

Kentish Flats Extension

Stakeholder Newsletter

October 2014

Work to begin on Kentish Flats Extension

Preparation work is set to begin this October on the Kentish Flats Extension (“KFE”) project. This is ahead of the main construction programme in 2015. We will be providing regular updates throughout the project to keep you informed.

Meet Melanie!



“For those of you who haven’t met me, I am the local communications officer for KFE.”

“It’s great to see work starting on this project after all our preparation works. My main role day to day is to keep you informed, and be the main point of contact for stakeholders and communities. I’m currently putting together a new KFE blog which will act as a “one stop shop” for all the latest project news – from construction activity to our work out and about in the area. Once this is “live” I will notify you and you will be able to register for regular updates. I look forward to hopefully seeing you soon!”

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Keeping you informed!



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What's coming up in 2014...

September

Potential Unexploded Ordnance Inspection

Prior to the work below, for safety reasons, we will be carrying out a UXO inspection concentrating on cable corridors. We will focus on areas where anomalies have been highlighted in our Geophysical surveys which took place earlier in the year. A team of expert divers will carry out this work.

October

Preparatory cable works

We will commence the project with preparatory cable works along the offshore cable routes. Our contractors, Bohlen & Doyen will use a water jet tool to fluidise the area of the seabed beneath and around the cable. Using the same tool, we will be able to lay the cables at their required depth with more ease when cabling activities commence in May 2015.

This work is being carried out early to ensure that any obstructions along the sea bed are dealt with to avoid delay to the project at a later stage.



Trenching

Protecting existing cables

During the same period, concrete mattresses will be laid to protect cables belonging to the existing Kentish Flats Wind Farm and cables associated with London Array Wind Farm.



Sample of concrete mattress protection

November

We will commence installation of our onshore cables at the end of November. All residents have been notified about this and once a finalised schedule is in place, we will hold an information day giving residents the opportunity to meet Vattenfall and its contractors, J Murphy & Sons, face to face.



We have been working closely with stakeholders (both on and offshore) and will continue to do so throughout the programme.

Marine Environmental and Renewable Energy Programme 2014



Vattenfall, Crown Estates, P1 Marine Foundation and Foreshore Services continue to work with children from both Kent and London on the Marine Environment and Renewable Energy Programme 2014.

It was good to work with Tom Hawkins from Foreshore Services and we met children from Kent (including Whitstable, Herne Bay, Canterbury) and London. Many children in London seldom visit the beach, let alone have a marine expert to build on their classroom studies and bring it all to life.

The Giant Picnic



Vattenfall/KFE recently sponsored The Giant Picnic in Herne Bay. Hundreds of people from the local community supported and attended the event.

“A fantastic day for all concerned and great to make such a difference to a community event.”

Keeping it local

Vattenfall's KFE Project Team continue with their work with local companies to give them the opportunity to benefit from work associated with the project.



This year we have held two supplier events and regularly attend networking events. Kent 2020 is a great showcase for Kent businesses and we co-sponsored the Herne Bay Business Showcase back in March.

We are beginning to see a few success stories as our contractors procure their own suppliers.

UK Company used for concrete mattresses

Subsea Protection Systems Limited from Great Yarmouth, have been chosen to supply the concrete mattresses to protect existing cables.

Canterbury Business Equipment to furnish our temporary accommodation at Ramsgate

Based in Whitstable, CBE have secured a contract to supply furniture to our temporary accommodation in Ramsgate.

Extra space at Whitstable Harbour to be leased

Bohlen & Doyen will lease extra space at Whitstable Harbour for the duration of the electrical works of our project.

Procurement still continues and we hope to have further news as the project progresses.

Get others involved

We want to keep as many people informed as possible as the project progresses. We are therefore in the process of constructing blog notifications and e-newsletters which will be available within the next few weeks. This information will also contain photos and water safety information and links to interesting footage as the project moves forward.

Meet the Project Team

Do you have questions about the Project? Come along and talk to the team. We will be organising sessions prior to construction in May 2015. Keep an eye on newsletters and blogs for further information.

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