



NORTH FALLS

*Offshore Wind Farm*

**GUIDE TO THE  
PRELIMINARY  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
INFORMATION REPORT**

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This document is a quick reference guide to the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Preliminary Environment Information Report (PEIR).

The purpose of the PEIR is to provide preliminary environmental information in relation to the environmental impact assessment (EIA) to allow stakeholders to develop an informed view of the effects of North Falls, as required by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations).

The PEIR is comprised of three volumes, along with a Non-technical Summary, as follows:

- Volumes I - Technical PEIR Chapters.
- Volume II - Chapter Figures.
- Volume III - Chapter Appendices.

The technical chapters provided within Volume I are grouped into introductory chapters, offshore chapters, onshore chapters and finally project-wide chapters.

We would advise reading the Non-technical Summary first as it provides a high level overview and can help to signpost you to the relevant PEIR documents where further information is provided. Details of the documents contained within each volume of the PEIR are provided below.

Preliminary environmental information is also provided in relation to the Habitats Regulations<sup>1</sup> and Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, within the following associated documents:

- Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (RIAA).
  - Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening (RIAA Appendix 1)
  - Modelling the abundance of red-throated divers (RIAA Appendix 2)
  - In Principle Compensation Options Review

- Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) Assessment Preliminary Stage 1 Assessment.
  - Marine Conservation Zone Screening (MCZA Appendix 1)
  - MCZA Sensitivity Ranges (MCZA Appendix 2)
  - Measures of Equivalent Environmental Benefit (MCZA Appendix 3)

Finally, further associated documents are provided alongside the PEIR to provide additional information on North Falls. These are:

- Schedule of Mitigation
- Onshore Substation Design Vision

The PEIR and associated documents can be downloaded from the project website at [www.northfallsoffshore.com](http://www.northfallsoffshore.com) and a hard copy will be available to view at the North Falls public consultation events planned for June 2023. Further information on the public consultation events will be provided on the project website.

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<sup>1</sup> The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, the Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 are collectively referred to as the 'Habitat Regulations'

# NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

This is a concise, stand-alone report that presents a high-level overview of the PEIR in an easy-to-read format. It is recommended that this is read first as it is a way to gain an initial understanding of the project proposals. Further details can then be found in the relevant PEIR documents.

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<i>Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) Assessment Preliminary Stage 1 Assessment</i>	Appendix 1 MCZ Assessment Screening Report Appendix 2 MCZA Sensitivity Ranges Appendix 3 MCZ In Principle Measures of Equivalent Environmental Benefit Review (MEEB)
<i>Onshore Substation Design Vision</i>	N/A
<i>Schedule of Mitigation</i>	N/A

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