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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Norfolk Vanguard – registration of Great Yarmouth Borough Council as an interested party**

Following a conversation with Ewa Sherman earlier this morning, I am writing with Great Yarmouth Borough Council's registration of interest in the examination of Norfolk Vanguard. I apologise for its lateness but have been told that it will likely still be accepted.

#### **Response**

Whilst it is recognised that the onshore and offshore elements of the proposal do not directly affect the borough of Great Yarmouth, the Council is keen to pass detailed comment on the proposal given that the wider scale and benefits of the offshore proposals, particular on matters of socio-economic, environmental and infrastructure will be relevant to Great Yarmouth, and more generally Norfolk as a whole.

#### **Socio-Economic**

Generally speaking the Council is very supportive of the emerging proposal, noting in particular the number of jobs that are likely to be created during the construction and operation/maintenance stage of the project. This is particularly relevant to Great Yarmouth given the borough's local economic context which is very well-placed towards accommodating and supporting the burgeoning offshore renewables sector. Potential impacts on port activities (current and future) will also be of relevance and the Council will wish to comment on these in more detail – again, there are no significant concerns, but there may be some particular mitigation measures to be explored in more detail.

Notwithstanding the likely socio-economic benefits which will flow in the borough, the Council will comment more fully on the likely implications of potential jobs and investment in the borough, and the wider economic benefits to Norfolk and the UK as a whole.

Greater energy security and diversity of energy supply is a further issue that the Council feels militates in favour of approving the application – opportunities for local energy grid improvements (as part of the Local Energy East Strategy project, for example) as a result of the proposal will also be commented on.

#### **Environmental**

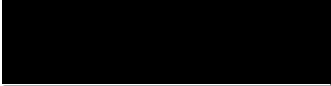
The Council will comment in more detail upon the main likely environmental effects of the proposal (and proposed mitigation measures), in particular on internationally protected nature conservation sites. There are no significant concerns in principle, but potential mitigations measures need some

careful thought and consideration to minimise the impact on (for example) SACs, SPAs and the Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

**Infrastructure**

It is recognised that there are many NSIPs already in and/or close to Great Yarmouth e.g. Third River Crossing and A47 dualling, which are currently in process. The effects and benefits of Norfolk Vanguard would be impacted wider than Great Yarmouth and the impacts of construction traffic and supply chain economics on infrastructure will be a matter the Council will comment further on as the examination progresses – again, with a focus on appropriate mitigation measures and improvements.

Yours sincerely,



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