

On 29th April the Secretary of State wrote to Interested Parties in both Norfolk Vanguard and Norfolk Boreas, requesting representations on the procedure for redetermination of the Norfolk Vanguard project.

Cawston Parish Council is one of the 31 councils who are party to the letter sent to the SoS by Oulton PC on 18th May.

This letter concludes:-

We request that the redetermination process should instead proceed as follows:

- 1. The application process for the Norfolk Vanguard and Norfolk Boreas projects should be rewound to the beginning and a single application for the whole should replace them;*
- 2. Serious consideration should be given to an alternative method of connecting these projects to the national grid offshore, in light of the fast-moving work of the Offshore Transmission Network Review.*

Since the publication of the ExA report on Norfolk Vanguard, in addition to the work of the OTNR there have been other developments which have overtaken the conclusions of the Vanguard ExA and which, we suggest, should be taken into account in the redetermination process. These include information submitted during the Boreas examination and the more detailed documents now published by Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon.

CPC would mention that the National Grid report published in December 2020 concluded that adopting an integrated approach for the delivery of offshore projects could bring savings of £6 billion to consumers, plus a significant reduction in onshore cabling activity that would offer major social and environmental benefits.

We also point out that the Extension projects for Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon, now in consultation prior to submitting a DCO application, received advice from the Planning Inspectorate that they should be submitted together under one application. We suggest that this principle should apply equally to Vanguard/Boreas.

Finally, we note that the Prime Minister himself, at PMQs 19/5/21, stated *"It's vital that we bring the energy onshore in a way that has minimal disruption for local communities and enables us to maximise efficiency"*. Surely an OTN is the vehicle to achieve both of these goals?

Cawston Parish Council

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