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To: Energy Infrastructure Planning <beiseip@beis.gov.uk>
Subject: Norfolk Vanguard your reference EN010079 and EN010081

Dear Sir

Having been invited to respond to your letter of 29th April and being an interested party I submit below my answer to that enquiry.

In the light of the fact that the Inspectorate advised the Secretary of State to refuse the application by Vattenfall, together with the quashing of the Order that was made on 18th February 2021 after the S o S did in fact grant the application, it should be apparent that there are a number of issues which must be addressed in order to further this re-application.

Accordingly the environmental statement which is vague in the extreme should be re-investigated thoroughly as to the impact on the surrounding villages including Necton.

Consideration should also be taken as to how the decision to grant development at the chosen site, despite the fact meetings did not include any meaningful consultation with the local population as to the siting of the sub-station which could be determined as a breach in procedures.

A lack of provision of the exact design of the sub-station is also in breach of a submission for planning approval which was pointed out by the Inspectorate. Following on from this, it should be determined how the combined sub-stations of Vattenfall and Boreas would look and then how any mitigation could be applied.

It is understood that the applications are to be dealt with separately but it is important to consider the overall impact on the rural nature of the siting of the developments.

It is therefore advisable for the Secretary to advise Vanguard to re-submit their request for planning consent by returning to the Planning inspectorate for a more detailed description of the development.

Yours faithfully

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Sent from my iPad