

**GUNFLEET SANDS
DEMONSTRATION
PROJECT**

KEEPING DISTURBANCE TO A MINIMUM WHILST CARRYING OUT HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING WORKS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Dear Resident

We are writing to inform you that we will shortly be carrying out specialist Horizontal Directional Drilling work within the Martello Bay Coach and Car Park, close to your property or business.

Horizontal Directional Drilling or HDD is a process for laying cable under areas such as train tracks, rivers or in this case a sea wall, where the more traditional approach of laying in trenches is impossible. This trenchless method allows us to install underground cables in a shallow arc along a prescribed bore path by using a small surface drilling rig. It has a minimal impact on the surrounding area and reduces environmental disruption.

We will use this form of directional drilling to install a duct approximately 800 metres out to sea and bury it under the sea wall. The electricity cable from the two new offshore demonstration wind turbines at Gunfleet Sands will then be installed within this duct. The power they generate will then be brought ashore along the full cable route to the onshore substation and fed into the National Grid.

We hope that this approach will keep any disruption to a minimum and we will of course maintain access to your business or property at all times. There will however be a substantial plant mobilisation starting on 28th August 2012, followed by approximately 4 weeks of drilling activities. This work is being carried out with the full knowledge and permission of Tendring District Council and other relevant agencies.

We would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience that these essential works may cause and will do our best to ensure that wherever possible our work is delivered in a considerate and respectful manner.

If you would like any further information about the day-to-day HDD construction activities once they have started or need assistance in relation to HDD enquiries please use the **24 hour VolkerInfra Freephone number 0800 169 6150** (all calls are recorded). Alternatively please contact Sillson Communications, working on behalf of DONG Energy as its community liaison contact point using the details below, who are more than happy to discuss any concerns or queries you may have.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your co-operation and understanding.

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