

Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm

Consultation Report

Appendix 27.8 Letter to targeted consultees for Offshore Order Limits Change Report consultation

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Dear [xxx]

NORFOLK BOREAS OFFSHORE WIND FARM

Targeted Offshore Consultation from 1 February 2019 to 4 March 2019

Amendment to the offshore Order limits

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.

Consultation on the Project

Following the recent section 42 consultation, which asked for comments and feedback on the entire Project and closed on 9 December 2018, the Applicant has continued to refine the design for the Project.

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.

The proposed change has no effect on any of the onshore proposals presented to you in the recent section 42 consultation.

Consultation documents enclosed

We enclose a copy of the consultation document, which is titled: *Offshore Order Limits Change Report*. This document provides information on the proposed change to the Project's offshore Order limits and explains how the Environmental Impact Assessment will be updated to incorporate the change.

Further information on the Project (including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report included within the section 42 consultation) is available online at the following link:
<https://www.vattenfall.co.uk/norfolkboreas>.

This is a targeted consultation process and the period for consideration and response to the enclosed document will run from **1 February 2019 to 11.59pm on 4 March 2019**.

Please provide feedback using one of the following options:

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

Any response or representation in respect of this targeted consultation process MUST (i) be received by the Applicant **before 11.59 pm on 4 March 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 have any queries about the consultation process or the Project, please call 0800 019 3517.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



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