

## Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm

# Additional mitigation

## Appendix 4 BT Cable Recovery Letter of Comfort

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Our ref:  
Your ref:

25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

#### **BT Subsea Out of Service Cable Recovery Agreement**

The purpose of this letter is to confirm to Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd ("Vattenfall") along with, Norfolk Boreas Limited (NB) and Norfolk Vanguard Limited (NV) (the Projects) as well as their associated licensing authorities, that British Telecommunications PLC (BT) is currently in the process of finalising two (2) Out of Service (OoS) Cable Recovery Agreements with Vattenfall concerning BT/DTAG and BT/TDC redundant submarine telecommunication cable systems.

BT and Vattenfall intend to complete these agreements imminently (subject to the final approval of BT and their co-owners) well in advance of 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Once signed, these will provide formal agreements between Vattenfall and BT (and co-owners) under which Vattenfall can recover any and all relevant OoS subsea cable sections and associated plant which interact with the NB and NV offshore Projects areas as shown in Figure 1 (BT/DTAG assets) and Figure 2 (BT/TDC assets) attached.

BT have no objection to the recovery plans proposed by Vattenfall and can confirm that:

- The Cable Systems shown in Figures 1 and 2 have been permanently taken out of commercial service and shall not be used for any telecommunications purpose in the future;
- Once formalised, the two OoS crossing agreements will enable Vattenfall (fully at Vattenfall cost and risk as the Recovery Party) to cross, remove, recover and/or deal with the relevant sections of the OoS Cable Systems shown in Figures 1 and 2 as they see fit, provided that they:
  - a) accept full liability for the ownership and disposal of the sections in question,

- b) leave the cables/sites in an inherently safe condition and in accordance with the ICPC (International Cable Protection Committee) recommendation No's 1 and 3 (Recovery of Out of Service Cables and Telecommunications Cable & Oil Pipeline/Power Cables Crossing Criteria,
  - c) provide a waste certificate confirming that any recovered cable and plant has been disposed of in line with ISO14001 requirements,
  - d) report to BT the positions of all recovered plant in Latitude and Longitude (Degrees, Minutes and Decimal minutes – WGS84) and comply with all other relevant industry best practices and guidelines.
- BT and its co-owners confirm that they do not / will not require any 'In-Service' type cable crossing constructions at any of the crossing locations with relevant OoS Cable Sections covered under the OoS Agreements.

We confirm that Vattenfall have advised BT that they are happy to accept the terms of the OoS Agreements as presented in (a) – (d) above and that once the OoS Agreements are concluded, they plan to recover as far as reasonably practical all sections of OoS BT co-owned cable systems within the Project area, thereby reducing the number of cable crossings within the Haisborough, Hammond and Winterton Special Area of Conservation.

BT issue this letter to Vattenfall, NB and NV on the understanding that it is Vattenfall's intention to reach agreement on the final OoS agreements imminently, and in the knowledge that Vattenfall intend to rely on these agreements as mitigation for the Projects as stated within this letter, and that this letter will be provided to the Secretary of State as evidence of the ongoing discussions.

**Yours sincerely,**



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**For and on behalf of BT PLC**



Figure 1

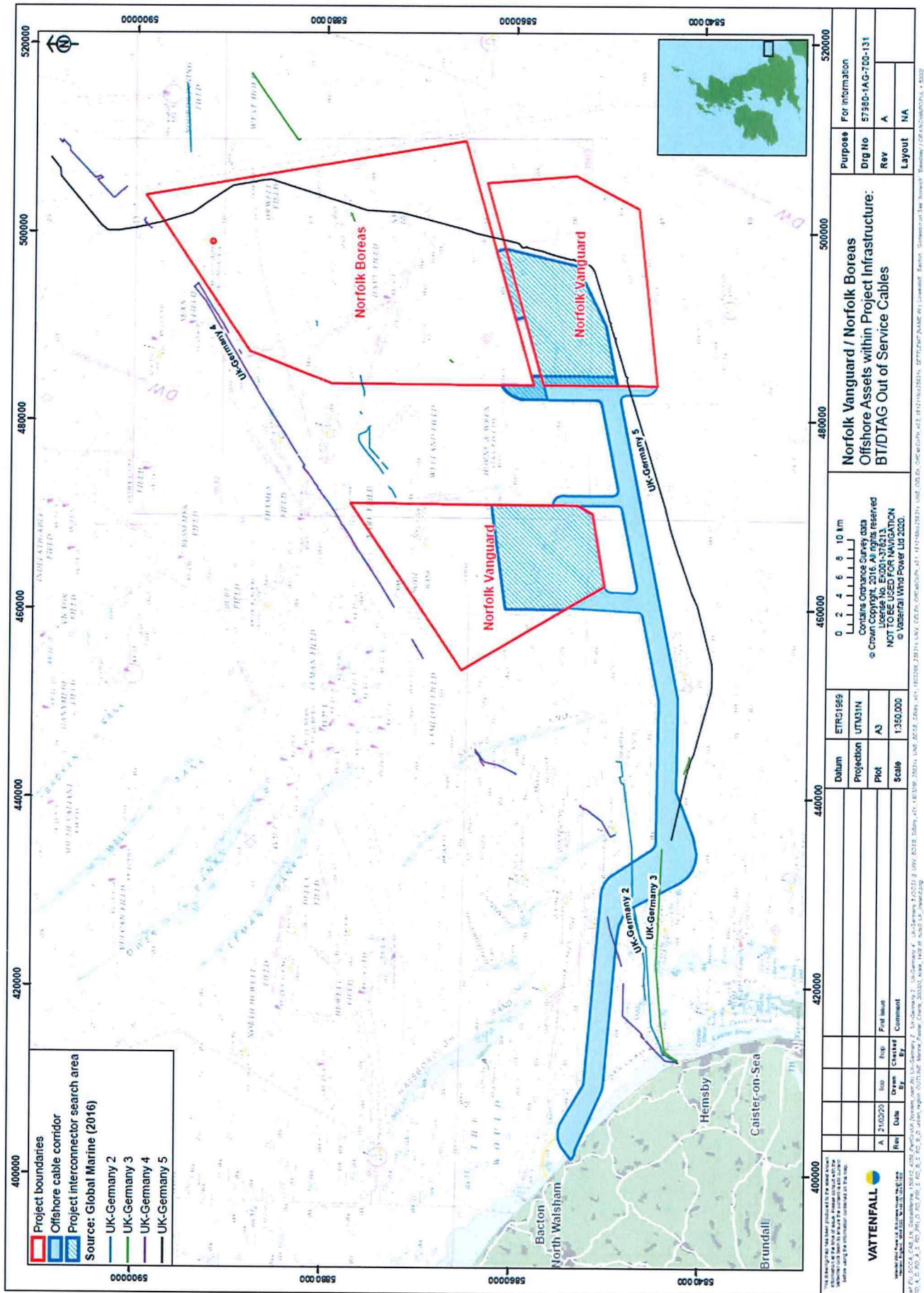


Figure 2

