

Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm

Consultation Report

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Dear Madam

**Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm (Ref: EN010087)
Notification under Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact
Assessment) Regulations 2017**

Norfolk Boreas Limited (the **Applicant**) intends to construct and operate the Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm (the **Project**). The Project falls within the definition of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project and, as a result, the Applicant is required to submit an application for a development consent order to the Secretary of State under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the **2008 Act**).

On 8 May 2017 the Applicant submitted a notification under Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (the **2009 Regulations**) confirming that an Environmental Statement for the Project would be provided. This was submitted with a scoping report (the **Scoping Report**) and an accompanying request for a Scoping Opinion, which was duly provided by the Secretary of State in June 2017.

As you will be aware, the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the **2017 Regulations**) came into force on 16 May 2017. Transitional arrangements are however in place. Regulation 37 provides transitional measures where, amongst other matters, a Scoping Opinion has been sought before 16 May 2017. In such circumstances the 2009 Regulations can continue to apply. A Scoping Report for the Project was prepared under the 2009 Regulations and a Scoping Opinion requested on 8 May 2017. As a result the Project benefits from the transitional arrangements.

Notwithstanding this, in order to ensure the EIA is of a high quality and is undertaken in accordance with best practice, the Applicant will seek to apply the 2017 Regulations when preparing its Preliminary Environmental Information Report (**PEIR**) (and subsequent Environmental Statement that will accompany the application). Please treat this letter as the Applicant's notification, in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of the 2017 Regulations, that an Environmental Statement will be prepared and submitted for the Project in accordance with the 2017 Regulations.

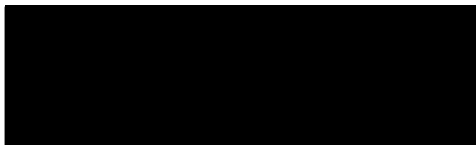
The Applicant is currently preparing its PEIR, which will be made available as part of the section 42 consultation for the Project. This will be provided to you in due course, in accordance with the notification made pursuant to Section 46 of the Act.

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Yours faithfully



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