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Dear Gareth Leigh,

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

In your letter of 29 April, you asked for representations on the following matters:

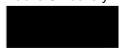
- the procedure which the Secretary of State of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (SoS) now proposes to follow:
- whether as part of that procedure, he should ask the Planning Inspectorate to reopen the examination to consider the cumulative landscape and visual impacts at Necton; and
- whether Interested Parties agree with the SoS's assessment of the situation set out at paragraph 6 above regarding the additional materials that will put him in a better position to make the assessment of cumulative landscape and visual impacts in the redetermination of the Norfolk Vanguard application and whether Interested Parties consider there to be any further documents submitted as part of the Norfolk Boreas examination that would be helpful in this regard.

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) notes that the SoS's request is based on the cumulative landscape and visual impacts at Necton. Implications of these matters are not within the MMO's remit, as this is onshore and above mean high water springs, therefore MMO has no comments to make on these matters.

The MMO would however like to highlight that after the 1 July 2020 decision on the DCO Application, the Applicant requested some minor corrections to the Deemed Marine Licences (DMLs) along with the corrections to the DCO. The MMO requests that the SoS takes these DML corrections into consideration when confirming the procedure for the redetermination of the Norfolk Vanguard project.

This written representation is submitted without prejudice to any future representation the MMO may make about the DCO Application. This representation is also submitted without prejudice to any decision the MMO may make on any associated application for consent, permission, approval or any other type of authorisation submitted to the MMO either for the works in the marine area or for any other authorisation relevant to the proposed development.

Yours Sincerely



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