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Dear Jon Wilson,

PLANNING ACT 2008

THE NORFOLK VANGUARD OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER 2022 (as amended)

APPROVAL OF REQUIREMENT 13 – Air Defence Radar Mitigation Scheme – DEFINED IN PART 3 OF SCHEDULE 1 TO THE ORDER

1. The Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022 (as amended)¹ contains a requirement relating to Ministry of Defence surveillance operations.
2. The Ministry of Defence (“MoD”) as presented by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (“DIO”) recommended to the Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero (“the Secretary of State”) on 20 August 2026 for discharge of Requirement 13 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Order.

Requirement 13: Ministry of Defence surveillance operations

3. Requirement 13 in Schedule 1 of Part 3 of the Order states that:

13.—(1) No wind turbine generator forming part of the authorised development is permitted to rotate its rotor blades on its horizontal axis until the Secretary of State having consulted with the Ministry of Defence confirms satisfaction in writing that appropriate mitigation will be implemented and maintained for the life of the authorised development

¹ Requirement 13 was amended by Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm (Amendment) Order made on 28 September 2022, SI 2022/1004.

and that arrangements have been put in place with the Ministry of Defence to ensure that the approved mitigation is implemented.

(2) For the purposes of this requirement—

- (a) “appropriate mitigation” means measures to prevent or remove any adverse effects which the authorised development will have on the air defence radar at Remote Radar Head (RRH) Neatishead and the Ministry of Defence’s air surveillance and control operations;
- (b) “approved mitigation” means the detailed Radar Mitigation Scheme (RMS) that will set out the appropriate measures and timescales for implementation as agreed with the Ministry of Defence at the time the Secretary of State confirms satisfaction in writing in accordance with paragraph (1); and
- (c) “Ministry of Defence” means the Ministry of Defence as represented by Defence Infrastructure Organisation – Safeguarding, St George’s House, DIO Head Office, DMS Whittington, Lichfield, Staffordshire WS14 9PY or any successor body.

(3) The undertaker must thereafter comply with all other obligations contained within the approved mitigation for the life of the authorised development.

Discharge Recommendation

- 4. In a letter to the Secretary of State dated 20 August 2026, DIO confirmed that Norfolk Vanguard East Limited and Norfolk Vanguard West Limited, as beneficiaries of the Consent and developers of the project, entered into Air Defence Radar Mitigation Scheme Agreements (“AD RMS Agreements”) with the MoD on 29 July 2026.
- 5. The MoD considers that compliance with the AD RMS Agreements will secure the required mitigation measures and performance criteria before the wind turbines become operational. The agreements will therefore provide appropriate mitigation for the Development’s effects on the Air Defence Radar at RRH Neatishead.
- 6. The MoD recommends that the Secretary of State approve the Air Defence Radar Mitigation Scheme and confirm that Requirement 13 of the Consent has been satisfied.
- 7. The Secretary of State confirms satisfaction of Requirement 13. She notes that appropriate mitigation has been implemented and that arrangements are in place with the MoD to ensure the approved mitigation is maintained throughout the operational life of the authorised development.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.



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