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Selection of grid connection point RR-036, RR-109 The report on the Strategic Approach to Selecting a Grid Connection Point for Norfolk Boreas and Norfolk Vanguard (ES Appendix 4.3, document 6.3.4.3, APP-539) provides a summary of the context and work carried out by National Grid and Vattenfall Wind Power Limited (parent company of the Applicant) to select an appropriate location to

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Table 1 Applicant responses to Relevant Representations in relation to Site Selection
No. Topic/ Issue Relevant Representation Number

"The grid connection point decision undertaken with National Grid considered a range of alternative connection points. This included, for example, a new connection point to National Grid closer to the coast. However, to accommodate such a connection, National Grid would have to connect to an existing substation via overhead lines, due to the length of the 400kV AC connection that would be required. The decision was therefore taken to avoid overhead lines in order to minimise visual impacts and instead install underground cables to an existing National Grid substation with the required capacity."

The applicant has sought to justify their site selection in many answers, however they have still failed to satisfactorily answer the question as to why they refused to seriously consider Top Farm, which is situated very close to their current site but on lower ground. The only reason they have given is that it would require more work as it would need to be levelled. Surely anyone with common sense would see this as a wonderful opportunity, especially as the purchase would not require a CPO? The opportunity is to use the soil taken off to create bunds, which would then be planted on. As the lowest point of Top Farm is where the access road comes off the A47 it would save money in cabling. The lowest point which we stood on with the Vanguard PI team, is some 10m below the chosen site. With earth bunds this could be increased by perhaps 5 metres to 15m. Suitable planting would then be affective as soon as it reached 4m.

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