

The Great Grid Upgrade

Eastern Green Link 5 (EGL 5)

2025 Stage 1 Consultation Feedback Report

Appendix D

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Appendix D: Marine Notice

1. Kingfisher Bulletin



Offshore Marine Survey Operations - Eastern Green Link 5 Project

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Type of notice: Activity

Sector: Subsea cables

Category: Geophysical



Summary

The EGL5 marine survey works are being carried out by 'XOcean' with Remotely Operated Vessels XO06, XO16, XO17, XO19, XO23, XO26, XO27, and support vessels 'Elysse II', and 'RLM CERBERUS'. The survey will include non-intrusive geophysical work to collect bathymetric data, seabed imagery and sub-bottom imaging.

The survey vessels shall be unmanned vessels/ uncrewed surface vessels and will be able to operate around static fishing gear. Therefore, fishing gear clearance is not being requested.

Description

Mariners are advised about Marine Survey Works for the Eastern Green Link 5 Project (EGL5).

EGL5 Project will play a vital role in achieving the UK and Scottish Government's net zero targets and significantly increase the UK's capacity for clean, green renewable power.

The project comprises a 2GW, 525kV High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) connection between offshore Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks - (SSEN) Transmission's licensed area to the National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) Lincolnshire Connection Node. This comprises ~585km of HVDC offshore cable and in Lincolnshire, ~10km HVDC onshore cable and an HVDC converter station.

The EGL5 marine survey works are being carried out by 'XOcean' with Remotely Operated Vessels (ROV's) XO06, XO16, XO17, XO19, XO23, XO26, XO27, and support vessels 'Elysse II', and 'RLM CERBERUS'. The survey will include non-intrusive geophysical work to collect bathymetric data, seabed imagery and sub-bottom imaging.

The area of work pertaining to this Notice to Mariners (NtM) is illustrated in Figure 1 and Table 1, with the survey and updated support vessel contact details found in Tables 2 and 3. Contact details, including the project's Fisheries Liaison Officers are detailed below.

The marine geophysical survey activities for EGL 5 will commence from the 23rd April 2025. The survey is due to be completed by the end of June 2025, subject to weather.

The survey vessels shall be unmanned vessels/ uncrewed surface vessels (USVs) and will be able to operate around static fishing gear. Therefore, fishing gear clearance is not being requested.

All vessels are requested to pass at a safe speed and distance, approximately 500 metres where possible (COLREGs Rule 16 & 18) from the areas identified during marine survey operations. The survey vessels shall operate without any towed equipment and remain fully manoeuvrable during survey activities. The survey vessels will monitor VHF Channel 16 at all times. Mobile contacts for the vessels are listed at the end of this NtM.

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Offshore Marine Survey Operations - Eastern Green Link 5 Project

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Start date: 23 Apr 2025
End date: 30 Jun 2025

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Appendix C: Letters

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