

RWE pulls plug on wind farm in Bristol channel

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German power giant RWE said Tuesday it has decided not to go ahead with a plans to build a gigantic wind farm in the Bristol Channel on Britain's west coast.

"RWE Innogy has reviewed the Atlantic Array Project and the Round 3

Bristol Channel Zone," RWE said in statement.

"In comparison with other opportunities in the British offshore wind portfolio, and in light of the significant technical challenges specific to the zone, identified from intensive research, at the current time, it is not viable for RWE to continue with development in the Bristol Channel zone," it said.

Atlantic Array would have been one of the largest [wind farms](#) in the world with as many as 240 wind turbines generating up to 1,200 megawatts (MW) of power, supplying 900,000 households.

But there was also fierce resistance to the project from environmentalist groups.

RWE said the project might become more viable again in the future as "expected innovation and cost reduction... open up opportunities in the more challenging areas, such as in the Bristol Channel."

"This is not a decision we have taken lightly, however given the technological challenges and market conditions, now is not the right time for RWE to continue to progress with this [project](#)," said RWE Innogy's head of offshore wind, Paul Cowling.

"We will continue to focus on the other less technically challenging offshore projects. Offshore wind remains one of the strategic objectives for RWE and Britain has a major role to play within our portfolio," Cowling said.

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