

Scotland's largest offshore wind farm

Onshore cable route
construction overview

August 2020

2 Introduction to Seagreen

Seagreen Wind Energy Limited is an offshore wind farm development owned by SSE Renewables (49%) and Total (51%). Located over 27km from the Angus coastline at its closest point, Seagreen will be capable of powering up to 1.3 million homes (or the equivalent of around 17% of Scotland's annual energy consumption) each year with low carbon, renewable energy.



Up to 1.3m homes powered



1.6m tonnes of CO2 avoided



Over 27km from Angus coast

With an investment of around £3bn, Seagreen will be one of the largest construction projects ever undertaken in Scotland, bringing a wealth of opportunity for businesses of all sizes across a wide range of disciplines and supporting a significant number of jobs during construction and through its operational life.

Once complete, it will be Scotland's largest offshore wind farm.

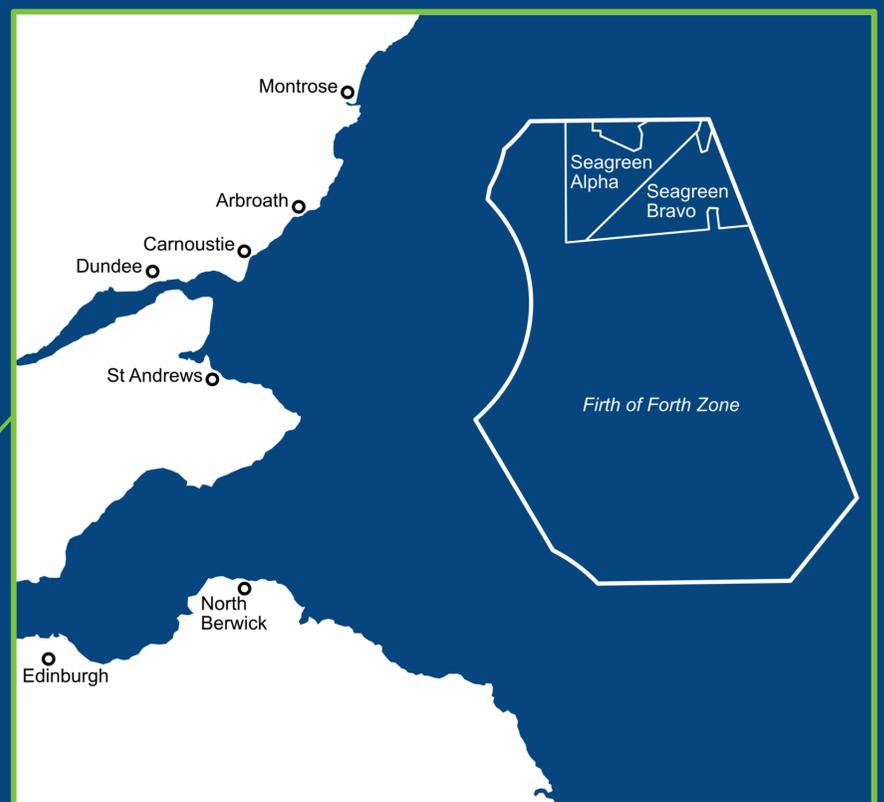
In 2019, Seagreen secured a 15-year Contract for Difference (CfD) for 454MW. We are planning to build the Seagreen project to 1,075MW capacity (up to 114 turbines).

SSE Renewables will lead on construction and will also operate Seagreen on behalf of the Joint Venture Partners.

We aim to utilise as many local, Scottish and UK based suppliers where reasonably possible during all stages of the development.

Montrose Port has been confirmed as the preferred location for our long term Operations and Maintenance base and MHI Vestas Offshore Wind has been confirmed as the supplier for the 114 10MW wind turbines. They will also lead on operational servicing.

The electricity generated by the Seagreen wind turbines will be transmitted via subsea export cables to a landfall point at Carnoustie. Once ashore, the electricity is then going to be transmitted from Carnoustie via underground cables for around 19km to our new Tealing substation which is currently under construction.



3 Developing in partnership

In June 2020, we announced that the final investment decision had been taken to proceed with the construction of Scotland's largest offshore wind farm, which will power around 1 million homes and further the UK's ambition to deliver 40GW of offshore wind by 2030.



With an expected investment of around £3bn, we also announced that the Seagreen offshore wind farm development will be taken forward together with a new Joint Venture Partner, Total, with whom SSE Renewables entered in to an agreement to sell a 51% stake in Seagreen 1.



SSE Renewables will continue to lead on the development and construction of the project, supported by Total, and will operate the wind farm on completion, which is expected in summer 2022.



4 Project Overview (Onshore)

The onshore electrical infrastructure required for the Seagreen Phase 1 Offshore Wind Farm consists of:

- approximately 19 km of underground electricity transmission cables
- a new dedicated substation
- an extension to the existing substation at Tealing
- creation of access points
- associated ancillary works

In July 2016 we submitted an application for planning permission in principle for the onshore electrical infrastructure in order to establish whether the scale and nature of the proposed development would be acceptable to Angus Council. This application site extended from Carnoustie Beach to a connection point with the National Electrical Transmission Grid System at the existing substation at Tealing, as illustrated in the map below. A larger version of this map is available on our website ([MAP CR1](#)).



Planning permission in principle for this development was granted subject to conditions in January 2017.

A further three applications have since been submitted to Angus Council for approval. These contained the details of the planning permission in principle (the “matters specified”) conditioned in that consent.

The first related to the details of the proposed new substation and the extension to the existing substation at Tealing and was granted consent in January this year.

The other two applications related to the details of the underground electricity cables and associated ancillary development.

Angus Council granted these consents in June 2020 and onshore cable route work is about to commence. We anticipate it will take around 18 months to complete with cable pulling ongoing for a further 6 months.

Further information has also been submitted to discharge the other pre-commencement planning conditions attached to the above planning applications.

This information included a written scheme of archaeological investigation for the site, a Habitat Management Plan for the site, details of the access arrangements and site drainage details.

We have submitted a Proposal of Application Notice to Angus Council with a view to potentially submitting a further planning application proposing a variation to the consented onshore cable route near to Balhungie. You can find out more about this proposal by visiting <https://www.seagreenwindenergy.com/balhungie>.

Construction on the extension to the existing substation at Tealing commenced at the start of this year and is being managed by Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHE Transmission).

Construction of the new Seagreen substation began in March and is being managed by Seagreen Wind Energy Ltd (SWEL).

5 Onshore cabling overview

The installation of the c.19km of underground cables will be undertaken by Nexans, who is responsible for the design, supply and installation of the offshore and onshore cabling. Nexans is a global company with more than 120 years of experience in the cable industry.

Nexans will be the Principal Contractor to undertake the onshore cable installation work.

Initial construction activity will include the 'mobilisation' of Nexans and their sub-contractors.

This is where they will begin to move plant, welfare facilities and some materials to their construction compounds which are shown on the accompanying maps provided on our website.

Our contractors will also begin to work on constructing various access points which is where they will take access to the cable route work areas from the local road network.

As they begin to take access to the work area, they will mark out the cable route boundary with fencing in order to both create a safe work zone but also to ensure that farm animals and members of the public are excluded from the work area.

Once the work zone has been created, our contractors will begin work on the cable installation itself. This will involve the following activities:

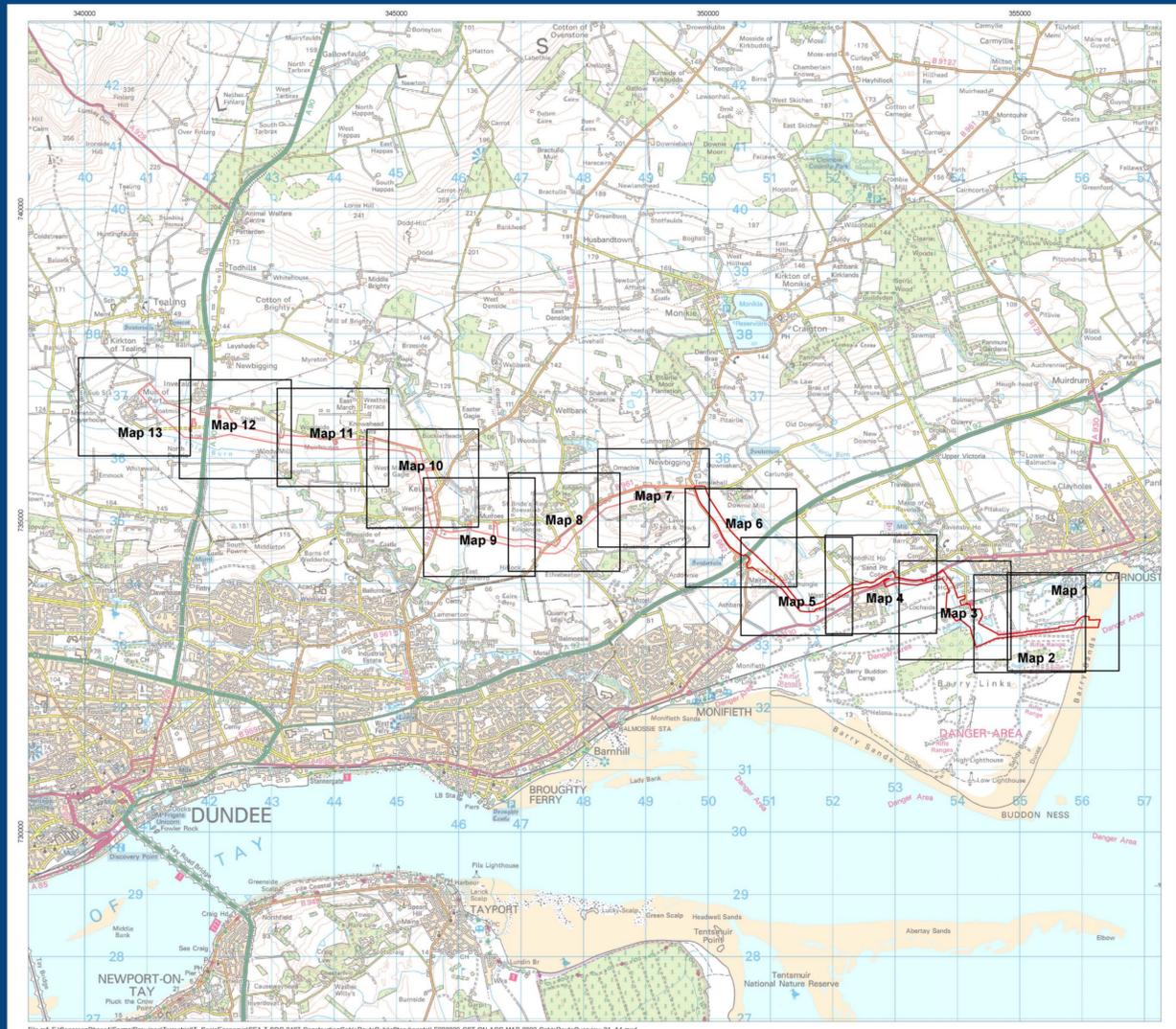
- Ongoing creation of temporary haul roads and access roads
- Creation of temporary construction compounds and storage areas
- Excavation of trenches and installation of cable ducting
- Excavation of cable 'pits'
- Installation of 'Joint Bays'
- Laying of cables through the installed ducts
- Reinstatement of the ground once the above activities are complete

The route includes the requirement to cross roads, railways and watercourses. Each of these will be crossed using either HDD (Horizontal Directional Drilling) underneath where appropriate and for minor roads we plan to use 'open cut' techniques where the road is trenched, ducting installed and the road reinstated again. This will be managed to ensure access is maintained through the use of traffic management.

We have provided more information about each element of the works on the following information panels which we hope you will find useful and interesting.

You will also find each of the maps shown on these information boards numbered as a separate file on the project website, allowing you to see the route and cable infrastructure in more detail.

If you have any questions or concerns not answered in these boards then we would ask that you contact us via the means on the final 'Keeping in touch' board and we will do our best to assist.



A larger version of this map is available on our website : [Map CR2](#)

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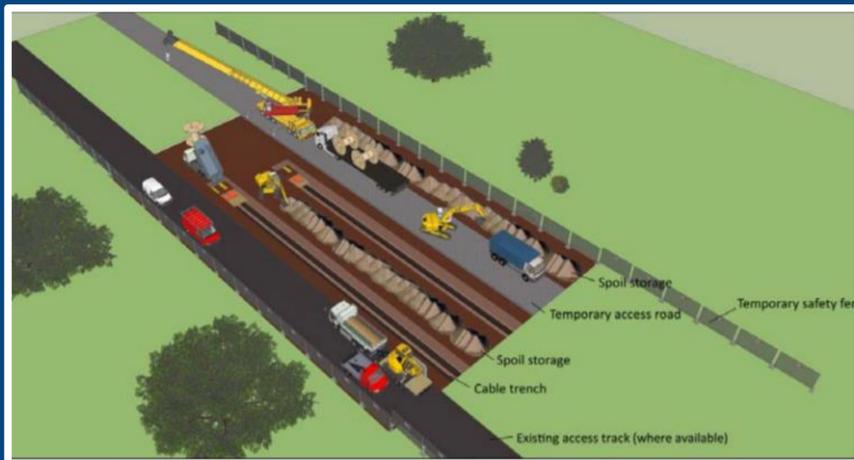
Cable installation

The Transmission System

Seagreen will have a three circuit 220kv HVAC (High Voltage Alternative Current) which means that there will be three sets of cables installed side by side along the entire route.

Onshore Export Cables

The majority of the cables will be directly installed into conventional open cut trenches or into ducts laid within the trenches. There will be a total of three cable trenches within the working corridor.



Example illustration of a typical working corridor for cable installation



Typical cable installation operation

A 30m wide working corridor will be required for installation of the cables. This will provide sufficient space beside the cable trenches for access, working space and for laydown of equipment, topsoil and spoil from trenching.

Topsoil and vegetation will be stripped from the working area and stored to one side. Topsoil will be stored separately from subsoil and away from watercourses or drains. Storage times for topsoil will be kept to a minimum to prevent deterioration in its quality. An excavator or trench digger will be used to dig the trench which will be back filled once cable duct installation is complete and the land will be restored.

At environmentally sensitive locations it is proposed to use Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) rather than conventional open cut trenching. This is a guided trenchless method in which a pilot borehole is drilled along a pre-determined bore hole path. Subsequent hole enlargement then follows the path set by the bore hole with minimum disruption.

Joint Bays and Pulling Pits

Joint bays are needed to join the lengths of cable together along the cable route. Cables are restricted in length to allow them to be safely delivered using the public road network.

Joint bays are simple underground concrete chambers which enclose and protect the cable joints.

Each bay will be approximately 9.2m long by 2.4m wide by 2m deep.

Pulling pits are temporary excavations required to provide a viewing point and locations to add lubrication during cable pulling operations.

Once cable pulling is complete, the pits will be reinstated back to existing ground levels.

Site Access

Site access will mainly be taken using existing access tracks or constructing temporary tracks enabling vehicular and plant access to the work areas.

Most access points will be reinstated once the cable route installation is complete unless the landowner has permission for the access to remain in place.

A variety of best practice and mitigation measures will be employed to ensure that construction of the onshore electrical infrastructure will not result in any unacceptable environmental effects or impacts upon residential amenity.

The following information lays out how we will mitigate any impacts from the installation of the cable route.

Construction noise

Mitigation measures will be employed to avoid unacceptable noise and vibration effects during construction, including the use of the quietest construction methods and plant where available and the regular and effective maintenance of construction equipment.

Potential construction noise and vibration impacts will be controlled through the noise and vibration planning conditions attached to the planning permission.

These conditions set noise and vibration limits at the nearest sensitive properties. They required the submission of a construction noise and vibration management plan for the approval of the planning authority, including detailed measures for the mitigation of noise and vibration and a complaint investigation and resolution procedure.

Traffic and transport

The potential traffic and transport effects associated with the installation of the cables include the effects of construction traffic on existing traffic flows and the public road network.

The Council's Road Service have raised no concerns regarding construction vehicle movements associated with the cable construction and it is considered that the level of traffic anticipated can be accommodated on the existing road network. A Traffic Management Plan, approved by Angus Council is in place with all necessary mitigation set out.

Mitigation measures to be employed will include instructing HGVs, and site personnel as appropriate, to use only the approved access routes to the site; scheduling works outwith hours of peak activity on local roads if necessary; and use of appropriate construction techniques to avoid impacts on road infrastructure.

These mitigation measures will be implemented through the planning conditions attached to the planning permission.

Dust and air quality

The potential dust and air quality effects associated with the cable installation include the generation of dust from the movement of soils and emissions from construction vehicles.

Potential mitigation measures to prevent, reduce and where possible offset such effects include ensuring plant and machinery is well maintained, introducing dust suppression methods such as water sprays wherever possible and appropriate storage of soils away from sensitive receptors where possible.

Potential dust and air quality impacts will be controlled through the planning conditions attached to the planning permission. These required the submission of a dust and air quality management plan for the approval of the planning authority, including detailed measures for the mitigation of dust from construction activities and a complaint investigation and resolution procedure.

Landscape and visual

The land use along the route is predominantly agricultural with some hedgerows, trees, and burns creating some subdivision.

Although some of these landscape elements may be temporarily affected by the installation of the cables, they will be restored thereafter.

The only infrastructure that will be visible upon completion of the works is the access to the underground joint bays and a protective perimeter fence.

Hydrology and hydrogeology

Potential effects during construction include possible pollution of surface water caused by release of sediment to watercourses from excavated/stockpiled materials or as a result of works near streams.

There is also the potential for pollution of surface water through operation of machinery (e.g. spillage of fuels, oils etc) as well as modifications to groundwater flows and agricultural field drainage systems.

The planning permission includes a planning condition requiring the submission of a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) for the approval of the planning authority prior to the commencement of construction.

The CEMP is required to include:

- a Soil Management Plan showing details of the proposed locations of stockpiles of excavated materials and their management
- a Site Waste Management Plan detailing pollution prevention monitoring and mitigation measures for all construction activities
- a scheme for the identification of drainage systems and measures for their protection during construction and reinstatement following the completion of construction.

The employment of the CEMP during construction will ensure that there are no significant effects upon hydrology and hydrogeology as a result of the cable installation.

Agricultural land use and soils

The cable route includes prime quality agricultural land which will be temporarily taken out of agricultural use during cable installation. Once construction is complete, the land would be fully reinstated back to agricultural use.

The construction works have the potential to affect the quality of the existing agricultural soil on site. It is proposed that soils be excavated, handled, stored and reinstated in accordance with the Soil Management Plan agreed with the planning authority.

Following the implementation of such a plan, no significant effects are predicted upon land use or soils as a result of the proposed development.

Biodiversity

The onshore cable route predominantly comprises land under agricultural cultivation which is considered likely to be of limited ecological value.

There are areas of trees and hedgerows present which may provide potential nesting habitats for a range of birds.

In addition, areas of open ground could potentially support ground-nesting species. To mitigate for potential impacts on breeding birds, it is proposed that vegetation clearance will be avoided where possible within the breeding bird season (March to August).

In areas where this is unavoidable, a suitably experienced ornithologist will first check areas to be cleared to confirm active nests are not present. If active nests are recorded, these areas will not be cleared until the nest is empty and any young have fledged.

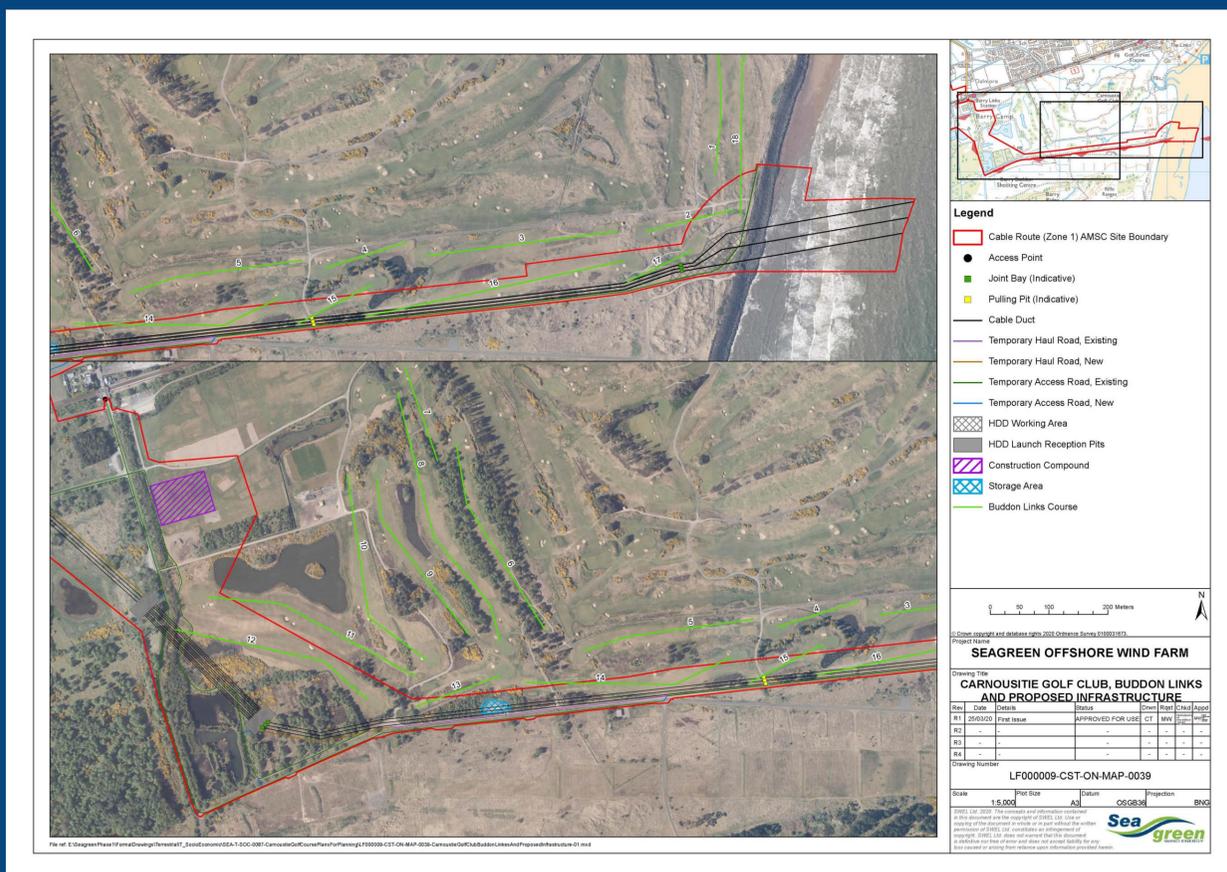
Trees along the route may have the potential to support roosting bats. To avoid potentially disturbing bats, pre-construction surveys will be undertaken. Proposed mitigation will include avoiding any trees with high or medium bat roost potential wherever possible.

Where this is not possible it will subsequently be determined through daytime tree inspection or emergence/re-entry surveys whether a bat roost is present. This will inform further mitigation.

A suitably qualified and experienced ecological clerk of works (ECoW) will be appointed for the duration of the construction works to ensure compliance with the approved CEMP and wider environmental protection legislation and best practice.

The electricity generated by the Seagreen wind turbines is transmitted via subsea cables around 40km to the shoreline at Carnoustie. The subsea cables are then connected to underground cables which take the electricity a further 19km to our new substation at Tealing.

The maps below show in more detail the extent of the works that will be undertaken at the landfall point and the route that the cable installation works will take at the southern edge of the Carnoustie Golf Links. Larger versions of these maps are available on our website.



Map : LW1



View to the landfall point

At the landing point, the proposed construction method for the installation of the three cable ducts will be undertaken by one of two construction methods – Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) or Open Cut trenching.

Using a trenchless technique, HDD will install the necessary ducts below the existing coastal defence system to below the seabed before popping up on the seabed at a suitable distance offshore and the cables will then be pulled through at a later date.

The Open Cut trenching technique would install the ducts by excavating sections of the coastal defence system and installing ducting for the three circuits to the beach area before reinstating the coastal defence system. At a later date each cable would then be pulled through the installed duct and the cable buried on the beach area using specialised offshore plant and machinery.

The areas affected by these works will be localised to the proximity of the cable circuits shown in black on **Map : LW1** within the red line boundary area as shown.

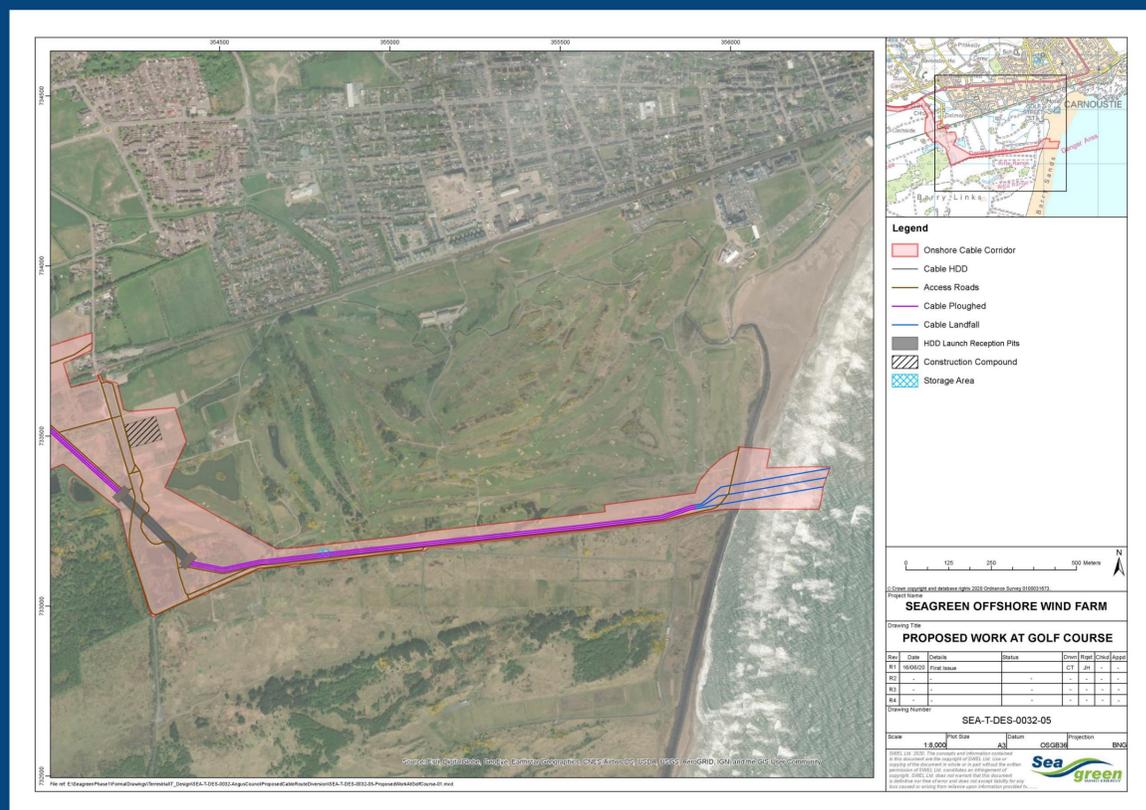
In May 2020, we reached a land agreement to agree installation of the cable with Angus Council and Carnoustie Golf Links Management Committee.

A larger version of the above left map is available on our website (**Map : LW1**)

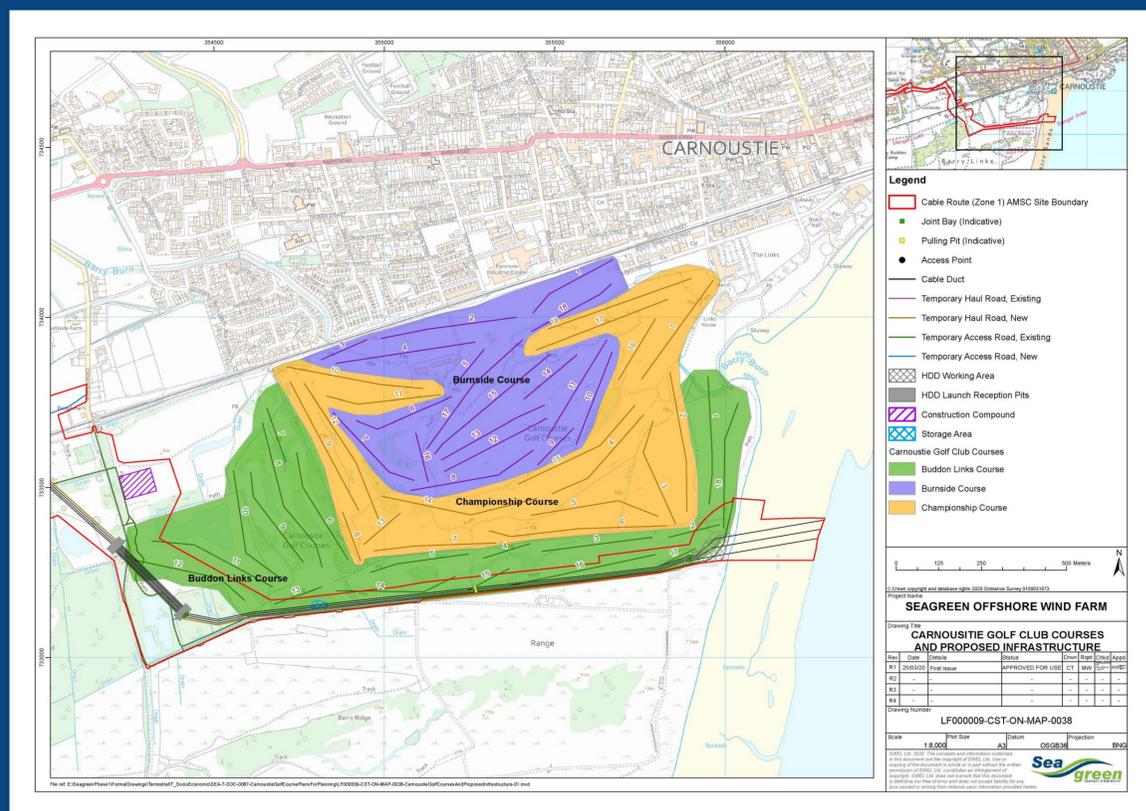
The installation of the underground cables at the Buddon Links Course will be undertaken with the greatest care, ensuring that disruption is kept to the minimum possible. Once complete, the ground will be reinstated and reseeded in accordance with the agreed reinstatement plan.

To begin, our contractors will put in place environmental and ecological mitigation and install temporary fencing to mark out the boundaries of the route and create a segregated safe work zone. Warning signage and information boards will also be erected as necessary.

Due to the nature of the construction operation and to protect both the public and the construction workforce, closures to the Core Path will be required. Extent of closures and timings have been set out in the project's Access Management Plan and these will also be agreed with Angus Council (including diversion routes) and public notification undertaken.



Map: CGC1



Map: CGC2

Due to the location of the works, the proposed method for installing the ducting at the Carnoustie Golf Links will be via ploughing to minimise disruption to the course. This involves a specially designed chute and blade being fabricated to insert the required size of plastic duct (pipe) into the ground for the installation of the electrical cables and the ground conditions.

Ploughing operates by using the blade to open up the ground whilst simultaneously installing the necessary ducting by the chute in a continuous movement along the proposed alignment of the cable route. This minimizes the extent of excavation that is required to install the ducts compared to open cut trenching and the footprint of the construction corridor.

The works within the course will be undertaken in close consultation with Carnoustie Golf Links through the appointment of a specific Clerk of Works who will be the main point of liaison between Seagreen Wind Energy Ltd, Carnoustie Golf Links and the appointed Contractor.

Enquiries about Carnoustie Golf Links closures should be directed via email to:

✉ golf@carnoustiegolflinks.co.uk

Larger versions of each map are available on the website.

This is an overview of the entire cable route construction timetable detailing the work, the current programme dates and a brief description of the works involved. Please note that the programme is subject to variation.

General cable route works

Mobilisation	August 2020	Contractors set up construction compounds which will include some ground works and the transport of temporary cabins, plant, equipment and materials. Temporary access points created.
Cable route excavation and ducting	September 2020	Work begins to excavate the cable trenches and install ducting. A number of smaller work areas will be underway at the same time.
Cable pulling	November 2020	Export cable arrives on site and is pulled through the installed ducting using mechanical winches at 'pull pits'.
Cable jointing and testing	December 2020	The various lengths of installed cable are joined together at 'joining bays' and tested to ensure electrical circuit connection.

Landfall works

Preparation for offshore cable	October 2020 - March 2021	A temporary construction compound will be set up and construction will begin.
Installation of first of three offshore circuits	July 2021 - August 2021	The first of the three circuits will be created by the joining of the offshore export cable to the onshore cable.
Connection of the last two offshore circuits	Autumn / Winter 2021	The two remaining circuits will be connected.

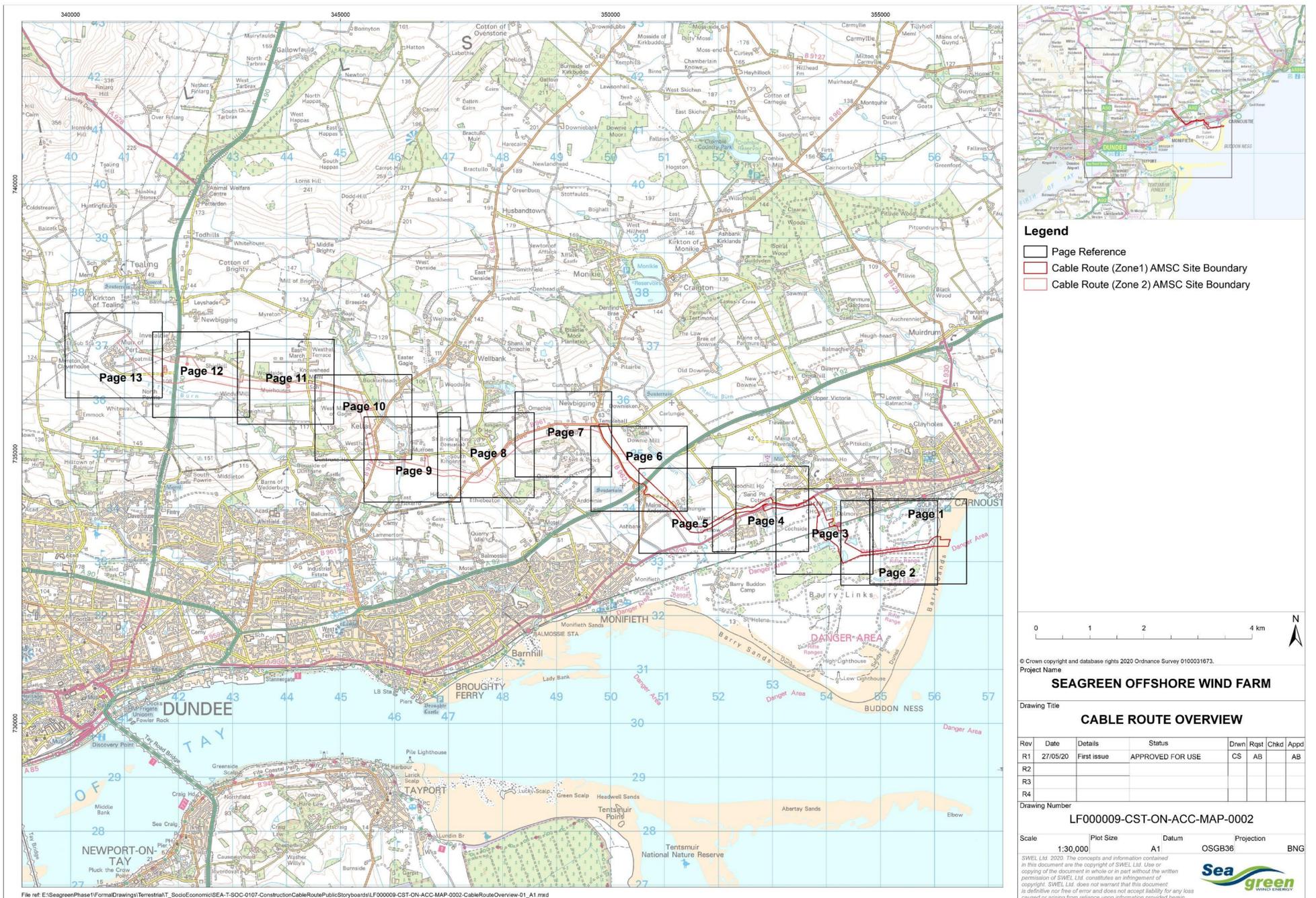
Reinstatement works and energisation

Reinstatement works	June 2021 - January 2022	Work will be undertaken to reinstate the ground along the cable route and remove temporary access points as required under the planning consent.
Energisation and first power	Winter 2021	The transmission system will undergo final testing before the first energy generated by the Seagreen offshore wind farm is transmitted along the route to the Tealing substation and on to the national electricity network.
Project completion	Summer 2022	Final energisation/connection of the last two circuits.

12 Cable route maps

We have provided large scale detailed maps for the entire cable route which are available for inspection or download on the project website adjacent to these information boards.

Each is numbered from 1 to 13 as shown in the overview map below, which is also available in larger scale ([Map CR2](#)).



Legend

- Page Reference
- Cable Route (Zone 1) AMSC Site Boundary
- Cable Route (Zone 2) AMSC Site Boundary

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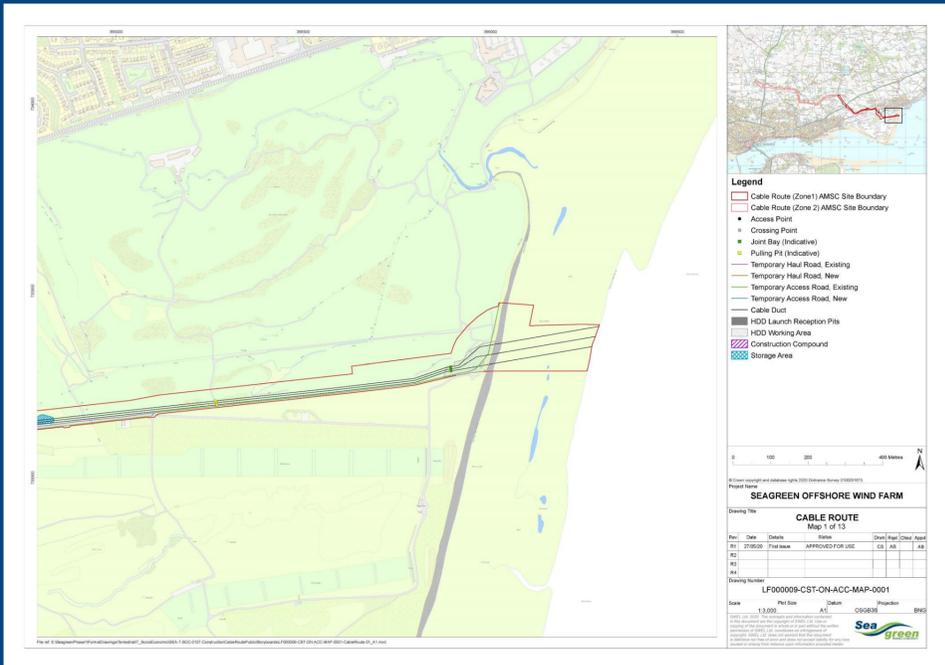
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The following information boards include high level information about our cable installation programme.

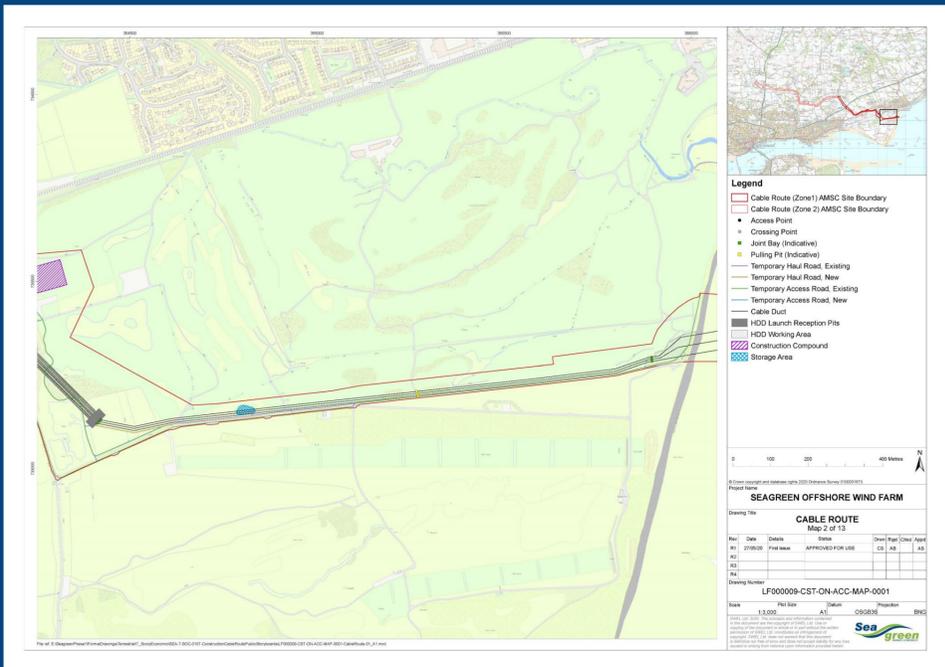
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Map 1 - Landfall works programme*

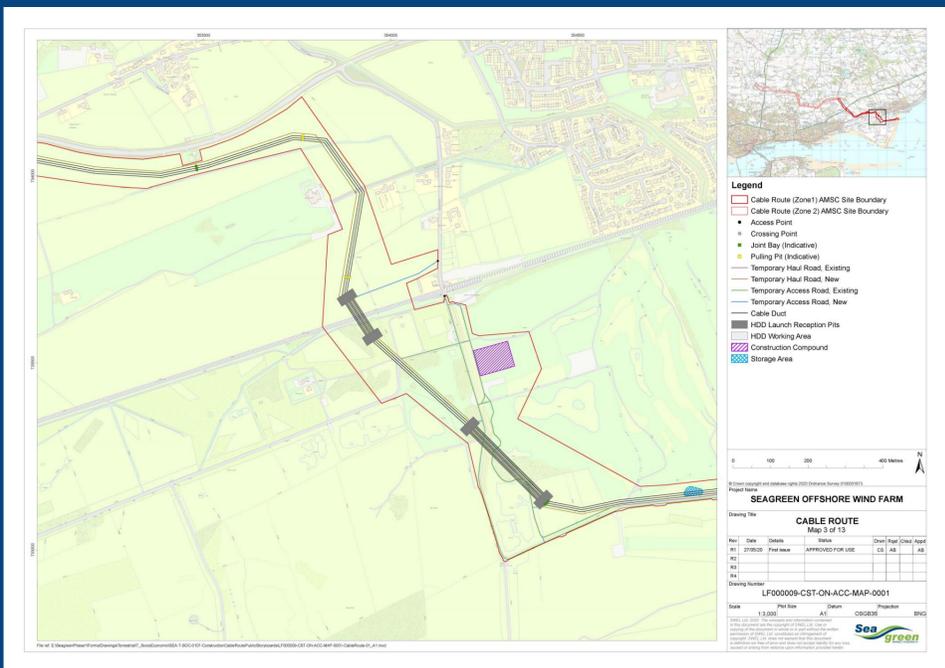
Preparation for offshore cable	October 2020 - March 2021
Connection of first of three circuits	July 2021 - August 2021
Connection of the last two circuits	Autumn / Winter 2021



Map 2

Map 2 – Cable works programme*

Mobilisation	September 2020 - October 2020
Excavation and ducting	October 2020 - December 2020
Cable pulling (short periods within)	November 2020 - January 2021
Cable jointing and testing (short periods within)	July 2021 - December 2021

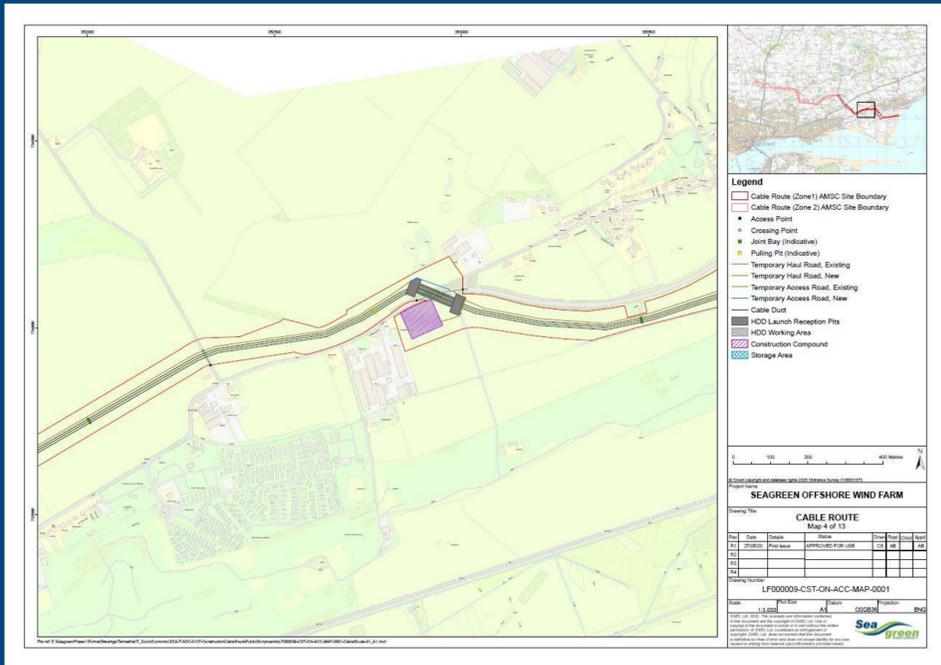


Map 3

Map 3 – Cable works programme*

Mobilisation	August 2020 - September 2020
Excavation and ducting	September 2020 - December 2021
Cable pulling (short periods within)	January 2021 - June 2021
Cable jointing and testing (short periods within)	February 2021 - July 2021

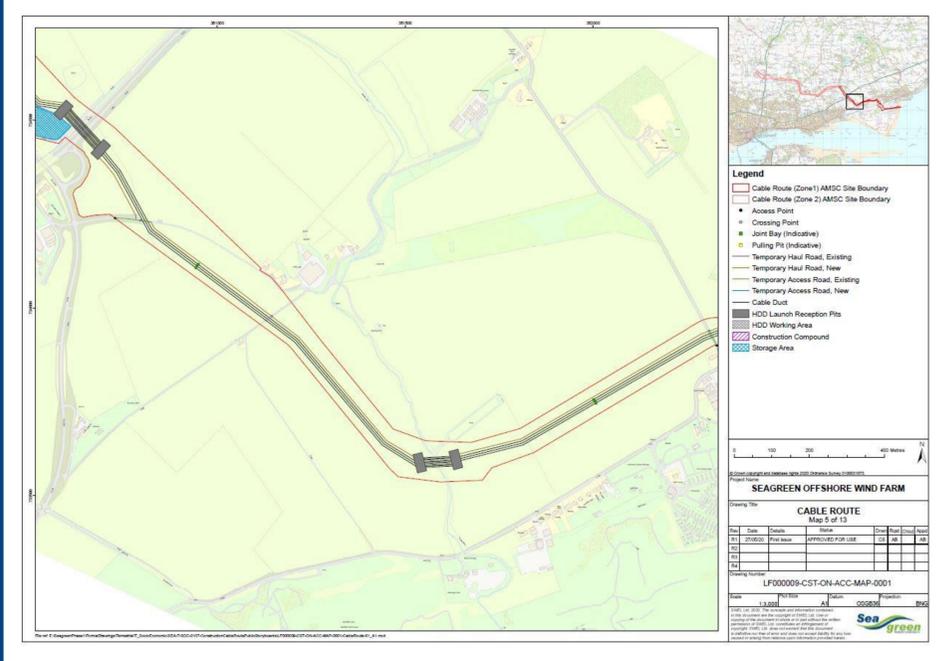
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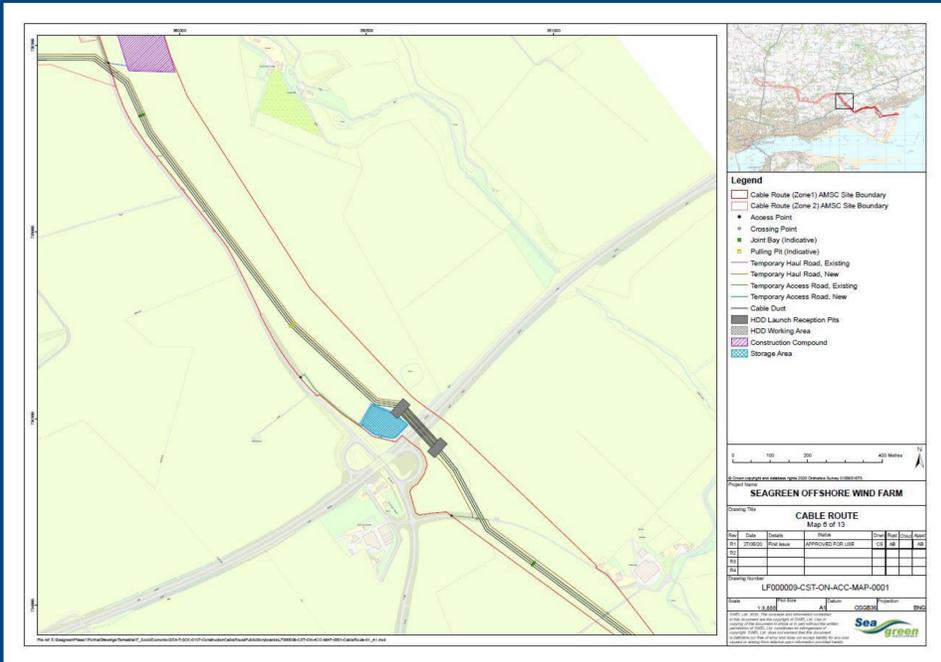
Mobilisation	September 2020 - October 2020
Excavation and ducting	October 2020 - January 2021
Cable pulling (short periods within)	January 2021 - June 2021
Cable jointing and testing (short periods within)	February 2021 - July 2021



Map 5

Map 5 – Cable works programme*

Mobilisation	September 2020
Excavation and ducting	January 2021 - April 2021
Cable pulling (short periods within)	April 2021 - July 2021
Cable jointing and testing (short periods within)	April 2021 - July 2021



Map 6

Map 6 – Cable works programme*

Mobilisation	September 2020
Excavation and ducting	October 2020 - January 2021
Cable pulling (short periods within)	February 2021 - June 2021
Cable jointing and testing (short periods within)	March 2021 - July 2021

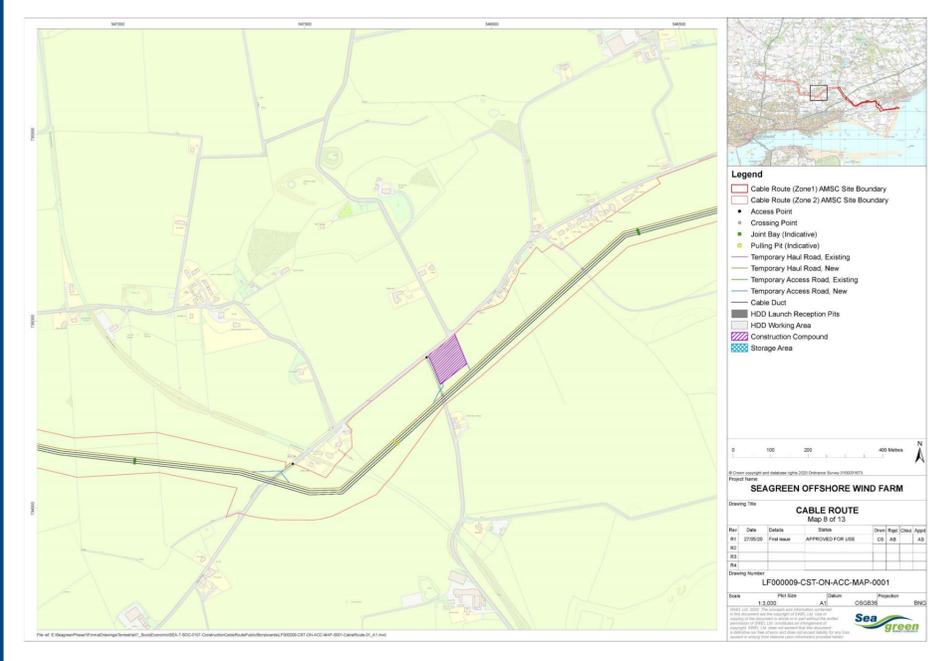
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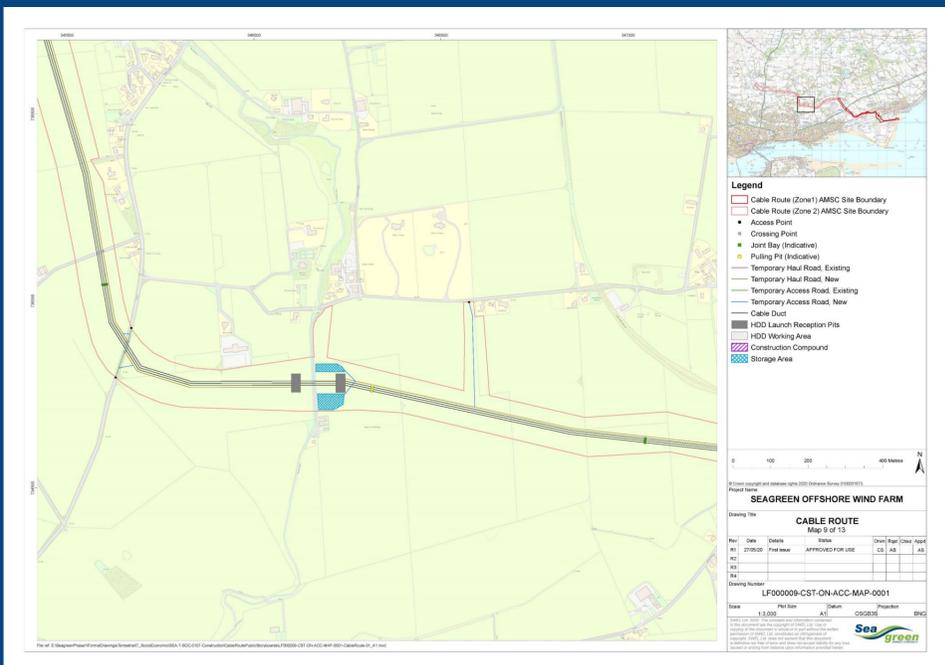
Mobilisation	September 2020
Excavation and ducting	November 2020 - February 2021
Cable pulling (short periods within)	February 2021 - July 2021
Cable jointing and testing (short periods within)	March 2021 - July 2021



Map 8

Map 8 – Cable works programme*

Mobilisation	September 2020
Excavation and ducting	February 2021 - April 2021
Cable pulling (short periods within)	April 2021 - July 2021
Cable jointing and testing (short periods within)	May 2021 - July 2021

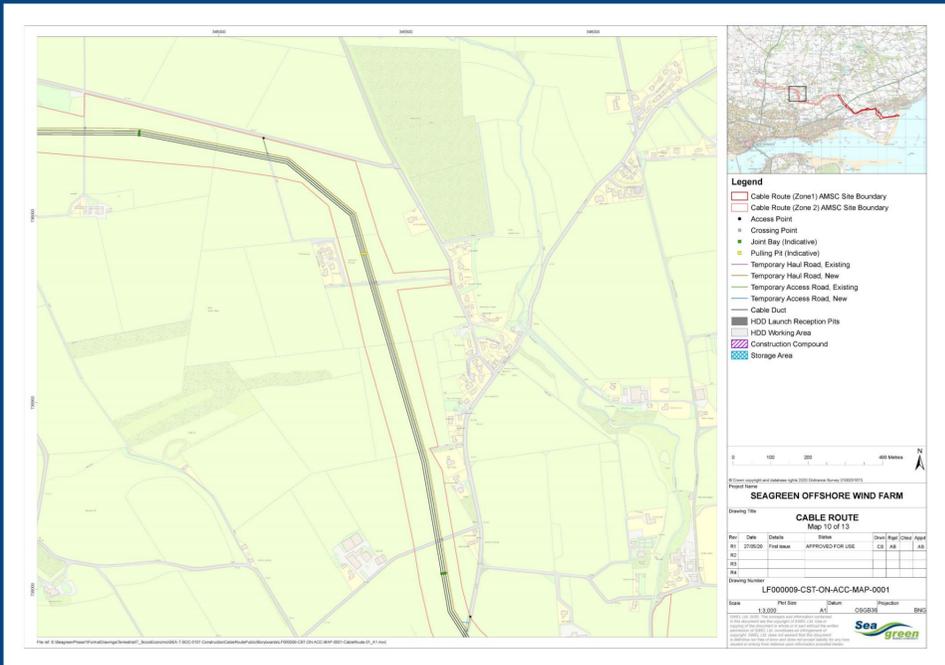


Map 9

Map 9 – Cable works programme*

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Excavation and ducting	October 2020 - January 2021
Cable pulling (short periods within)	February 2021 - July 2021
Cable jointing and testing (short periods within)	April 2021 - July 2021

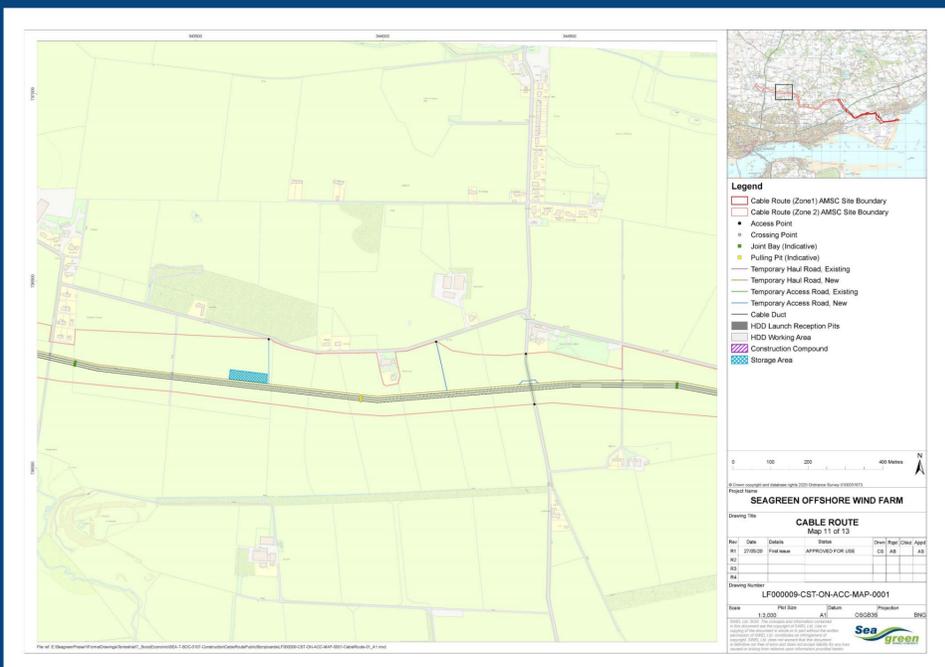
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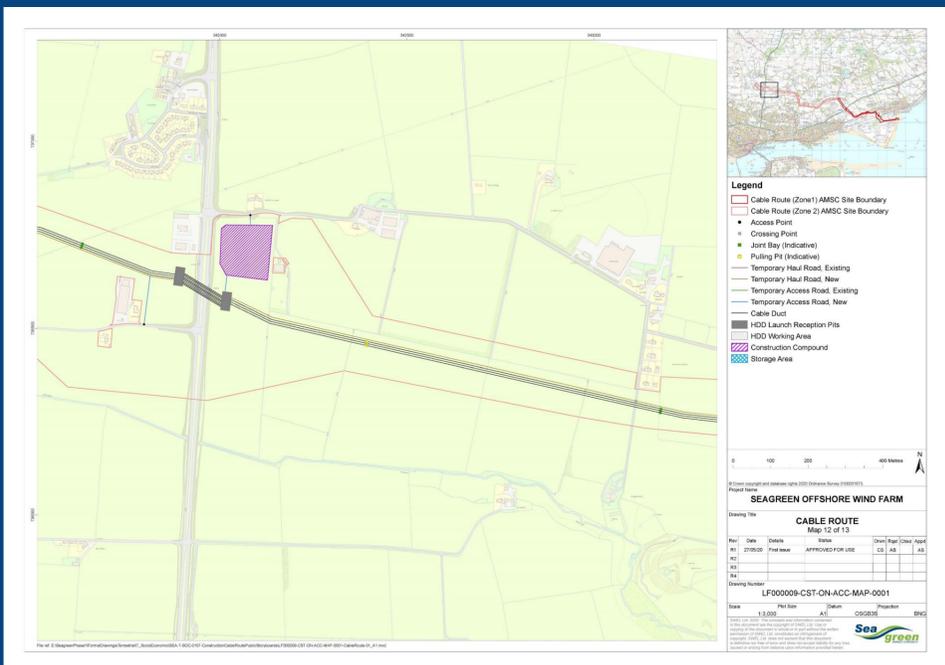
Mobilisation	September 2020
Excavation and ducting	October 2020 - November 2020
Cable pulling (short periods within)	November 2020 - June 2021
Cable jointing and testing (short periods within)	March 2021 - August 2021



Map 11

Map 11 – Cable works programme*

Mobilisation	September 2020
Excavation and ducting	November 2020 - February 2021
Cable pulling (short periods within)	February 2021 - June 2021
Cable jointing and testing (short periods within)	March 2021 - July 2021

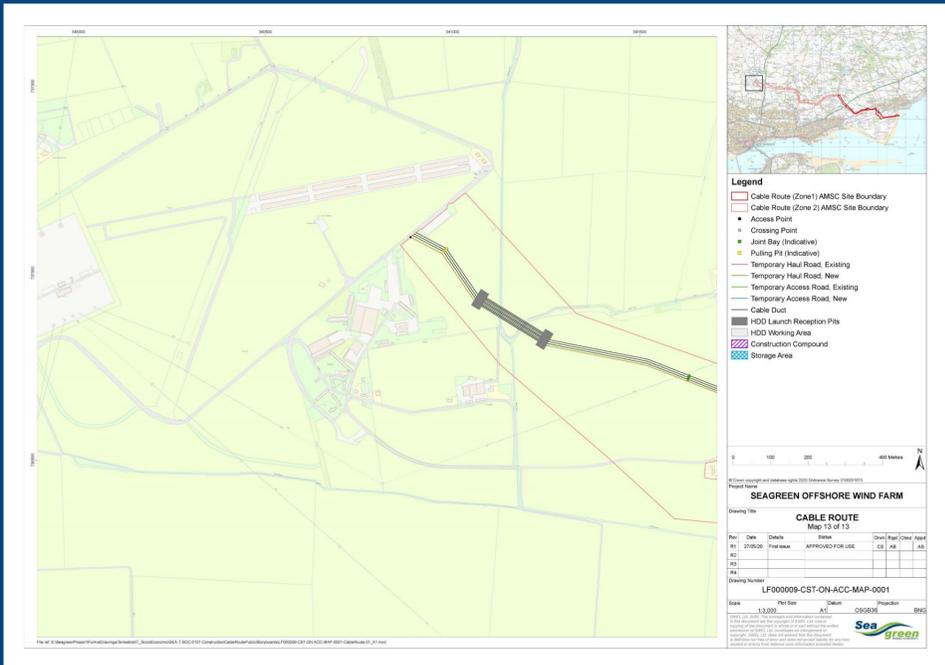


Map 12

Map 12 – Cable works programme*

Mobilisation	September 2020
Excavation and ducting	November 2020 - April 2021
Cable pulling (short periods within)	April 2021 - July 2021
Cable jointing and testing (short periods within)	April 2021 - August 2021

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Map 13 – Tealing substation programme*

Mobilisation	September 2020
Excavation and ducting	November 2020 - March 2021
Cable pulling (short periods within)	March 2021 - July 2021
Cable jointing and testing (short periods within)	April 2021 - August 2021

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Map 13

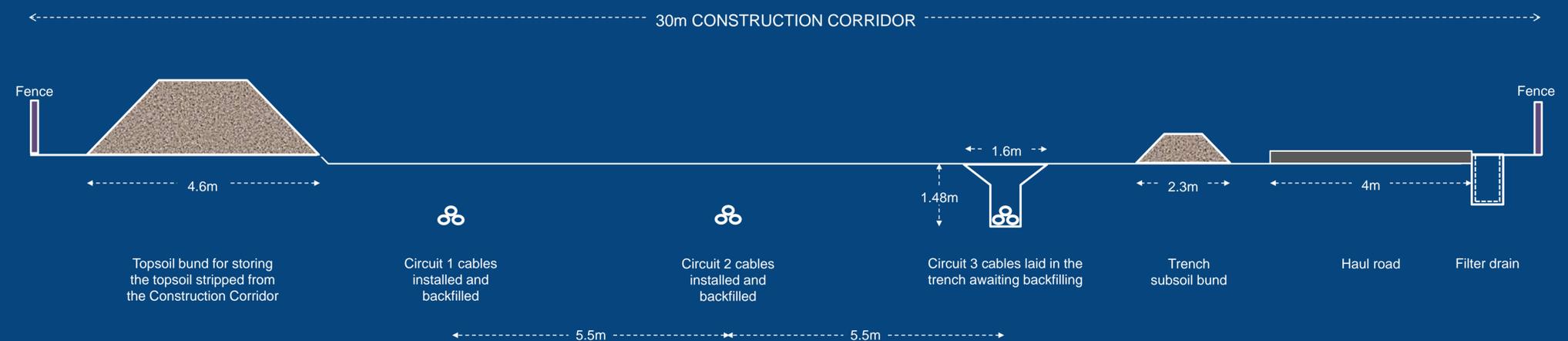
Construction corridor

The cross section below shows the typical construction corridor for the onshore cable route with approximate dimensions.

It shows Circuits 1 and 2 installed and backfilled with the trench open and Circuit 3 cables laid awaiting backfill.

Once the route has been marked out and fences installed to create a safe work area, the temporary haul road will be installed. Approximately 0.2m of top soil will be removed and stored in a bund to the side of the works for reinstatement once installation is complete. The trenches are dug in order, then the cables laid (or ducting installed) and then the trenches are backfilled with the previously removed soil stored in bunds.

Once all of the work is complete, the topsoil will be reinstated and the ground levelled.



Once complete, the Seagreen offshore wind farm will be Scotland's largest offshore wind farm. It will be capable of powering up to one million homes each year from the power of the wind which is equivalent to more than 40% of Scottish households.

Seagreen will be one of the largest construction projects ever undertaken in Scotland, supporting a significant number of jobs during construction and throughout its 25 year operational life. We are commissioning an updated socio-economic study which will include up to date information on the break-down of jobs and the estimated project spend in Scotland and the UK.



Perhaps the most local example of our commitment is our choice to base our long term Operations and Maintenance (O&M) base at Montrose Port.

The O&M base will be a state of the art facility providing office space, warehousing and welfare facilities for up to 100 people.



MHI Vestas Offshore Wind have been confirmed as the supplier of our 114 V164-10MW wind turbines and they will have a long term contract to maintain and service the turbines from Montrose.

Blades for the Seagreen wind farm, each 80m in length, will be supplied from their Isle of Wight manufacturing facility.



We have also announced that Seaway 7 have been awarded the contract to install the inter-array cables within the Seagreen site.

Seaway 7 will also install the wind turbine foundations. These contract awards will create up to 50 jobs at their Aberdeen base.

We have also been involved in a number of Scottish and UK Supply Chain events to highlight contract opportunities available on the project and within the wider offshore wind industry. Most recently, in November 2019, we engaged with hundreds of companies from across Scotland at events in Inverness, Aberdeen and Dundee

These events demonstrate our commitment, and that of our appointed Tier One contractors, to develop the local and Scottish supply chain and maximise opportunities for them to work with us where possible.

The Seagreen project will bring a wealth of opportunity for businesses of all sizes across a wide range of disciplines. Our aim continues to be to utilise as many local, Scottish and UK based suppliers where reasonably possible during all stages of development, construction and operation.

If you are interested in working with us, please register your interest: www.seagreenwindenergy.com/supplychain

Investing in your community

In addition to employment and supply chain benefits, we are committed to ensuring local communities benefit further through engagement, funding and other opportunities.

We are currently consulting with local Community Councils about the set-up, criteria and administration of our Community Fund which has been confirmed at £1.8m. The Fund will be managed by SSE's experienced in-house Community Investment Manager Craig Mullen (craig.w.mullen@sse.com / 07384 452823) alongside local representatives.

More details about the Seagreen Community Fund will be made available in due course.

We are also committed to working with local colleges and supporting apprenticeships to develop the future workforce and provide a pathway for school leavers into the offshore wind and wider energy sector. We have also committed to establish a separate £400,000 fund focused on supporting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) based skills development in Angus.

We hope that the information provided here is both interesting and helpful. We will provide regular project updates on the project website and via the project's dedicated Twitter feed.

From time to time, we may issue email updates to stakeholders and those who have signed up to our email distribution list. If you would like to sign up to our update distribution list, please simply send an email to our Stakeholder Engagement Manager (details below) with 'Subscribe' in the subject line. To unsubscribe at any time, simply send another email with 'Unsubscribe' in the subject line.

We will keep your personal information safe and will only use it to provide you with email updates about the Seagreen project or to respond to any emails you may send us. We will not sell your email address to anyone or pass your email address on to any third party organisations.

Of course, if you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming onshore cable installation works, or about the wider Seagreen development we would invite you to contact us and we will do our best to assist.

You can contact us via our **Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Pauline Allison** :



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Covid-19 pandemic

We are fully committed to minimising the impact of coronavirus while we continue to deliver critical green infrastructure, including work on Seagreen offshore wind farm.

We are proud of our safe working culture which extends to everything we do, whether it is working on a construction site or travelling. Every member of our team (including our contractors) has the power to stop what they (or others) are doing if it is thought to be unsafe in any way. Our approach is that 'if it's not safe, we don't do it'.

The Covid-19 outbreak has required that all of our activities are even more rigorously scrutinized. Our teams are continuously and actively risk assessing what is required and introducing additional mitigation measures as needed. This includes implementing extra preventative hygiene measures including additional cleaning as well as observing social distancing.

The wellbeing of our teams and the local community remains our number one priority.

Minimising the impact of coronavirus while we continue to work on Seagreen is vital and we keep all works under review in tandem with evolving government advice.