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FAO: The Rt. Hon. Kwasi Kwarteng
Secretary of State
The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

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Re: DCO determination for the Norfolk Vanguard offshore wind farm

Interested Person Reference: 20012455, Victoria Spain

Dear Mr. Kwarteng,

I am contacting you in response to the communication regarding the Vanguard redetermination process (29-04-21).

With regards the three points covered, please find my responses below:

Topic	Response
1. The procedure	<p>The projects should not be considered in isolation, but together, with the cumulative impacts on the countryside considered. The two projects should be resubmitted as one project, which would avoid a (deliberate?) underestimation of the impacts for Norfolk, and allow a realistic and informed review to take place.</p> <p>This should have been done from the beginning, the submissions were done at a similar time and it was disingenuous on the part of Vattenfall to conduct the submission in this way, potentially in order to increase the likelihood of approval (which was therefore presumably under question should the full situation become apparent). We should not be condoning this behaviour, but conducting a full, honest review of the situation. Renewable power is a good thing, but it should be approached in the right way.</p>
2. Re-opening the examination of the cumulative landscape / visual impacts at Necton	<p>I endorse this approach, the review should be done on a cumulative level as this is the only realistic way to consider the project</p>
3. Response to the situation assessment / additional materials suggested	<p>This is not a suitable approach in my opinion. There is no requirement for the outcomes of the review to be followed, it has the potential to be a lip-service exercise only. As already mentioned, the full situation needs to reassessed across the whole project, to ensure the mitigation approaches are genuinely sufficient and we are acting in the best interests of all parties in an informed way</p>

Many thanks for your consideration,

Victoria Spain