

## Press Release

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### **E.ON to consult with local community after submitting planning application for wind farm off the Yorkshire coast**

**E.ON invites local communities to discuss planning application and share views at public exhibitions**

E.ON, one of the country's leading green generators, has today announced it is holding a series of meetings with the local community after submitting a planning application to build a 300MW offshore wind farm 8km off the coast of East Yorkshire, just north of the Humber estuary.

The proposed Humber Gateway Offshore Wind Farm would have up to 83 turbines and generate enough clean, renewable energy to power up to 195,000 homes – more than one and a half times the number of homes in Hull.

Chris Sherrington, Humber Gateway Project Manager, said: "If built, Humber Gateway would be one of the biggest offshore wind farms in the UK and would play a vital role in the fight against climate change.

"Not only will this scheme put East Yorkshire at the forefront of the UK's effort to reduce carbon emissions, it will help ensure a secure, reliable and clean supply of electricity for families and businesses across the region.

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“We’ve spent a great deal of time and effort studying how the wind farm would interact with the local environment and we feel it’s extremely important that we talk to the community about the findings of our these studies, which form part of our planning application, and to hear their views on the project.

The company, which has submitted planning applications to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, is inviting the local community to attend one of the following public exhibitions:

**- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

Easington, Community Hall

**- Thursday 1st May**

Withernsea, Northfield Country Club

**- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Hedon, Alexandra Hall

All three public exhibitions will be held between 3pm and 8pm.

Combined, E.ON’s renewable portfolio generates enough green energy to supply the homes in a city the size of Manchester. The company currently has enough renewable energy projects in development to power the equivalent of one million homes and displace the emission of two million tonnes of carbon every year.

**Ends**

**Notes to editors:**

- E.ON is one of the leading green generators in the UK, with 21 wind farms located from Cornwall to Northern Ireland. We burn biomass

material mixed with coal in two of our power stations and we've just opened the UK's largest dedicated wood-fired biomass power station at Lockerbie. We're also currently building Robin Rigg in the Solway Firth, which when completed will be one of the largest offshore wind farms in Europe;

- E.ON is one of the UK's leading power and gas companies – generating and distributing electricity, and retailing power and gas – and is part of the E.ON group, the world's largest investor-owned power and gas company. We employ around 17,000 people in the UK;
- E.ON is the new name for Powergen. Our retail business is a leading energy supplier in the UK, with around 8 million electricity and gas customer accounts, covering domestic, SME and industrial. E.ON offers central heating and boiler care through its Home Energy Services business.

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