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The Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm Order 2021, Schedule 19, Part 3


Haisborough, Hammond and Winterton Special Area of Conservation: Delivery of measures to compensate for cable installation and protection

Invitation to engage as a member of the Benthic Steering Group

Dear Natural England,

Vattenfall's Norfolk Boreas Offshore Windfarm is being developed by Norfolk Boreas Limited. We are writing to you in relation to the benthic compensation specified within the Development Consent Order (DCO) for the wind farm and detailed in documents supporting the Secretary of State's Decision letter.

In accordance with Schedule 19 Part 3 of the Norfolk Boreas DCO, a benthic compensation steering group (BSG) must be formed to consult on the preparation, scope, and delivery of the benthic compensation, prior to submission to the Secretary of State for approval. Should Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm also be awarded development consent a combined Benthic Steering Group will be progressed.

Prior to commencement of the authorised development the plan of work for the BSG must be approved by the Secretary of State. The requirement is detailed in paragraphs 23 and 24, of Schedule 19, Part 3 (pp 372) of the 

As a Core member you will be invited to review all documentation, attend all steering group meetings, develop and agree the plan of works (see Schedule 19, Part 3 paragraph 24 (a) – (d) and proactively engage to develop and progress the benthic compensation.

We would like to convene the Benthic Steering Group as soon as possible and following your acceptance of this invite we will issue a draft Plan of Works for your review. Then at the first meeting we would like to formally sign off the Plan of Works for the BSG which will include:

- (a) terms of reference of the BSG;
- (b) the membership of the BSG;
- (c) details of the schedule of meetings, timetable for preparation of the Benthic Implementation and Monitoring Plan (BIMP) and reporting and review periods; and
- (d) the dispute resolution mechanism.



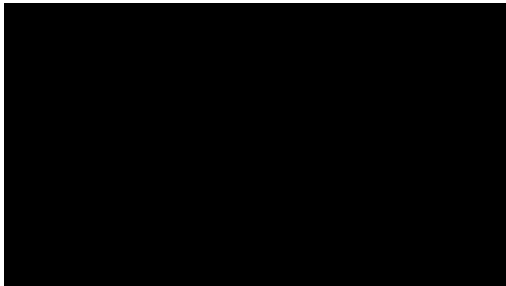
These will form the Plan of Works required to discharge Schedule 19, Part 3 (13).

We would be grateful if you would please respond to this letter by countersigning below to confirm your understanding of the request and your organisations intention to engage with Norfolk Boreas Limited.

If you have any queries in relation to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Dave Tarrant

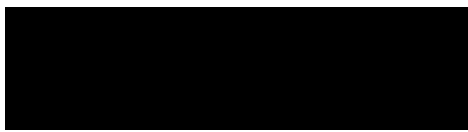


For and on behalf of Norfolk Boreas Limited,



Ruari Lean
Norfolk Boreas and Norfolk Vanguard Project Manager

On behalf of Natural England I confirm participation on the Norfolk Boreas Benthic Steering Group.



Signature

21st April 2022

Date