



# Overview of Offshore Wind in the UK

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# An overview of offshore wind in the UK

**12.71 GW**  
installed capacity

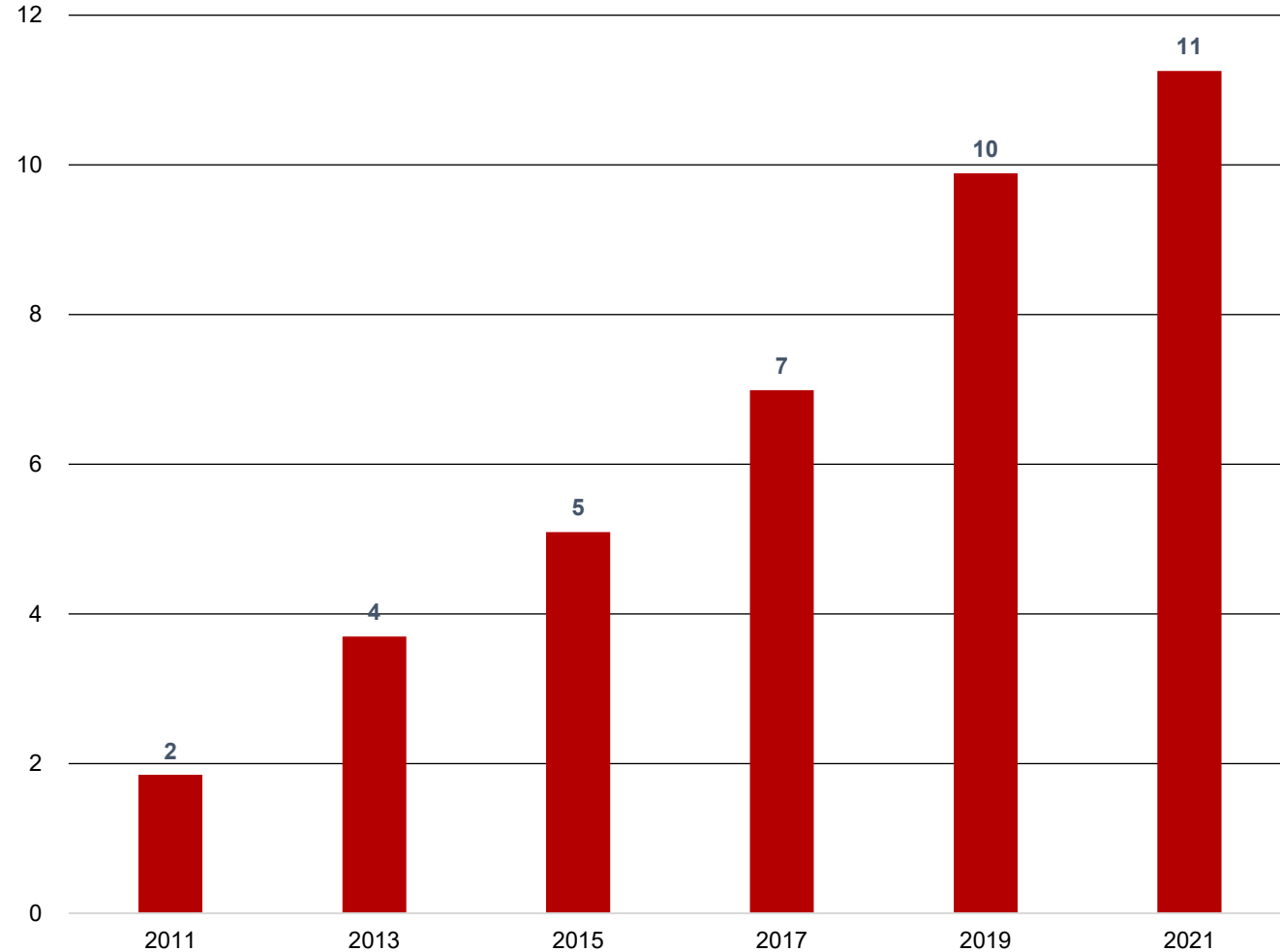
**£160 m**  
in Government  
support

**50 GW**  
ambition by 2030  
including 5 GW  
floating

**£31m**  
floating wind  
innovation support

**100 GW**  
estimated to be  
needed by 2050 by  
the Climate Change  
Committee

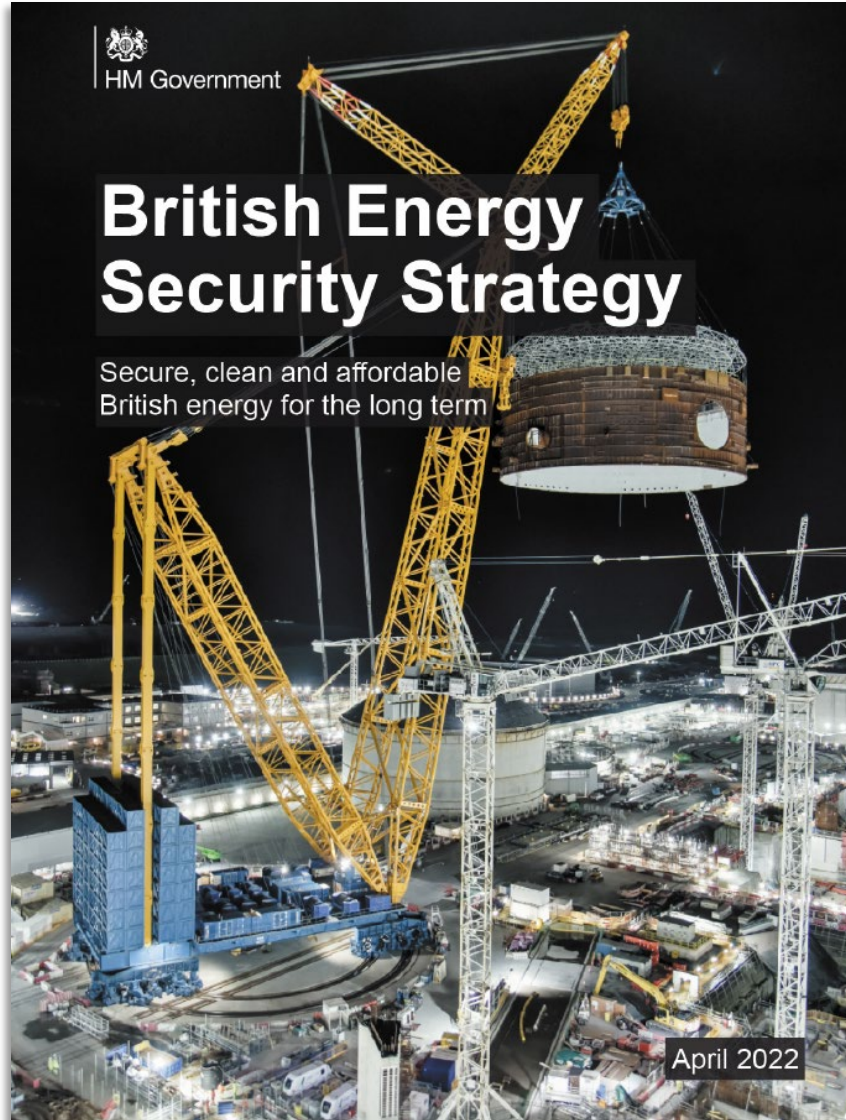
Fixed Offshore Wind capacity (GW)







# British Energy Security Strategy (BESS)



## British Energy Security Strategy

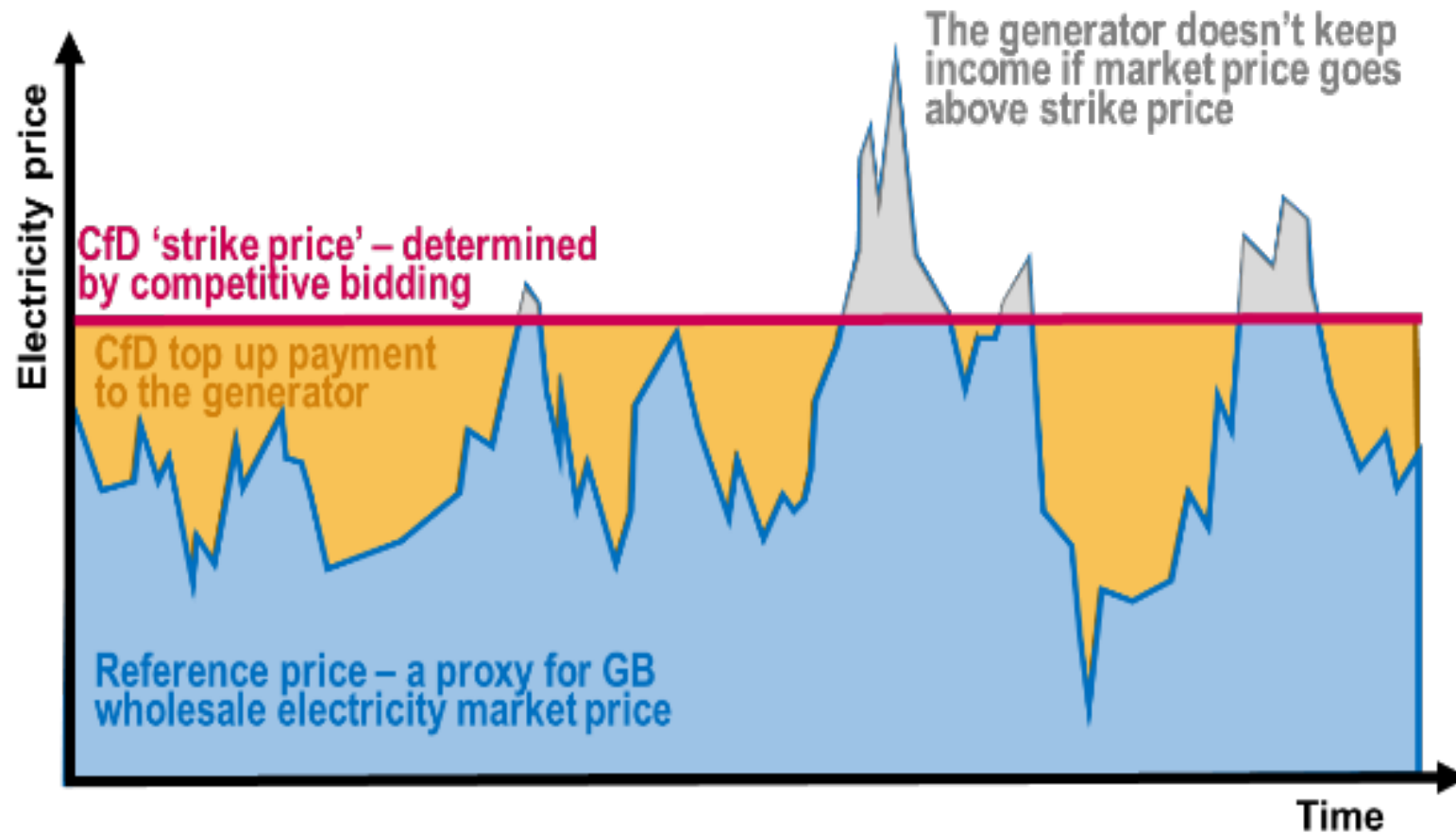
- Offshore wind will play a critical role in delivering **energy security** in the context of Russia/Ukraine conflict and soaring energy bills
- Increased **offshore wind** ambitions to **50 GW**, including up to **5 GW** of floating by 2030. This is enough capacity to power every home in the UK
- Our increased ambition for offshore wind means that up to 90,000 jobs could be created by 2030
- **The Offshore Wind Acceleration Taskforce (OWAT)** was established with industry experts to speed up end to end deployment, focusing on **planning, grid connection, skills capabilities** and **manufacturing capability** required to meet ambitions



# Contracts for Difference Scheme



- ▶ Provides long term **stability of income** (15 years of stability on a 25-35 year project lifetime)
- ▶ Designed to be **bankable**. Private law contract (so well understood legal framework) with a Government-owned Low Carbon Contracts Company (so low risk)
- ▶ Uses **competition** to drive efficiency and cost reduction
- ▶ **Supply Chain Plans** encourage the development of open and competitive supply chains and the promotion of innovation and skills



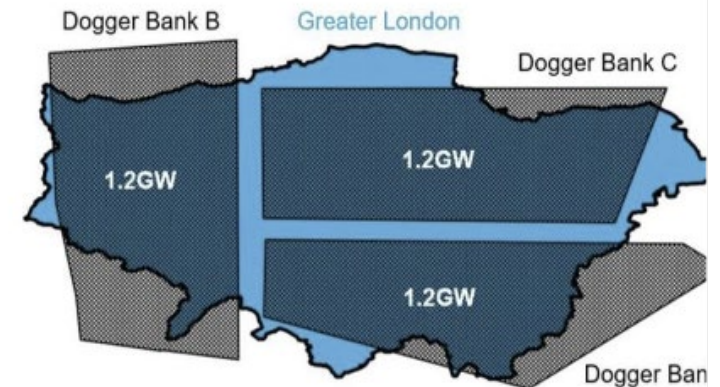
Allocation round	Total No. of Projects	Total Capacity (GW)	Strike Price (£/MWh)
AR4	5	6.994	37.35



# Current UK Offshore Wind Deployment / Issued

Allocation Round (AR)	Auction Year	No. projects	Developer	GW	Strike Price(s)
AR1	2014-2015	2	SPR / Iberdrola and EdF Energy	1.161	119.89
					114.38
AR2	2017	3	RWE, Orsted, Ocean Winds	3.193	74.75
					57.5
AR3	2019	5	RWE, SSE/ Equinor (A, B and C), SSE	5.56	41.61
					39.65
AR4	2022	5	Ocean Winds, Red Rock Power, Orsted, Vattenfall, Scottish Power	6.994	37.35
<b>Total (GW) to have received a Contract for Difference (CfD)</b>				<b>16.908</b>	

**Area of Dogger Bank offshore wind farm compared to Greater London**



Source: BloombergNEF, The Crown Estate

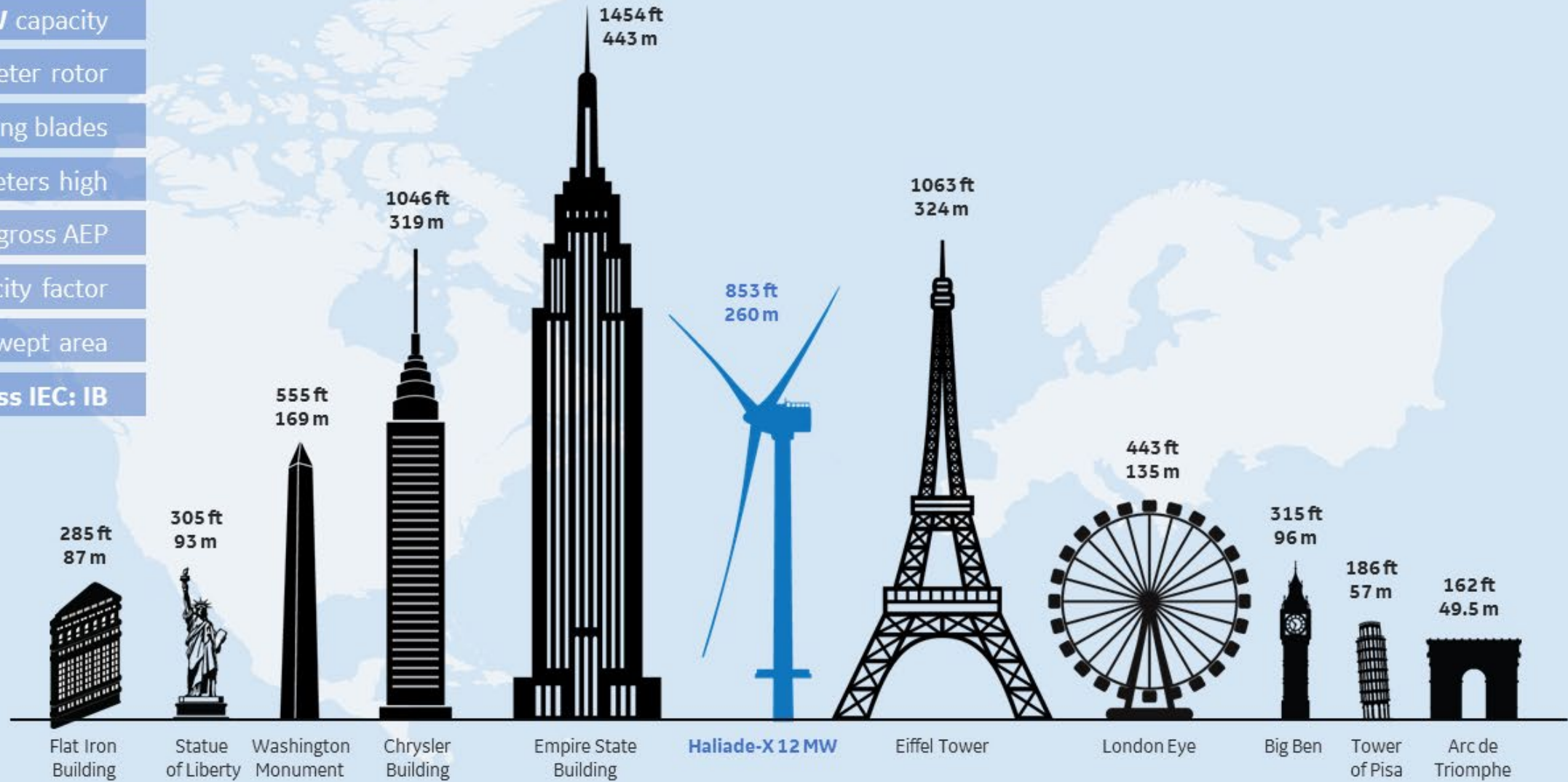
Note: Creyke Beck A, B and Teeside A renamed to Dogger Bank A, B and C. Their total area spans 1,675km<sup>2</sup>. The area of Greater London 1,569km<sup>2</sup>.

- Other deployment through ROC and FiDer accounts for circa 5GW



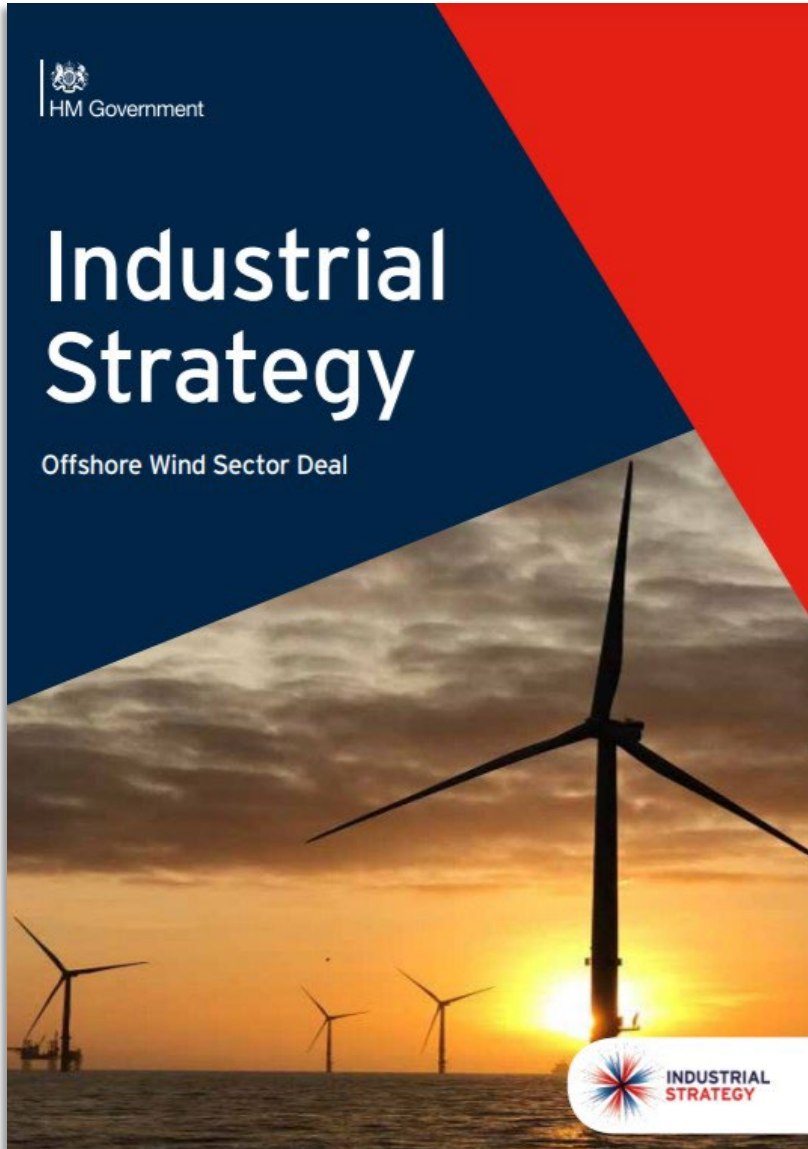


- 12 MW capacity
- 220-meter rotor
- 107-meter long blades
- 260 meters high
- 67 GWh gross AEP
- 63% capacity factor
- 38,000 m<sup>2</sup> swept area
- Wind Class IEC: IB





# Supportive Policy and Legislative Environment



## Current Environment

### Established regulatory regime:

- The CfD scheme recently held **Allocation Round 4 (AR4)** auctions
- ~7GW (37.35 £/MWh) of offshore wind was secured, as well as 32MW of floating offshore wind (£87.30/MWh)
- **Annual** CfD auctions will be launched in the UK from 2023
- The Low Carbon Contracts Company (LCCC) estimate that **over £390m** in 2022 will be given **back to consumers** by the offshore wind CfDs

### Seabed leasing:

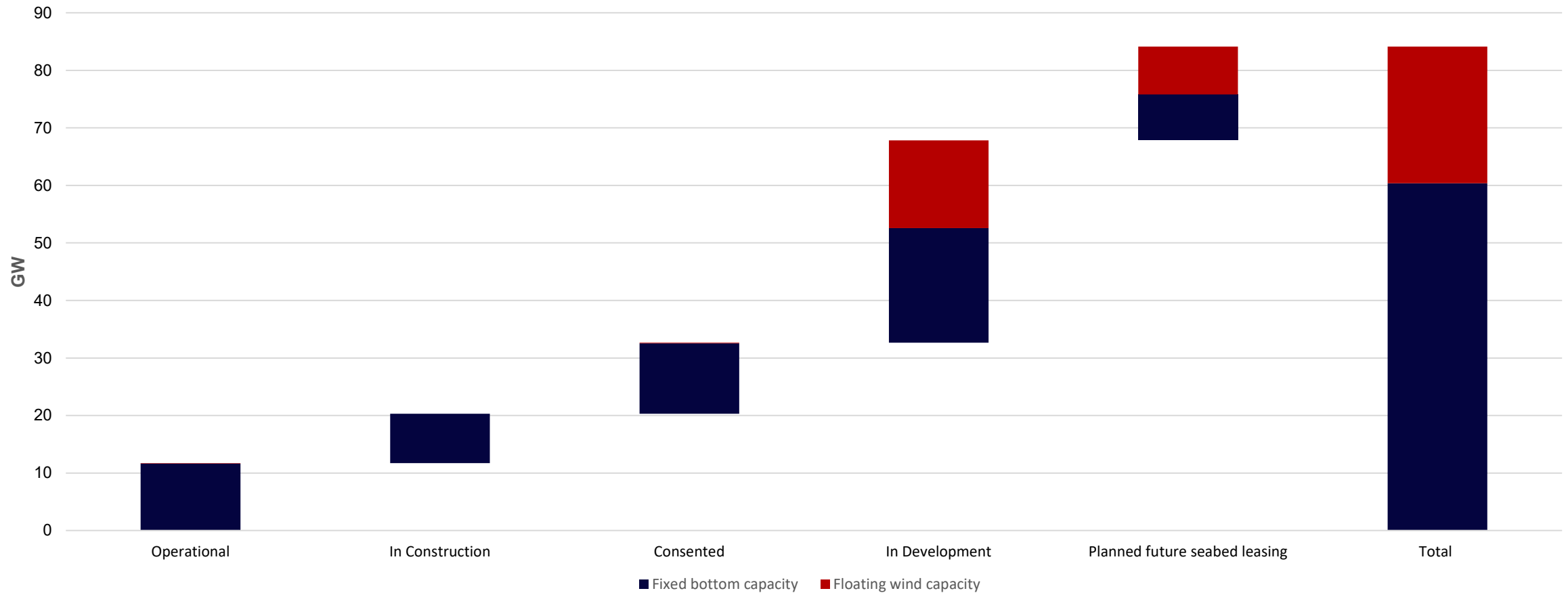
- Floating leasing round by The Crown Estate (TCE) in **Celtic Sea** (up to **4 GW**)
- **Innovation Targeted Oil and Gas (INTOG)** (up to **6.2 GW**) is leasing this year
- **8 GW** of offshore wind recently approved through TCE's leasing round 4
- **10 GW** of fixed bottom and **15 GW** of floating announced through **ScotWind**
- A further **2.8 GW** has been announced through **ScotWind** clearing



# Project Pipeline in the UK

The Crown Estate estimates a total project pipeline of up to ~86 GW

Potential UK fixed-bottom offshore and floating offshore wind pipeline (GW)



Source: The Crown Estate

Footnote: "In Development" refers to projects that are either in planning, preparing for planning or are one of the projects that were successful in the recent ScotWind seabed leasing round.





# Offshore Wind Acceleration Taskforce (OWAT)

**OWAT** was launched following the British Energy Security Strategy (BESS) to speed up end to end deployment, focusing on Leasing, grid connection, manufacturing supply chain



## Leasing

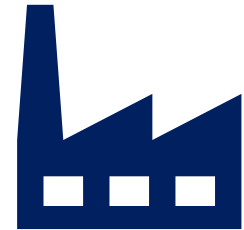
We plan to cut the process time of projects by over half:

- Reducing consent time from up to four years down to **one year** and establishing a fast-track consenting route for priority cases
- Undertaking environmental assessment and compensation at a more strategic level



## Grid

- The grid infrastructure in the UK needs enhancing to accept **50GW by 2030** – adding an additional **23GW** of connection.
- The Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR) and Holistic Network Design (HND) have been launched.



## Manufacturing capability

- The UK and Europe have a total combined ambition of 160 GW of offshore wind by 2030.
- Wind Europe say the European and UK supply chain can produce enough components for up to 7 GW a year but from 2026 it needs to be making >15 GW per year.



# Offshore Wind Manufacturing Investment Support (OWMIS)

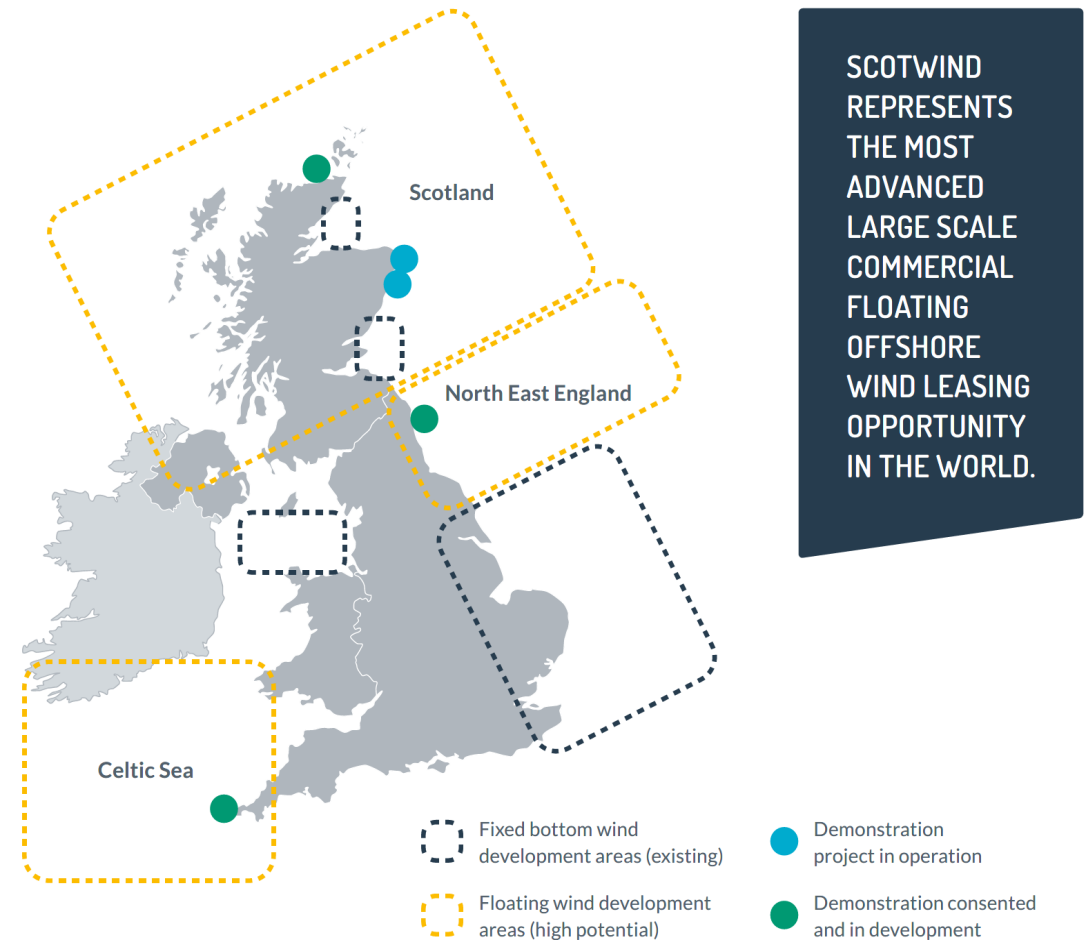
- UK Government launched **OWMIS** scheme in October 2020 to provide grant funding for major investments in the manufacture and infrastructure.
- The scheme was supported by **£160m** in funding.
- Through the OWMIS scheme, last year we were able to announce **four foreign direct investors and one major manufacturing port or hub**
- The scheme has triggered around **£1bn over public and private sector investment** and over 2,500 direct jobs





# Lessons Learned from Fixed Bottom

- Futureproofing
- Innovation
- Infrastructure Requirements
- Overcoming the ‘chicken and egg’ problem and pipeline certainty
- State specific strategy and understanding limitations



Source: Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult





# Floating Offshore Wind in UK

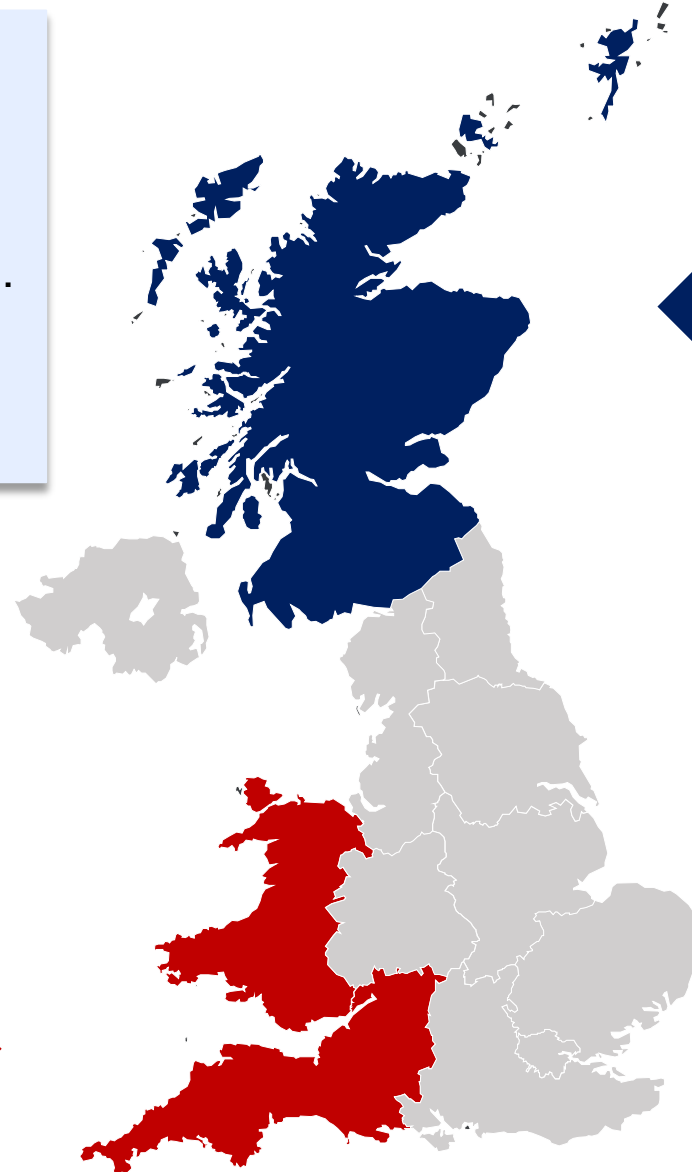
## Overview

- ❖ Floating can unlock **80% of the world's offshore wind generation potential** in waters deeper than 60m.
- ❖ British Energy Security Strategy has an ambition to reach up to **5 GW** of floating by **2030**.

**4 GW** of floating wind sites will be leased by **2023**, with an additional **20 GW** of potential sites to be leased in the Celtic Sea by **2045**.

**Hexicon's TwinHub** project (32 MW) has been awarded the first CfD for floating in Allocation Round 4, at a strike price of **£87.30/ MWh**.

**Celtic Sea**



**Scotland**

Home to the world's **first** floating offshore wind farm (Hywind Scotland, 30 MW) and the world's **largest** floating offshore wind farm (Kincardine, 48 MW).

**ScotWind** was one of the largest leasing rounds for floating, with a capacity of up to **15 GW**. A further **2.8 GW** has been announced through ScotWind clearing. **The Innovation and Targeted Oil and Gas** leasing process could add a further **6.2 GW** of floating wind.



**Thank you! Questions / AOB**

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/oct/06/powering-all-uk-homes-via-offshore-wind-by-2030-would-cost-50bn>