

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

THE NORFOLK VANGUARD OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER 2022

THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
(ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

NOTICE OF A DECISION ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“the Secretary of State”) gives notice under regulation 31(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“2017 Regulations”) that a determination has been made on an application by Norfolk Vanguard Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting development consent under the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) for development that constitutes “EIA development” as defined in the 2017 Regulations.

The application is for the construction and operation of an offshore wind farm with a gross output capacity of up to 1,800 MW located a minimum of 47km off the coast of Norfolk, along with export cables and a substation at Necton, Norfolk. The order granting development consent would also authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, and the temporary possession of land to facilitate development.

The Secretary of State has determined, following consideration of the report of the Examining Authority who conducted an examination into the application and his own subsequent consultations, that development consent should be granted, and has decided therefore to make an Order under sections 114, 115, 120, 140 and 149A of the 2008 Act in respect of the Norfolk Vanguard offshore wind farm.

The statement of reasons for deciding to make an Order granting development consent prepared by the Secretary of State under section 116(1) of the 2008 Act and regulation 31(2) of the 2017 Regulations containing the content of the decision, the requirements imposed in connection with the development, the main reasons and considerations on which the decision is based including relevant information about the participation of the public, and a description of the main measures to avoid, reduce and offset any major adverse effects of the development, is published on the Planning Inspectorate’s website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/norfolk-vanguard/>

The statement of reasons also contains the information required by regulation 30(2) of the 2017 Regulations including information regarding the right to challenge the decision and the procedures for doing so.

Hard copies of the decision documentation will also be available to inspect at the Planning Inspectorate’s offices (by appointment using the contact details below):

The Planning Inspectorate
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To make an appointment for inspection of the documents contact the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000 or email NIEnquiries@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Copies of the Secretary of State's decision letter and the text of the Order can be obtained by writing or sending an e-mail to the Planning Inspectorate. No charge will be made for this service.