

Gallopier Wind Farm



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Welcome

From Sean Chenery, Operations & Maintenance Manager, Gallopier.

Welcome to the second Gallopier ebulletin. In this edition it is my great pleasure to confirm that construction of our new state-of-the-art operations & maintenance base will soon get underway having received planning approval in early September

This is great news, not just for Gallopier Offshore Wind Farm but also for Harwich, Tendring and the wider East coast as it secures long-term jobs and a significant investment for the area. We have had a tremendous amount of support from both individuals and organisations including Tendring District Council, The Haven Gateway Partnership, local Members of Parliament and our councillors, not to mention nearby businesses who attended our supply chain events. With our O&M base secured, we can now look forward to becoming a fully established member of the community.

In more good news we have also recently celebrated the official inauguration of the wind farm with an event held in London on 28 September. Finally I would like to welcome

Guy Middleton as Galloper General Manager, joining from Siemens Wind where he was in charge of the commercial management of the company's offshore wind projects in the UK.

Thank you for your continued interest in Galloper Offshore Wind Farm and I hope you enjoy reading our latest news.

Sean

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Approval for £10 million Operations & Maintenance Base

Tendring District Council and the Marine Management Organisation gave the green light for the multi-million pound, state-of-the-art Galloper Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Base to be built in Harwich. The base will be home to the 60-strong team who will operate and maintain the 353 MW wind farm for its expected operational lifetime of more than 20 years.

Galloper is already committed to the area as the team has been operating and maintaining the wind farm from temporary facilities in Harwich International Port since the start of its operational phase. First power was generated in November 2017 with all 56 wind turbines generating home grown renewable electricity from March of this year.



Construction and timeline

The new base will comprise a 24/7 control room to monitor and control all wind farm activity; a purpose built pontoon for crew transfer vessels; a gym; plus warehousing and office facilities for both innogy and Siemens Gamesa employees to work from. Early ground works are planned to commence by the end of 2018.

Construction is expected to take just over 12 months with all works on both the base and pontoon due to be completed by early 2020.



Jobs and Investment

Two out of three of the main contracts to build the new base have been awarded to east coast companies. Ipswich based R G Carter Southern has been appointed to design and construct the building; Ipswich based Jackson Civil Engineering Group, will design and construct the access road; and Farrans Construction will design, fabricate and install the pontoon. The construction works are likely to create around 120 local jobs.

In further support of local jobs and skills, Galloper was a main sponsor of this year's Tendring Job's & Careers Fair at Clacton-on-Sea and will be one of the headline sponsors of the East Anglian Offshore Wind Week event, organised by the East of England Energy Group and to be held at OrbisEnergy in Lowestoft (22 and 23 November).

At the Careers Fair, held on 2 October, the Galloper team was on hand to let visitors to the event know about job opportunities with the project and careers in the offshore wind industry. The Offshore Wind Week event will also focus on skills provision with Galloper General Manager, Guy Middleton due to present a case study on the project and plans for the construction of the new O&M base.





First grants for new Community Fund for Harwich

Three Harwich community groups supporting low income families and local young people were awarded a total of £10,000 from the first application round of the Galloper Community Fund. The three groups are:

- We are Music, which runs the rock school in Harwich and received funds to help them keep student fees down;
- CARA (Centre for Action on Rape and Abuse), which will use the funds to provide specialist one-to-one support for young people, and
- The Ark Family Resource Centre, using the grant towards projects to support families and children.
- Tendring Community Voluntary Services, who will use the grant to help employ a part-time coordinator to launch a new health and well-being centre in Harwich.

The £50,000 Galloper Community Fund for the Harwich area was launched in March with a total of £10,000 due to be given to support charitable, educational and environmental initiatives each year from 2018 to 2022. Applications to the fund are administered by Essex Community Foundation. For more information or to apply for a grant, the ECF grants team can be reached on 01245 356018.





Galloper officially inaugurated

Galloper Offshore Wind Farm, sited 27 kilometres off the Suffolk coast, was officially inaugurated in London by Hans Bünting, Chief Operating Officer Renewables of innogy SE in late September. The event was a celebration of the successful completion of the £1.5 billion project, and an acknowledgement of the efforts of all those involved – partners, suppliers, stakeholders and the Galloper team.





Ship's bell recovered at Galloper offshore site returns home to Sunderland

A 90-year-old ship's bell, recovered during pre-construction surveys along the Galloper Offshore Wind Farm cable route, goes on display in Sunderland from next month.

The bell was discovered during surveys of the seabed along the wind farm's 45 kilometre long offshore cable route that were undertaken before construction began. These surveys, from the offshore site to the landfall at Sizewell, Suffolk, were analysed by marine geophysicists from Wessex Archaeology who identified 'anomalies' that could have impacted the construction works for the 353MW wind farm.

The bell was one such anomaly and as it could have been at risk of damage, it was agreed with Historic England that it would be recovered for conservation by Wessex Archaeology. Engravings on the bell showed that it belonged to Sunderland-built merchant ship, SS Carica Milica, which was sunk by a WW2 German mine in 1939. With Galloper's support the bell has been returned to Sunderland and will be on show at the [Sunderland Maritime Heritage Visitor Centre](#).





The Galloper project and partners

Construction of the 353 MW Galloper Offshore Wind Farm created 700 jobs, with the foundations installed at a rate of four per week and all 56 turbines constructed in just one season – both firsts for innogy on a project of this scale. The amount of green power the wind farm is expected to generate on average each year is approximately equal to the annual electricity needs of more than 380,000 UK households.

Galloper is owned by innogy SE (25%), Siemens Financial Services (25%), Sumitomo Corporation (12.5%), ESB (12.5%) and a consortium managed by Green Investment Group and Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets (25%). innogy SE has led the development and construction of Galloper Offshore Wind Farm and will operate the wind farm on behalf of the project partners.



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