

TARCHON

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER Q4 2025

Community update on the proposed Tarchon Interconnector Project.

WELCOME FROM JONATHAN WOOD, TARCHON PROJECT DIRECTOR

Welcome to our latest community newsletter.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone that came to one of our events or submitted feedback during our non-statutory consultation earlier this year. It was great to spend time talking to the local community and hearing your views on our proposed project. Please do continue to share your thoughts and views on our plans, you do not have to wait for an event to provide your feedback, and we welcome your input.

In this newsletter we will provide some feedback on the questions asked and responses we received during the consultation. We also have an update on surveys being undertaken and a summary of project activity over the past few months. I hope you find this useful and please do feedback any comments via our contact details that can be found at the bottom of page four.



WHAT IS THE TARCHON INTERCONNECTOR PROJECT?



The proposed Tarchon Interconnector Project (Tarchon project) will create a direct power link between Germany and Great Britain, connecting the two countries' energy markets. The Tarchon project will deliver significant benefits to consumers by increasing the security and reliability of their electrical systems and providing an overall reduction in carbon

emissions across markets. If one country has a surplus of energy and the other has a shortage, this energy can be transferred to help meet the power needs during this time; and vice versa. The interconnector will be a combination of land and subsea cables approximately 750km in length and will allow 1.4GW of electricity to move in either direction.

CURRENT ACTIVITY

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping process is underway, and our EIA Scoping Report will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in the coming months. The EIA Scoping Report will outline the assessments to be undertaken and the methodologies which will be followed as part of the EIA process. The Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, will provide their opinion on our EIA Scoping Report no later than six weeks after its submission, and the EIA scoping report and opinion will be made available on their website:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0210009>

OUR EARLY NON-STATUTORY CONSULTATION

We undertook a non-statutory consultation from 10th March to 7th April 2025 and held information events in selected venues based on their proximity to the proposed onshore elements of the UK aspect of the project. Local residents, landowners, businesses and community groups were able to speak to members of the project team from different disciplines, ask questions and were invited to provide feedback. All of the information was also made available online for anyone that was unable to attend an event.

Over 290 attendees took part across the four in-person events and we received 111 feedback responses, all of which are being used to help shape the project as it moves forward.

Our next steps include drafting a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which will outline how we intend to undertake our statutory consultation with local communities. This will be shared with the local planning authorities and consulted on with Essex County Council and Tendring District Council for feedback, then published before the statutory consultation begins. Feedback received at all phases of consultation will be included in a Consultation Report, which will be submitted as part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application.



EARLY NON-STATUTORY CONSULTATION FEEDBACK OVERVIEW

What were the top three aspects of the Tarchon project that were most important to respondents?



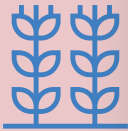
91%

landscape
and visual
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86%

traffic,
access and
construction



79%

land use
and
agriculture

*Based on 111 responses received

CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

During our early non-statutory consultation, we received really valuable feedback which we are using to shape the project moving forward. Here are some answers to your questions and some information on the activity we have been doing already in response to your feedback:

WHY TARCHON AND WHY TENDRING?

We received a number of responses regarding the location and need for the Tarchon project.

Why is Tarchon needed?

To improve system flexibility and security:

By providing additional cross-border capacity, Tarchon will enhance the resilience and reliability of electricity supply, allowing the grid to better handle fluctuations and emergencies, thus supporting the UK and Europe's energy security ambitions.

To reduce wholesale price volatility and congestion:

An increased interconnection capacity will lead to more stable and convergent electricity prices across the UK and Europe, benefitting consumers and industry through lower costs.

To enhance renewable energy integration:

The Tarchon interconnector will facilitate the export and import of renewable energy, reducing curtailment and enabling better utilisation of renewable resources in the UK.

Why Tendring?

In 2019, Tarchon submitted a Grid Connection application to National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO), now referred to as NESO. As a result of this application, Tarchon was allocated the East Anglia Connection Node (EACN) as the preferred connection point for the project. Consequently, project infrastructure must be sited in close proximity to the EACN grid connection point, requiring a landfall, onshore cable route and onshore converter station within the Tendring district to facilitate the connection.

LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL IMPACT

The landscape and visual impact of our project is important to you, and we understand that. We will be undertaking a Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (SLVIA), which is integral to the planning process. This assessment will evaluate the potential effects of the Tarchon project on the seascape, landscape and visual amenity, considering factors like landscape character, potential visual effects, and potential cumulative impacts. We will use all of this information to identify areas that require mitigation, in order to minimise the impact of the project.

PROJECT COORDINATION

Many of you asked how we are coordinating with other local projects. The Tarchon project is in regular discussions with nearby proposed energy projects, including North Falls and Five Estuaries offshore wind farm projects and National Grid's Norwich to Tilbury project. We hold monthly communication meetings to align our stakeholder communications. In addition, regular technical meetings take place to provide project updates and to discuss how the projects can work together to minimise impact on the local community wherever possible.

HOW IS THE PROJECT ENGAGING WITH LANDOWNERS?

Throughout the project, the Tarchon project land team, Dalcour Maclaren, have been working closely with landowners and occupiers to engage, secure land access and negotiate voluntary non-intrusive survey licence agreements across the whole search area route, and have not relied on using any statutory power for accessing land. This will continue to be the preferred approach taken by the project.



TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Several respondents voiced their concerns about traffic disruption for residents during construction. The Tarchon project will undertake a thorough traffic and transport assessment as part of the planning process and will create a Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP). This will set out measures to prevent nuisance to residents, businesses and the wider community caused by parking, vehicle movements and access restrictions, and will provide suitable control for access and egress to the public

highway and set out measures for its maintenance and upkeep. The Framework CTMP will be included as part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application and further details regarding traffic and transport will be available during our statutory consultation.

LAND USE AND AGRICULTURE

Land use within the onshore project boundary is predominantly agriculture. However, the majority of land required for the Tarchon project will be temporary, with land taken out of agricultural use for the duration of construction only. After construction, agricultural land at landfall and along the cable corridor will be restored so that it can return to its original use.

The proposed converter station will result in the permanent loss of approximately 10 hectares of agricultural land primarily due to built-development, along with the introduction of landscaping and screening planting.

The Tarchon project will present an assessment of impacts to agricultural land and soil resources, as well as assessing the potential impacts to agricultural land holdings, as part of its Environmental Statement. This will be presented as part of our statutory consultation.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS & SUPPLY CHAIN

Many respondents asked what benefit the Tarchon project would bring to the area. We are keen to be a good neighbour and support the local community, already the project has:

- Started initial conversations with the Essex Community Foundation to see if we can work together to develop and administer a Community Benefit Fund. We are committed to providing a Community Benefit Fund and will provide more details on this during our Statutory Consultation.
- Joined the East of England Energy Group (EEEGR), a trade body representing the energy sector in the East of England. In May, our Development Director attended and spoke at EEEGR's Southern North Sea (SNS) conference, introducing the project to the local supply chain. We are also talking to EEEGR about how we can work together on some schools' engagement activity in the local Tendring area.
- Committed to desk space in the new Freeport East Harwich Innovation Hub for presence and increased engagement in the local business community.
- Been in discussions with Essex County Council regarding inward investment opportunities and took part in the Greater Essex Energy Roundtable in July.

As we work towards our planning submission, we will be providing further detail on the benefits the project will bring to the local area and the whole of the UK. We would also welcome your input into what benefits are important to you, please do contact us with your suggestions.



PLANNED TIMELINE

Below is the outline Tarchon project timeline.



SURVEY UPDATE

Our environmental consultants are carrying out a range of surveys and assessments, through voluntary licence agreements with landowners, to collect information and data on local onshore wildlife and habitats. These surveys are being undertaken during species and/or habitat-specific survey periods during 2025 and 2026, with bird surveys having commenced earlier in 2024.

We will also be undertaking archaeological geophysical surveys and technical walkovers across the onshore project areas over the coming months, a method used to investigate or identify any potential buried archaeological features without digging or moving the soil.

The survey results will contribute to the final decision for the infrastructure and design parameters of the project.

With all our surveys we work hard to keep disruption to a minimum and are hugely grateful to the landowners in the area for their assistance.

CONTACT US

You can stay in touch with the Tarchon project by signing up to receive information via email and visiting the website. We also have a dedicated phone line and Freepost address.

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