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**Holderness Gazette**

# Winds of change are blowing through Holderness once more

**DURING A FLURRY** of fresh activity this week, two more planning applications for wind farms in Holderness were submitted to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC).

In addition, Danish company Dong Energy announced a series of public exhibitions being staged next week, including at Hornsea and Withernsea, about its proposal for an offshore wind farm with up to 78 turbines between Spurn Point and Flamborough Head.

And E.ON UK submitted another impact assessment regarding its ongoing application to build three turbines at Tedder Hill near Roos.

One of the latest planning applications was made by Energiekontor UK which resubmitted

by Lynda Murdin

its scheme for nine turbines at Aldbrough Road, east of Withernwick.

It was previously withdrawn shortly before being considered at a key planning committee meeting last October when the Tedder Hill cluster was deferred for further information and proposals for two other Holderness wind farms were refused.

The other new application came from Hull-based Aeolian Holderness Ltd which aims to erect three turbines, up to 135 metres high, at Greens Lane, Burton Pidsea.

A main reason why the two other wind farms were turned down last year was that the Ministry of Defence (MoD) objected, claiming they could

interfere with the Staxton Wold Air Defence Radar and compromise national security.

Conrad Atkinson, Energiekontor's project manager, said that since then his company and other developers had been working "quite significantly" with the MoD and the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR), which supports renewable energy schemes, to try and solve the problem.

"There's a new piece of technology coming up for trial which everyone hopes will address the concerns about radar. It has better signal processing capability than older radar and should be more able to compensate for any obscuration which might be caused by turbines," he told The Gazette.

A few adjustments have been made

to the resubmitted Withernwick application, including a reduction in the turbines' proposed height, down by 10 metres to a maximum 111 metres.

Laars Vilmar, managing director of Aeolian Holderness, said he felt very positive about the prospects for his application, having recently held a second public exhibition in Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall when many people had expressed favourable views.

"It's only three turbines. I aim to build a minimum number of turbines with a maximum power output. The energy generated by the three would be comparable to the output of the seven smaller turbines at Out Newton," he said.

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He added: "The MoD and BERR have to sort the radar problem out. I think what's behind it is the MoD wants to have new radar and they are looking for somebody to buy it for them."

Meanwhile, E.ON's Tedder Hill application could be considered again by ERYC's planning committee in August, following a forthcoming limited consultation exercise on the latest addendum report. It looks into the cluster's potential impact on Conservation Areas at Roos and

Tunstall which were designated in February this year, giving rise to a request for the assessment from English Heritage.

The report concludes that the cluster will have a major/moderate significant effect on the eastern edge of the southern part of the Conservation Area in Roos and users of the footpath to the east of the church.

The effects on the southern part of Tunstall's Conservation Area are considered to be moderate/minor while the effects on the northern part are also

moderate/minor with occasional glimpsed views between or over buildings. But the effects on the context of the Conservation Areas in the wider landscape, that is views from the south east and south west, are said to be moderate and therefore significant.

The public exhibition on Dong Energy's offshore Westernmost Rough site, situated eight kilometers from the coast in a large area north-east of Waxholme and Tunstall, takes place between noon and 7pm over three days: on Tuesday, June 10, at SHoRes,

Withernsea; on Wednesday, June 11, at the Floral Hall, Hornsea, and on Thursday, June 12, at The Spa, Bridlington.

The company says it will be capable of generating up to 240 megawatts, equivalent to the average annual electricity needs of about 150,000 households. Applications to develop a separate Humber Gateway offshore wind farm with up to 83 turbines off Spurn Head have already been made by E.ON, as previously reported in The Gazette.

**E YORKS:** Fishermen fear offshore wind farm will pose threat to livelihoods

# 'TURBINES COULD KILL OUR FUTURE'

**in short**

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By **DAVID TAYLOR**

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**WAVES OF OBJECTION:** Hornsea fisherman Rob Towers, left, is concerned wind farm developments in the North Sea, like the one above, will damage the fishing industry

MAIN PICTURE: Simon Kerch

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Mr Towers, skipper of Cool Brecca, of Westgate, Hornsea, said because they used small boats his quota for white fish was only 18 stone of cod a month. He said: "I

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**Links**

National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations  
www.nffo.org.uk  
Dong Energy  
www.dongenergy.co.uk

## Bridlington Free Press

# Wind farm plans on display

PLANS for an offshore wind farm with up to 78 turbines eight kilometres off the coast between Flamborough and Spurn Point go on display today.

Dong Energy said the site would generate enough electricity for up to 150,000 homes but Bridlington's fishermen say it could hit their livelihood.

The site, known as Westermost Rough, lies in one of their shellfishing areas and they fear any safety problems could lead to a blanket ban on fishing there.

The exhibition is at Bridlington Spa today from noon to 7pm.

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### Display on wind farm

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**DANISH power company DONG Energy dropped a couple of clangers when it staged a public exhibition at Withernsea's SHoRes centre on Tuesday about its plans for a wind farm eight kilometres off the Holderness coast.**

Visitors were quick to point out that two separate maps showed different routes across land for underground cables that would take electricity from up to 80 turbines to a new transformer station next to the existing Saltend North station.

One map indicated that two alternative routes would start on the coast south of Hornsea, the other that the cables would come ashore either north or south of Tunstall.

Project manager Kurt Jensen said the Tunstall options were correct with the southerly 16.9 kilometre route being the preferred option. The inconsistency had come about because the first map was old information used by Total, the company which previously held the licence for the Westermost Rough site and relinquished it.

**by Lynda Murdin**

He added that a correction would be in place when the exhibition visited Hornsea yesterday and Bridlington, today, Thursday – from noon to 7pm at The Spa.

Confusion was also caused by an Ordnance Survey map which shows parts of the Holderness coast near Tunstall that have now eroded and also by the site's name. Westermost Rough is still officially linked to the Greater Wash region off Norfolk – although it was re-designated northwards by the Crown Estate some time ago.

"I'd have felt a lot better if they'd got their facts right," said Withernsea Mayor Councillor Gordon Hodgson. "The details don't correspond but, broadly speaking, the town council much prefers turbines out at sea to on land."

Various other views were expressed in front of panoramic photographs illustrating how the turbines would appear on the

horizon from different parts of Holderness.

The point on the coast nearest to the proposed development was shown as Seaside Road and Central Promenade, Withernsea.

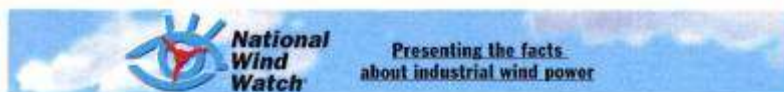
One man expressed concerns, declaring: "It's spoiling the natural environment. I look out from there and see the sea and it's beautiful. I don't want to see man-made structures."

Local fishermen have expressed concern about the possible impact on their livelihoods made by this offshore wind farm and another, the Humber Gateway off Spurn Point, for which E.ON UK had already submitted the relevant applications.

But Keith Henson, DONG's environmental manager, said they would only be restricted during the construction period when they would be compensated. He added fishermen near offshore wind farms in Denmark were reporting a better catch rate.

"Reaction so far has been fairly positive. The first guy through the door today was all for it," he said.

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### Fishermen in wind farm clash

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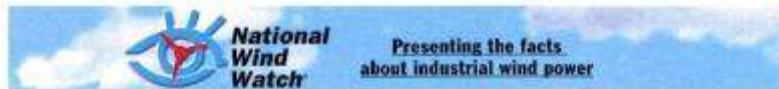
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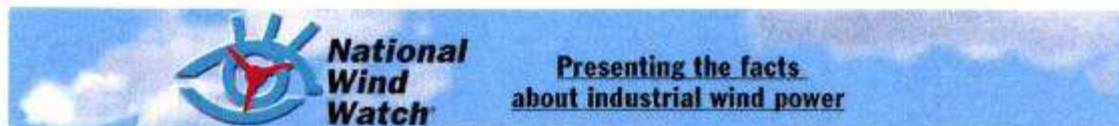
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