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The Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm Order 2021, Schedule 19, Part 2

Alde-Ore Estuary Special Protection Area: Delivery of measures to compensate for the loss of lesser black-backed gull

Invitation to engage as a member of the Lesser Black Gull Steering Group

Dear Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Vattenfall's Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm is being developed by Norfolk Boreas Limited. We are writing to you in relation to the Lesser Black Backed Gull (LBBG) compensation specified within the Development Consent Order (DCO) and detailed in documents supporting the Secretary of State's Decision letter.

In accordance with Schedule 19 Part 2 of the Norfolk Boreas DCO, a Lesser Black Backed Gull Steering Group (LBBGSG) must be formed to consult on the preparation, scope, and delivery of the LBBG compensation, prior to submission to the Secretary of State for approval. Should Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm also be awarded development consent a combined LBBG Steering Group will be progressed.

Prior to commencement of the authorised development the plan of work for the LBBGSG must be approved by the Secretary of State. The requirement is detailed in paragraphs 12 and 13, of Schedule 19, Part 2 (pp 370) of the <u>Norfolk Boreas DCO</u>.

Norfolk Boreas Limited invite you to engage as an advisory member of the (potentially combined) LBBG Steering Group regarding LBBG compensation.

As an advisory member of the LBBG Steering Group you will be invited to input into the process on aspects which directly relate to your organisation, you will be sent relevant documents to review and will be requested to join steering group meetings when appropriate.

We would like to convene the LBBGSG as soon as possible and following your acceptance of this invite we will aim to set up a first meeting in February or early March. At this initial meeting we would like to progress as far as possible the plan of work for the LBBGSG which will include:

- (a) terms of reference of the LBBGSG:
- (b) details of the membership of the LBBGSG;



- (c) details of the schedule of meetings, timetable for preparation of the Lesser Black Back Gull Implementation and Monitoring Plan (LBBGIMP) and reporting and review periods; and
- (d) the dispute resolution mechanism.

These will form the Plan of Works required to discharge Schedule 19, Part 2 paragraph 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 Ruari Lean

For and on behalf of Norfolk Boreas Limited,



Ruari Lean Norfolk Boreas and Norfolk Vanguard Project Manager

On behalf of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds I confirm participation on the Norfolk Boreas Lesser Black Backed Gull Steering Group



Signature

15 February 2022 Date