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Persons

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010087

Date: 19 March 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 8(3)**

**Application by Norfolk Boreas Limited for an Order Granting Development
Consent for the Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm**

Change to the timetable

The Planning Inspectorate is always mindful of the need to ensure fairness and open access to all parties. Government Guidance <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-planning-inspectorate-guidance> advising on social distancing as part of the response to coronavirus (COVID-19) had a significant knock on impact on attendance at the Examination events programmed this week. The Examining Authority had to therefore make the difficult decision not to hold the Issue Specific Hearing on Onshore effects including the draft DCO and offshore effects including the draft DCO; the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing; and the Accompanied Site Inspection. Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused, but I am sure you understand and support the approach the Examining Authority has taken in these unprecedented times.

We have also decided not to hold hearings on the reserved dates of 14-16 April 2020. In order to facilitate ongoing progress with the Examination, the Examining Authority has now revised the Examination Timetable to include a third round of written questions. These written questions are largely based upon the items that were on the agenda for discussion at the different hearings this week.

The Examination process is primarily a written one, and we encourage parties to continue to have relevant discussions and prepare information and written submissions where it is possible and safe to do so.

The project website will continue to be the main point of reference for notifications about the Examination.

The amended timetable is attached at Appendix A.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Siân Evans, Case Manager at 0303 444 5671.

Yours faithfully

Frances Fernandes

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Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

Annex A: Amendment to Examination Timetable

18	Issue of third round of Written Questions	Monday 23 March 2020
19	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to third round of Written Questions • Revised draft DCO and Schedule of Changes 	Tuesday 31 March 2020
20	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Report on Implications for European Sites (RIES) 	Tuesday 7 April 2020
21	<p>Deadline 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to third round of Written Questions • Comments on revised draft DCO and Schedule of Changes • Updated Statements of Common Ground • Any other information as requested by the ExA 	Wednesday 8 April 2020
22	<p>Deadline 9</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the RIES; • Updated Guide to the Application • Final 'Compulsory Acquisition' schedule • Final signed Statements of Common Ground • Submissions on the implications for the Norfolk Boreas Application of the representations made in relation to the SoS consultation on the Norfolk Vanguard and any other relevant offshore Wind Farm application. • Any other information as requested by the ExA 	Wednesday 29 April 2020
23	<p>Deadline 10</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final draft DCO and Schedule of Changes to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report • Final Guide to the Application • Final updated version of the Book of Reference • Responses to comments on the RIES 	Wednesday 6 May 2020

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the submissions on the implications for the Norfolk Boreas Application of the representations made in relation to the SoS consultation on the Norfolk Vanguard and any other relevant offshore Wind Farm application. • Any other information as requested by the ExA 	
24	The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.	Tuesday 12 May 2020

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