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The Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8

Application by Norfolk Vanguard Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm

## **Further written responses from the National Trust**

## • PINS question number 15.6

The National Trust is disappointed that Vattenfall is not willing to consult the National Trust's archaeologists on the WSI given the potential for archaeology in this area and the Trust's role as a conservation organisation. The Trust feels this is a lost opportunity for Vattenfall to have positive engagement with the people of Norfolk and beyond over a project that is going to be quite disruptive. Working in partnership with the NT would give Vattenfall access to a huge audience, generate considerable goodwill and demonstrate that they are sensitive to the potential archaeological interest that this project could expose.

## • PINS question number 22.6

The National Trust notes from the responses to the ExA's questions (paragraph 22.6) that the applicant says "The National Trust's interests were excluded from powers of compulsory acquisition in respect of those parcels of land whilst the land itself is scheduled for compulsory acquisition, however, it should be noted that it is the Applicant's intention to remove the exclusion for National Trust's interests in the next version of the Book of Reference to be submitted at Deadline 2. Whilst the Applicant is confident that agreement can be reached with the National Trust (see the Applicant's response to Q22.16) it is considered appropriate to amend the Book of Reference given that agreement has not yet been reached."

In its relevant representations, the National Trust's position was that it was unclear from the DCO and Book of Reference whether its interests in its inalienable land were subject to compulsory acquisition, and objected to the compulsory acquisition of any such interests. It now appears from the above that the applicant is to come forward with changes to the Book of Reference which will make it clear that the Trust's interests are subject to acquisition. The Trust maintains its objection to the proposed acquisition of its interests in its inalienable land (paragraph 22.14)

Nonetheless, the Trust shares the applicant's aspiration that land acquisition matters will be able to be agreed during the examination process. Heads of terms are under negotiation to that end. It is incorrect to say (as the applicant's compulsory acquisition schedule does) that discussions have now moved to the Option Agreement. The Heads of Terms have not yet been agreed.

## Responses to relevant Representations: 202: Disruption along the onshore cable route

The National Trust remains concerned that as one of the county's largest visitor attractions, highway disruption around Blickling could have a considerable effect on our business, especially during the busy school holiday season when the bulk of our major events are programmed. The Trust is keen to continue exploring with Vattenfall how works can be timetabled and delivered in such a manner as to minimise disruption.

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