



Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm

Applicant's Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground







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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 6) provides the Examining Authority with an overview of the final 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

1.4 Summary of Current Position

6. The SoCGs submitted at Deadline 9 reflect the final positions of the Applicant and stakeholders.





7. Table 1 provides an overview of the status of each SoCG throughout the examination.





Table 1 Status of SoCGs at Deadline 5

Party	Position at Deadline 1	Position at Deadline 4	Position at Deadline 5	Position at Deadline 7	Position at Deadline 8	Position at Deadline 9
Anglian Water Service Ltd	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4	As per Deadline 4	Final SoCG submitted	No further updates
Breckland Council	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4	As per Deadline 4	Final SoCG submitted	No further updates
Broadland District Council	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4	As per Deadline 4	Discussions ongoing. Final SoCG to be submitted at Deadline 9.	Final SoCG submitted
Cadent Gas Limited	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Updated draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 5	Final SoCG submitted	No further updates
East Anglia THREE Limited (EATL)	Draft agreed for submission.	SoCG agreed.	No further updates	No further updates	No further updates	No further updates
Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Agency (IFCA)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4	As per Deadline 4	Final SoCG submitted	No further updates
Environment Agency	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4	As per Deadline 4	Discussions ongoing. Final SoCG to be submitted at Deadline 9.	Final SoCG submitted
Happisburgh Parish Council	Draft in progress	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4	As per Deadline 4	Discussions ongoing. Final SoCG to be submitted at Deadline 9.	Final SoCG submitted
Highways England	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4	As per Deadline 4	Final SoCG submitted	No further updates
Historic England	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	Updated draft produced by the Applicant with input from Historic England	As per Deadline 4	As per Deadline 4	Final SoCG submitted	No further updates
Marine Management Organisation (MMO)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing. Final SoCG to be submitted at Deadline 9.	Final SoCG submitted
Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing. Final SoCG to be submitted at Deadline 9.	Final SoCG submitted
Ministry of Defence (MOD)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing, to be submitted at Deadline 5.	SoCG agreed.	No further updates	No further updates	No further updates
National Farmers Union (NFU)	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	Updated draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4	As per Deadline 4	Discussions ongoing. Final SoCG to be submitted at Deadline 9.	Position statement submitted (ExA; AS; 10.D9.8)
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	As per Deadline 5	Final SoCG submitted	No further updates
National Grid	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing, to be submitted at Deadline 5.	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 5	Final SoCG submitted	No further updates
NATS En-Route Safeguarding (NATS)	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions	Discussions ongoing, to be submitted at Deadline 5.	Discussions ongoing, to be	As per Deadline 1	NATS Position Statement submitted at Deadline 8 (document reference	No further updates. Final position as stated in ExA; AS;





Party	Position at Deadline 1	Position at Deadline 4	Position at Deadline 5	Position at Deadline 7	Position at Deadline 8	Position at Deadline 9
	ongoing		submitted at Deadline 6.		ExA; AS; 10.D8.18)	10.D8.18 and the cover letter at Deadline 9.
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	The Applicant has submitted a position statement regarding outstanding matters with Natural England. Document Reference: ExA; AS; 10.D7.22	Discussions ongoing. Final SoCG to be submitted at Deadline 9. Natural England Position Statement at Deadline 8 (document reference ExA; AS; 10.D8.17)	Final SoCG submitted
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Updated draft produced by the Applicant.	As per Deadline 4	As per Deadline 4	Network Rail Position Statement submitted at Deadline 8 (document reference ExA; AS; 10.D8.13)	No further updates. Final position as stated in ExA; AS; 10.D8.13
Norfolk County Council	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4	As per Deadline 4	Discussions ongoing. Final SoCG to be submitted at Deadline 9.	Final SoCG submitted
North Norfolk District Council	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing.	As per Deadline 4	As per Deadline 4	Final SoCG submitted North Norfolk District Council Position Statement submitted at Deadline 8 (document reference ExA; AS; 10.D8.12)	No further updates.
Orsted Hornsea Project Three	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing.	As per Deadline 4	SoCG agreed.	No further updates	No further updates
Oulton Parish Council	Draft produced by the Applicant. Discussions ongoing	No updates to be submitted. Meeting scheduled 27/03/2018	As per Deadline 4	As per Deadline 1	Oulton Parish Council Position Statement submitted at Deadline 8 (document reference ExA; AS; 10.D8.19)	No further updates. Final position as stated in ExA; AS; 10.D8.19
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	As per Deadline 5	Final SoCG submitted	No further updates
Royal Yachting Association (RYA)	SoCG agreed.	No further updates	No further updates	No further updates	No further updates	No further updates
Trinity House	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	As per Deadline 4	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	Final SoCG submitted	No further updates
Whale and Dolphin Conservation (WDC)	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	No updates to be submitted.	As per Deadline 4	As per Deadline 4	Final SoCG submitted	No further updates
The Wildlife Trusts	Draft agreed for submission. Discussions ongoing	No updates to be submitted.	As per Deadline 4	As per Deadline 4	Final SoCG submitted	No further updates





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 8, on each of the topics discussed between the Applicant and the stakeholder using the following colour code.

Matter agreed
Matter to be discussed further post consent
Matter not agreed
Topic not relevant to the stakeholder or deferred.





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

Table 2 Sum	mary	of Comr	nonalii	ty wit	n eac	n sta	keno	ıaer i	n relat	ion to	eacn to	opic (cover	ea										
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																								
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Network Rail																								
NCC																								
NFFO																								
NFU																								
NNDC																								
Orsted																								
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
 - 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					
EIA Assessment					
Methodology					
EIA Assessment Findings					
Cumulative Impact					
Assessment					
HRA Screening of LSE			Deferred to		
			Statutory		
			Nature		
			Conservation		
			Bodies		
			(SNCBs)		
Assessment of AEoI			Deferred to		
			SNCBs		
Mitigation					
Monitoring					

3.3 Marine Water and Sediment Quality

Topic	Environment Agency	ммо
EIA Existing Environment		
EIA Assessment Methodology		
EIA Assessment Findings		
Cumulative Impact Assessment		
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	





Topic	Eastern IFCA	ММО	Natural England
Mitigation	Deferred to Natural		
	England		
Monitoring	Deferred to Natural		
	England		

3.5 Fish and Shellfish Ecology

Topic	Eastern IFCA	ММО	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			
Mitigation			
Monitoring			

3.9 Shipping and Navigation

Торіс	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				
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				
Deemed Marine					
Licence					

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	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
Mitigation		Deferred to Historic England





Topic	Historic England	ммо
Monitoring		Deferred to Historic England

3.12 Ground Conditions and Contamination

Topic	Breckland Council	Broadland District Council	Environment Agency	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	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	NFU	North Norfolk District Council
EIA Existing			
Environment			
EIA Assessment			
Methodology			
EIA Assessment			
Findings			
Cumulative Impact			
Assessment			
Mitigation			
Monitoring			
Compulsory			
Acquisition			
Access			

3.15 Onshore Ecology

Topic	Breckland Council	Environment Agency	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	Defer to Natural England				
Cumulative Impact Assessment	Defer to the County Council					
HRA Screening of LSE	Defer to the County Council	Defer to Natural 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	Happisburgh Parish Council
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 AEoI	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
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	North Norfolk District Council	Orsted	Happisburgh Parish Council
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			Defer to District	
Environment			councils	
EIA			Defer to District	
Assessment Methodology			councils	
EIA			Defer to District	
Assessment			councils	
Findings				
Cumulative			Defer to District	
Impact			councils	
Assessment				
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
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	County Council				
Assessment					
Mitigation	Defer to the				
	County Council				





Topic	Breckland	Broadland	Historic	Norfolk County	North Norfolk
	Council	District Council	England	Council	District Council
Monitoring	Defer to the County Council				

3.22 Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment

Topic	Breckland Council	Broadland District 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	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				