

# Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm Response to further information requested by the Examining Authority

Response to Rule 17 Letter to the  
Ministry of Defence

Applicant: Norfolk Vanguard Limited  
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Deadline 2

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*Photo: Kentish Flats Offshore Wind Farm*



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Date: 30 January 2019

Dear Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17**

**Application by Norfolk Vanguard Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm Project**

I am writing on behalf of Norfolk Vanguard Limited (the Applicant) in response to the Examining Authority's letter of 22 January 2019 in relation to the application for an Order granting development consent for the Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm (the Application). The Examining Authority requested further information following the Ministry of Defence's (MOD) earlier indication that some, or all, of the evidence relating to the Application may need to be handled in a closed hearing in the interests of national security.

As pointed out in the Examining Authority's letter, the position with the MOD has moved on significantly since their representation of 6 December 2018. The mitigation proposal submitted by the Applicant to the MOD on 23 December 2018 has now been accepted by the MOD as was documented in the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) submitted on 16 January 2019. Since submission of the SoCG, discussions have continued with MOD over the wording of Requirements 12 and 13 of the Development Consent Order. Agreement on this wording is progressing well and a conference call with MOD is scheduled for Monday, 4 February 2019 to finalise discussions and agree wording that will be acceptable to both parties.

In the Examining Authority's letter, the onus was put on the MOD to confirm whether or not a closed hearing would still be required. The Applicant understands that the MOD will respond directly to the Examining Authority's letter by Wednesday 30 January 2019

(Deadline 2) however, Norfolk Vanguard's position on this matter is that, as agreement on a technical mitigation solution has been reached, a closed hearing is no longer necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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