

Wednesday 26th July 2023

Norfolk Offshore Wind Zone



Hello,

We hope this email finds you well.

Changes to the Norfolk Zone Development Plan

As you may already be aware from media coverage in East Anglia, we have made some changes to our development plans for the Norfolk Offshore Wind Zone. Due to significantly deteriorating market conditions in the last year since the war in Ukraine, plus 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 scheme.

As a team, we are disappointed that we can't take Boreas forward at this time, but our work on the Norfolk Vanguard part of the Zone will continue as planned, and no doubt we'll be kept just as busy as ever! While we are pausing work on Boreas, please rest assured that we remain fully focused and committed to delivering Norfolk Vanguard. The Norfolk Zone is one of the most innovative and ambitious offshore wind clusters ever designed, and we know progress doesn't come without some challenges.

Onshore Substations & Grid Connectivity

Although we have made some changes to the development plan, 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 and an information pack can be found on the [Vattenfall in Norfolk](#) webpage.

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 Norfolk Zone. 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.

Given that the decision about Boreas is still very fresh, we now need to take some time as a team to consider the implications and adjust our plans going forward. As always, we'll make sure we keep you in the loop, and if you have questions you're always welcome to drop us an email or book a slot during the monthly Keep in Touch sessions. You can find information about that below.

Best regards,
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