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Subject: REF: Norfolk Vanguard and Boreas consenting timescale

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Dear Planning Inspectorate

REF: Norfolk Vanguard and Boreas consenting timescale

It has been brought to my attention that a small number of parties are requesting a delay to the Norfolk Boreas NSIP examination process.

I have been personally working with Norfolk Vanguard and Norfolk Boreas for over two years on employment for local people including those who are long term unemployed, particularly ex-servicemen, to get them into this industry. I am particularly concerned about a possible delay given the hard work that we have already put in to engage this customer group.

I have been informed The NSIP timetable is a statutory one, and the consideration of extending it now, so close to the end of the process, when all issues have been examined robustly would potentially give the wrong message both 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 cause a potential additional two year delay before the project could proceed. The level of uncertainty this would cause would almost definitely have a negative impact on investor confidence and the region's socio-economic economic strategy.

The Department for Work and Pensions has a key interest in skills development, local business growth and community benefits and the renewable energy sector is already important to this region, but is likely to become even more important given its current growth rate. I appreciate the reason for requesting the delay is due to COVID 19, however I feel we actually need this now more than ever for the same reason.

Any consideration you could give to this matter would be much appreciated.

If you need anything further information please contact me.

Best Wishes

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