leiston United Church, High Street, Leiston, IP16 4EL	31 October 2017	12pm – 7pm
Lowestoft Victoria Hotel, Kirkely Cliff, Lowestoft, NR33 0BZ	1 November 2017	12pm – 7pm
Orford Orford Town Hall, Market Hill, Orford, Woodbridge, IP12 2NZ	2 November 2017	12pm – 7pm

1.1 Attendance

- 129 people attended the Public Information Days in total. This was broken down as follows:
 - Southwold - 18
 - Leiston - 45
 - Lowestoft - 26
 - Orford - 40

All attendees were invited to complete a feedback form (see appendix 1). To date 43 feedback forms have been received.

1.2 How people found out about the Public Information Days

Those who returned feedback forms advised they'd heard about the PIDS from the following:

- 12 by word of mouth
- 5 by poster
- 5 via the council
- 4 by the local paper
- 2 by email
- 2 directly
- 2 by offshore wind biz
- 1 by advert
- 1 by LinkedIn
- 1 by letter
- 1 by Suffolk Coast Against Retreat (SCAR)
- 7 did not specify

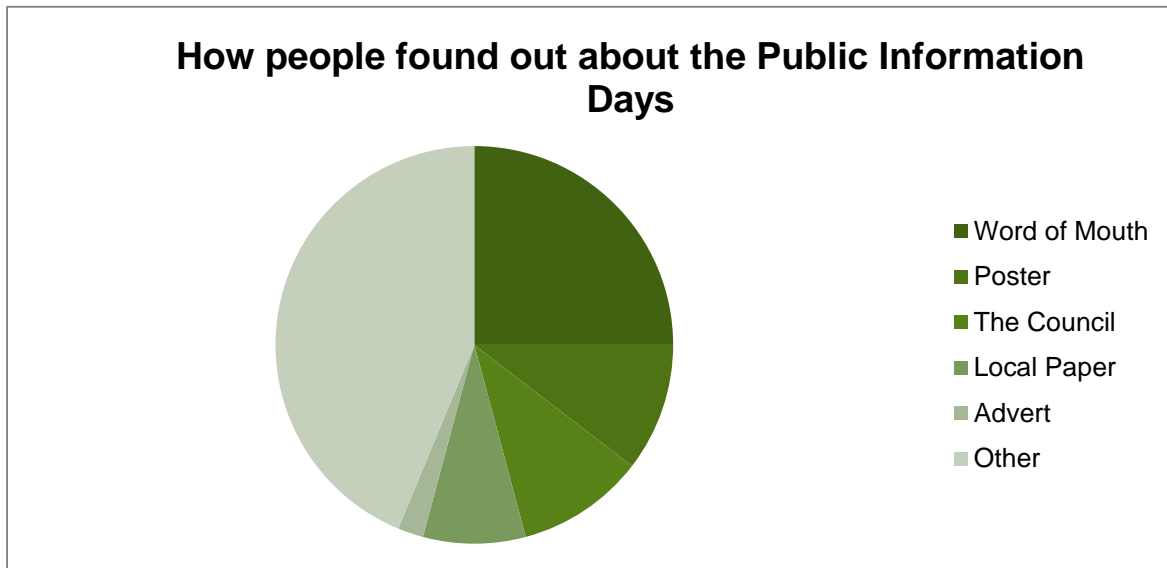


Fig 1.1 a pie chart showing the top five ways that people found out about the Public Information Days

2 Summary of Statistics

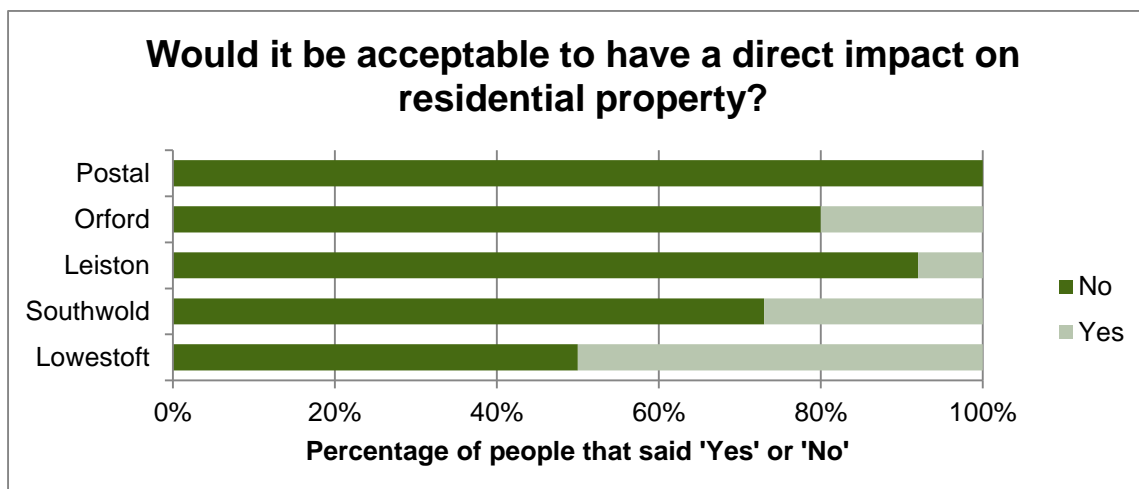
2.1 Event Feedback

- 100% found the event helpful in informing them about the proposals
- 100% found the boards to be clear and understandable
- 93% would be interested in attending future Public Information Days.

2.2 EA2 and EA1N Proposals

The following feedback was shared in response to the EA2 and EA1N proposals:

- 79% said that it would not be acceptable to have a direct impact on residential property (when considering the locations of the onshore substations and cable corridors).
- 100% said that they would prefer the substation to be as close to existing electrical infrastructure (i.e. the overhead power lines and other substations) as possible



3 Southwold – St Edmunds Hall



3.1 Event Details

Date: 30 October 2017

Time: 12pm – 7pm

18 attended Southwold's Public Information Day at St Edmund's Hall and 16 feedback forms were returned.

3.2 Feedback Summary

- Southwold attendees commented that the exhibition was informative and well thought through
- Generally there was support for the development of the offshore wind farms due to their positive impact on the environment, the security of supply for UK electricity, safety, and less hassle with decontamination
- With regards to the placement of the substations, one individual suggested they should be placed to the South East of Leiston, closer to the coast and existing developments
- The other two comments that were made were if possible to avoid the AONB
- One suggested that flooding, the environment, wildlife, visual aesthetics and road access should be taken into account when making a decision on connection points
- Another said the loss of agricultural land should be minimised as well as the traffic impact on the local population
- Several suggestions of people who may have information that could inform the project were:
 - Southwold Town Council
 - Southwold Chamber of Trade
 - Reydon Society
 - The Southwold Harbour Master - Peter Simmons
- Concerns were raised about the effect on the view from Southwold and that a greater UK supplier benefit could be guaranteed
- Grants towards community tourism benefits and investment into the town and harbour area were also suggested to help generate goodwill in the area
- It was also suggested that to capture the views of second home owners, further consultation and engagement could take place in holiday time.

4 Leiston – United Church



4.1 Event Details

Date: 31 October 2017

Time: 12pm – 7pm

45 people attended Leiston Public Information Day at the United Church and 14 feedback forms were returned.

4.2 Feedback Summary

- The majority of feedback from the event in Leiston was positive and attendees described the PID as very informative and the staff as very helpful
- 100% of attendees said that they found the event helpful, the boards were clear and understandable, and they would be interested in attending public information days in the future
- Generally feedback was in favour of the investment into offshore windfarms and 'greater economic regeneration opportunities for Leiston'
- Several suggestions of people who may have information that could inform the project were:
 - Leiston Town Council
 - Leiston Together
 - Transport groups - they may have information that could help to inform the decision on connection points
- Concerns were raised relating to the visual impact of the area, noise, traffic, and light pollution
- The impact on birds was also mentioned as a constraint that should be taken into account when making a decision on connection points
- Only 1 person out of 13 agreed that it would be acceptable to have a direct impact on residential property

5 Lowestoft – The Victoria Hotel



5.1 Event Details

Date: 1 November 2017

Time: 12pm – 7pm

26 people attended Lowestoft's Public Information Day at The Victoria Hotel and four feedback forms were returned.

5.2 Feedback Summary

- Those who attended the Lowestoft PID provided positive feedback overall, with comments that the project was supported and the information provided at the exhibition was useful and well presented
- The Hawsell's farm area was suggested as an option for placement of the substations
- One concern was raised on the subject of bird strikes and the lack of information relating to this at the PID
- It was recommended that homeland terrorism, aerial security, security of access and impact on drainage should be taken into account when making a decision on connection points
- 50% of responses said it would be acceptable to have a direct impact on residential property

6 Orford – Town Hall



6.1 Event Details

Date: 2 November 2017

Time: 12pm – 7pm

40 people attended Orford's Public Information Day at Orford Town Hall and six feedback forms were returned.

6.2 Feedback Summary

- Feedback from the Orford PID was positive, attendees found the day to be interesting, informative, enthusiastic and clearly stated
- Those who commented found it important to avoid the AONB and suggested the use of farmland for the placement of substations
- Only one person out of five agreed that it would be acceptable to have a direct impact on residential property
- Wildlife and the environment were mentioned as constraints that should be taken into account when making a decision on connection points

7 Summary

In conclusion, the PIDs were generally well received with feedback largely positive and constructive. All feedback has been fed back to the project team and is helping to shape the proposals as the project moves forward.

We now propose to hold further PIDs in March 2018. These will be held over two weekends to help reach those who were unable to attend in October and November 2017. The purpose of these events is both to offer another opportunity to view the exhibition materials (with additional visual representations), engage on the refinement of the 'area of search' for the location of onshore infrastructure representations and receive an update on the project since the previous events.

These events will also coincide with the publication of the Statements of Community Consultation (SoCCs). Please come and visit us at:

Area	Venue	Date	Time
Lowestoft	Victoria Hotel	17 March 2018	10am – 1pm
Southwold	TBC	17 March 2018	3pm – 6pm
Leiston	United Church	18 March 2018	10am – 1pm
Thorpeness	Thorpeness Golf Club	24 March 2018	10am – 1pm
Aldeburgh	Brundenell Hotel	24 March 2018	3pm – 6pm
Orford	Town Hall	25 March 2018	10am – 1pm