

Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm

Consultation Report

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Press Release

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Vattenfall announces new offshore wind farm proposals off the coast of East Anglia

Vattenfall has announced that it is developing plans for the development of an offshore wind farm situated off the coast of Norfolk.

The project, called Norfolk Vanguard, is expected to produce 1.8GW of electricity, which equates to providing the equivalent electricity to meet the demands of 1.3million¹ UK households and will be one of the largest offshore wind farms in the country.

The new wind farm, which won't be visible from land, has been named after one of Lord Nelson's ships under his command in the 1700's. Born in Norfolk in 1758, Lord Nelson went on to become a leading figure in British Naval history.

The project has been announced following the agreement with The Crown Estate to split the East Anglia Offshore Wind Farm Zone. The Zone was previously going to be developed by Vattenfall and Scottish Power as a joint venture.

Ruari Lean, Norfolk Vanguard Project Manager said:

"We're excited to announce our intentions following the agreement with The Crown Estate to develop the northern half of the East Anglia Offshore Windfarm Zone.

"Norfolk is well placed to make the most of offshore wind. Norfolk Vanguard will be an important, low cost contributor to the UK's energy mix, and will represent a very significant investment into the Norfolk economy, bringing thousands of jobs and training opportunities to the region.

"I'm looking forward to developing this project in partnership with Norfolk to ensure that as much benefit as possible from this project is felt by the local communities living here."

Vattenfall, which recently announced that it has put wind at the heart of its growth strategy and drive for sustainability has also indicated that a second project, named Norfolk Boreas after another of Nelson's ships, is also being planned off the coast of Norfolk.

Norfolk Boreas will also have an expected capacity of 1.8GW and will be the subject of a separate planning application to be developed at a later stage. Combined, the two projects will provide enough electricity for approximately 2.6 million² UK households.

¹ <http://www.renewableuk.com/en/renewable-energy/wind-energy/uk-wind-energy-database/figures-explained.cfm> and assuming a load factor of 34.88

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Due to the scale of Norfolk Vanguard, the wind farm will be classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008 and Vattenfall will be required to submit a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate.

In line with requirements for NSIP schemes, and Vattenfall's own commitment to early, effective and engaging consultation with local communities in areas that it operates within, a full local consultation programme will be undertaken.

Details of this consultation will be announced shortly, and further information can be found on the Norfolk Vanguard project website www.norfolkvanguard.co.uk/.

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