



Q&A Webinar HKW Archaeological Desk Study

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Questions: from the audience

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1. **Question:** *When you say the Geophysical Survey is executed, can you confirm this is done by RVO and completed or do you expect further geophysical work is required to be executed by a future operator?*

Answer: The initial geophysical surveys have been carried out by RVO. A future operator may decide for himself whether additional surveys are necessary.

2. **Question:** *Will GIS files be provided that cover all this information to be used as exclusion zones? If so, will they be distinguished between hard and soft constraints?*

Answer: All relevant GIS files are available at the website of RVO :
<https://offshorewind.rvo.nl/obstructionsw>.

3. **Question:** *Are the GIS files categorised as hard/soft constraints?*

Answer: As long as the possible archaeological objects have not been identified; all constraints are hard, which means that the locations need to be avoided. So including a buffer zone of 100 meters.

4. **Question:** *How about phase III?*

Answer: Phase III is currently ongoing and comprises an effort to define the paleo landscape in a better way. This is done by analysing borehole data/samples acquired during the geotechnical campaign. This will not have an effect on the obstructions identified in phase II.