



Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm

Applicant's Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground







Date	Issue No.	Remarks / Reason for Issue	Author	Checked	Approved
14/12/2018	01D	First draft for Norfolk Vanguard Ltd review	ВТ	GK	GK
15/01/2019	02D	Second draft	ВТ	GK/JA	GK
16/01/2019	03D	Final for Deadline 1	ВТ	GK/JA	GK
13/03/2019	04D	Update for Deadline 4	ВТ	GK/JA	GK





Table of Contents

1	Introduction	3
1.1	Project Background	3
1.2	Purpose of the Statement of Commonality	3
1.3	List of Statements of Common Ground	3
1.4	Summary of Current Position	4
2	Summary of Commonality of Each Topic Covered	8
3	Tables of Commonality	11
3.1	Structure of SoCGs	11
3.2	Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes	12
3.3	Marine Water and Sediment Quality	12
3.4	Benthic and Intertidal Ecology	13
3.5	Fish and Shellfish Ecology	13
3.6	Marine Mammals	13
3.7	Offshore Ornithology	14
3.8	Commercial Fisheries	14
3.9	Shipping and Navigation	14
3.10	Aviation and Radar	15
3.11	Offshore and Intertidal Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	15
3.12	Ground Conditions and Contamination	15
3.13	Water Resources and Flood Risk	16
3.14	Land Use and Agriculture	17
3.15	Onshore Ecology	17
3.16	Onshore Ornithology	18
3.17	Traffic and Transport	20
3.18	Noise and Vibration	20
3.19	Air Quality	21
3.20	Human Health	21
3.21	Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	22
3.22	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment	23
3.23	Tourism, Recreation and Socio-economics	23
3.24	Methodology for co-operation	24
3.25	Operations of statutory undertakers	24





1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Background

 Norfolk Vanguard Limited ('the Applicant', an affiliate company of Vattenfall Wind Power Limited (VWPL)) is seeking a Development Consent Order (DCO) for Norfolk Vanguard, an offshore wind farm in the southern North Sea.

1.2 Purpose of the Statement of Commonality

- 2. This document (version 2) is provided by the Applicant as requested by the Examining Authority in the Rule 8 letter. The Statement of Commonality provides the Examining Authority with an overview of the position of each Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between the Applicant and the interested parties in relation to Norfolk Vanguard.
- 3. Throughout the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), an Evidence Plan Process (EPP) was undertaken which provided a framework for consultation with the relevant stakeholders. Each SoCG reflects discussions throughout the EPP and presubmission consultation where appropriate, as well as ongoing post submission consultation, where applicable.

1.2.1 Structure

- 4. This report is structured as follows:
 - Section 2 Summary of commonality of each topic covered provides an overview of all topics covered and each stakeholder's current position.
 - Section 3 Tables of commonality this provides further detail on the aspects of each topic that are covered by the SoCG and each stakeholder's current position.

1.3 List of Statements of Common Ground

- 5. Table 1 provides the list of SoCG that have been prepared for Norfolk Vanguard in accordance with the list of SoCG requested by the Planning Inspectorate in the Rule 8 letter. In addition to the list requested by the Planning Inspectorate, the Applicant has opted to produce the following additional SoCG:
 - Happisburgh Parish Council
 - Necton Parish Council
 - Oulton Parish Council





1.4 Summary of Current Position

- 6. Each SoCG is a live document throughout the examination process as the Applicant and stakeholders work to resolve any outstanding issues. Table 1 provides an overview of the current position at Deadline 4 and will be amended as appropriate throughout the examination. Where further progress is made between the Applicant and a stakeholder, the updated version of the SoCG will be submitted at an appropriate deadline.
- 7. The final position of the SoCGs, along with this document, will be submitted on or before Deadline 8 on the 30th May 2019.





Table 1 Status of SoCGs at Deadline 1

Party	Position at Deadline 1	Position at Deadline 4	Position at Deadline 5	Position at Deadline 6	Position at Deadline 7	Position at Deadline 8
Anglian Water Service Ltd	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing				
Breckland Council	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing				
Broadland District Council	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing				
Cadent Gas Limited	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Updated draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing				
East Anglia THREE Limited (EATL)	SoCG agreed.	Draft agreed for submission.				
Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Agency (IFCA)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing				
Environment Agency	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing				
Happisburgh Parish Council	Draft in progress	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing				
Highways England	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing				
Historic England	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	Updated draft produced by the Applicant with input from Historic England				
Marine Management Organisation (MMO)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing				





Party	Position at Deadline 1	Position at Deadline 4	Position at Deadline 5	Position at Deadline 6	Position at Deadline 7	Position at Deadline 8
Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing				
Ministry of Defence (MOD)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing, to be submitted at Deadline 5.1				
National Farmers Union (NFU)	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	Updated draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing				
National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations (NFFO)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing, to be submitted at Deadline 5.1				
National Grid (NGET)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing, to be submitted at Deadline 5.1				
NATS En-Route Safeguarding (NATS)	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing, to be submitted at Deadline 5.1				
Natural England	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	The Applicant has submitted a joint position statement with Natural England. Document Reference ExA; AS; 10.D4.8				
Necton Parish Council	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	No updates to be submitted.				
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions	Updated draft produced by the Applicant.				

-

¹ Consultation between the Applicant and this stakeholder is on-going, and whilst progress is being made it has not been possible to move any of the unresolved items in the Statement of Common Ground to "agreed" before Deadline 4. Consultation will continue on these matters and an updated Statement of Common Ground will be submitted at Deadline 5 once the additional information has been discussed.





Party	Position at Deadline 1	Position at Deadline 4	Position at Deadline 5	Position at Deadline 6	Position at Deadline 7	Position at Deadline 8
	ongoing					
Norfolk County Council	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing				
North Norfolk District Council	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing.				
Orsted Hornsea Project Three	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing.				
Oulton Parish Council	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	No updates to be submitted. Meeting scheduled 27/03/2018				
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing, to be submitted at Deadline 5.1				
Royal Yachting Association (RYA)	SoCG agreed.	No further updates				
Trinity House	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing				
Whale and Dolphin Conservation (WDC)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	No updates to be submitted.				
The Wildlife Trusts	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	No updates to be submitted.				





2 SUMMARY OF COMMONALITY OF EACH TOPIC COVERED

- 8. This section provides a summary of the topics covered in each of the SoCG and shows where there is commonality in the topics or matters being discussed with the stakeholders.
- 9. Table 2 presents a summary of commonality at Deadline 1, on each of the topics discussed between the Applicant and the stakeholder using the following colour code.

Matter agreed
Matter requires further discussion
Matter not agreed
Topic not relevant to the stakeholder





Table 2 Summary of Commonality with each stakeholder in relation to each topic covered

Table 2 Su	mmary	of Com	imonal	ity wi	tn ea	ich st	aken	older	in reia	ition to	eacn	topic	cove	rea										
Party	Marine Water and Sediment Quality	Marine Geology, Oceanography and Processes	Benthic and Intertidal ecology	Fish and Shellfish Ecology	Marine Mammals	Offshore Ornithology	Commercial Fisheries	Shipping and Navigation	Aviation and Radar	Offshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	Ground Conditions and Contamination	Onshore Ecology	Onshore Ornithology	Water Resources and Flood Risk	Human Health	Land Use and Agriculture	Traffic and Transport	Noise and vibration	Air Quality	Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	Landscape and Visual Impact	Tourism, recreation and socio-economics	Methodology for co- operation	Operations of statutory undertakers
Anglian																								
Water																								
Breckland																								
Council																								
Broadland																								
DC																								
Cadent Gas Ltd																								
EATL																								
LAIL																								
Eastern IFCA																								
Environment																								
Agency																								
Happisburgh PC																								
Highways England																								
Historic England																								
ммо																								
MCA																								
MOD																								
NATS																								
National Grid*																								





Party	Marine Water and Sediment Quality	Marine Geology, Oceanography and Processes	Benthic and Intertidal ecology	Fish and Shellfish Ecology	Marine Mammals	Offshore Ornithology	Commercial Fisheries	Shipping and Navigation	Aviation and Radar	Offshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	Ground Conditions and Contamination	Onshore Ecology	Onshore Ornithology	Water Resources and Flood Risk	Human Health	Land Use and Agriculture	Traffic and Transport	Noise and vibration	Air Quality	Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	Landscape and Visual Impact	Tourism, recreation and socio-economics	Methodology for co- operation	Operations of statutory undertakers
Natural																								
England																								
Necton PC																								
Network Rail																								
NCC																								
NFFO																								
NFU																								
NNDC																								
Orsted																								
Oulton PC																								
RSPB																								
RYA																								
Trinity House																								
The Wildlife Trusts																								
WDC																								





3 TABLES OF COMMONALITY

3.1 Structure of SoCGs

- 10. The SoCGs identify matters on which parties agree and document the position of each party where agreement has not been reached.
- 11. Where applicable, and to ensure consistency in the approach taken to documenting matters agreed, matters subject to further negotiation or matters not agreed, each SoCG follows a standard format in order to provide clarity to other parties and the Examining Authority.
- 12. Each SoCG with EPP Stakeholders covers the following topics:
 - Environmental Impact Assessment
 - Existing Environment
 - Assessment Methodology
 - Assessment Findings
 - o Cumulative Impact Assessment
 - Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) (where applicable)
 - Screening of Likely Significant Effect (LSE)
 - Assessment of Adverse Effect on Integrity (AEoI)
 - Mitigation and Management
 - o Mitigation
 - Monitoring
- 13. Further SoCG have been prepared with Parish Councils and relevant operators based on information in their relevant representations and/or topics raised during consultation.
- 14. The following sections provide further detail on the status of agreements in relation to the above items for each topic.





3.2 Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes

Topic	Environment Agency	Happisburgh Parish Council	ММО	Natural England	North Norfolk District Council
EIA Existing Environment		Draft in			
		Progress			
EIA Assessment		Draft in			
Methodology		Progress			
EIA Assessment Findings		Draft in			
		Progress			
Cumulative Impact		Draft in			
Assessment		Progress			
HRA Screening of LSE		Draft in	Deferred to		
		Progress	Statutory		
			Nature		
			Conservation		
			Bodies		
			(SNCBs)		
Assessment of AEoI		Draft in	Deferred to		
		Progress	SNCBs		
Mitigation		Draft in			
		Progress			
Monitoring		Draft in			
		Progress			

3.3 Marine Water and Sediment Quality

Торіс	Environment Agency	ММО
EIA Existing Environment		
EIA Assessment Methodology		
EIA Assessment Findings		
Cumulative Impact Assessment		
HRA Screening of LSE		
Assessment of AEoI		
Mitigation		
Monitoring		





3.4 Benthic and Intertidal Ecology

Topic	Eastern IFCA	ММО	Natural England
EIA Existing Environment	Agreed, but deferred to Natural England for Sabellaria spinulosa		
EIA Assessment Methodology			
EIA Assessment Findings	Agreed, but deferred to Natural England for Sabellaria spinulosa and Sandbanks	Agreed, noting that MMO would defer to the SNCBs for advice on whether recovery will occur within a 'reasonable' timeframe for the purposes of the HRA.	
Cumulative Impact Assessment			
HRA Screening of LSE		Deferred to SNCBs	
Assessment of AEoI		Deferred to SNCBs	
Mitigation	Deferred to Natural England		
Monitoring	Deferred to Natural England		

3.5 Fish and Shellfish Ecology

Topic	Eastern IFCA	MMO	Natural England
EIA Existing Environment			
EIA Assessment Methodology			
EIA Assessment Findings			
Cumulative Impact Assessment			
HRA Screening of LSE			
Assessment of AEoI			
Mitigation			
Monitoring			

3.6 Marine Mammals

Topic	ММО	Natural England	The Wildlife Trusts	WDC
EIA Existing Environment				
EIA Assessment Methodology				
EIA Assessment Findings	Deferred to Natural England			
Cumulative Impact Assessment				
HRA Screening of LSE	Deferred to SNCBs			
Assessment of AEoI	Deferred to SNCBs			
Mitigation				
Monitoring				





3.7 Offshore Ornithology

Topic	ММО	Natural England	RSPB
EIA Existing Environment	Deferred to Natural England		
EIA Assessment Methodology	Deferred to Natural England		
EIA Assessment Findings	Deferred to Natural England		
Cumulative Impact Assessment	Deferred to Natural England		
HRA Screening of LSE	Deferred to Natural England		
Assessment of AEoI	Deferred to Natural England		
Mitigation	Deferred to Natural England		
Monitoring	Deferred to Natural England		

3.8 Commercial Fisheries

Topic	Eastern IFCA	ММО	NFFO
EIA Existing Environment			
EIA Assessment Methodology			
EIA Assessment Findings			
Cumulative Impact Assessment			
HRA Screening of LSE			
Assessment of AEoI			
Mitigation			
Monitoring			

3.9 Shipping and Navigation

Topic	ММО	MCA	Trinity House	RYA	EATL
EIA Existing	Deferred to MCA and Trinity				
Environment	House				
EIA Assessment	Deferred to MCA and Trinity				
Methodology	House				
EIA Assessment	Deferred to MCA and Trinity				
Findings	House				
Cumulative Impact	Deferred to MCA and Trinity				
Assessment	House				
HRA Screening of LSE					
Assessment of AEoI					
Layout design and Use	Deferred to MCA and Trinity				
of Design Rules	House				
Mitigation	Deferred to MCA and Trinity				
	House				
Monitoring	Deferred to MCA and Trinity				
	House				





3.10 Aviation and Radar

Topic	MOD	NATS
EIA Existing Environment		
EIA Assessment Methodology		
EIA Assessment Findings		
Cumulative Impact Assessment		
HRA Screening of LSE		
Assessment of AEoI		
Mitigation		
Monitoring		

3.11 Offshore and Intertidal Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

Topic	Historic England	ММО
EIA Existing Environment		Deferred to Historic England
EIA Assessment Methodology		Deferred to Historic England
EIA Assessment Findings		Deferred to Historic England
Cumulative Impact Assessment		Deferred to Historic England
HRA Screening of LSE		
Assessment of AEoI		
Mitigation		Deferred to Historic England
Monitoring		Deferred to Historic England

3.12 Ground Conditions and Contamination

Topic	Breckland Council	Broadland District Council	Environment Agency	Necton Parish Council	North Norfolk District Council
EIA Existing					
Environment					
EIA Assessment					
Methodology					
EIA Assessment					
Findings					
Cumulative					
Impact					
Assessment					
HRA Screening of					
LSE					
Assessment of					
AEol					
Mitigation					
Monitoring					





3.13 Water Resources and Flood Risk

Topic	Anglian Water	Breckland Council	Environment Agency	Necton Parish Council	Norfolk County Council	North Norfolk District Council
EIA Existing Environment		Defer to the County Council				Deferred to the Environment Agency
EIA Assessment Methodology		Defer to the County Council				Deferred to the Environment Agency
EIA Assessment Findings		Defer to the County Council				Deferred to the Environment Agency
Cumulative Impact Assessment		Defer to the County Council				Deferred to the Environment Agency
HRA Screening of LSE		Defer to the County Council				
Assessment of AEoI		Defer to the County Council				
Mitigation		Defer to the County Council				Deferred to the Environment Agency
Monitoring		Defer to the County Council				Deferred to the Environment Agency





3.14 Land Use and Agriculture

Topic	Breckland Council	Necton Parish Council	NFU	North Norfolk District Council
EIA Existing				
Environment				
EIA Assessment				
Methodology				
EIA Assessment				
Findings				
Cumulative				
Impact				
Assessment				
HRA Screening of				
LSE				
Assessment of				
AEol				
Mitigation				
Monitoring				

3.15 Onshore Ecology

Topic	Breckland Council	Environment Agency	Natural England	Necton Parish Council	Norfolk County Council	North Norfolk District Council	The Wildlife Trusts
EIA Existing Environment	Defer to the County Council						
EIA Assessment Methodology	Defer to the County Council						
EIA Assessment Findings	Defer to the County Council						
Cumulative Impact Assessment	Defer to the County Council						
HRA Screening of LSE	Defer to the	Defer to Natural					





Topic	Breckland Council	Environment Agency	Natural England	Necton Parish Council	Norfolk County Council	North Norfolk District Council	The Wildlife Trusts
	County Council	England					
Assessment of AEoI	Defer to the County Council						
Mitigation	Defer to the County Council						
Monitoring	Defer to the County Council						

3.16 Onshore Ornithology

Topic	Breckland Council	Natural England	Norfolk County Council	North Norfolk District Council	The Wildlife Trusts
EIA Existing	Defer to the				
Environment	County Council				
EIA Assessment	Defer to the				
Methodology	County Council				
EIA Assessment	Defer to the				
Findings	County Council				
Cumulative	Defer to the				
Impact Assessment	County Council				
HRA Screening of	Defer to the				
LSE	County Council				
Assessment of	Defer to the				
AEol	County Council				
Mitigation	Defer to the				
	County Council				
Monitoring	Defer to the				
	County Council				









3.17 Traffic and Transport

Topic	Breckland Council	Happisbur gh Parish Council	Highways England	Norfolk County Council	North Norfolk District Council	Ørsted	Oulton Parish Council
EIA Existing Environment	Defer to the	Draft in Progress			Deferred to Norfolk		
	County				County		
	Council				Council		
EIA	Defer to	Draft in			Deferred		
Assessment	the	Progress			to Norfolk		
Methodology	County				County Council		
	Council						
EIA	Defer to	Draft in			Deferred		
Assessment Findings	the	Progress			to Norfolk County		
Tillulligs	County				Council		
Composite	Council	Duraft in			Defermed		
Cumulative Impact	Defer to the	Draft in Progress			Deferred to Norfolk		
Assessment	County	11081633			County		
	Council				Council		
HRA	Defer to						
Screening of	the						
LSE	County						
	Council						
Assessment	Defer to						
of AEoI	the						
	County						
	Council						
Mitigation	Defer to	Draft in			Deferred		
	the	Progress			to Norfolk County		
	County Council				Council		
Monitoring	Defer to						
Monitoring	the						
	County						
	Council						

3.18 Noise and Vibration

Topic	Breckland Council	Broadland District Council	Necton Parish Council	North Norfolk District Council	Orsted
EIA Existing					
Environment					
EIA					
Assessment					
Methodology					
EIA					
Assessment					





Торіс	Breckland Council	Broadland District Council	Necton Parish Council	North Norfolk District Council	Orsted
Findings					
Cumulative					
Impact					
Assessment					
HRA					
Screening of					
LSE					
Assessment					
of AEoI					
Mitigation					
Monitoring					

3.19 Air Quality

Topic	Breckland Council	North Norfolk District Council
EIA Existing		
Environment		
EIA Assessment		
Methodology		
EIA Assessment		
Findings		
Cumulative		
Impact		
Assessment		
HRA Screening of		
LSE		
Assessment of		
AEol		
Mitigation		
Monitoring		

3.20 Human Health

Topic	Breckland Council	Broadland	Norfolk County Council	North Norfolk District Council
EIA Existing			Defer to District	
Environment			councils	
EIA			Defer to District	
Assessment			councils	
Methodology				
EIA			Defer to District	
Assessment			councils	
Findings				
Cumulative			Defer to District	
Impact			councils	
Assessment				
HRA				





Topic	Breckland Council	Broadland	Norfolk County Council	North Norfolk District Council
Screening of				
LSE				
Assessment				
of AEoI				
Mitigation			Defer to District	
			councils	
Monitoring			Defer to District	
			councils	

3.21 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

Торіс	Breckland Council	Broadland District Council	Historic England	Norfolk County Council	North Norfolk District Council	Oulton Parish Council
EIA Existing Environment						
EIA Assessment Methodology EIA Assessment Findings	Defer to the County Council Defer to the County					
Cumulative Impact Assessment	Defer to the County Council					
HRA Screening of LSE	Defer to the County Council					
Assessment of AEoI	Defer to the County Council					
Mitigation	Defer to the County Council					
Monitoring	Defer to the County Council					





3.22 Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment

Topic	Breckland Council	Broadland District Council	Necton Parish Council	North Norfolk District Council
EIA Existing				
Environment				
EIA Assessment				
Methodology				
EIA Assessment				
Findings				
Cumulative				
Impact				
Assessment				
HRA Screening of				
LSE				
Assessment of				
AEol				
Mitigation				
Monitoring				

3.23 Tourism, Recreation and Socio-economics

Topic	Breckland Council	Broadland District Council	Happisburgh Parish Council	Necton Parish Council	Norfolk County Council	North Norfolk District Council
EIA Existing			Draft in			
Environment			Progress			
EIA Assessment			Draft in			
Methodology			Progress			
EIA Assessment			Draft in			
Findings			Progress			
Cumulative			Draft in			
Impact			Progress			
Assessment						
HRA Screening of LSE						
Assessment of						
AEol						
Mitigation			Draft in			
			Progress			
Monitoring						





3.24 Methodology for co-operation

Topic	EATL	Orsted
Notification and liaison		
Protective provisions		

3.25 Operations of statutory undertakers

Topic	Anglian Water	Cadent Gas Ltd	National Grid	Network Rail
Protective provisions				
Ongoing consultation				