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Dear Tracey

Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm – the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations

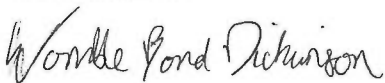
As you know, Norfolk Vanguard Limited (the **Applicant**) is planning to develop the Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm (the **Project**). The Project falls within the definition of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (**NSIP**) and, as a result, the Applicant is required to submit an application for a development consent order (**DCO**) to the Secretary of State under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the **2008 Act**).

On 3 October 2016 the Applicant submitted a notification under Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 confirming that an Environmental Statement for the Project would be provided. The notification was submitted with a scoping report (the **Scoping Report**) and an accompanying request for a Scoping Opinion, which was duly provided by the Secretary of State on 11 November 2016. Since this time, the Applicant has undertaken informal and statutory consultation and refined the Project design.

As you will be aware, the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the **2017 Regulations**) came into force on 16 May 2017 and transitional arrangements, which the Project benefits from, apply under Regulation 37. Notwithstanding this, the Applicant has decided to prepare the Environmental Statement that will accompany the application in accordance with the requirements of the 2017 Regulations. The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (**PEIR**) which was made available during pre-application statutory consultation, and which was sent to the Planning Inspectorate in accordance with Section 46 of the 2008 Act, confirmed to consultees the Applicant's intention to seek to apply the 2017 Regulations within the submitted Environmental Statement.

We trust that this clarifies the approach that has been adopted, however if you have any queries please contact Victoria Redman (Victoria.Redman@wbd-uk.com/ +44 117 989 6861) directly.

Yours sincerely



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