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Dear Planning Inspectorate

REF: Norfolk Vanguard and Boreas consenting timescale

Sadly, 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 would like to say that from our perspective and following all our time and effort (not forgetting the financial loss) that this would be very devastating to future opportunities.

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. We have been heavily involved with Vattenfall's supply chain engagement meetings which over time has incurred a considerable amount of time, resource and a financial cost. As such, I will strongly encourage other members of the supply chain and groups of individuals who have attended these events to come together and contest any party that wishes to further delay the examination process.

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 companies like ourselves that require skilled people to manage and operate our crew transfer vessels. 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 have worked for Vattenfall now for over 10 years and at present, holding discussions with regards to a new Hydrogen vessel that will hugely reduce CO2 emissions on the environment. Therefore, without projects like these we are unable to further invest in any future new builds. And, at this moment in time we are really relying on projects like this to rebuild our economy.

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.

If there is an opportunity to speak in person or you require any additional information then please, feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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