

New Dutch Wind Farm 23 Km Offshore

A new 60 turbine offshore wind farm in the Netherlands will escape potential criticism about visual impact because it will be constructed 23 kilometres from the Dutch North Sea coast. The €383 million Q7 wind park development is the furthest offshore wind park in the world, according to developers Econcern and Enego Energie. “Q7 will contribute enough electricity for 125,000 households, but it is also a learning process. We are learning how to build these wind farms, how to organise the supply chain, and how to manage and operate them,” says wind farm engineering director Bernard van Hemert. “Most campaigns against turbines are based around the noise and the visual impact, and these have been reduced by going offshore. It is more expensive to do it here than to do it on land, but we have all agreed we don’t have enough space on land,” he says.

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