

31 March 2011

Thank you for completing the questionnaire regarding the proposed extension to the Kentish Flats Offshore Wind Farm. We will add your contact details to our list of people who would like to be kept up to date with developments and participants leaving contact details will receive information via email or the post. If at any time in the future you would like your name and contact details removed, simply contact Miss Kirsty Godwin at kirsty.godwin@vattenfall.com or telephone 07545 339 229.

Currently we are putting together the draft Environmental Statement (ES) for the extension, which aims to provide environmental information to the public and all other interested parties regarding any potential environmental impact. This is a very large document (over 900 pages) and it will be available to view and download from our web site, chapter by chapter. There will also be a Non-Technical Summary of this produced. You should be able to find these by mid of April on the following link:

www.vattenfall.co.uk/en/kentish-flats-extension.htm.

Some questions were raised through comments on the questionnaires and I am pleased to take this opportunity to be able to explain in further detail the main issues raised.

1. Visual/ Landscape issues:

If the proposed Kentish Flats Extension received all the necessary external decisions and permits needed, it would be situated immediately adjacent to Kentish Flats with the site boundaries adjoining the south and west sides of the existing wind farm. Many people commented on the location of the extension and the increased size of the wind turbines and queried as to;

'Why we have to bring them closer?'

By law, Vattenfall are required to consider alternative aspects of the proposed Kentish Flats Extension development, The Environmental Summary (ES) document summarises the main alternatives considered. Although alternative options for an extension for Kentish Flats were limited, a constraints assessment was carried out to evaluate the environmental and socio-economic limitations of the proposed development.

Five potential extension areas for development were identified (map showing the five locations is attached at the end), which were then given further consideration with a number of key consultees, these being the Port of London Authority, Natural England and Canterbury City Council. Based on this consultation, factors were identified such as shipping channels to the North and 'Special Protection Areas' to the East, and the site boundaries were refined and reduced. This resulted in the preferred option that is now being taken forward as the Kentish Flats Extension.

'Why the bigger size?'

Vattenfall is submitting an application for the Kentish Flats Extension proposal to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC). The IPC is the decision-making body that examines applications for nationally significant infrastructure projects. The proposal is to have turbines up to 145 meters to enable a wider scope for a selection of turbine manufacturers and to further increase the production of clean energy by up to 20-25%.

2. Decommissioning:

'What is the arrangement for decommissioning?'

Vattenfall is required, by legislation to decommission the wind farm at the end of its life. A decommissioning plan is to be prepared and agreed between Vattenfall and The Crown Estate and separately with the Secretary of State. To ensure that there are sufficient funds in place to carry out the decommissioning at the end of the life of the wind farm, a financial guarantee is already in place which covers the cost of the decommissioning.

If Vattenfall sells the Kentish Flats Offshore Wind Farm, and its extension, the obligation to ensure sufficient funds are available for decommissioning passes to the new owners. The existing financial guarantees that are in place will only be released when the new owners provide similar financial guarantees.

3. Community activities consideration:

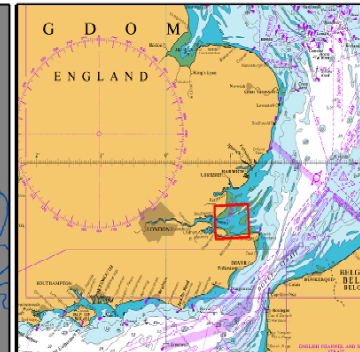
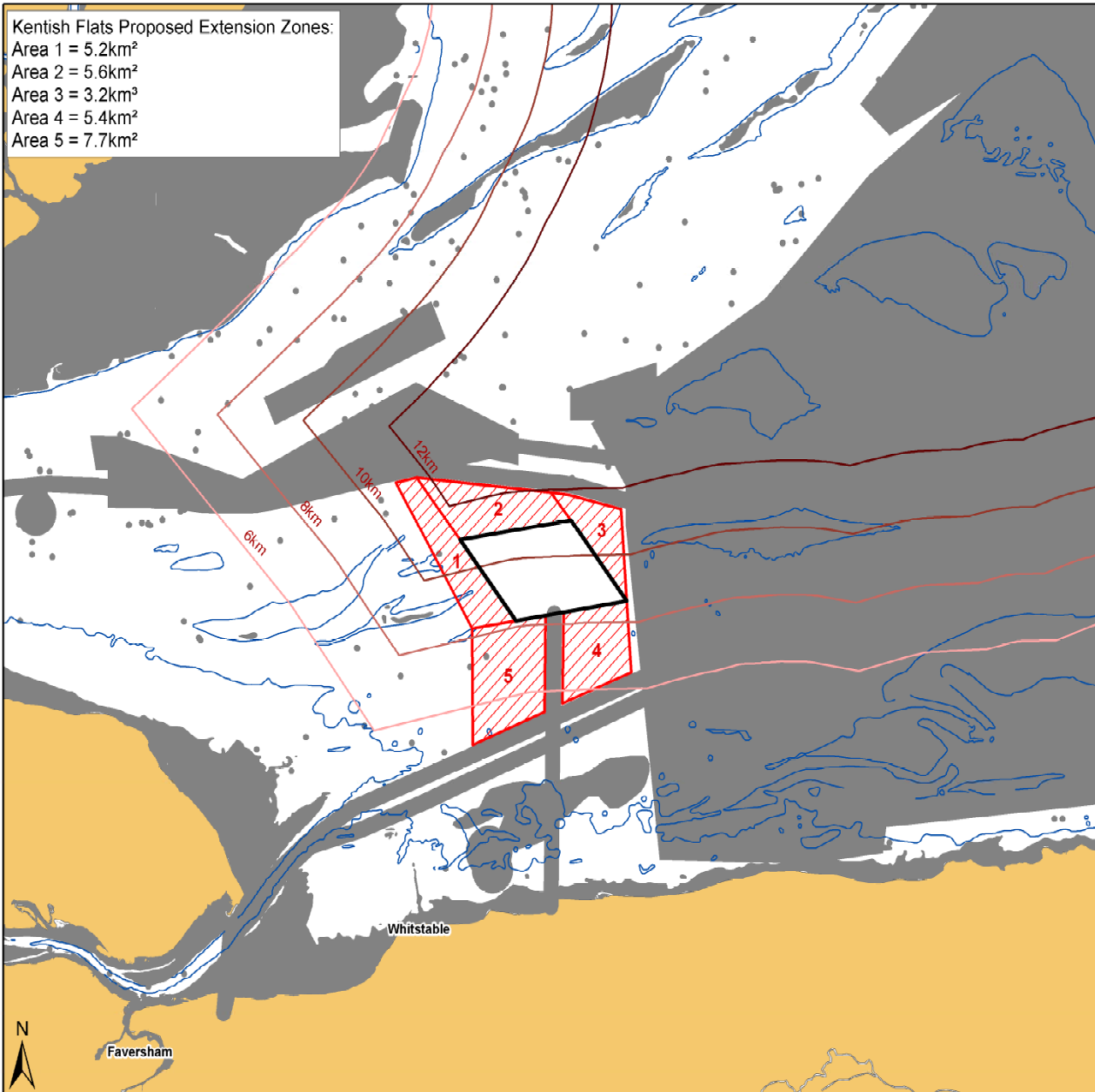
'Will the local clubs located on the pier be taken into consideration?'

To ensure minimal disruption to clubs within the vicinity of the Kentish Flats Extension project once construction begins, regular emails regarding where work is taking place will be sent and regular updates and meetings will take place with the Vattenfall local communications officer.

In an additional effort from Vattenfall to address the needs of the community's activities, including fishing, a permanent sign board will be located in the car park in Herne Bay where boats are launched. This is in direct response to a request by a local fisherman. Information will also be available from Whitstable Harbour.

All of these topics are covered in more detail in the documents provided on the website.

Yours sincerely,
Göran Loman



Legend

- Kentish Flats Offshore Wind Farm
- Proposed Extension Zone
- Bathymetry Depth 2m
- Hard Constraint Black Out

Title:
 KENTISH FLATS OFFSHORE WIND FARM
 PROPOSED EXTENSION ZONES

Project:
 PROPOSED ROUND 2.5 EXTENSIONS

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