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Dear Sir/Madam,

East Anglia has a significant role to play in achieving the UK's 40GW wind power goals by 2030. Whilst I fully support these important goals I am writing to make representations regarding the Norfolk Boreas wind farm. I would urge the Secretary of State to defer his decision given that the work on the Offshore Transmission Network Review ("OTNR"), which was established to address deployment barriers in the current regime and to deliver a more coordinated transmission network for offshore wind, is still at a critical stage.

The OTNR has confirmed that it has launched policy consultations across all workstreams of the Review – on Early Opportunities, Pathway to 2030, MPIs and the Enduring Regime. Through the Pathway to 2030 workstream and its proposed changes to the National Policy Statements, the OTNR has already asserted that it has set a clear expectation of coordination by default.

Importantly, the OTNR has confirmed that it will be delivering its Holistic Network Design in January 2022. With this integrated design work so far advanced it would be a mistake to take a decision on connection infrastructure for Norfolk Boreas without also taking into account the new connection opportunities, both economic, strategic and environmental, that the OTNR is likely to provide.

However, in order not to delay the construction of offshore turbines unduly, I suggest that the Secretary of State consider a 'split decision' as a constructive way forward. A 'split decision' between offshore and onshore elements would ensure:

- The offshore turbines are recommended for consent.
- The decision in relation to onshore infrastructure be postponed in order to allow full consideration of the opportunities identified by the OTNR work.

A 'split decision' would allow HM Government to take the lead and bring together the key actors to approve the new regulatory change needed for offshore integrated solutions. Whilst giving time for EA1N and EA2 to benefit from the BEIS Review and to become flagship pathfinder projects which could receive significant support from local residents impacted by the cable corridors.

In the alternative, there is an overwhelming case that any onshore infrastructure minimises the destruction of the local environment by connecting to the grid at a brownfield or industrialised site whilst minimising onshore cable corridors.

Yours sincerely,

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