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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022 Application for a Nonmaterial Change

<u>Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (2011 Regulations)</u>

I write to confirm the safeguarding position of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in relation to the above application to make a non-material change to the Development Consent Order (DCO) granted in 2022.

The application seeks to make changes relating to the development of cable ducts to carry offshore cables ashore at the landfall site. The changes sought are to:

- Increase the number of cable ducts at the landfall site from two to four.
- Increase the number of reserve drills from one to two in case of drill failure.

The MOD has assessed the changes proposed and it has been confirmed that they will not affect any defence safeguarding requirements or interests.

I can therefore confirm that, the MOD maintains no safeguarding objection to this non-material amendment application subject to the retention of Requirements 12 and 13 (the latter as amended by The Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm (Amendment) Order 2022) in any amended DCO that may be issued for this development.

I trust this clarifies our position on this consultation.

Yours faithfully,



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