

Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm

Consultation Report

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Public consultations for Norfolk wind farm set to begin in November

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Vattenfall's offshore Norfolk Vanguard project promises to be one of the largest in the world. Picture: Vattenfall

Infrastructure plans for one of Norfolk's largest offshore wind farms have been refined and the latest round of public consultations have been announced.



Ruari Lean, project manager of wind farm Norfolk Vanguard. Picture: DENISE BRADLEY

Vattenfall, said around 30,000 Norfolk households will receive a newsletter outlining the latest onshore infrastructure proposals as well as details of eight consultation drop-in sessions.

According to their refined plans no part of the 60km onshore cable will run under any house from landfall, south of Happisburgh, to the substation near Necton.

The company also says that the plans avoid "potential environmental impacts" to places such as a country wildlife site and a number of mature trees.

They will also publish a statutory consultation plan known as a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

Ruari Lean, Vattenfall's Norfolk Vanguard project manager said: "What we are setting out in detail in our statement of community consultation is our engagement plan to discuss and get feedback on what is called Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI).

"The PEI report sets out our latest layout of the offshore and onshore parts of the project, what we think will be the impacts and how we will go about minimising them."

Infrastructure could impact large parts of Norfolk and many residents have been questioning how their homes will be affected and what benefits there are for the county.

In August, MP Norman Lamb called the Vattenfall's windfarm a "major national infrastructure project" and stressed that the concerns of people across the region need to be considered and that Norfolk should be given a "fair deal".

Speaking of concerns over infrastructure, Mr Lean said: "We ask everyone who is interested to tell us what they think of the information that we have published," he said.

"We have already received a high volume of detailed feedback on residents' concerns but also how people think Norfolk can benefit from what will be a significant inward investment in the region. The quality of feedback so far has been excellent and we thank those that have taken the time to engage in this process for nationally significant infrastructure projects."

The statutory consultation process runs from November 7 to December 11. Details of these can also be found [online](#).