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Paul began his career as a buyer in the construction industry, following which he undertook an MSc in Environmental Technology at Imperial College, specialising in Energy Policy. Following research into past energy transitions at Imperial College, he joined RenewableUK early this year as the Offshore Wind Development Manager.

Suggested themes and questions

1. Please could you give us a brief overview of your organisation?
2. What are the implications of EU and National targets in relation to wind energy.
3. Can you provide us with an overview of wind development in the UK (on and offshore) with a focus on current and planned developments around/in Kent?
4. What is the current installed capacity and what contribution is wind energy making to current electricity demand in the UK? Can you highlight any issues specific to Kent?
5. Given the scale and capacity of offshore developments, and the constraints to onshore wind development in Kent – how significant do you believe the role of onshore wind and other renewables will be to the county and the country's future energy supply?
6. Various types of storage device are under consideration to mitigate the intermittency of wind power – how important is it in relation to future energy supplies, that these issues are resolved?
7. How can the business and employment opportunities resulting from, particularly offshore wind, developments be maximised for Kent?
8. Can you comment on the potential for wave/tidal energy around the Kent coast?