

PLANNING ACT 2008

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010

**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS OF NFU REGARDING THE NORFOLK VANGUARD OFFSHORE WIND FARM
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION BY NORFOLK VANGUARD LIMITED
PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NO EN010079**

**SUBMISSIONS OF NATIONAL FARMERS UNION ON THE FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE – DATED 6TH DECEMBER 2019**

DATE 28TH FEBRUARY 2020

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Submissions on behalf of the National Farmers Union (“NFU”) in respect of the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) by Norfolk Vanguard Ltd for Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Windfarm. The NFU is making a case on behalf of its members and LIG on behalf of its clients who are affected by the DCO.

2.0 Appearance of Electrical Equipment Q17 & 18

The Question: *The Secretary of State notes some discussion during the Examination about mitigation for the potential visual impacts of certain onshore works proposed as part of the Norfolk Vanguard project. In particular, there was discussion about design mitigation for the proposed extension of the National Grid substation at Necton (Work 10A). The Secretary of State notes that work 10A is not specifically covered in the mitigation provisions of the Applicant’s proposed DCO as submitted at Deadline 9 of the Examination*

The Secretary of State is considering whether to amend Requirement 16(9) of the Applicant’s proposed DCO in the following terms:

“The external electrical equipment comprised in Work No. 10A (the external appearance of which shall have been approved in writing by the relevant planning authority prior to commencement of its construction) must not exceed a height of 15 metres above existing ground level.”

The NFU and LIG agree that prior approval should be received from the relevant planning authority but also from the local farmers/landowners directly affected by the substation.

NFU and LIG understand the electrical equipment will not exceed a height of 15 metres above existing ground level and will be silver in colour. We understand that the substation building will be 25 metres high and the external appearance should also have to be approved in writing by the relevant planning authority and local/landowners directly affected by the substation prior to construction.

The NFU and LIG are very willing to provide further information as they understand it in regard to the equipment and the building that will be sited at the substation site.