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Vattenfall's Norfolk Offshore Wind Zone Project update July 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Over the last seven years we have been developing the Norfolk Offshore Wind Zone (NOWZ), one of the most innovative and ambitious offshore wind clusters ever designed. We believe in the strong fundamentals and rationale for the offshore wind farm projects that make up the NOWZ (Norfolk Vanguard West, Norfolk Vanguard East and Norfolk Boreas), which are vital to secure affordable, clean and secure energy to the UK and have the potential to create substantial value from local and national supply chains.

However, as you may already be aware from media coverage in East Anglia, we have made some changes to our development plans for the NOWZ. Due to significantly deteriorating market conditions in the last year since the war in Ukraine, the effects of rising costs and supply chain delays, Vattenfall has taken the very difficult decision to stop the current development track for the Norfolk Boreas Wind Farm part of the NOWZ.

As a team, we are disappointed that we can't take Norfolk Boreas forward at this time. We remain committed to offshore wind in the UK, and to the East of England, and we are continuing to develop the Norfolk Vanguard projects as part of the NOWZ as planned, bringing you with us on our journey.

With an installed capacity of 2.8 GW, when operational, Norfolk Vanguard West and Norfolk Vanguard East will provide the equivalent electricity needs of 1.95 million homes per year. The projects will help to cement and maintain East Anglia as a UK powerhouse, and put the region at the heart of our national transition to a low-carbon economy, while supporting hundreds of local jobs directly and through the supply chain.

Onshore Substations & Grid Connectivity

Work continues at our onshore substations in Necton as per the original construction programme. We remain committed to completing all of the enabling works associated with access and subsequent National Grid connections. Full details, including maps and drawings of these works were shown at our public information event in Necton on Friday 21st July 2023. These can be found online via our website [Vattenfall's Norfolk Offshore Wind Zone - Vattenfall](#)

Onshore cable route construction works set to start in September 2023

At the beginning of September 2023, we will commence the main onshore construction works for the NOWZ. This initial phase of construction activity will be on the farthest west 20km section of the cable route (Necton to River Wensum) for the first 12 months of the programme. These works will include mobilisation areas, access creation, fencing, drainage, de-vegetation, ecology mitigation and duct installation (trenched and trenchless).

Concurrently, our archaeology programme continues along the whole onshore cable route, as well as targeted ecology mitigation, highway improvements and establishment of the onshore cable route main construction compound. The compound will be located adjacent to the A140 near Aylsham and will remain in use for the duration of the full onshore construction programme.

For the remaining 40km stretch of the cable route from the River Wensum to Landfall at Happisburgh, the same onshore construction works detailed above will start in summer 2024 and continue through 2025.

Continued engagement

We remain committed to engaging with our local communities, and more details about all of our onshore construction activity will be shared with you in due course. After the summer holidays we will be hosting two of our information drop-in events in Dereham and Aylsham to share more information about our construction plans, what you'll notice and what you can expect in your local area.

If you haven't done so already, please register here to receive updates on the NOWZ, to ensure you are informed of the next steps across all of our activities: [Subscribe to Norfolk Zone E-News](#). Additionally, we have created a new construction focused website for the NOWZ which will provide live updates on the construction programme, including details of ongoing and upcoming works. We encourage you to share this with constituents, colleagues, family and friends. Please follow our updates by visiting: www.nowzone.co.uk

In the meantime, if you have any questions please do keep in touch with us through the usual channels. You can contact me and our Stakeholder and Community Engagement Team at norfolk@vattenfall.com

Yours faithfully,



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