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The Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022

Application for a Non-material Change (increase of ducts from two to four)

The Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022 (the **Order**) granted consent on 11 February 2022 for the development of an offshore wind farm comprising two distinct areas, NV East and NV West, which are located in the southern North Sea, approximately, 70km and 47km from the coast of Norfolk respectively (at the nearest points) (the **Project**). The Project, located in the southern North Sea, covers an area of approximately 828km². Offshore cables transmitting power from the Project make landfall south of Happisburgh. From there underground cables will continue approximately 60km to an onshore project substation, and connect into the National Grid substation near Necton, Norfolk.

A non-material change to the Order was approved by the Secretary of State on 28 September 2022, which removed the capacity cap for the Project.

On 3 March 2023, Norfolk Vanguard Limited transferred part of the benefit of the Order to Norfolk Vanguard East Limited. Therefore, for the purposes of paragraph 2(4) of Schedule 6 to the Planning Act 2008, Norfolk Vanguard Limited and Norfolk Vanguard East Limited are persons for whose benefit the development consent order has effect. For the avoidance of doubt this non-material change application does not relate to the separate Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm Order 2021.

Norfolk Vanguard Limited and Norfolk Vanguard East Limited (the **Applicant**) hereby apply for a non-material change to the Order in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (**2011 Regulations**) (the **Application**).

The Application seeks to amend the Order to increase the number of cable ducts at the landfall site from two to four. The non-material change will also seek to increase the number of reserve drills from one to two in case of drill failure.

It should be noted that no offshore changes to the Project are proposed, nor will any offshore changes be required, as a result of the Application. Therefore, no changes will be required to the associated Deemed Marine Licences.

In accordance with Regulation 4 of the 2011 Regulations, we enclose copies of the documents outlined below:

1. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1.1 This document:

- 1.1.1 Includes the details of the proposed non-material change to the Order as prescribed by the 2011 Regulations;
- 1.1.2 Contains an explanation as to why the proposed change is considered non-material; and
- 1.1.3 Considers whether the changes sought would give rise to likely significant effects on the environment or would adversely affect the integrity of any protected site forming part of the National Site Network.

2. THE DRAFT AMENDMENT ORDER

2.1 The enclosed draft Amendment Order sets out the amendments proposed to the Order to reflect the changes sought.

3. A TRACK CHANGES VERSION OF THE ORDER

3.1 This document highlights, in tracked changes, the proposed amendments to the Order.

4. A COPY OF THE NEWSPAPER NOTICE REQUIRED BY REGULATION 6 OF THE 2011 REGULATIONS (NOTICE)

4.1 Notice of the Application will be published in the following newspapers as required by Regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations:

- Fishing News; and
- Eastern Daily Press.

A copy of the Notice is enclosed with this Application. The Regulation 7A consultation and publicity statement will follow after the second newspaper notice advertising the making of the Application has been published. This statement will confirm that the Applicant has consulted on the Application in accordance with Regulations 6 and 7 of the 2011 Regulations.

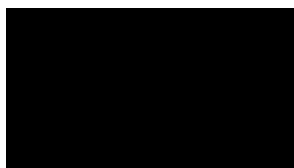
The Applicant confirms that the application fee of [REDACTED], as required by Regulation 5 of the 2011 Regulations has been processed for payment to the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.

For ease of reference, we also enclose a checklist at Schedule 1 to this letter, setting out all of the information required by Regulation 4(2) of the 2011 Regulations.

We would be grateful if you would acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and its enclosures.

If you have any questions or require clarification on the content of this letter or accompanying information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



Norfolk Vanguard Project Manager

Enclosures:

1. The Supporting Statement;
2. The draft Amendment Order;
3. The tracked changes version of the Order; and
4. The newspaper notice as required by Regulation 7 of the 2011 Regulations.

SCHEDULE 1

Checklist of details required by Regulation 4(2) of the 2011 Regulations

Regulation	Requirement	Response
4(2)(a)	Name and address of applicant	Norfolk Vanguard Limited and Norfolk Vanguard East Limited both of 5th Floor 70, St Mary Axe, London, United Kingdom, EC3A 8BE
4(2)(b)	Name and address of an agent, if appointed	N/A
4(2)(c)	The Secretary of State's reference for the development consent order to which the application relates	The Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022 (SI 2022/138) PINS reference: EN010079
4(2)(d)	Details of the change being applied for	The Application seeks to make a non-material change to increase the number of ducts from two to four and increase the number of reserve drills from one to two. The Application does not seek any changes to the offshore elements of the Project.
4(2)(e)	Any documents and plans considered necessary to support the application	A Supporting Statement, draft Amendment Order, a copy of the Order with the proposed amendments shown in tracked changes and a copy of the newspaper notice are enclosed. The Secretary of State is requested to confirm that the above documents are sufficient for determination of the Application.
4(2)(f)	A statement as to the status of the applicant, as referred to in regulation 4(2)(f)(i) and (ii)	Norfolk Vanguard Limited is the applicant who originally applied for the Order and Norfolk Vanguard East Limited has subsequently been transferred the partial benefit of the Order.
4(2)(ff)	The consultation and publicity statement referred to in regulation 7A	This will be provided to the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero after the second newspaper notice advertising the making of the Application has been published.
4(2)(g)	Details of the applicant's interest in the land	The Applicant has either entered into voluntary agreements with landowners or is exercising compulsory acquisition powers under the Order for the land concerned.
4(2)(h)	If requested by the Secretary of State, 3 paper copies of the application and other supporting documents and plans	The Secretary of State confirmed paper copies of the Application are not required on 26 May 2023.