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To all Interested Parties

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010087

Date: 2 June 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 13

Application by Norfolk Boreas Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm

Notification of Hearings

I wrote to you on 19 May 2020 advising that the Examination had been extended to 12 October 2020. I also set a new Examination Timetable including dates for a virtual Open Floor Hearing; a virtual Issue Specific Hearing and a request for information in the form of a questionnaire.

Thank you to all who completed the questionnaire. Your responses have assisted the Examining Authority (ExA) in considering the approach to participation at the forthcoming virtual hearings in these challenging times. The Planning Inspectorate continues to respond to Government guidance on limiting the spread of Coronavirus and latest advice can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-planninginspectorate-guidance>.

Timing of Virtual Hearings

To ensure a fair opportunity for all Interested Parties to participate, the ExA will hold two virtual Open Floor Hearings. The first virtual Open Floor Hearing will take place on 2 July in the afternoon. The sessions on 30 June, 1 July and 3 July are removed from the Examination Timetable.

The second virtual Open Floor Hearing will take place on the reserved dates in the Examination Timetable of 14-17 July.

The virtual Issue Specific Hearing will take place on the reserved dates of 21-24 July. The dates for a virtual Issue Specific Hearing on 7-10 July are removed from the Examination Timetable.

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First Virtual Open Floor Hearing 2 July 2020

The first virtual Open Floor Hearing will take place in the afternoon. The event will begin at 1.30pm with registration. The virtual Open Floor Hearing will then start at 2pm once registration is complete. I will issue the agenda for the Hearing approximately two weeks in advance.

Further details are given in **Annex A** of this letter.

Second Virtual Open Floor Hearing 14 - 17 July 2020

The second virtual Open Floor Hearing will be focussed on different geographic areas as follows:

Tuesday 14 July – Oulton
Wednesday 15 July – Necton
Thursday 16 July – Cawston
Friday 17 July – Happisburgh

Each event will begin at 6.30pm with registration. The Open Floor Hearing will then start at 7pm once registration is complete. I will issue the agenda approximately two weeks in advance.

Further details are given in **Annex A** of this letter.

Virtual Issue Specific Hearing 21 – 24 July 2020

The virtual Issue Specific Hearing will be arranged over four days to facilitate appropriate participation during discussion of each item. The agenda will be arranged as follows:

Tuesday 21 July – Offshore Ornithology
Wednesday 22 July – Haisborough Hammond and Winterton Special Area of Conservation
Thursday 23 July – Marine Mammals
Friday 24 July – Draft Development Consent Order and other matters

Each event will begin at 9.30am with registration. The virtual Issue Specific Hearing will then start at 10am once registration is complete. I will issue the agenda approximately two weeks in advance.

Further details are given in **Annex A** of this letter.

Requests to Participate in Virtual Hearings

If you are an Interested Party (IP) or a representative of an IP wishing to speak at the virtual Open Floor Hearings or virtual Issue Specific Hearing, it is **essential** that you contact the case team in advance and no later than **15 June 2020**. The Case Team can be contacted using the contact details at the top of this letter. This is to enable preparations to be made in advance to enable you to virtually join the hearing.

Please include the information below in your request to participate:

- your name and Interested Party reference number;
- your email address (if available) for us to send you arrangement details;
- a telephone number that we can contact you on, before or during the hearing;
- the name of any organisation that you are representing and your role;
- which hearing(s) you would like to participate in, including the date and topic matter; and
- whether you would like a trial run of accessing a virtual hearing with a member of the Case Team on any of the following date and times:

Thursday 25 June 2020: 10 – 11am;

Thursday 25 June 2020: 2 – 3pm;

Friday 26 June 2020: 10 – 11am;

Friday 26 June 2020: 2 – 3pm.

Thank you for your continued involvement in the examination into the application by Norfolk Boreas Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm.

Yours faithfully

Frances Fernandes

Frances Fernandes
Lead member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

Date, time and place of hearings

Open Floor Hearing

The ExA will hold the hearing under Section 93 of the Planning Act 2008 on the following dates:

Date	Hearing	Time	Joining details
Thursday 2 July 2020	Open Floor Hearing	Arrangements conference at 1.30pm Hearing starts at 2pm	Join by digital device or telephone using details to be provided in forthcoming agendas
Tuesday 14 July 2020	Open Floor Hearing - Oulton area	Arrangements conference at 6.30pm Hearing starts at 7pm	
Wednesday 15 July 2020	Open Floor Hearing - Necton area	Arrangements conference at 6.30pm Hearing starts at 7pm	
Thursday 16 July 2020	Open Floor Hearing – Cawston area	Arrangements conference at 6.30pm Hearing starts at 7pm	
Friday 17 July 2020	Open Floor Hearing – Happisburgh area	Arrangements conference at 6.30pm Hearing starts at 7pm	

Issue Specific Hearing

The ExA will hold the hearing under Section 91 of the Planning Act 2008 on the following dates:

Date	Hearing	Time	Joining details
Tuesday 21 July 2020	Issue Specific Hearing – offshore ornithology	Arrangements conference at 9:30am	Join by digital device or telephone

		Hearing starts at 10:00am	using details to be provided in forthcoming agendas
Wednesday 22 July 2020	Issue Specific Hearing - Haisborough Hammond and Winterton Special Area of Conservation	Arrangements conference at 9:30am Hearing starts at 10:00am	
Thursday 23 July 2020	Issue Specific Hearing – Marine mammals	Arrangements conference at 9:30am Hearing starts at 10:00am	
Friday 24 July 2020	Issue Specific Hearing - Draft Development Consent Order and other matters	Arrangements conference at 9:30am Hearing starts at 10:00am	