

Norfolk Boreas development consent decision announced

Press release

Today, Friday 10 December 2021, the application for Norfolk Boreas has been granted development consent by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.



The Order grants development consent for this Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project comprising an Offshore Wind Farm (Power Station) – Maximum Capacity 1.8GW, also associated infrastructure required to export the electricity to the National Grid substation at Necton in Norfolk. The application was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration by Norfolk Boreas Limited on 11 June 2019 and accepted for examination on 04 July 2019. Following an examination during which the public, Statutory Consultees and Interested Parties were given the opportunity to give evidence to the Examining Authority, recommendations were made to the Secretary of State on 12 January 2021.

This is the 104th Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project and 63rd energy application to have been examined by The Planning Inspectorate within the timescales laid down in the Planning Act 2008.

The Planning Inspectorate's Chief Executive, Sarah Richards said:

The Planning Inspectorate has examined more than 100 nationally significant infrastructure projects ensuring local communities had the opportunity of being involved in the examination of projects that may affect them. Local people, the local authority and other interested parties were able to participate in the examination. The Examining Authority listened and gave full consideration to local views and the evidence gathered during the examination before making their recommendations.

The decision, the recommendations made by the Examining Authority to the

Secretary of State and the evidence considered by the Examining Authority in reaching its recommendations are publicly available on the project page of the [National Infrastructure Planning website](#).

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Notes to editors: The Planning Inspectorate's [National Infrastructure Programme of Projects](#) details the proposals which are anticipated to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as applications in the coming months.

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