

Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm

Consultation Report

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Dear

Vattenfall announce major new renewable energy projects off the Norfolk coast

I am writing to provide you with an update on two major new infrastructure projects off the coast of Norfolk.

You may be aware that Vattenfall had previously been working alongside ScottishPower Renewables to develop offshore wind farms within an area of sea formerly known as the East Anglia Offshore Wind Farm (EAOW) Zone.

We are excited to announce our intentions to develop two new offshore wind farms following a recent agreement with The Crown Estate to split this zone and take full responsibility of project areas off the coast of Norfolk.

The two separate wind farms will be called Norfolk Vanguard and Norfolk Boreas with a combined target generating capacity of 3.6GW.

We are currently at an early stage of developing **Norfolk Vanguard**, which has a target capacity of 1.8GW of renewable electricity. This is enough to meet the equivalent electricity demand of around 1.3million UK households¹.

The remaining capacity (1.8GW) will be developed at a later stage. This later project will be called Norfolk Boreas and will be the subject of a separate planning application. Further information about this will be announced in due course.

The proposed wind farms have been named after two ships commanded by Lord Nelson. Born in Norfolk in 1758, Lord Nelson went on to become a leading figure in British naval history.

Working closely with communities in Norfolk

Norfolk has long held a special relationship with wind power and the region is well placed to make the most of offshore wind in the future. Norfolk Vanguard and Norfolk Boreas will be important, low cost contributors to the UK's energy mix and will represent a very significant investment into Norfolk's economy, bringing many jobs and training opportunities to the region.

Although the development itself is at its very early stages, we are keen to build relationships with statutory bodies and other interested parties from the outset and will be in regular contact with you about the project, how it will benefit the local economy and what effects it might have on the environment.

¹ <http://www.renewableuk.com/en/renewable-energy/wind-energy/uk-wind-energy-database/figures-explained.cfm> and assuming a load factor of 34.88%.

Your input into the development process will be greatly valued. We are committed to engaging with local businesses and residents, land users and visitors as well as the many groups that may have an interest in the project or use the sea for pleasure and commerce.

Further information on the proposals for Norfolk Vanguard can be found on the project's website at <http://corporate.vattenfall.co.uk/projects/wind-energy-projects/NorfolkVanguard/>.² If you have any further questions, or would like to register for future updates, please do not hesitate to contact the project team via the below contact details:

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² The project website will be accessible from the 15th March 2016