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Your ref: EN010087 and EN10079



Department for Business, Energy and Industry Strategy 1 Victoria Street London SW1H 0ET

## BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr Leigh and Ms Holmes

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Consultation on Norfolk Boreas Limited's and Norfolk Vanguard Limited's Benthic Implementation and Monitoring Plan (and associated documents) for compensation measures for the 'Norfolk Projects'

Thank you for your consultation dated 04 May 2023 regarding the above.

Natural England considers the proposed deadline of 23:59 on Wednesday 17 May 2023 does not provide sufficient time to thoroughly review the documents, some of which we haven't previously seen, and provide comment at a time when we are already responding on multiple statutory NSIP consultants.

We therefore request that the Secretary of State (SoS) consider an extension of the deadline until 23:59 on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in order to provide our full nature conservation advice.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact me using the details provided below or my colleague Martin Kerby, martin.kerby@naturalengland.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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