

Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm

Consultation Report

Appendix 12.1 Scoping Consultation Letter to Stakeholders

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Dear xxxxxxxx,

I am writing to inform you about a major new infrastructure project off the coast of Norfolk.

You may be aware that Vattenfall had previously been working alongside ScottishPower Renewables to develop offshore wind farms within an area of sea formerly known as the East Anglia Offshore Wind Farm (EAOW) Zone.

We are excited to announce our intentions to build two new offshore wind farms following a recent agreement with The Crown Estate to split this zone and take full responsibility of a large area of sea off the coast of Norfolk. These projects are not connected to the EAOW windfarms currently being developed by ScottishPower Renewables.

Vattenfall are developing two separate wind farms – called Norfolk Vanguard and Norfolk Boreas, named after ships commanded by Lord Nelson – having a combined generating capacity of 3.6GW. Owing to their size and the contribution they can be expected to make to the UK's energy generating capacity, both are classed as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008. Therefore we will have to apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO). Applications for a DCO are submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, which processes and examines the applications before making a recommendation to the relevant Secretary of State (in this case the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change) who makes the final decision on whether the proposed project is acceptable.

*We are currently at an early stage of developing **Norfolk Vanguard**, which has a target capacity 1.8GW of renewable electricity. This is enough to meet the equivalent electricity demand of around 1.3million UK households¹.*

The remaining capacity (1.8GW) will be developed at a later stage. This later project, Norfolk Boreas, will be the subject of a separate planning application. Further information about this project will follow in due course.

Norfolk Vanguard lies at least 47km off Norfolk's coast, and will not be visible from the land. However, some onshore works are required to connect the power generated by the windfarm to the National Grid. I am writing to you as your parish lies within our 'Scoping Area' where we will be looking for potential land for which we can bury our power cables to connect the windfarm into the National Grid. It is important to note that the current scoping area covers a large area of Norfolk covering some 60 Parishes, and consequently you may not be affected by the proposed works

Working closely with communities in Norfolk

Norfolk has long held a special relationship with wind power and the region is well placed to make the most of offshore wind in the future. Norfolk Vanguard and Norfolk Boreas will be important, low cost

¹ <http://www.renewableuk.com/en/renewable-energy/wind-energy/uk-wind-energy-database/figures-explained.cfm> and assuming a load factor of 34.88%.

contributors to the UK's energy mix and will represent a very significant investment into Norfolk's economy, bringing many jobs and training opportunities to the region.

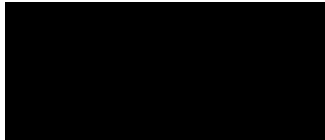
We are looking forward to developing this project in line with the views and wishes of the communities of Norfolk to ensure that local people living and working here feel as much benefit as possible from this project. As such we will be holding a number of Public Exhibitions across Norfolk in mid/late October.

As a prominent member of the Norfolk community, your input will be greatly valued. We are committed to engaging with local businesses and residents, land users and visitors as well as the many groups that use the sea for pleasure and commerce.

If you have any questions at this stage, please visit the project's website on norfolkvanguard.vattenfall.co.uk and do not hesitate to contact the project team via the below contact details:

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