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Dear Planning Inspectorate

CC. Jerome Mayhew MP (Broadland)
CC. Catrin Ellis Jones

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 my company's perspective, this would be disastrous. We have been building our business to provide aerial imaging and surveying services to the region's growing offshore wind industry and such a delay would have a significant impact on us.

The planning process has been going on in the public domain for at least 4 years now – Vattenfall have been regularly engaging with local communities 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 both locally and nationally.

A delay to the examination process would likely mean Norfolk Boreas would 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. Given the declared Climate Emergency and the need to get renewable energy projects online urgently, this is completely unacceptable.

The level of uncertainty that will result from such a delay will have a significant negative impact on the region's socio-economic strategy and in turn on the opportunity we have to supply our own skills to the project.

Norfolk Vanguard and Norfolk Boreas together represent, over their 25 year plus lifetime, by far the biggest investments currently planned for our region. Vattenfall is a highly regarded company that shares my own personal values and our collective company values. Their engagement with local supply chain companies has been brilliant and we are very excited about the prospect of working with them on these important renewable energy projects.

As we hopefully move into recovery from COVID-19, it is important 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 claim to support renewable energy. With the declared Climate Emergency, urgent deployment of renewable energy projects is essential and delaying such projects will mean that more CO2 will go into the atmosphere unnecessarily. We simply cannot afford for that to happen.

Our Norfolk-based business, HexCam, has been supplying high accuracy and inherently safe aerial imaging and surveying services to the East Anglia ONE cable corridor project between Bawdsey and Bramford in Suffolk since mid-2017. We have seen first-hand, on

the ground and from 90 metres up in the air, the cable corridor construction process from topsoil strip to full reinstatement. We love our county and from watching the process closely over the past 2 years we are confident that the Boreas and Vanguard projects will not leave a permanent scar across our beautiful countryside. In the same way that Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon offshore wind farms, and the high pressure gas networks before them, have left little or no trace, we want to be part of a project that provides truly sustainable energy with minimal impact on the landscape.

We have worked hard over the past 3 years to develop new and innovative skills and services and to build a great reputation in the renewables sector which has caught the attention of companies like Vattenfall. Our business plan over the next 5 years is built around delivering services to the likes of Vattenfall as we find ourselves well-positioned at the heart of the world's offshore wind industry. For so many reasons we cannot afford to see these projects delayed.

Yours Sincerely

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