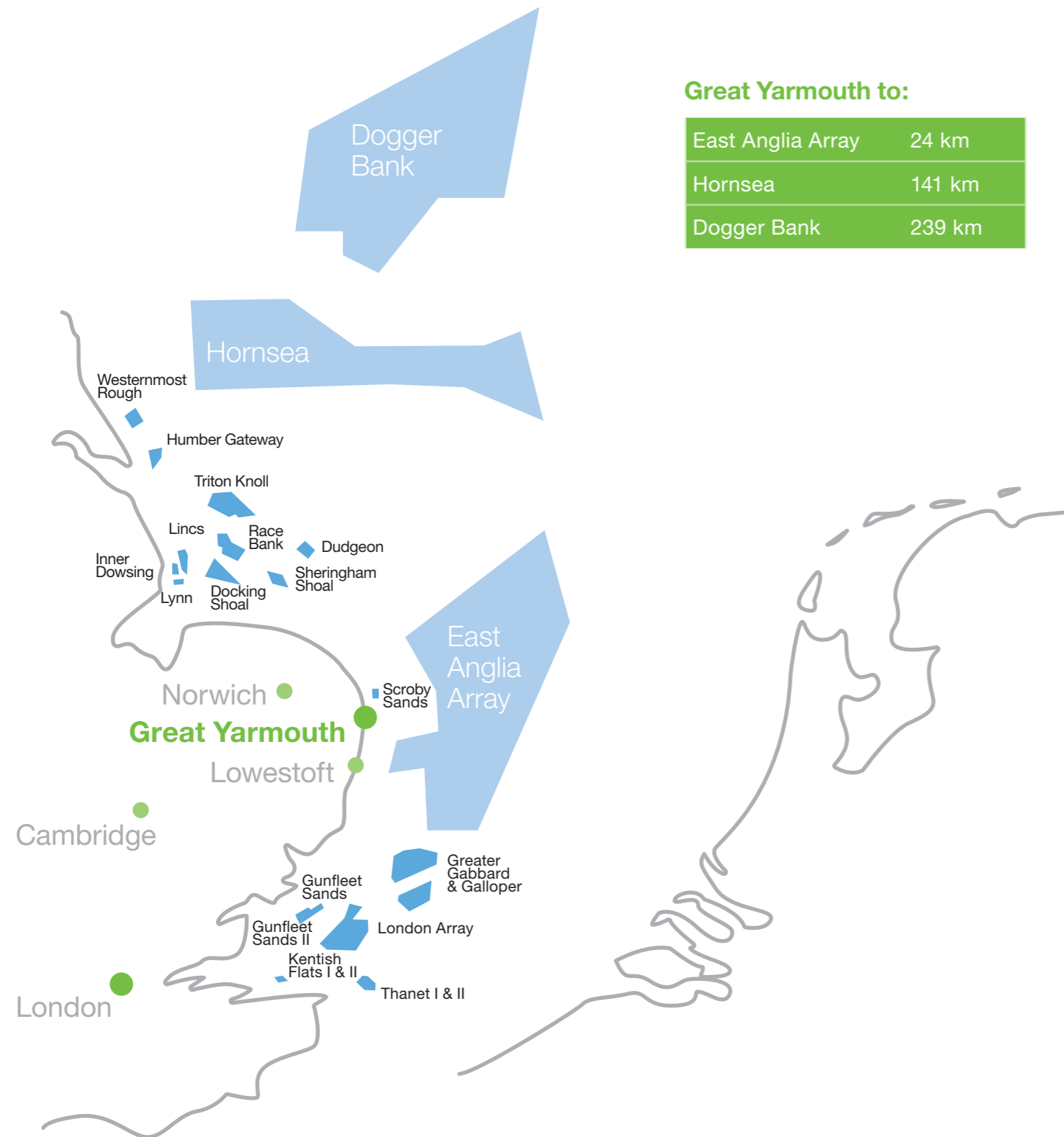


## Location, Location.



## Business Information Sheet: Offshore Wind Supply Chain and Skills

**Great Yarmouth has an unmatched combination of capability, experience, skills, knowledge, supply chain and infrastructure to support the offshore wind sector. It also boasts the newest deep-water port in the UK, EastPort UK.**

- 📍 **Closest deep-water port to the East Anglia Array**
- 📍 **Project Management of Scroby Sands**
- 📍 **Involvement with Greater Gabbard, Thanet and Sheringham Shoal wind farms**
- 📍 **England's largest energy sector cluster; 400 companies in area**
- 📍 **12,000 skilled employees with experience of SNS conditions**
- 📍 **Dedicated Offshore Energy Team to support investment**

Great Yarmouth, on the Norfolk coast just 120 miles from London, is home to a 400-company-strong marine energy supply chain with 45 years of offshore experience as the principle base for Southern North Sea (SNS) operations. Many multinational businesses have established operations in Great Yarmouth, including Aker Solutions, AMEC, Perenco, Petrofac, Halliburton and Schlumberger, together with local companies which market their expertise across the world.

Great Yarmouth has been involved in the offshore wind industry since the Scroby Sands Round 1 wind farm. The port and companies in Great Yarmouth are involved in many Round 2 projects, including Greater Gabbard, Thanet, Sheringham Shoal and Walney, and Round 3 projects such as the East Anglia and Atlantic Arrays.



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## Offshore Wind

Three of the world's largest offshore wind farms are being developed within easy reach of Great Yarmouth. The closest, the East Anglia Array, will have the potential to deliver 7.2 GW of energy. Together with the nearby Hornsea and Dogger Bank zones, these three fields represent over 60% of the UK's Round 3 developments with the potential for over 4,000 turbines. Great Yarmouth is well-placed to support the construction and longer-term operations and maintenance of these three zones.

Great Yarmouth has a unique combination of deep-water port facilities, land close to quayside, and a supply chain fully experienced in offshore and maritime conditions which has successfully diversified into offshore wind.

Companies based in Great Yarmouth, supported across Norfolk and Lowestoft, have the capability to support every stage of the development, installation and operation of wind farms.

## Offshore Energy Skills

Supported by Norfolk and Lowestoft, the Great Yarmouth area hosts an extensive supply chain of engineering companies supporting the energy sector, employing some 12,000 people with expertise including fabrication, marination, health & safety and geosciences. A number of specialist offshore training and recruitment companies are based in the area and the industry has come together through the Skills for Energy partnership, which addresses sector attraction and recruitment, developing competence and existing skills and developing appropriate apprenticeship and vocational training opportunities.

Companies based in Norfolk can tap into one of Europe's leading technology clusters, including world-class universities such as the University of East Anglia and Cranfield University, and renowned industrial research centres, including The Welding Institute (TWI). Local colleges provide apprenticeships and training services to businesses, including Lowestoft College, one of the UK's leading providers of marine training to the offshore and shipping industries.

## EEEEGR (East of England Energy Group)

EEEEGR is a 400-strong network of energy sector companies and related organisations active in the East of England region. EEEGR is a highly-regarded industry group and a strong advocate for the offshore energy industry in the region. It provides UK-wide and international links and an excellent programme of conferences and networking opportunities. EEEGR can help new investors contact potential suppliers, customers and partners in the local energy supply chain.

[www.eeegr.com](http://www.eeegr.com)

## EWEG (Eastern Wind Energy Group)

Based at Hethel Engineering Centre, near Norwich, EWEG is a consortium of businesses and universities looking at opportunities in the wind turbine market. The group has two aims:

- To establish a supply chain with the capability to design, develop, test and supply components to the wind turbine market, allowing new companies to break into this growth industry and showcase their products to manufacturers worldwide.
- To establish an operational test unit in the UK which will be a platform to showcase and test future generations of innovative turbine components. The unit could also be used as a training facility for installation and maintenance.

[www.eweg.co.uk](http://www.eweg.co.uk)

## Help & Support

A range of land and premises is available, together with support from Great Yarmouth's Offshore Energy Team, for companies looking to set up in the area. Great Yarmouth Borough Council and Norfolk County Council have supported the growth of the energy sector in Great Yarmouth for the last four decades and are committed to ensuring the future growth of the industry, including diversification into offshore wind, decommissioning, carbon capture and storage, and gas storage. The councils have regular dialogue with local companies and support industry-led networking and skills-development initiatives.



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## Location, Location.

Living and working in Great Yarmouth presents an attractive lifestyle. The area boasts miles of sandy beaches, the Norfolk Broads, maritime heritage and festivals and is only 20 miles from Norwich – a top-ten UK retail centre with international airport offering worldwide business and holiday destinations.