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Dear Sirs

Norfolk Boreas Limited
Development Consent Order (DCO) application for Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm
Application Ref: EN010087

Deadline 9 Submissions

We write further to the Planning Inspectorate's Rule 8 letter dated 19 November 2019, the amended examination timetable dated 19 March 2020, and the further amended examination timetable dated 28 April 2020. In accordance with Annex A of the further amended examination timetable, we enclose the following in response to Deadline 9:

1. Comments on the Report on the Implications for European Sites (**RIES**);
2. Updated Guide to the Application;
3. Statements of Common Ground; and
4. Submissions on the implications for the Norfolk Boreas Application arising from other relevant offshore wind farm applications awaiting SoS determination.

The Applicant refers the Examining Authority (**ExA**) to the Guide to the Application (Document Reference ExA.GtA.D9.V11 (Version 11)) for a full list of documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 9.

Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs)

The Applicant has provided a table below of the SoCGs requested by the ExA in the Rule 8 Letter, as well as any additional SoCGs. As outlined in the table, the Applicant has now reached final positions with the majority of stakeholders.

In view of the ExA's further amended examination timetable, the Applicant has agreed with certain stakeholders to clarify any final outstanding matters on those SoCGs highlighted in amber. Final versions of these SoCGs will be submitted at either Deadline 10 or 11.

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Statement of Common Ground	Status
Norfolk Boreas Anglian Water Service Limited Statement of Common Ground (Version 1)	20 April 2020, Final Version
Norfolk Boreas Breckland Council Statement of Common Ground (Version 2)	20 April 2020, Final Version
Norfolk Boreas Broadland District Council Statement of Common Ground (Version 4)	29 April 2020 (near final, with a small number of areas undergoing discussion)
Norfolk Boreas Chamber of Shipping Statement of Common Ground (Version 2)	29 April 2020, Final Version
Norfolk Boreas Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority Statement of Common Ground (Version 3)	29 April 2020, Final Version
Norfolk Boreas Environment Agency Statement of Common Ground (Version 4)	29 April 2020, Final Version
Norfolk Boreas Highways England Statement of Common Ground (Version 2)	29 April 2020, Final Version
Norfolk Boreas Historic England Statement of Common Ground (Version 1)	20 April 2020, Final Version
Norfolk Boreas Marine Management Organisation Statement of Common Ground (Version 5)	29 April 2020, Final Version
Norfolk Boreas Maritime and Coastguard Agency Statement of Common Ground (Version 4)	29 April 2020, Final Version
Norfolk Boreas National Farmers Union Statement of Common Ground (Version 4)	8 April 2020 (near final, with a small number of areas undergoing discussion)
Norfolk Boreas National Association of Producer Organisations in Dutch Demersal Fisheries (VisNed) and National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations (NFFO) Statement of Common Ground (Version 3)	29 April 2020, Final Version
Norfolk Boreas Natural England Statement of Common Ground (Version 4)	5 March 2020 (near final, with a small number of areas undergoing discussion)
Norfolk Boreas Natural England (Offshore Ornithology) Statement of Common Ground (Version 4)	5 March 2020 (near final, with a small number of areas undergoing discussion)
Norfolk Boreas Norfolk County Council Statement of Common Ground (Version 3)	29 April 2020, Final Version
Norfolk Boreas North Norfolk District Council Statement of Common Ground (Version 3)	29 April 2020 (near final, with a small number of areas undergoing discussion)
Norfolk Boreas Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Statement of Common Ground (Version 4)	5 March 2020 (near final, with a small number of areas undergoing discussion)

Norfolk Boreas Royal Yachting Association Statement of Common Ground	20 April 2020, Final Version
Norfolk Boreas The Wildlife Trust Statement of Common Ground (Version 4)	29 April 2020, Final Version
Norfolk Boreas Trinity House Statement of Common Ground (Version 4)	29 April 2020, Final Version
Norfolk Boreas Whale and Dolphin Conservation Statement of Common Ground (Version 2)	20 April 2020, Final Version
Norfolk Boreas Orsted Hornsea Project Three Statement of Common Ground (Version 4)	20 April 2020, Final Version

RIES Matrices

The Applicant erroneously omitted the Broadland SPA and Ramsar (offshore) screening matrix from REP6-006. All parties are agreed that there is no risk of AEol for this site; however, for completeness, an updated version (from that provided at Deadline 1 [REP1-013]) has been provided in Appendix 1 to the Applicant's Comments on the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) document (ExA.RIES.D9.V1). This version has been updated to rectify errors in the listed features.

Land Plans

The Applicant has submitted an updated version of the Land Plans (document reference 2.2) at Deadline 9. This is to reflect an update at the Land Registry in relation to a previous title (identified on sheet 41 of the Land Plans) which has now been split into two titles. Originally the land owned by Dudgeon Offshore Wind Limited was registered under title NK440779; following a transfer of certain parts of this title to their OFTO organisation, a portion of the land is now registered under an additional title NK486551.

This has resulted in 8 new parcels being created on the Land Plans which are within existing parcels. This does not alter the Order limits of the application but, rather, it reflects a change in the sub division of interests of the ownerships within the Order limits. This has had the effect of:

- Creating new parcels 41/09a, 41/09b, 41/14d, 41/14e, 41/15a, 41/17a, 41/18a and 41/20a; and
- Reducing the area of the original parcels (being 41/09, 41/14, 41/15, 41/17, 41/18 and 41/20) by the same extent as the areas of the new parcels from which they have been created.

This change does not affect the extent of the Order land, or the rights sought by the Applicant; these plot splits have been undertaken purely to clarify the new ownership of the parcels.

Those with an interest in the land are in the process of being informed of this change and the updated plot numbers will be contained in the Compulsory Acquisition Objections Schedule, the Book of Reference, and the Development Consent Order to be submitted in accordance with the further amended examination timetable.

We would be grateful if you could kindly confirm safe receipt.

Yours faithfully

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