



Meeting note

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Meeting with	Norfolk Boreas Limited
Venue	Temple Quay House
Attendees	Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd
Meeting objectives	Norfolk Boreas Project update meeting
Circulation	All

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

Introduction

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely. It was explained that names of attendees (personal data) would not be published, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Project update

The Applicant advised that statutory consultation began on 7 November 2018. The Environmental Statement is being finalised. The application date is still anticipated to be at the end of June 2019.

Statutory Consultation Briefing

The Applicant advised that visual aids and handouts have been prepared in support of the seven drop-in events planned. Contact with hard to reach groups was also progressing well. Information received during consultation has influenced the proposed methodology of construction.

The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) explains the two-scenario approach; with either Norfolk Vanguard installing ducts and infrastructure for Norfolk Boreas or Norfolk Boreas as a standalone project. Impacts for each scenario and worst case will be defined under each scenario.

The PEIR has been published on the Applicant's website. The Applicant is planning to hold meetings with statutory stakeholders early next year but is aware that this time frame coincides with the examination of several NSIP applications in the region and that there could be problems with statutory bodies having the resources to attend these meetings. This information will be captured in the consultation report.

In relation to transboundary issues the Applicant advised that they will be contacting the commercial fisheries of the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Norway and Denmark.

The Applicant stated the drop-in events have been organised as advertised in the SOCC. Statutory notices were published at the end of October 2018. Project information has been available in deposit locations from the end of October 2018. A news letter was sent to all homes within the primary consultation zone, as stated in the SoCC. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant that it would be useful to maintain an attendance record of the number of those that attended drop-in sessions at the different venues. The Applicant said that this information will be captured in the Consultation Report.

The Applicant advised that it has extended the primary consultation zone around access points following feedback from stakeholders.

A statement of common ground (SoCG) is progressing with the Hornsea Project 3 scheme and is being informed by the SoCG between Norfolk Vanguard and Hornsea Project 3.

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant that, in order to comply with GDPR, the newsletter should contain the option to unsubscribe from future mailings. It also reminded the Applicant that it should remove personal data from documents, such as signatures, where possible.

Land Agreement Progress

The Applicant updated the Inspectorate on the progress of Heads of Terms with landowners and that it had been working with a landowner liaison group. This work is on-going, and they have reached an agreement with approximately 70% of landowners so far.

DCO Submission - Preparation & Delivery

The Applicant confirmed that it was still confident that it would submit the application to the Inspectorate at the end of June 2019. It has monitored the acceptance of the Norfolk Vanguard application and will take advantage of advice issued in relation to that project.

The Applicant asked the Inspectorate if it could keep them informed of any potential delays from the Inspectorate's perspective.

The Inspectorate advised that it was aware that there had been some delay to projects due in part to the logistics involved in having a series of applications being in close proximity to each other. The Inspectorate stated that it did not seek to delay

examinations and that it has been using information from applicants and statutory parties to forecast demand in order to programme resources more effectively.

The Applicant stated that it was seeking a change to the offshore project interconnector search area order limits to allow connection of the Boreas zone directly to the Norfolk Vanguard East zone. This will allow a three electrical platform solution to be used. This information is included in the PEIR but will be elaborated on further to clarify the proposal. The Applicant explained it has consulted the Crown Estate on this approach and it had no issue with the proposal. Ofgem has stated that it seeks divestment as the Offshore Transmission Owner and a meeting with the Marine Management Organisation has been scheduled.

The Applicant will undertake non-statutory targeted consultation with other marine users on the potential change. The Applicant asked if the Inspectorate thought that this consultation was adequate. The Inspectorate advised that the proposed consultation approach appeared realistic and proportionate in line with the MHCLG Guidance, and that the Applicant should have regard to any responses received in relation to the change to the order limits.

Other Matters

Another meeting was proposed for late January / early February 2019.