

## **Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm**

# **Consultation Report**

**Appendix 19.7 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Letter to Newly Impacted Landowners** 





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### NORFOLK VANGUARD OFFSHORE WIND FARM



8th March 2018

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We are writing to you because we have recently identified that you may have an interest in land along the proposed route of the onshore cable corridor required to connect the Norfolk Vanguard offshore wind farm project to the National Grid. This letter contains information we are required to provide as part of our statutory duty under the Planning Act 2008.

If you have a land agent, they will be familiar with the requirements of the Planning Act. If it would be helpful to you, we are happy to talk through the process with you, please contact us using the contact details provided at the end of the letter.

### The Planning Act 2008 (the Act): Section 42 and Section 44 consultation, for further targeted consultees

Norfolk Vanguard Limited (the **Applicant**) intends to develop and construct an offshore wind farm located more than 47km from the coast of Norfolk (the **Project**).

The Project will have an installed capacity of around 1,800 MW and therefore falls within the definition of a "Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project" (**NSIP**). As a result, the Applicant is required to submit an application for a development consent order (**DCO**) to the Planning Inspectorate (**PINS**), who will examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State.

The offshore array is located in the northern half of the former Zone 5 (East Anglia Zone) in the North Sea, which is being developed as two individual wind farms, both of which will require the appropriate statutory consents and approvals. The Project is the first to be proposed.

Norfolk Boreas Limited (another affiliate company of Vattenfall Wind Power Limited) is also developing Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm, which is an entirely separate to the Project and will submit its own DCO application. Norfolk Boreas would share a grid connection location and also much of the offshore and onshore cable corridors with Norfolk Vanguard. Therefore, in order to minimise impacts, the Applicant will include within its DCO application some enabling works for the Norfolk Boreas project. Further information in relation to this can be found in more detail in the Non-Technical Summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).

### Your interest in the Land

We carried out our initial formal consultation process between November and December 2017, inviting the parties identified at that stage to submit feedback on the proposed cabling route for the Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm project. Further to a review of title and Land Registry information, alongside further

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refining the Order Limits (area) for the Project, we have recently identified that you may have an interest in land which falls within our proposed development area. You have been identified as a potentially interested party pursuant to Sections 42 and 44 of the Act. Accordingly we are writing to you to give you the opportunity to provide us with feedback on the proposals.

Based on our due diligence undertaken to date, your interest in the land is considered to be in relation to the below:

Please refer to the enclosed set of plans accompanying this letter; showing all affected land within the red line boundary which will include your interest in land.

Whilst this information is considered up to date at the date of this letter, this is an ongoing process. The identification of all land interests to which the Project relates is still being finalised prior to the application being submitted for the DCO.

### Consultation on the Project

The details of the PEIR and earlier section 42 consultation that took between 7<sup>th</sup> November and 11 December 2017 are enclosed within the letter on the USB device; We would like to give you the opportunity to comment on this material and request that you return any responses in relation to this amendment by the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2018

You will also be able to take part in the Examination process and provide representations once the application has been accepted for Examination. Further details will be released regarding this process once the application is submitted in the second quarter of 2018.

Your feedback on the Project will be considered before the Applicant finalises its application to PINS for a DCO to authorise the Project. This will also be reported to PINS when the application is submitted. Any representations you have already made will also be reported.

### Consultation documents enclosed

We enclose a copy of the formal notice of the Project proposal under the duty to publicise in accordance with Section 48 of the Act. This Section 48 notice is included for information only. It contains the full description of the development and was published in a number of newspapers prior to the commencement of the formal consultation taking place.

We also enclose a USB device containing electronic copies of:

- 1. The PEIR
- 2. A set of Plans showing the location of the Project (please refer to the enclosed hard copies for the most recent red line boundary)
- 3. A non-technical summary of the PEIR
- 4. Norfolk Vanguard Consultation Summary Document, October 2017 (and associated questionnaire)

Should you wish to view electronic copies of the PEIR and the Non-Technical Summary, these are accessible online at www.vattenfall.co.uk/norfolkvanguard

Any responses to or other representations in respect of the Project can be made in writing:

- 1. Addressed to: Norfolk Vanguard, The Union Building, 51-59 Rose Lane, Norwich, NR1 1BY
- 1. By email to: info@norfolkvanguard.co.uk

If you have queries about the contents of this letter or any general queries about the Project, please call 01603 567995.

If you require further copies of the documentation or have any other issues in connection with the Project, please do not hesitate to contact us at the above postal or email addresses.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



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Project Manager



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