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Dear Frances Fernandes

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

Thank you for your letter dated 2nd June 2020 regarding notification of further Hearings for the Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm. Natural England would like to confirm that we will not attend the Further Issue Specific Hearings (21st-24th July). Our position at this moment remains unchanged as per our written submissions up to Deadline 10 and within the latest agreed Statement of Common Ground (SOCG).

However, we are currently reviewing the outcomes of the Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm (OWF) and Norfolk Vanguard OWF Secretary of State letters and decisions and determining the implications, if any, of these for our advice in relation to Norfolk Boreas OWF. There are a considerable number of documents and issues to consider and due to the short time period between the decisions and the Hearings Natural England will not be in a place to provide an informed update to our position at, or in advance of, the hearings. It should be noted that these decisions may impact on a range of applications and Natural England will need to ensure our response to these decisions are fully considered and proportionate to all existing and future applications.

Natural England will continue to engage with the Applicant and will provide a written update on our review of the decisions to the ExA at the earliest possible opportunity (Deadline 13). Natural England will work with the Applicant on a final SOCG to the deadline provided in the updated Examination timetable, or in advance of the deadline if possible.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely,

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