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**Proposal:** Consultation of an application for a Non-material change to the Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022 (S.I. 2022 No.138) (as amended) to increase the number of cable ducts at the landfall site from 2 to 4

**Location:** Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm, Onshore Cable Route

I write in response to your consultation received on 6th July 2023 in respect of the above proposed Non-material change to the Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm.

NNDC have been provided with the following documents:

- Covering Letter dated 04 July 2023
- Supporting Statement for increase in ducts and drills at Landfall dated July 2023
- Tracked Change DCO
- Regulation 7 Newspaper Notice
- Amendment Order

In consider the proposal, NNDC have had due regard to the Department for Communities and Local Government document titled 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance on Changes to Development Consent Orders' dated December 2015.

The proposed changes to the project relate to the landfall location near to Happisburgh in North Norfolk. As consented, the project envisaged two HDD trenches to bring bundled cables to shore with a third 'back-up' HDD trench should one of the other drills fail. The proposed NMA is required so as to enable the addition of up to three additional HDD trenches required to bring single rather than bundled cables onshore with four cables rather than two once the project is completed.

As evidenced during the examination process, the coastal environment is sensitive in the Happisburgh area and is internationally known for coastal change. The applicant, through use of HDD has secured the most effective way of bringing cables onshore. As such, the additional HDD trenches proposed would not be likely to increase or accelerate the potential for coastal change to any degree that could reasonably be considered material under the Planning Act 2008.

On that basis, North Norfolk District Council would not wish to object to the application for non-material change to increase the number of cable ducts at the landfall site from 2 to 4.

A copy of this response has also been sent to the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning Team - [NorfolkVanguard@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:NorfolkVanguard@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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