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Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm

I am writing to bring to your attention a letter that I have received from the Chairman of Necton Parish Council (please see enclosed). It concerns the Statement of Common Ground and the serious concerns that Necton Parish Council have regarding the conduct of Norfolk Vanguard Ltd/Vattenfall UK.

Given the widespread concerns that have already been raised in relation to Norfolk Vanguard Ltd/Vattenfall UK's inadequate consultation and poor community engagement, it is most worrying to hear of these latest developments. It is unacceptable that Norfolk Vanguard Ltd/Vattenfall UK have sought to try and circumvent both the structures and views of the Parish Council – simply because they have not received the desired response from the Parish Chair and Parish Vice-Chair.

While Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects by-pass the standard local planning processes, I am sure you will agree that it is vitally important that public trust (nationally and locally) is maintained in our planning system. Conduct, such as that displayed here by Norfolk Vanguard Ltd/Vattenfall UK, should not be tolerated.

This is yet another example of the applicant's complete disregard for proper community engagement, and I would appreciate your swift confirmation that this will be taken into consideration and formally investigated.

I look forward to your response.

Yours,



George Freeman MP

George Freeman M.P.
Houses of Parliament
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Dear Mr. Freeman

VATTENFALL – PROPOSED ELECTRICITY SUB STATION – NECTON, NORFOLK

Could I bring to your attention the following disturbing matter pertaining to the Inquiry for the construction of the Electricity Sub Station and extension to the national Grid at Necton, Norfolk, by Vattenfall and then Boreas.

As Chairman of Necton Parish Council, I can report that we have previously had to contend with the construction of the present Statoil sub-station with all the upheaval to the lives of Parishioners, so we are acutely aware of the potential for such issues to occur again.

The Parish Council has acted with impunity and in a pragmatic way, only for Vattenfall to frustrate us with poor consultation and misleading statements.

Following a complete breakdown in trust between Necton Parish Council and Vattenfall, the Parish Council endorsed our final Statement of Common Ground and this was submitted by the Parish Clerk to the PINS Inspector.

Alas, Vattenfall, who following a negative response from myself and the vice Chair, rang around a number of Parish Councillors, attempting to get agreement for a meeting, appear to have submitted a Statement of Common Ground that does not contain the final column completed by the Parish Council

Would you be so kind as to emphasise this to the Planning Inspector?

Your sincerely
David Matthews
Chairman, Necton Parish Council