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Department for Business, Energy and Industry 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**

Thank you for your letter dated 29 April 2021 regarding the above.

Please be advised that the proposed onshore substations located at Necton, Norfolk for both Norfolk Vanguard and Norfolk Boreas were not considered by Natural England to have any implications for statutory nature conservation designations. Therefore, it is unlikely that we will be providing further representations on these matters.

However, we do have other concerns which we would like to see addressed during the re-determination of the Norfolk Vanguard project, or should the Examination be re-opened. We wish to highlight the need to revisit the previous assessment of the proposal in the light of 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.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact me using the details provided below or my colleague Louise Burton, [REDACTED] [@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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