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Dear Planning Inspectorate

REF: Norfolk Vanguard and Boreas consenting timescale

I have noticed that a small number of parties are requesting a delay to the Norfolk Boreas NSIP examination process.

I would like to say that from our perspective that this would be very unwelcome.

The planning process has been going on in the public domain for at least 4 years now – Vattenfall have been regularly engaging with people since October 2016, and all parties have had ample time to reflect on the issues and feed into the project design. The NSIP timetable is a statutory one, and the extraordinary measure of extending it now, so very close to the end of the examination process, when all issues have been examined robustly would send all the wrong messages locally and nationally. A delay to the examination process would likely mean Norfolk Boreas will not be ready to bid for the Government's support mechanism in 2021, and would mean an additional two year delay, possibly longer, before the project could proceed. The level of uncertainty that will result will have a negative impact on investor confidence / the region's socio-economic economic strategy and in turn on skills development, education opportunities, local business and community benefits. Norfolk Vanguard and Norfolk Boreas together represent, over their 25 year plus lifetime, by far the biggest investments currently planned for the area. Vattenfall are a very popular and highly regarded company we are looking forward to working with.

As we hopefully move into recovery from COVID 19, it is imperative that we pull together and maximise the opportunities – not only for skills, jobs and business, but for the environment. Many of those calling for delays to the project for different reasons say they support renewable energy but delaying the deployment of renewable energy projects means more CO2 will go into the atmosphere unnecessarily and could have a severe impact on our security of supply.

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