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To:

Norfolk Vanguard Limited

Your Ref:
Our Ref: EN010079

Date: 11 August 2021

cc: Norfolk Vanguard and Norfolk Boreas Interested Parties

Dear Sir or Madam

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”)

1. The Secretary of State received submissions from no Interested Party other than the Applicant in response to his consultation letter dated 5 July 2021 by the 2 August 2021 deadline.
2. In light of those submissions, the Secretary of State requests further information from the **Applicant** in relation to the following issues.
3. **Flamborough and Filey Coast Special Protection Area (“SPA”)**
In relation to in-combination impacts on the kittiwake, razorbill, gannet, and guillemot features of the Flamborough and Filey Coast SPA, the **Applicant** is requested to provide the latest in-combination assessments for collision and/or displacement effects, with and without Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm, including:
 - The predicted in-combination kittiwake collision mortalities, including the Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm in the assessment;
 - The results of updated PVA models for all of the above species and a comparison of the predicted SPA population sizes after 30 years, with and without the development.

4. **Haisborough, Hammond and Winterton Special Area of Conservation (“SAC”)**
In addition to the evidence submitted in the ABPMer Sandwave Study 2018, the **Applicant** is requested to provide details of any new evidence for the recovery of sandbanks/sandwaves after levelling and cable installation, together with a commentary on its relevance to the proposed works at the SAC.
5. **Responses are requested by 23.59 on Wednesday 25 August 2021.** All parties are asked to note that there will be a further consultation after this consultation closes, where Interested Parties will be given the opportunity to comment on responses to the consultation set out in this letter and on the responses received following the Secretary of State’s letter of 5 July 2021.
6. Due to Covid-19, submissions sent by post may be subject to delay therefore responses on the information requested above should be submitted, if possible, by email to: NorfolkVanguard@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.
7. Responses will be published on the Norfolk Vanguard project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/norfolk-vanguard/>
as soon as possible after the deadline.
8. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State’s consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Norfolk Vanguard project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully



Gareth Leigh
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