

Mr G. Leigh
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
1 Victoria Street
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr Leigh,

Re: Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Norfolk Vanguard Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm and associated offshore and onshore infrastructure (“the Norfolk Vanguard project”)


REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOLLOWING THE HIGH COURT’S DECISION TO QUASH THE NORFOLK VANGUARD OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER 2020

Following your letter of 29 April 2021, the RSPB confirms that we have no concerns with respect to the proposed onshore infrastructure to be created to connect the proposed Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm. However, we note and support Natural England’s request to revisit the assessment of Norfolk Vanguard as part of any re-determination/re-opening of the Examination in light of the following:

- a) *the subsequent Hornsea Project Three determination (and associated Habitat Regulation Assessment), including with regard to the provision of compensatory measures for impacts on European sites; and*
- b) *with respect to the further information requirements set out in the recent Norfolk Boreas Secretary of State consultation.*

If you have any queries regarding our comments, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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