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To:
Norfolk Vanguard

Subject: Issue Specific Hearing on On-Shore Environmental Matters

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Re: Issue Specific Hearing on On-Shore Environmental Matters to be held on 5-2-19. My Registration Identification No. 20012530.

Please be advised that I wish to attend the Issue Specific Hearing on On-Shore Environmental Matters.

Would you please take into account all the items I raised on my previous submission to you. In addition I wish to raise the following for consideration with particular regard to the onshore substation site at Necton:

1. The results of the 'Bat Survey' carried out on Vattenfalls behalf were not made public during the consultation period and therefore not open to public scrutiny and/or comment. Appendix 22.4 Bat Survey Activity Report was not published until 31-1-18, and it shows that only one survey was carried out at Necton (30-7-17). This is contrary to the method statement detailing how many such surveys would be carried out. At Necton it was programmed that eight (8) surveys would be carried out. Other locations had typically 5,6,7 or 10 surveys done. Two locations were used for the Necton Bat Survey. These were identified as BACT 35 (OS grid ref TF917102 Necton Wood) and BACT20 (TF904104 Necton). The results were as follows:

BACT35 showed five (5) different species of bat. BACT20 showed ten (10) different species of bat. Of these ten the following are described as being 'rare'. These species are the Barbastelle, the Serotine and the Nathusius Pipistrelle. In addition the Myotis SP could be rare.

BACT20 is described as being of a 'High Habitat Suitability'. BACT35 is described as being of a 'Medium Habitat Suitability'. Refer to Vattenfall documents Appendix 22.4 Bat Activity Survey Report version 1 June 2018, and Appendix 9.3 Bat Activity Survey version 1 June 2018.

2. Vattenfall Peir Documents state that 1km of hedging will need to be removed at the construction site of the Onshore Substation at Necton. Mitigation planting will not replace the environmental loss of the existing mature hedges and will make a significant impact on the local animal life.

Regards, Tony Smedley

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