

Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm

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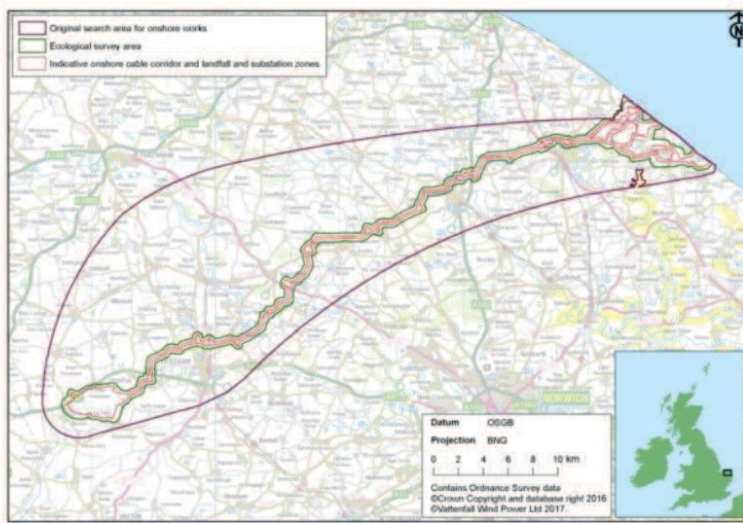


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Route where wind farm cables would be buried in Norfolk is narrowed down

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Where the cables for Vattenfall's wind farms could be buried in Norfolk. Pic: Vattenfall

The developer behind two wind farms has further narrowed where the cables for the schemes would be buried beneath the Norfolk countryside.

Swedish company Vattenfall, which wants to build the Norfolk Vanguard and Norfolk Boreas wind farms in the North Sea.

The company had initially been planning for the cables to serve Norfolk Vanguard, which needs to get consent from the Planning Inspectorate.

But it has now started that same process for the sister wind farm Norfolk Boreas - and confirmed the cables it wants to bury would cater for both wind farms.

The company is looking to bury about 30 miles of transmission cable, coming ashore between Bacton and Eccles-on-Sea.

In October, the company outlined a rough area where the cables could be buried. The search area was then narrowed to a 700 metre wide corridor and has now whittled the area down further to a 200 metre corridor.

The proposed route for the cables would go around the fringes of North Walsham, Aylsham and Reepham, en route to an existing substation on the edge of Necton.

Further public consultation events are planned later this month and letters have been sent to 35,000 households.

Ruari Lean, Vattenfall's project manager for the 1.8GW Norfolk Vanguard, said: "Vattenfall hopes for the same strong turnout at the March and April public engagement events as we enjoyed last October.

"We have had a lot of interest in the wind farm and its onshore infrastructure. A lot of this interest, understandably, is about people's concerns but also how we can maximise the value of any investment in the local area."

Vattenfall says the two wind farms would produce enough power to meet the equivalent annual electricity demand of more than 2.61m UK households,

[Danish company DONG Energy has also been consulting over the route of cables from another wind farm in the North Sea.](#)

DONG is planning to build the Hornsea Project Three wind farm about 75 miles off the Norfolk coast, bringing the electricity ashore near Weybourne, and linking it via underground cables to a substation south of Norwich.

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