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Norfolk Boreas Limited
All Interested Parties

Our ref EN010087

Date: 9 July 2021

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Norfolk Boreas Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm and associated offshore and onshore infrastructure (“the Norfolk Boreas project”)

1. The Secretary of State has received responses from the Applicant and other Interested Parties to his consultation letter dated 28 April 2021 by the 25 June 2021 deadline. The Secretary of State considers the information provided by the Applicant in response to those letters to contain new environmental information and invites comments from the **Applicant** and **Interested Parties** on the representations received.
2. The Secretary of State also requests further information from the **Applicant** in relation to a number of issues.
3. **Flamborough and Filey Coast Special Protection Area**
In relation to in-combination impacts on the kittiwake, razorbill, gannet, and guillemot features of the Flamborough and Filey Coast SPA, the **Applicant** is requested to provide the latest in-combination assessments for collision and/or displacement effects, with and without Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm, including:
 - The predicted in-combination kittiwake collision mortalities, including the Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm in the assessment.
 - The results of updated PVA models for all of the above species and a comparison of the predicted SPA population sizes after 30 years, with and without the development.
4. **Haisborough, Hammond and Winterton Special Area of Conservation**
In addition to the evidence submitted in the ABP Mer Sandwave Study (2019), the **Applicant** and other **Interested Parties** are requested to provide details of any new evidence for the recovery of sandbanks/ sandwaves after levelling and cable installation, together with a commentary on its relevance to the proposed works at the SAC.
5. **Responses are requested by 23.59 on Friday 20 August 2021.** All parties are asked to note that there will be a further consultation after this consultation closes, with the Applicant and Interested Parties having the opportunity to comment on responses to this consultation.

6. Due to Covid-19, responses on the information requested above should be submitted by email only to: NorfolkBoreas@planninginspectorate.gov.uk
7. Responses will be published on the Norfolk Boreas project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/norfolk-boreas/> as soon as possible after the deadline.
8. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Norfolk Boreas project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,

Gareth Leigh

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Head of Energy Infrastructure Planning