

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

<b>Issue Specific Hearing 4:</b>	Environmental Matters
<b>Date:</b>	27 March 2019 at 10:00am
<b>Location:</b>	Blackfriars Hall, The Halls, St Andrew's Plain, Norwich, NR3 1AU

### **Requested attendees**

The Examining Authority (ExA) would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this hearing. However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All Interested Parties are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the agenda, subject to the ExA's discretion.

- Norfolk Vanguard Limited (the Applicant)
- Breckland Council
- Broadland District Council
- Highways England
- Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
- Natural England (NE)
- Norfolk County Council
- North Norfolk District Council
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

All Interested Parties are invited to attend issue specific hearings but it would assist the running of the hearings if notice could be given to the Inspectorate's Case Team ([NorfolkVanguard@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:NorfolkVanguard@pins.gsi.gov.uk)) of a wish to participate prior to the hearing.

Each Interested Party is entitled to make oral representations at hearings. However, this is subject to the Examining Authority's (ExA's) power to control hearings.

The hearing venue will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of each hearing to enable a prompt start. Hearings will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and all matters have been covered.

This agenda is for guidance only. It is not designed to be exclusive or exhaustive. The ExA may add other issues for consideration, may alter the order in which issues are considered and will seek to allocate sufficient time to each issue to allow proper consideration of them. Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does not preclude further examination of this issue.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the days that they are scheduled for. Should the consideration of the issues take less time than anticipated, the ExA may conclude the Hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to.

If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any Hearing there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day. Alternatively it may be necessary to prioritise some matters and defer others.

## **Agenda**

### **1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing**

### **2. Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing (ISH)**

### **3. Traffic and transport**

### **4. Onshore construction, to include**

- i. Noise, vibration and air quality;
- ii. Ground conditions and contamination;
- iii. Human health

### **5. Onshore ecology, to include**

- i. Water dependent designated sites;
- ii. Bats associated with Paston Great Barn SAC;
- iii. Sediment management at the River Wensum crossing;
- iv. Other unresolved matters

### **6. Offshore ornithology, to include**

Outstanding areas of disagreement regarding:

- i. Collision Risk Modelling;
- ii. Displacement;
- iii. In-combination effects;
- iv. Habitats Regulations Assessment implications

### **7. Benthic ecology, to include**

Outstanding areas of disagreement regarding:

- i. Potential impacts on *Sabellaria spinulosa* reef and sandbanks;
- ii. Further assessment, mitigation and removal of cable protection;
- iii. Habitats Regulations Assessment implications

- 8. Habitats Regulations Assessment issues (if not already covered)**
- 9. Any other matters**
- 10. Action points arising from the Hearing**
- 11. Close of Hearing**