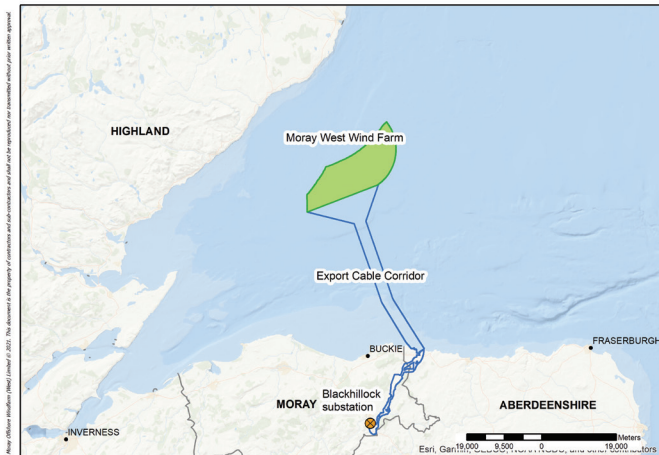


Moray West Offshore Wind Farm

Onshore works community information events

Welcome to this event to learn about the Moray West Offshore Wind Farm. We are pleased to welcome you to this summary of this exciting major infrastructure project.



Moray West Offshore Wind Farm is a project being developed by Ocean Winds, who have majority interest in the neighbouring Moray East project.

Moray West will deliver multiple positive socio-economic impacts in the local community as well as contributing to Scotland's progress to meet legally-binding targets for net-zero emissions by 2045. Once constructed, the project will provide a secure, reliable source of energy as an important step in combating climate change and achieving net-zero emissions.

The Moray West project will consist of:

Offshore

- Up to 85 wind turbines, although advancing technology will allow us to install fewer, larger turbines
- A total installed capacity of ~860MW
- Fixed seabed foundations
- Inter-array cables joining the wind turbines to the two offshore substation platforms
- Two offshore substation platforms
- Two offshore export cable circuits

Onshore

- Landfall' transition Joint Bays connecting the two offshore cables to the onshore cables above Broad Craig, which is between Sandend Beach and Redhythe Point
- Two export cable circuits from the landfall point to Whitehillock, near Keith
- A new onshore substation at Whitehillock
- Onshore underground cabling between Whitehillock substation and Blackhillock substation for connection to the National Grid.

Moray West has recently submitted applications for the detailed onshore works to Aberdeenshire Council and Moray Council. To access our planning applications, and make representations to the planning authorities, visit:

- Moray Council: www.publicaccess.moray.gov.uk/eplanning
- Aberdeenshire Council: www.upa.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/online-applications

Overview of Moray West Onshore Works

In accordance with the planning conditions already received, we have recently submitted further details on the onshore works associated with the Moray West project to Moray and Aberdeenshire Councils.

We have also applied for two small extensions to the original application boundary to accommodate the final cable alignment.

The planning applications set out, in detail, our proposed onshore works along the cable corridor and construction plans. You can find more information on our planning applications at the council eplanning websites.

1 Landfall Point at Broad Craig

Directional drilling will occur at the onshore landfall compound area to install the underground ducting for the nearshore part of the offshore cable route. These onshore works will avoid the Site of Special Scientific Interest that runs along the coast, and will maintain access to the beach, paths and surrounding amenities. There will be a process of site restoration at the end of the construction works so that the only visible footprint of the project in the vicinity of Sandend will be a manhole cover to allow access to the cable joint bay at the landfall point, which will be located below ground level.

2 Cable Corridor

The cable route corridor will run from the landfall Transition Joint Bay at Broad Craig to the new Moray West substation located at Whitehillock. It will then run on to the existing Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Blackhillock substation. The length between the landfall point and Blackhillock is approximately 31km, with a typical working width during construction of 20-40m.

3 Temporary Construction Compounds

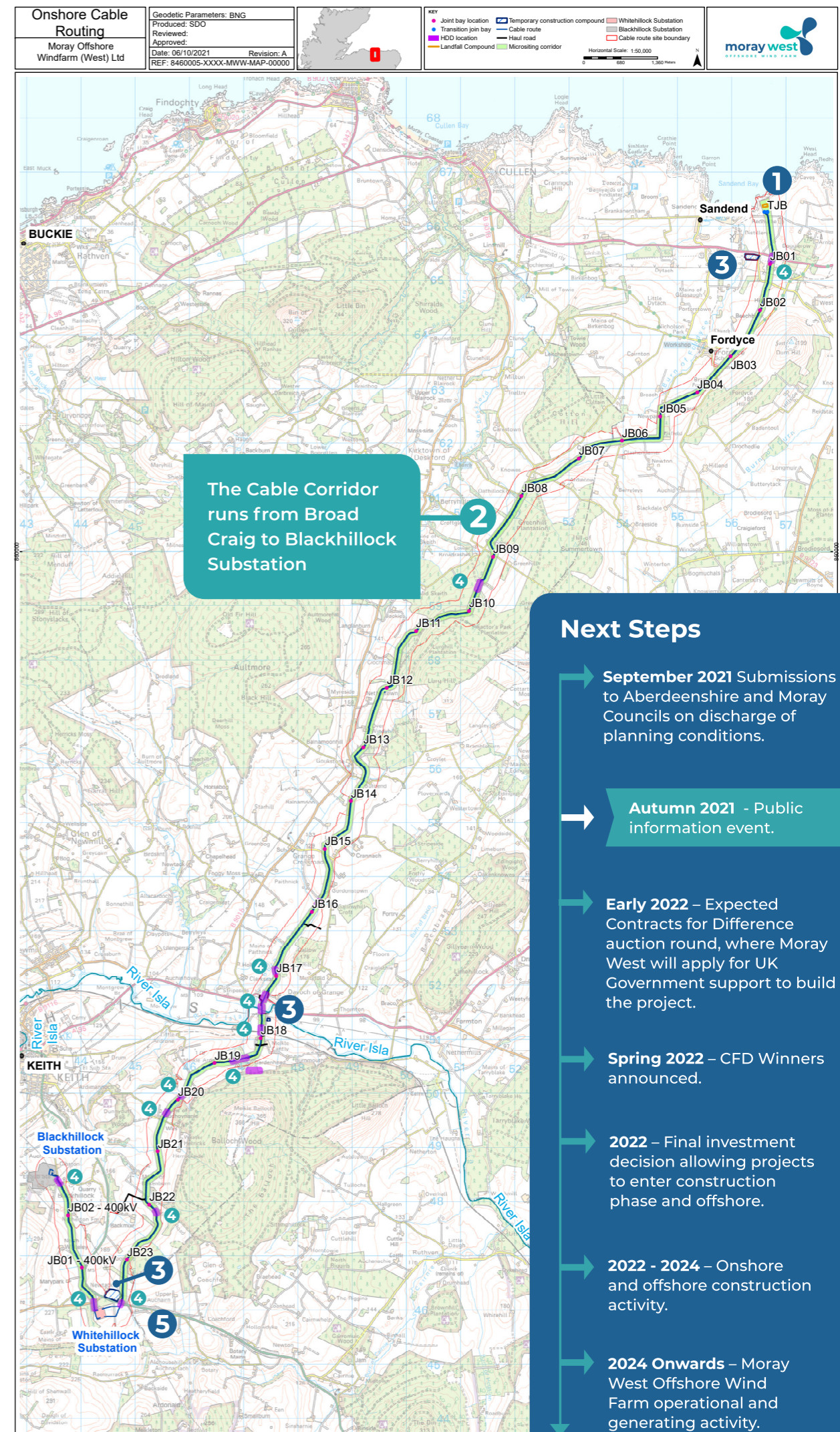
The temporary construction compounds are strategic hubs for core project management, such as engineering, planning and construction delivery with equipment storage. It is expected that four temporary construction compounds, including the landfall site, will be required along the cable route to support the onshore works.

4 Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD)

There will be a number of HDD locations which will be required to pass the cables under key landscape features such as main roads, railways, streams, water mains, and the River Isla. At each HDD location two small compounds are established on either side of the feature to be crossed.

5 Whitehillock Substation

The new substation is required to step up the voltage to allow the Moray West project to connect to the National Grid transmission infrastructure at Blackhillock. The location, off the A96, has been chosen due to the proximity to the trunk road network and will be screened visually by the Pitlurg Wood shelter belt. The shelter belt will not be felled during construction. The substation will have an adjacent temporary construction compound.



The Cable Corridor runs from Broad Craig to Blackhillock Substation

Next Steps

- ➔ **September 2021** Submissions to Aberdeenshire and Moray Councils on discharge of planning conditions.
- ➔ **Autumn 2021** - Public information event.
- ➔ **Early 2022** - Expected Contracts for Difference auction round, where Moray West will apply for UK Government support to build the project.
- ➔ **Spring 2022** - CFD Winners announced.
- ➔ **2022** - Final investment decision allowing projects to enter construction phase and offshore.
- ➔ **2022 - 2024** - Onshore and offshore construction activity.
- ➔ **2024 Onwards** - Moray West Offshore Wind Farm operational and generating activity.

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Minimising Disturbance

The majority of construction work will be limited to Monday to Friday 07:00-19:00 and Saturday 07:00-13:00, with any exceptional out-of-hours requests for specific work tasks subject to written agreement from Moray or Aberdeenshire Council.

Works will also be carried out during daylight hours as far as possible, therefore minimising the use of any artificial lighting. These hours will be strictly adhered to unless an emergency demands continuation of works for engineering, safety or environmental reasons.

A preliminary access route plan has been developed in collaboration with Roads Officers from the planning authorities. The strategy has identified access routes that construction traffic can and cannot use, with the ultimate aim being to maximise the use of 'A' class roads and the temporary haul road within the cable corridor, and minimise the use of minor roads by construction traffic.

Local Opportunities

Moray West is committed to supporting the Scottish and UK supply chain and will work in close partnership with local businesses and suppliers to ensure that opportunities are realised.

We are keen to support local innovation, utilising and developing local skills as far as possible as we deliver the Moray West project. In addition, the regional operations and maintenance base for Moray West will require c.60 new staff across onshore and offshore roles.

For more information on job, skills development and supply chain opportunities, or to register your company's details as a prospective supplier for Moray West, please visit our website:

www.moraywest.com

We are also primary sponsors of the Deepwind offshore wind cluster, which draws together suppliers, innovators and skills providers to service the development of offshore wind in the North of Scotland. Membership of DeepWind is free, and we encourage potential supply chain members to join up to access various events and initiatives to promote local supply chain opportunities:

www.offshorewindscotland.org.uk/deepwind-cluster

Keep in touch

You can view our plans in detail at our website:

We are keen to hear from you and welcome your queries and comments. Keep in touch with our Stakeholder Manager, Roger McMichael, at:

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