

Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm

Consultation Report

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Dear 

NORFOLK BOREAS OFFSHORE WIND FARM

Consultation from 6 March 2019 to 7 April 2019

Section 42 Planning Act 2008

Norfolk Boreas Limited (the **Applicant**) intends to develop and construct an offshore wind farm located approximately 73km from the coast of Norfolk (the **Project**). The Project, located in the southern North Sea, would cover an area of approximately 725km². Offshore cables transmitting power from the Project would make landfall south of Happisburgh. From there buried cables would continue approximately 60km underground to an onshore project substation, and connect into the National Grid substation near Necton, Norfolk.

The Project will have an export capacity of up to 1,800 MW and therefore falls within the definition of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (**NSIP**). As a result, the Applicant is required to submit an application for a development consent order (**DCO**) to the Planning Inspectorate, who will examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State.

The Project is the second offshore wind farm proposal being developed by Vattenfall in this part of the southern North Sea. With the same proposed export capacity of up to 1,800MW, the Norfolk Vanguard Project (also classified as an NSIP), submitted its DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate in June 2018 (**Norfolk Vanguard**). Vattenfall aims to optimise synergies in relation to the development, construction, operation and eventual decommissioning of the two projects, enabling overall impacts to be reduced. If both projects secure consent and progress to construction, these synergies will be realised. However, the Applicant needs to consider the possibility that Norfolk Vanguard may not be built, and therefore proposes to include both scenarios within its Application.

Further information in relation to this can be found in more detail in the Non-Technical Summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (**PEIR**).

Consultation on the Project

You, or your predecessor, may have been contacted in connection with the proposed Project when the Planning Inspectorate requested comments on the Applicant's Environmental Impact Assessment (**EIA**) Scoping Report. The Planning Inspectorate has since published its Scoping Opinion for the Project which can be viewed on the website at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/norfolk-boreas/?ipcsection=docs>.

The Scoping Opinion has informed the EIA carried out for the Project and the results of the EIA to date are reported within the Applicant's PEIR. The PEIR was made available during the pre-application statutory consultation which was undertaken on the Project between 7 November 2018 and 9 December 2018.

Through ongoing enquiries, it has come to the Applicant's attention that you have an interest within the Project's offshore Order limits. The Applicant therefore wishes to consult with you on the Project proposals, as is required under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008. Your feedback will be considered before the Applicant finalises its application to the Planning Inspectorate for a DCO to authorise the Project and will also be reported to the Planning Inspectorate when the application is submitted. Representations you have already made will also be reported.

Consultation documents enclosed

We enclose a copy of the formal notice from the abovementioned section 42 consultation in November 2018 which outlines the Project proposal under the duty to publicise in accordance with Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008. This contains the description of the development.

We also enclose a USB device containing electronic copies of:

1. PEIR;
2. Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR;
3. Plans showing the location of the Project;
4. The Consultation Summary Document;
5. The Statement of Community Consultation.

Please note that copies of the PEIR and Non-Technical Summary are no longer available at the locations listed in the enclosed formal notice. If you wish to view hard copies of these documents please contact us at info@norfolkboreas.co.uk or by telephone on 0800 019 3517.

Please also note that offshore Order limits shown within the PEIR have not been superseded with those shown within the document titled *Offshore Order Limits Change Report*, which was issued to you on the 1 March 2019.

We enclose a hard copy of the Offshore Order Limits Change Report, which has been issued to offshore consultees for comment. In order to optimise synergies between the Project and Norfolk Vanguard, maximise installation and energy efficiency and minimise impacts the Applicant has introduced a minor amendment to the Project's offshore Order limits. The proposed change would slightly extend the Project's Order limits to enable project interconnection links directly from Norfolk Boreas to Norfolk Vanguard (East). The proposed change is explained in more detail in the attached consultation document.

This is a formal part of the consultation process and the period for consideration and response to these documents will run from **6 March 2019 to 11.59pm on 7 April 2019**.

Any responses to or other representations in respect of the Project can be made in writing:

1. Addressed to: FREEPOST NORFOLK BOREAS
2. By email to: info@norfolkboreas.co.uk

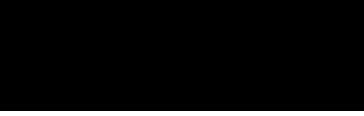
Any response or representation in respect of the formal consultation process **MUST** (i) be received by the Applicant **before 11.59 pm on 7 April 2019** (ii) state in writing the grounds of the response or representation (iii) indicate who is making the response and representation, and (iv) include an address to which correspondence relating to the response or representations may be sent.

If you wish to discuss this consultation, or have issues accessing the documentation, please do not hesitate to contact us at the above postal or email addresses.

If you have any queries about the consultation process or the Project, please call 0800 019 3517.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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