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Dear Planning Inspectorate

We would like to comment on the applicant's response to our questions, and some of those of the Necton Parish Council.

1.2 Necton Substation Action Group [REP5-087] Summary of Submission Applicant's Comments Statement of Common Ground request NSAG state that the Applicant should have progressed a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with Necton Parish Council because SoCGs were used during the Vanguard Examination process.

The Applicant has submitted a number of SoCGs in relation to the Project, including with Breckland Council [REP2-039], and will continue to support an effective and timely planning process, by progressing existing SoCGs. The Applicant is not progressing SoCGs with any Parish Councils. A SoCG was submitted as part of the Norfolk Vanguard Examination at Deadline 1. Subsequent attempts to progress the SoCG with Necton Parish Council (PC) were unsuccessful. The PC indicated that their positions were not going to change, and they did not wish to meet with the Applicant's representatives. In view of this position, the Applicant has not progressed a SoCG with the PC.

A1. We are constantly told that Boreas is a different 'stand alone' project to Vanguard. With this is mind and the different position of Boreas to Vanguard, the applicant cannot be clairvoyant and know Necton PC's feelings on Boreas.
A2. The Boreas compound was not obvious as encroaching on yet another farm in the area, (Bradenham Hall Farm) until the Accompanied Site Visit. This changes the situation, as this will be the third farm damaged in Necton Parish. So Necton PC should have the right to comment.
A3. As we said Necton PC is the only PC one with a separate 'stand alone' part of the double project in their Parish, and is therefore not comparable with other Parish Councils.
A4. The Applicant rightly says that Necton PC had a SoCG for Vanguard, and if Boreas, as they claim, is to be regarded as a stand alone project, they must surely provide an SoCG if asked for one.

1.4 Necton Parish Council [REP5-064] Summary of Submission Applicant's Comments Statement of Common Ground Necton Parish Council raise concerns around "lack of consultation and involvement with Vattenfall through the Boreas project process before and during the Planning Inspectorate examination" and lack of Statement of Common Ground. Necton Parish Council state that they are worried that there is "no obligation for Breckland Council to consult with Necton Parish Council" and therefore feel they are missing out on voicing their opinion.

The Applicant engaged actively with Necton Parish Council during pre-application consultation, as evidenced in the Consultation Report [APP-027]. The Applicant continues to maintain lines of communication open with Necton Parish Council, as appropriate, and matters relating to the DCO application are discussed via the examination process. No indication prior to the submission at Deadline 5 has suggested Necton PC wishes to progress a SoCG.

A1. Necton PC were presumably just assuming that them not being issued with a SoCG was just yet another example of the Applicant's inefficiency, but finally decided that they

should ask for one.
A2.The Applicant appears to be calling Necton PC liars, so perhaps they would like to furnish details of the active engagement they claim took place, including after the meetings they failed to attend, although they had agreed to.
A3. Far from keeping lines open the Applicant refused to attend the later meetings arranged with them by George Freeman MP and the Parish Council, and the remainder of the monthly meetings were held without them.

Regardless of the Applicant's opinions, (we have no idea whose decision this would be to make) Necton PC are surely entitled to a SoCG if they want one in order that they can give their opinions in writing on record, of the cumulative effect of the two substations, which has become more apparent despite the applicant trying to disguise the fact, enquire as to why this second project did not consider their alternative site option, and comment on the fact that it has suddenly become apparent (even the owner had not been told about it) that Necton will loose even more precious arable land, farmed in the Parish for so many years, and an integral part of the Parish.

Thank you
NSAG