STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
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A brief note will be provided during this consultation process on the scope for any associated land restoration, landscaping, and mitigating measures for impacts on the natural habitat.

Other Community Consultations
We are also aware of other recent or on-going consultations that may have a bearing on our activities, these include:

1. The Mersey Tidal Power Scheme (Peel Energy)
2. The proposed Cheshire Windfarms (Peel Group)
3. The Wirral Waters (Peel Group)

Whenever possible we will make sure our consultation events are not taking place on the same day as any events for these applications.

Scope of the Consultation
We will consult people and communities who could potentially be affected by, or take an active interest in our proposal to build an extension to our existing offshore wind farm at Burbo Bank; and the onshore export cable route. This will include people who work nearby, but people who live or work in areas that might be affected by the development. How we decided on the area of our consultation can be found in Our Consultation Process report, available with our other consultation documents.

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These communities have been identified through initial discussions with local councils.

We intend to include relevant parish and town councils, area committees, organisations representing the local business communities, and will also include groups who may have raised concerns about other development proposals in the past.

We will be using a number of different methods of consulting with you and our other stakeholders to ensure everyone has an opportunity to know how the project has been developed.

A period of time will then be given to enable us to review and consider the responses received ready for the second round of consultation in early 2012.

The Consultation Process
We will not only be consulting on those areas of the project which we are obliged to, we will also be seeking public and stakeholder comments and suggestions on all aspects of our initial proposal including the turbine layout, offshore substation and cable route, and the onshore substation and cable route.

We will encourage local people to give us their views about the specific proposal and also how it may affect the area generally. This would include any environmental, social and economic advantages or disadvantages that might arise as a result of the construction and operational phases of the proposed wind farm.

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The Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) will be available on our website and in hardcopy at the locations specified in the contact information. The most recent environmental information can be located in our Scoping Report available in the same locations and on our or the IPC’s website.

BURBO BANK EXTENSION OFFSHORE WIND FARM

Statement of Community Consultation
We at DONG Energy want to hear your views. This Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) lays out how we intend to explain our latest plans to you, the opportunities for you to meet us and ask questions or make comment on these plans, and how we can work together to deliver the right project for your area.

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