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FAO: Planning Inspectorate

Project Reference: EN010079

Representation number: 20012439

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

Norfolk Vanguard Application for a non-material change

Norfolk County Council have the following comments to make, regarding the Norfolk Vanguard application for a non-material change.

Ecology comments

It is noted in Table 2 (Assessment of effects of changes) of the Supporting Statement (July 2023) that there would be an increase of duration of works of two weeks and an increased area of arable land will be temporarily lost as a result of the proposed NMC, but that this would not change the impact conclusions stated in the ES in relation to Onshore Ecology and Onshore Ornithology.

The Environment team are satisfied with the conclusions that an increase in the number of ducts and drills at landfall would not result in any changes to the conclusions of the EIA and HRA and therefore, have no objection to the proposed changes.

Landscape comments

The proposals do represent an increase in the working areas and therefore the potential for increased effects on the same stretch of Coastal Path are possible. However, the Environment team are satisfied that the proposed compounds are situated within the previously assessed landfall compound zone and therefore have already been assessed. The 2 week increase in the duration of the works is a short term effect and the Environment team have no concerns regarding this.

Highways comments

Larger drilling compounds will be required, in turn leading to an increase in aggregate and thus an increase in traffic to bring that aggregate in.

The increase in the number of ducts there will also lead to a greater amount of material to be removed. In order to ensure this will not increase peak traffic movements, the programme of works at landfall will be extended from 20 weeks (as described within the ES) to 22 weeks.

Against the above background, the Highway Authority have no concerns to raise.

Therefore, Norfolk County Council have no objection to the proposed non-material change.

If you have any queries with the above comments, please contact our team at the above email address.

Yours Sincerely,

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Norfolk County Council