



Norfolk Vanguard Case Team
Planning Inspectorate
(Email only)

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EN010079
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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Planning Act 2008, Vattenfall Wind Power Limited, Proposed Norfolk Vanguard
Offshore Wind Farm
Response to Examining Authority's Rule 8 Letter**

On 26 June 2018, the Marine Management Organisation (the "MMO") received notice under section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "PA 2008") that the Planning Inspectorate ("PINS") had accepted an application made by Norfolk Vanguard Limited (the "Applicant") for determination of a development consent order for the construction, maintenance and operation of the proposed Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm (the "DCO Application") (MMO ref: DCO/2016/00002; PINS ref: EN010079).


The DCO Application seeks authorisation for the construction, operation and maintenance of Norfolk Vanguard offshore wind farm, comprising of up to 200 wind turbine generators together with associated onshore and offshore infrastructure and all associated development ("the "Project").

The MMO received a Rule 8 letter on 19 December 2018. In response to this letter, the MMO submits the following:

- 1. Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs)**
- 2. Summary of Relevant Representation**
- 3. Responses to the Examining Authority's first round of written questions**
- 4. Comments on Change Request to the application and Errata for Environmental Statement Chapters**
- 5. Notification of wish to make oral representations at the Issue Specific Hearing on Offshore Environmental matters**
- 6. Notification of wish to make oral representations at the Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order (DCO)**
- 7. Notification of wish to have future correspondence electronically**

The MMO has entered into a Statement of Common Ground with the applicant that will be submitted by the applicant on the MMO's behalf at written deadline 1.

Yours faithfully



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1. MMO Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs)

Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA)

- 1.1 The MMO notes that the MCA remains concerned regarding the indicative layout of the Norfolk Vanguard offshore wind farm turbines and their potential impact on search and rescue (SAR) capabilities. Provision for approval of the final design plan has been reserved in the draft DMLs at Schedules 9 to 12 and the MMO advises that consultation would take place with the MCA on the proposed final design plan to ensure SAR issues are fully accounted for where possible in the Norfolk Vanguard wind farm design plan. The MMO defers to the MCA's expert opinion on whether they are comfortable that an acceptable layout plan can be agreed post consent.

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority (IFCA)

- 1.2 The MMO supports the Eastern IFCA's assertion that the use of a local Fisheries Liaison Officer, the Kingfisher Information Service and Notice to Mariners applies to the operation and maintenance phases as well as the construction phase.

2. Summary of the MMOs Relevant Representation

Please find the document with the MMO Summary of Relevant Representation in the following document EN010079- 002201 Summary of Relevant Representation Deadline 1_MMO _final, enclosed with this letter.

3. Responses to the ExA's Written Questions

Please find the table including the MMOs response to the ExA Written Questions in the following document EN010079- 002201 Questions by ExA Deadline 1_MMO _final, enclosed with this letter.

4. Comments on Change Request to the application and Errata for Environmental Statement Chapters

Please find the document with the MMO Comments on the Change request and Errata in the in the following document EN010079- 002201 Change Request and Errata Comments Deadline 1_MMO _final, enclosed with this letter.

5. Notification of wish to make oral representations at the Issue Specific Hearing on Offshore Environmental matters

The MMO wishes to make oral representation at the Issue Specific hearing on Offshore Environmental Matters on 6 February 2019 on the following topics:

Marine Processes
Benthic Ecology
Fish and Shellfish
Marine Mammals and Underwater Noise
In Principle Monitoring Plan

6. Notification of wish to make oral representations at the Issue Specific Hearing on the draft DCO

The MMO wish to make oral representation at the Issue Specific hearing on the draft DCO on 7 February 2019 on the following topics:

Article 36 – Arbitration

Timeframes for submission of documents

Cooperation between DMLs

Schedules 9, 10, 11 and Schedule 12

7. Notification of wish to have future correspondence electronically

The MMO wishes to have future correspondence electronically.