



SECTIONS 91, 92, 93 AND 94 PLANNING ACT 2008

RULE 13(6) INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010

NOTIFICATION OF ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARINGS AND COMPULSORY ACQUISITION HEARINGS

THE PROPOSED NORFOLK VANGUARD OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER (Application Reference EN010079)

Notice is hereby given that the following Hearings will be held by the Examining Authority for the examination of the application made by Norfolk Vanguard Limited (the **Applicant**) of First Floor, 1 Tudor Street, London, EC4Y 0AH for a Development Consent Order (**DCO**) under sections 14, 15 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the **Application**). The Application was made on 26 June 2018 and accepted on 24 July 2018 (Reference: EN010079). The Hearings will be held as indicated below:

Hearing	Date	Time	Venue
Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) into environmental matters	Wednesday 27 March 2019	10:00	Blackfriars Hall, The Halls, St Andrew's Plain, Norwich, NR3 1AU
Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5) into the draft DCO	Thursday 28 March 2019	10:00	Blackfriars Hall, The Halls, St Andrew's Plain, Norwich, NR3 1AU
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH)	Thursday 28 March 2019	15:00	Blackfriars Hall, The Halls, St Andrew's Plain, Norwich, NR3 1AU
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) (if required)*	Friday 29 March 2019	10:00	Blackfriars Hall, The Halls, St Andrew's Plain, Norwich, NR3 1AU
Issue Specific Hearing 6 (ISH6) into environmental matters	Wednesday 24 April 2019	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Open Floor Hearing	Wednesday 24 April 2019	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Issue Specific Hearing 7 (ISH7) into environmental matters	Thursday 25 April 2019	To be confirmed	To be confirmed

*If matters are concluded on the afternoon of Thursday 28 March then the hearing on Friday 29 March will not be required. Therefore any party that wishes to attend the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing should attend at 15:00 on Thursday 28 March 2019.

Times and venues for ISH6 and the subsequent Hearings will be publicised as appropriate following confirmation from the Planning Inspectorate.

The Examining Authority will also be holding an Accompanied Site Inspection (**ASI**) on the following dates:

Date	Time	Meeting place
Monday 25 March 2019	10:00	Happisburgh Community Car Park, Happisburgh, NR12 0PR
Tuesday 26 March 2019	10:00	Necton Community Centre, 13 Tun's Road, Necton, PE37 8EH

The final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website (<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/norfolk-vanguard/>) no later than one week before the date set for the ASI.

The Application relates to the construction, operation and maintenance of the Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm, with an electrical export capacity of up to 1,800MW and comprising up to 200 wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure, to be located approximately 47km offshore (at the closest point) (the **Project**). The DCO for the Project would, amongst other things, also authorise:

- Up to two accommodation platforms and associated foundations;
- Up to two meteorological masts and associated foundations;
- Up to two LIDAR measurement buoys and up to two wave measurement buoys;

- Up to two offshore electrical platforms and associated foundations;
- Subsea array cables and fibre optic cables, including offshore cable crossings, between the wind turbine generators and offshore electrical platforms;
- Up to four subsea export cables and fibre optic cables to transmit electricity from the offshore electrical platforms to shore;
- Scour protection around foundations and on array cables and export cables as required;
- Landfall at Happisburgh South with up to two transition jointing pits to join the offshore and onshore cables;
- Onshore transmission works consisting of up to four cables to be laid in ducts and up to four additional cable ducts for the Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm, and associated fibre optic cables laid underground within cable ducts, running from landfall at Happisburgh South to the onshore project substation;
- An onshore project substation to the east of the existing National Grid substation at Necton, Norfolk, to connect the onshore transmission works to the National Grid substation, together with surface water management, bunding, embankments, and boundary treatments at the onshore project substation site;
- Up to 12 400kV underground interface cables between the onshore project substation and the existing Necton National Grid Substation, and an extension to the Necton National Grid substation;
- Modification of the existing overhead line network in the vicinity of the existing Necton National Grid substation including the removal of one existing pylon and construction of two new permanent pylons and the installation of conductors, insulators, and fittings on the pylons;
- Permanent access connecting the A47 to the onshore project substation and the existing Necton National Grid substation;
- Temporary construction areas, working sites and mobilisation areas and access roads in connection with the cable route and onshore project substation and the existing Necton National Grid substation;
- Jointing pits, manholes, kiosks, marker posts, link boxes and other works associated with laying ducts and/or cables and fibre optic cables and/or pulling cables through cable ducts;
- The permanent and/or temporary compulsory acquisition (if required) of land and/or rights for the proposed Project;
- Overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land for the proposed Project;
- The application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the proposed Project including inter alia legislation relating to compulsory purchase; and
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits or consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The proposed works are environmental impact assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly an Environmental Statement accompanied the Application.

A hard copy and an electronic copy of the full suite of application documents, including accompanying plans, maps and other documents may be inspected free of charge until the close of the Examination at the following locations during the hours set out below:

Deposit location	Opening times**
Dereham Library 59 High St, Dereham, NR19 1DZ	Mon-Friday: 9.30am-7.00pm; Saturday: 9.30am-4.00pm.
North Norfolk District Council Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 8.30am-5.00pm; Wednesday: 10.00am-5.00pm; Friday: 8.30am-4.30pm.

**The opening times of the locations listed are at the discretion of those in control of the building and could vary to the times set out in this notice. The organisations and locations providing access to documentation are not in any way affiliated with the Project or the Applicant and are an independent and neutral party to the application process.

Copies of the documents are also available online to view through the Planning Inspectorate's website at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/norfolk-vanguard/>. Paper copies can be provided on request from www.vattenfall.co.uk/norfolkvanguard for a charge of £7,500 for the full suite of documents. USB device copies can be provided free of charge and are available on request.