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ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF OFFSHORE WIND FARM WELCOMED

A Government proposal to build a large offshore wind-farm in the Bristol Channel south of the Pembrokeshire coast has been welcomed by Pembrokeshire Friends of the Earth [1]. The group says it will cut emissions of climate-changing gases and could bring economic benefits to the area.

A Pembrokeshire Friends of the Earth spokesperson said:

“We welcome the government’s proposal to build a large wind-farm in the Bristol Channel as part of a major expansion in wind energy for the UK. Large renewable energy projects are vital if we are to make sufficient cuts in emissions of climate-changing gases, reduce our dependence on gas imports and create thousands of new jobs in the green economy.

“It is estimated that a major expansion in offshore wind could create over 40,000 new jobs in the UK. We hope that some of these jobs will come to Pembrokeshire and we are pleased to learn that the Welsh Assembly Government and the Crown Estate are organising a major event to promote supply chain opportunities in Pembroke Dock next month [2].

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1. It is one of nine large wind-farms that are being proposed around the UK and which will be much further out to sea than existing wind-farms.
2. The 'Meet the Buyer' event will take place on Thursday 11th February 2010 at the Cleddau Bridge Hotel in Pembroke Dock