

Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm

Consultation Report

Appendix 13.12 Minutes of Meeting with BP Shipping (2nd August 2017)

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Introduction

A meeting was held at BP's Canary Wharf offices on the 2nd August 2017. The objective of the meeting was to update and further consult BP with respect to the Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm project. A consultation meeting had already taken place with BP Shipping, who were identified as a regular operator within the area surrounding the proposed project sites in May 2017.

Attendees

Attendee	Position	Company/Organisation
Capt. Jim Chapman (JC)	Marine Superintendent	BP Shipping
Jana Ames (JA)	Environmental Manager	BP Shipping
Capt. Mike Vanstone (MV)	Marine Consultant	Vattenfall
Ali MacDonald (AMcD)	Principal Risk Analyst	Anatec Ltd

Minutes

A summary of the meeting, including key notes, is given below:

1. AMcD presented an updated presentation which included an overview of the project developments and schedule as well as some of the assessments which have been carried out to address some of the concerns raised during the initial consultation. JC requested a copy of the presentation. AMcD & MV stated that they would need to check with Kathy Wood as to what slides could be released at this stage and that any sensitive slides may be removed. **(Action 1)**
2. A discussion took place with respect to the Planning process. BP would like to become an interested party. AM will provide information and explain to BP how they can register to become an interested party. **(Action 2)**
3. A discussion took place as to the requirement for Vattenfall to carry out Emergency Response exercises. MV explained that they had carried out exercises with the authorities and had recently completed one for the Thanet Wind Farm. JC stated that BP would investigate the possibility of having a joint exercise where they simulated an incident with one of their tankers drifting towards the wind farm.
4. JC stated that for the Boreas Hazard Workshop he would contact some of the vessel operators in the area which he thought would be impacted by the development to make sure their views were taken into account. Anatec to give as much notice as possible for the Boreas workshop. **(Action 3)**
5. JC stated that he could observe from the information presented that their concerns were being taken seriously and whilst he still thought that 1 nm was not a large enough buffer, he accepted that if the authorities and others had approved this distance that it would be unlikely to change. His concerns still mainly relate to the coasters crossing the area in heavy weather with the restricted sea room as well as interactions with fishing vessels.
6. A discussion took place with respect to the mitigation measures and how they would be monitored as to their effectiveness. AMcD mentioned the conditions that are put in place

with respect to traffic monitoring during construction and post installation which are then presented to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and Trinity House to assist in assessing the effectiveness of the lighting, marking etc. and to see how traffic is behaving around the wind farm. BP stated that this type of monitoring made sense.

7. MV stated that they will keep BP informed with regard to the proposed development and the ongoing studies supporting the work. (**Action 4**)

Actions

1. Copy of allowed slides from presentation to be circulated to BP.
2. Anatec to provide information to BP as to how they can become an interested party.
3. Anatec to provide as much notice as possible as to the date for the Boreas Hazard Workshop. BP will provide Anatec with information on any relevant decommissioning plans, and associated projected increases in vessel numbers, if such information is available and able to be shared.
4. Vattenfall to keep BP up to date with the proposed development and supporting studies.