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Dear Sirs,

I would kindly ask that the planning inspectorate consider accepting our late representation in relation to the Norfolk Vanguard proposal. For your reference only, this late submission is the result of two significant family events but most notably my mother passing away late last year following a [REDACTED].

Kind Regards,

Laura Philpott

Representation from Laura and Richard Philpott – Norfolk Vanguard Proposal

Our family lives at Upper Barn Farm, Cawston Road, Salle, NR10 4LT. Our property will be directly affected by all of the proposed wind farm projects in Norfolk; Vattenfall's Vanguard & Boreas projects and Orsted's Hornsea Three project. Cabling for the Vanguard project will run alongside our home at a distance of less than 40 metres (there is only a 100 metre gap between us and the next property, we sit either side of the cable corridor). The crossing point for the Vattenfall and Orsted proposals will fall within less than 100 metres from the front of our home. Should all of these proposals be accepted we will be surrounded on all sides, at a very short distance, by a range of different cables. The triangulation of these cables has not been adequately explored in relation EMF's and ensuring the health and wellbeing of those exposed. Our [REDACTED] son benefits from the rural environment in which we live, we chose our property for the health benefits of a countryside setting. We are aware of the research into the negative health effects of EMF exposure and understand the guidelines in relation to acceptable risk and we believe that Vattenfall have a duty of care to mitigate and prevent any risk to families who will be affected by these projects. It is only possible to do this if they undertake adequate research. Given their close collaboration with Orsted and the potential for both proposals to be accepted, this needs to include independently verified research and data illustrating the impact of all possible variations in cable type and layout that could occur. Some data has been provided but we don't think this adequately explores all options and requires further scrutiny and investigation. This research should consider the impact of EMF's and the potential environmental impacts (e.g. geology and hydrology) of the cables. We are not aware of any consideration given with regard to the vulnerability that comes with such a large supply being a potential target and risk if cables were to be damaged or eroded in any way. Nor have we seen anything which adequately addresses the process for ensuring that the actual EMF figures, when the project has been completed, are equal to or less than those predicted. Should this not be the case it is unclear to us what action Vattenfall would be required to take to remedy this.

It is our belief that our property is blighted by these applications. Our neighbours (who sit alongside us in the triangulation of cables) have vacated their own property as a result of these circumstances and consequently we now live next door to a holiday let.

The greatest frustration with this entire process is that the routes and connection points make no sense when viewed on a map and much of the disruption and damage caused by these developments could be avoided. Large parts of the Norfolk countryside are going to be unnecessarily impacted due to the decisions made by the National Grid. We support the views already expressed by others that, at the very least, the route should be reconsidered for the benefit of the whole county and that best case, the option for an offshore ring main should be fully considered.

Laura & Richard Philpott

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