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**Re: Update on Hornsea Three offshore windfarm**

Dear Stakeholder,

We are writing to inform you of the positive Final Investment Decision (FID), which was taken today in relation to Hornsea Three. This is the largest offshore wind project to ever take FID in the UK and in the world, and is the largest single investment that Ørsted has ever made in a project.

We are also pleased to announce the proposed Community Benefit Fund for the North Norfolk and East Anglia region, named the Hornsea Three Community Fund will be launched in the New Year, and will be open to applications from the local community. For further information, please refer to our Fund Administrators, GrantScape on [hornsea3@grantscape.org.uk](mailto:hornsea3@grantscape.org.uk).

We wish you a very happy festive season and look forward to engaging with you in the New Year.

Best regards,

*Imran Nawaz  
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# South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan - Consultation on Alternative Sites & Focused Changes (Regulation 18)

## Local Plan

Mon, 11 Dec, 07:39

(SNC) <[localplan.snc@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk](mailto:localplan.snc@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk)>

to Local

Dear Sir/ Madam

South Norfolk Council is carrying out a Focused Regulation 18 Consultation on Alternative Sites and Focused Changes for the Draft Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan (VCHAP) between **9:00am on Monday 11 December 2023 and 5:00pm on Monday 5 February 2024**. The consultation is in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

This consultation follows a review of representations submitted in response to the Publication stage of the Plan (Regulation 19), held between 23 January and 8 March 2023, which determined that one of the proposed sites is no longer deliverable (VC ROC2 in Rockland St Mary) and that another site should be slightly reduced in numbers to address heritage concerns (VC TAS1 in Tasburgh). As a minimum, this consultation on alternative sites and focused changes seeks to make up the resulting shortfall in order to deliver the housing numbers needed.

The proposed VCHAP will allocate sufficient sites for housing in South Norfolk's villages, which will deliver the bulk of the approximately 1,200 new homes that are to be delivered in the district's Village Clusters by 2038. Once adopted, the VCHAP will become part of the Development Plan for South Norfolk.

You can view the consultation material at the following locations:

- Online at - [www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/vchap](http://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/vchap)
  - **South Norfolk Council offices** – Horizon Centre, Broadland Business Park, Peachman Way, Norwich, NR7 0WF (open Mon-Fri: 8.30am-5pm)
  - **The Octagon** – Mere Street, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 4AH (open Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm)
  - **The following libraries** –
    - Hethersett
    - Loddon
    - Long Stratton
    - Millennium Library, Norwich
    - Poringland
    - Wymondham

Please visit the Norfolk County Council website for details of your local branch ([www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives))

Anyone wishing to submit a consultation response may do so **before 5.00pm on Monday 5 February 2024**. These can be submitted online, via the website listed above, or using one of our hard copy representation forms which are available at the locations listed above. Completed hard copy forms should be posted to the Place Shaping Team at the South Norfolk Council office address listed above.

Further background and supporting material relating to the VCHAP is also available through our **Virtual Exhibition**, from where you can also comment on the consultation, which can be accessed at <https://vchap.exhibition.app>.

For further information and enquiries, please contact the Council's Place Shaping Team on (01508) 533805 or at [localplan.snc@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk](mailto:localplan.snc@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

**Paul Harris**

**Place Shaping Manager - Planning**

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# New Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) Information Pages

**Lola Poole** <Lola.Poole@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk>

Wed, 6 Dec, 13:02

to SNC, BDC, Claire, Tracy, Helen

Dear all,

We would like to make you aware that we have created some new webpages on the Planning page of Broadland and South Norfolk Councils website, relating specifically to local Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) within both districts.

We wanted to help our communities find quick and easy access to information regarding NSIP's and this was the driving force behind the webpage. It was fully appreciated negotiating the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project website hosted by the planning inspectorate, can be time consuming, and often difficult to find the documents people actually want. The website will be continually updated as part of the project to ensure access to the most relevant information is provided. The page will hopefully be useful for all stakeholders, including the community, political members and parish councils impacted.

Link: <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/planning>

Here you will find the following information:

- 'About Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects' which explains what they are, the Development Consent Process and the Local Authorities role.
- 'National Policy' which provides links to the governments new National Planning Policy Statements.
- Specific NSIP projects by type: National Highways Schemes; Offshore Wind Farms and Electricity.







These pages give an overview of the project, including which District host the project and what stage they are at in the process, with links to key documents and information, particularly the Development Consent Order as made (if determined, which contains the requirements (conditions) attached to the consent), land plans etc. and to the developer's website.

Additionally, the contact details for Orsted and Vattenfall, are available on the specific project pages, for communities to contact them directly regarding issues and concerns in respect of any works that are taking place.

There will be a mapping tool displaying the offshore windfarms and Norwich to Tilbury routes, this has yet to be developed and added to the web page.

# Planning

Nutrient pollution in the River Wensum Special Area of Conservation and the Broads Special Area of Conservation and Ramsar has affected our ability to grant planning permissions for some types of development. [Find out if your Development could be affected.](#)

<a href="#">Find and comment on a planning application</a> 	<a href="#">Planning advice</a> 	<a href="#">Conservation</a> 
<a href="#">Future development and local plans</a> 	<a href="#">Planning enforcement</a> 	<a href="#">Community Infrastructure Levy</a> 
<a href="#">Local land charge searches</a> 	<a href="#">Street naming and numbering</a> 	<a href="#">Building control and regulations</a> 
<a href="#">Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs)</a> 		

Please do share with your communities.

Any queries or issues, please do let me know.

Kindest regards,  
Lola

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Our Broadland and South Norfolk Councils offices are now based at Broadland Business Park in the [Horizon Centre](#). Find out how you can access our services by visiting our website or by calling us on 01508 533633

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# Code of Conduct and new key staff

**Linda Mockford**

Fri, 1 Dec, 11:31

to Linda

Dear Parish/Town Clerk,

Following on from the Parish/Town Council Summit which was recently held at the Horizon, I am following up on a suggestion we received on whether the Monitoring Officer could provide some training around the code of conduct. As you should be aware, both Broadland and South Norfolk Councils have adopted the new LGA code of conduct and, to ensure consistency when dealing with code of conduct complaints, we have encouraged parish/town councils to also adopt it.

We are happy to provide some code of conduct training for parish councils but as the training would be on the new code, your parish council would need to have adopted it. Therefore, if your council has adopted the LGA code and you (and any parish councillors) would like training on it, please let me know. If there is sufficient interest, we will then arrange a training session at the Horizon some time in the new year.

I would also like to advise you of some staffing changes that may be of interest to you.

Please note that Emma Goddard has changed roles at the Councils and will be dealing with Information Governance only, so will no longer be a Deputy Monitoring Officer. However, Sinead Carey has taken up the new position of Strategic Advisor and Deputy Monitoring Officer. Nicola Tullock has left the Councils and Stuart Guthrie has been appointed as our new Electoral Services Manager.

To assist you, our individual contact details are below, however please continue to use the monitoring officer email address for any queries/forms on code of conduct issues ([monitoringofficer@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk](mailto:monitoringofficer@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk)) and the elections team email for any election queries ([elections@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk](mailto:elections@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk)):

- Emma Hodds - Chief of Staff and Monitoring Officer: 01508 533791
- Linda Mockford - Governance Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer: 01603 430424
- Sinead Carey - Strategic Advisor and Deputy Monitoring Officer: 01508 533661
- Stuart Guthrie - Electoral Services Manager: 01603 430645

I hope you all have a restful Christmas!

Best regards,

Linda

**Linda Mockford**

**Governance Manager**

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# Norwich Western Link Project Update

**Norwich Western Link** <Norwichwesternlink@norfolk.gov.uk>

Mon, 4 Dec, 13:17

to me

Dear Sir/Madam

I'm following up, as promised, on my email from Friday 24 November to confirm that my cabinet colleagues and I considered the cabinet report on the Norwich Western Link this morning and we approved all the recommendations in the report.

The next steps for the project include seeking approval for the increased project budget from a meeting of our full council on Tuesday 30 January.

I'm hoping by that point we might have more information from the Department for Transport regarding the suggestion that they increase their contribution to the project over and above the £213 million they have already committed. Bringing more national investment into Norfolk would of course be extremely welcome and it could mean that the local contribution we would need to make towards the cost of the project would actually be slightly less than we anticipated would be necessary when the previous budget was agreed in July 2022.

The project team are working hard to get the planning application documents updated so that these can be finalised and submitted early next year. As mentioned in my last email, these documents will be published in full after we have submitted them to the planning authority, which in this instance is Norfolk County Council, but this is an entirely separate part of the authority to the project team.

The planning authority will then run their own statutory public consultation on the planning application, so everyone will have the opportunity to view and comment on the proposals at that stage. We'll email again before this point to provide another update and let you know how you will be able to view the documents and take part in the consultation.

In the meantime, I know that lots of you will be as pleased as I am that we are moving this much-needed project forward. It's important that we continue to invest in Norfolk's infrastructure, to tackle existing traffic problems, support local businesses and enable our road networks to cope with planned housing and job growth.

With Herring Bridge in Great Yarmouth nearing completion and construction due to start on Long Stratton Bypass next spring, and now with planning applications being finalised for both the Norwich Western Link and West Winch Housing Access Road in west Norfolk, we're making great strides in ensuring our county has the road infrastructure it needs for the future.

Best wishes,

Graham

**Cllr Graham Plant**  
**Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure**  
**Norfolk County Council**