



Meeting note

Status	Final
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Date	20 September 2016
Meeting with	Norfolk Vanguard Steering Group
Venue	Royal HaskoningDHV Offices, Rightwell House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DW
Attendees	Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd (VWPL) Ruari Lean (on phone), Kathy Wood Royal HaskoningDHV Alistair Davison, Ruth Henderson, Gemma Keenan The Planning Inspectorate Tom Carpen, Hannah Pratt, Richard Kent Natural England Alex Thompson (on phone) Marine Management Organisation (MMO) Alan Gibson Norfolk County Council (NCC) Stephen Faulkner
Meeting objectives	Second Evidence Plan steering group meeting – to discuss progress made
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of advice under section 51 PA2008 (as amended)

The group discussed the operation of the Evidence Plan Steering Group and noted the potential to streamline meetings with the Norfolk Boreas project which is running approximately 12 months behind Norfolk Vanguard.

The applicant provided an overview of the project and survey progress that has been made to date. The applicant explained that some works would be required at the existing National Grid substation which would be undertaken by National Grid themselves and would not be part of the DCO. The group discussed the need for these Grid Connection works to be assessed cumulatively taking into account Boreas proposal and the Hornsea Project Three offshore proposal. The Planning Inspectorate explained that an Examining Authority would likely seek assurances over the likelihood of National Grid getting consent.

A Scoping Report for the project will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 3 October 2016. The Planning Inspectorate confirmed the 42 day scoping period commences upon receipt of the hard copy of the Scoping Report and that they will

produce the Regulation 9 list of prescribed consultees once consultation letters/emails have been issued.

The applicant explained that they identified search areas for certain infrastructure elements within the Scoping Report, however noted that there may be some suitable areas outside of these search areas. The Planning Inspectorate confirmed being outside the search areas but inside the redline boundary would not necessarily invalidate the scoping process, however noted that Vattenfall may wish to re-scope if the project changes significantly from the scoping report.

The applicant explained that they will be holding consultation events during the scoping period. The Planning Inspectorate urged the applicant to minimise confusion as far as possible and clearly explain the distinction between the two processes to stakeholders. They confirmed that they will only incorporate responses from prescribed consultees into the Scoping Opinion, however will forward any other correspondence received to the applicant

The Planning Inspectorate explained that they will screen the project for likely significant transboundary effects under Regulation 24 of the EIA Regulations. Relevant EEA countries will be notified of the project if a likely significant effect is identified. These countries will be provided with links to the Scoping Request and asked if they wish to participate in the Regulation 24 process; if so they will be consulted should the project be accepted for examination. It is Vattenfall's responsibility to undertake further consultation as appropriate to inform their application.

The transboundary document will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website once available, and the Planning Inspectorate will notify Vattenfall of the publication. There are no statutory timescales for this to be completed however it will be after the Scoping Opinion is issued. The Regulation 24 duty on the SoS is ongoing and the project will be re-screened if accepted for examination and at any other time relevant information becomes available.