

Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm

Consultation Report

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By Email

FAO: Mr Scott Butler

Dear Mr Butler,

Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm

Osprey Consulting Services Ltd (Osprey) is providing support to Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd (Vattenfall) whom is developing the Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm. Norfolk Vanguard (NV) is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and would be located 47 kilometres (km) offshore (at the closest point). The wind farm is projected to have a generation capacity of 1.8GW (1800MW) and comprises two distinct areas, Norfolk Vanguard East (NV East) and Norfolk Vanguard West (NV West).

Vattenfall has world leading experience in offshore wind, as owner of Kentish Flats, Kentish Flats Extension, Ormonde, and Thanet Offshore Wind Farms, which are currently operational in the UK, as well as a growing portfolio of wind projects across its European markets. Figure 1 below provides the layout of the proposed wind farm area for Scoping. It also illustrates a provisional submarine Offshore Cable Corridor that will be refined as the project matures. Informal consultation is underway and will be ongoing with stakeholders throughout the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Development Consent Order (DCO) application process. Vattenfall is committed to engaging with the aviation stakeholders, during this process, and working alongside them to deliver a project of the best possible quality.

The proposed development area is located within the Southern North Sea on the southern border of the Anglia Radar Area of Responsibility close to existing, manned and unmanned, oil and gas recovery platforms. A number of HMRS are near NV West and East; HMRS 447, 450 and one Dutch HMR KZ50 cross through the NV area; HMR 1 lies approximately 20 km to the northwest of NV West.

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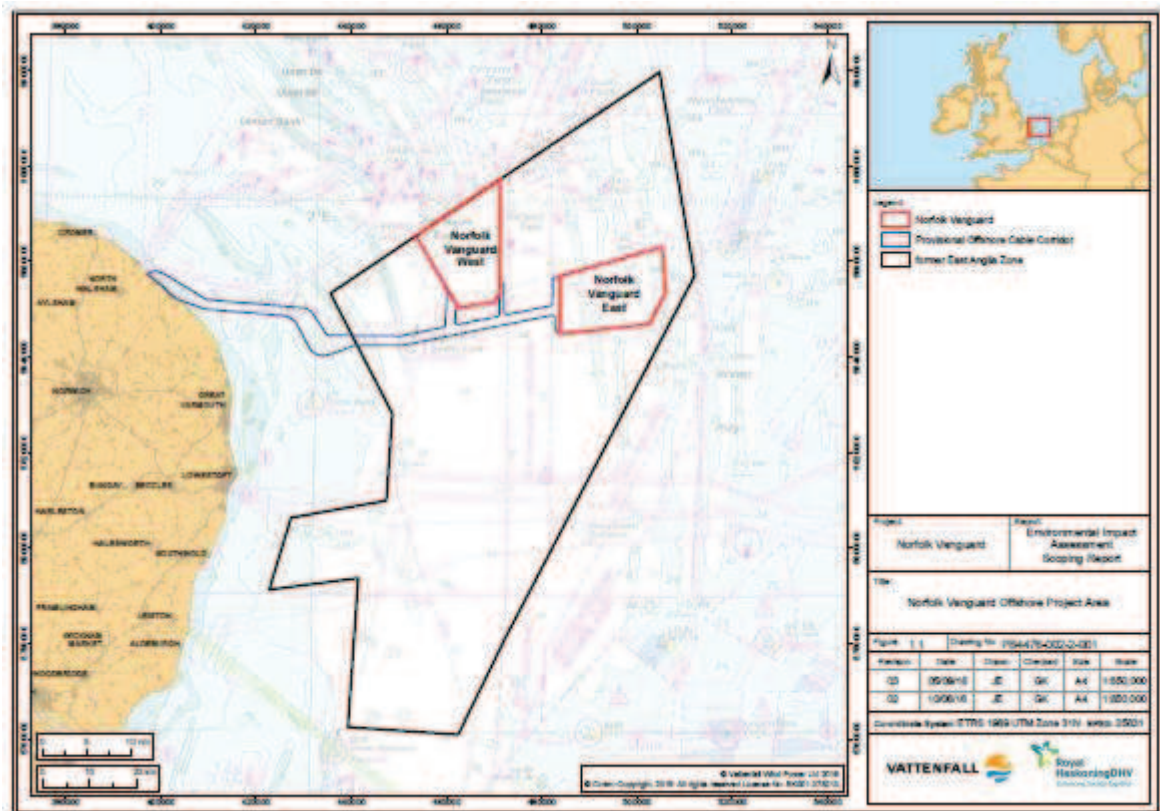


Figure 1: Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Project Areas

Helicopter hoisting platforms, installed on each wind turbine nacelle, enable crew maintenance access. The NV planning and design would take account of relevant CAA guidance and standards included in CAP 437 *Standards for Offshore Helicopter Landing* and CAP 764 *CAA Policy and Guidance on Wind Turbines*. I would like to take an early opportunity to provide information on the proposed project and gain your comment on any safeguarding concerns you may have. I am based in Lincoln and able to travel to meet with you if you feel that this would be beneficial.

I look forward to receiving your earliest reply.

Yours sincerely

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