

Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm

Norfolk Vanguard Limited

Broadland District Council

Noise and Vibration Position Statement

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1 NOISE AND VIBRATION – THE STREET, OULTON

1. The Applicant has undertaken a cumulative impact assessment of the combined construction traffic from Norfolk Vanguard and Hornsea Project Three, which was submitted to the examination at Deadline 5 (ExA; ISH1; 10.D5.3). This includes an assessment of noise, vibration and air quality impacts.
2. A scheme of mitigation has been proposed by Hornsea Project Three (and agreed with Norfolk County Council) along The Street at Oulton (Link 68) to mitigate construction traffic impacts associated with Norfolk Vanguard both alone and in combination with Hornsea Project Three. The scheme of mitigation includes the re-grading of the road surface outside of the Old Railway Gatehouse, the introduction of a temporary speed limit, and priority for southbound vehicles in the vicinity of The Old Railway, all of which also serve to provide traffic noise and vibration reductions. This scheme of mitigation has been assessed by Norfolk Vanguard and it has been concluded that these mitigation measures will reduce traffic related noise impacts to negligible in the cumulative scenario. Norfolk Vanguard has therefore committed to adopt this scheme of mitigation. The first project to proceed to construction would deliver the full scheme of mitigation and the second project would be responsible for removing the measures once both project's construction phases are complete. This commitment will be captured in an update to the Norfolk Vanguard Outline Traffic Management Plan (OTMP).
3. Whilst the scheme of mitigation proposed by Hornsea Project Three has been agreed with Norfolk County Council in relation to impacts on the road network, Broadland District Council identified that they have not yet completed their own review of the proposal in terms of the efficacy of the associated noise and vibration mitigation.
4. During the Issue Specific Hearing on Environmental Matters (ISH4) on 27 March 2019, the Examining Authority (ExA) requested a position statement from the Applicant outlining further discussions proposed between the Applicant and Broadland District Council in relation to their ongoing review of noise and vibration mitigation measures associated with the scheme of mitigation on Link 68 (Action Point 9).
5. The Applicant has subsequently spoken with Broadland District Council who confirmed that the Council's final comments on the associated noise and vibration measures are due to be submitted to the Hornsea Project Three examination prior to 2nd April (the closing date for that examination).
6. The Applicant will review Broadland District Council's comments once submitted, and any changes that Hornsea Project Three may introduce to the final scheme of mitigation, ahead of Issue Specific Hearing 6. Where changes have been proposed these will be discussed with Broadland District Council.