

## Latest News & Information

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## Seasons Greeting and Welcome

From Sean Chenery, Gallopier Operations & Maintenance Base Manager.

Welcome to the first Gallopier ebulletin. As our plans for the Operations & Maintenance Base for Gallopier offshore wind farm progress, we hope to bring you more updates over the coming months. As we're in the festive season we thought we would launch our inaugural ebulletin with a look back over our activity during 2017. The project as a whole is progressing well, with turbine installation almost complete and first power generation achieved in November. We expect to complete the wind farm construction and commissioning activity to complete in Spring 2018 when we will move fully to the Operations and Maintenance phase.

Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas Season and Happy New Year from all of the team and I, here at Gallopier Wind Farm.

Sean

## Latest News



### Operations & Maintenance Base Progress

2017 has been a busy time for the team with the temporary Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Base properly established at Harwich International Port. More team members have been recruited both by Galloper Wind Farm and Siemens, with both organisations working from the base. The wind farm is using Siemens turbines and once operational will generate enough power for over 380,000 homes.

A planning application is currently being progressed for the long term, purpose built, O&M building and associated infrastructure. Once planning permission is granted, construction of the base and supporting infrastructure is expected to take around 18 months.

Helicopter flights to support the maintenance of the wind farm commenced in mid-December 2017 from a helicopter base at Great Oakley.



### Careers Fair

On Tuesday the 3rd of October members of the Galloper team were happy to meet with students, job hunters and representative of other companies at the annual Tendring Careers Fair hosted by the Council. This year's event took place at the Town Hall in Clacton and was attended by hundreds of delegates, many of who took time out to visit the Galloper stand.



### **State-of-the-art vessel charters from Harwich!**

The newly built Bibby WaveMaster1 Offshore Service Vessel undertook its first significant charter on the 19th of September, departing from Harwich, to support construction of the Galloper Wind Farm. It was the first time innogy, who are leading the construction of the wind farm on behalf of the project partners, had used a Walk to Work offshore service vessel in UK waters during the commissioning phase of a project. Members of the Galloper team, Lauren Rozier and Colleen Owens, were on hand to give a warm welcome to crew members of the Bibby WaveMaster1 vessel!



### **East coast companies announced as preferred bidders**

This summer three companies were announced as the preferred bidders for the Galloper O&M base in deals totalling over £7 million. All of the winning bidders are UK based with two of the contracts being awarded to East coast firms. The agreements are for the construction of the Galloper offshore wind farm O&M base and its associated infrastructure. The preferred bidders are Ipswich based R G Carter for the construction of the O&M building; Ipswich based Jackson Civil Engineering Group, for the construction of the access road; and Farrans Construction, for the fabrication and installation of the pontoon. The three construction contracts will become live upon the development receiving the green light.



## **Business Breakfast Success**

The Galloper project team were delighted to meet a wide variety of local businesses at a successful breakfast event hosted at the Waterfront, Dovercourt in Harwich in June earlier this year. Over 75 businesses, covering a wide range of disciplines, were represented at the event, which was arranged with the support of Tendring District Council.

Commenting at the event, Galloper Operations & Maintenance Manager, Sean Chenery said: "Given the operational life of an offshore wind farm is around 25 years, the O&M base can help support long-term jobs and investment into an area. We have a number of contracts to award in relation to the planned O&M base and we felt it would be helpful to meet with local businesses and outline what opportunities are available to them and how they can ensure they are considered for these opportunities."

To sign up for potential opportunities businesses should register on the RWE procurement portal at:

<https://supplier.rwe.com>



## **Help for Henry update**

The Galloper team were very pleased to be able to donate a £150 gift voucher for the Pier Hotel in Harwich, towards fundraising efforts for the Henry Alderson. To read more about Henry and his amazing families special story visit [www.helpourhenry.org](http://www.helpourhenry.org)

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