

# Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm

# Consultation Report

## Appendix 27.6 MMO's response to project design change early consultation

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Your reference: PB5640-002-003  
Our reference: DCO/2017/00002

**By email only**

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Dear Jake,

**RE: Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm – Area for Lease Consultation**

Thank you for your email on 8 November 2018 and further discussion on 13 November 2018, notifying the Marine Management Organisation (the “MMO”) relating to the project update for the additional Area for Lease request. The MMO has reviewed the Norfolk Boreas Project design update briefing note and Norfolk Boreas Project design update, along with its technical advisers at the Centre for the Environment, Aquaculture and Fisheries and has the following comments to make:

**1. Benthic Ecology**

- 1.1. Vattenfall has used adequate survey information to characterise the environment for the additional area.
- 1.2. The MMO notes that although the new area proposed for inclusion within the red line boundary (the ‘gap’) does not comprise physical data from previous survey work, the benthic assemblages analysed and presented within the PIER document appear to be uniformly distributed across the wider region and are thus can be reasonably expected to be present within the ‘gap’ area.
- 1.3. The MMO would like to highlight that Benthic assemblages that may have colonised any cable protection infrastructure, exposed cable or scour regions etc. associated with the oil/gas pipeline have not been assessed directly and therefore may deviate from the assemblage described in the PIER.  
  
As such, the assessment and conclusions in the EIA remain broadly applicable until such time when the preconstruction survey of the ‘gap’ is conducted, and the results assessed.
- 1.4. The MMO recommends that the future surveys discussed in section 4.3 of the reviewed document should consider the age of any available datasets discussed in section 4.2.1 before scoping out the requirement for a benthic sediment and or seabed imagery surveys to verify the assemblage present.

If you wish to discuss any of the points raise above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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