

Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm

Applicant's Statement

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Statements of

Common Ground

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Background

1. 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 3) 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 pre-submission 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 5 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 5

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	As per Deadline 4			
Breckland Council	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4			
Broadland District Council	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4			
Cadent Gas Limited	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Updated draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing			
East Anglia THREE Limited (EATL)	SoCG agreed.	Draft agreed for submission.	As per Deadline 4			
Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Agency (IFCA)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4			
Environment Agency	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4			
Happisburgh Parish Council	Draft in progress	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4			
Highways England	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4			
Historic England	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	Updated draft produced by the Applicant with input from Historic England	As per Deadline 4			
Marine Management Organisation (MMO)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4			
Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4			
Ministry of Defence (MOD)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing, to be submitted at Deadline 5.	SoCG agreed.			
National Farmers Union (NFU)	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	Updated draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4			
National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations (NFFO)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing, to be submitted at Deadline 5.	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing			
National Grid	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing, to be submitted at Deadline 5.	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing			
NATS En-Route Safeguarding (NATS)	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing, to be submitted at Deadline 5.	Discussions ongoing, to be submitted at Deadline 6.			
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	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing			
Necton Parish Council	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	No updates to be submitted.	As per Deadline 4			
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Updated draft produced by the Applicant.	As per Deadline 4			
Norfolk County Council	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4			

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

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 5, 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

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																								
Eastern IFCA																								
Environment Agency																								
Happisburgh PC																								
Highways England																								
Historic England																								
MMO																								
MCA																								
MOD																								
NATS																								
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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
 - 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
 - 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	MMO	Natural England	North Norfolk District Council
EIA Existing Environment					
EIA Assessment Methodology					
EIA Assessment Findings					
Cumulative Impact Assessment					
HRA Screening of LSE			Deferred to Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies (SNCBs)		
Assessment of AEol			Deferred to SNCBs		
Mitigation					
Monitoring					

3.3 Marine Water and Sediment Quality

Topic	Environment Agency	MMO
EIA Existing Environment		
EIA Assessment Methodology		
EIA Assessment Findings		
Cumulative Impact Assessment		
Mitigation		
Monitoring		

3.4 Benthic and Intertidal Ecology

Topic	Eastern IFCA	MMO	Natural England
EIA Existing Environment	Agreed, but deferred to Natural England for <i>Sabellaria spinulosa</i>		
EIA Assessment Methodology			
EIA Assessment Findings	Agreed, but deferred to Natural England for <i>Sabellaria spinulosa</i> 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 AEol		Deferred to SNCBs	

Topic	Eastern IFCA	MMO	Natural England
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	MMO	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	MMO	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	MMO	NFFO
EIA Existing Environment			
EIA Assessment Methodology			
EIA Assessment Findings			
Cumulative Impact Assessment			
Mitigation			
Monitoring			

3.9 Shipping and Navigation

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

3.11 Offshore and Intertidal Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

Topic	Historic England	MMO
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
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					
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
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				
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 County Council	Defer to Natural England					
Assessment of AEol	Defer to the County Council						
Mitigation	Defer to the County Council						

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

3.17 Traffic and Transport

Topic	Breckland Council	Happisburgh Parish Council	Highways England	Norfolk County Council	North Norfolk District Council	Ørsted	Oulton Parish Council
EIA Existing Environment	Defer to the County Council				Deferred to Norfolk County Council		
EIA Assessment Methodology	Defer to the County Council				Deferred to Norfolk County Council		
EIA Assessment Findings	Defer to the County Council				Deferred to Norfolk County Council		
Cumulative Impact Assessment	Defer to the County Council				Deferred to Norfolk County Council		
Mitigation	Defer to the County Council				Deferred to Norfolk County Council		
Monitoring	Defer to the County Council						

3.18 Noise and Vibration

Topic	Breckland Council	Broadland District Council	Necton Parish Council	North Norfolk District Council	Ørsted
EIA Existing Environment					
EIA Assessment Methodology					
EIA Assessment Findings					
Cumulative Impact Assessment					
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		
Mitigation		
Monitoring		

3.20 Human Health

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

3.21 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

Topic	Breckland Council	Broadland District Council	Historic England	Norfolk County Council	North Norfolk District Council	Oulton Parish Council
EIA Existing Environment						
EIA Assessment Methodology	Defer to the County Council					
EIA Assessment Findings	Defer to the County Council					
Cumulative	Defer to the					

Topic	Breckland Council	Broadland District Council	Historic England	Norfolk County Council	North Norfolk District Council	Oulton Parish Council
Impact Assessment	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				
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 Environment						
EIA Assessment Methodology						
EIA Assessment Findings						
Cumulative Impact Assessment						
Mitigation						
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				