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Our ref: Boreas Written Representation  
Your ref: Norfolk Boreas DCO Examination

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Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Norfolk Boreas Development Consent Order application: Written Representations Submission of Great Yarmouth Borough Council**

Great Yarmouth Borough Council is very supportive of the proposed scheme in principle. The proposed generation capacity of 1.8GW of low-carbon energy would contribute very significantly to the Government's renewable energy targets and the wider economic benefits to Norfolk would also be considerable, as identified in the ES.

The port, town and borough of Great Yarmouth is, as is recognised in the application documentation, very well-placed to contribute to the wider economic benefits the scheme would generate. This includes especially through the potential use of Great Yarmouth port for windfarm construction and then operations & maintenance (O&M) activities - Vattenfall signed an agreement with Peel Ports in 2018 to reserve space for an operations base for both the Boreas and Vanguard proposals (subject to DCO consents being granted).

Vattenfall has included a Skills and Employment Strategy Planning Condition / Requirement within the Boreas DCO, ensuring that there is a skills legacy to the project. The Council warmly welcomes this and recognises that this should allow for creation of apprenticeships, internships and work experience to benefit the wider economy and area.

The Council does not have any particular comments to make on the onshore elements of the DCO proposal (as they fall outside the Council's area), save that the environmental and amenity impacts should be minimised and any opportunities to facilitate the use of the electricity generated within local electricity distribution networks (132 kv or below) should be explored.

In relation to potential offshore effects, the potential impact on commercial fishing operations is recognised in the DCO application (especially during construction) and the Council asks that Vattenfall continues the dialogue with fishing interests to ensure that any negative effects are minimised and mitigated.

Yours faithfully,



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