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## **Vattenfall's Norfolk Offshore Wind Zone Project Update | Thursday 21st December 2023**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Vattenfall's Norfolk Offshore Wind Zone team, we share with you some important project news.

The whole team, and our very many contractors, suppliers and collaborators are proud to have been developing the Norfolk Offshore Wind Zone (NOWZ) for over a decade. It is regarded as one of the most coordinated, innovative and ambitious offshore wind clusters ever designed. The NOWZ projects, comprising Norfolk Vanguard West, Norfolk Vanguard East and Norfolk Boreas, are vital to secure clean, green energy for millions of UK homes, to create substantial opportunities for local and national supply chains, and to support thousands of jobs in the offshore wind sector.

Earlier this year, against a backdrop of 18 months of rising costs, supply chain difficulties and incredibly challenging market conditions, Vattenfall decided to stop development on the Norfolk Boreas project. Despite these difficulties, as one of the most stable companies in the offshore wind and energy sector, Vattenfall has kept the NOWZ moving forward, while in parallel, seeking investment from the wider offshore wind sector.

The opportunity to invest in the projects attracted significant interest. We are pleased to inform you that the NOWZ will now be taken forward by RWE, which is great news for the UK offshore sector and for the local area. Under the new management of RWE, all three projects can continue to move forward towards construction and operation.

### **Next Steps**

There will be a transition period as RWE takes over the management of the project. In the interim, the existing Vattenfall NOWZ team will continue to move the projects forward.

### **Ongoing Onshore Construction**

The NOWZ enabling works along the consented, coordinated cable route, through Breckland, Broadland and North Norfolk will continue, and preparation for construction at our onshore substations near Necton will continue according to the projects' original construction programme.

## **Continued Engagement**

During this period of change, we will maintain project engagement with our local communities, stakeholders and project partners. We will also continue to share updates on our website [www.nowzone.co.uk](http://www.nowzone.co.uk). If you haven't done so already, you can still register here to receive NOWZ updates directly into your inbox, to ensure you are informed of the next steps following this news and across all of our activities: <https://bit.ly/NorfolkEnews>.

Throughout this transition, please rest assured that we will remain your local Community Engagement team; if you have any questions, please do keep in touch with us through the usual channels. You can contact our local Stakeholder and Community Engagement Team at [norfolk@vattenfall.com](mailto:norfolk@vattenfall.com)

## **Thank You**

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing interest in the NOWZ. The team is extremely grateful for the engagement, input and active involvement from the very many local and national, organisations, companies and individuals who have contributed to the development of the projects to date, shaping it into the exceptional offshore wind cluster the NOWZ is.

This is a positive step for these world-leading projects, which are essential for the UK to meet its green energy targets. We are pleased that these have been taken on by RWE, an experienced developer with established and growing business in the UK, and with a portfolio already within our region. We look forward to maintaining our contact with you over the coming weeks, months, and beyond.

Yours faithfully,



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