

## **Offshore wind farm updates**

### **Orsted Hornsea Three**

The HIS seems to still be ongoing, following the latest road works to rectify the passing places on 9th July, a notice was suddenly issued on 4th August via the Clerk for a road closure that evening 7pm-4am to do further work on the passing places.

Only time will tell if this is the final works needed, slightly mixed reviews on the outcome of the work.

Also of note was the overnight closures on the 10-15th July for survey work on the Bridge over the Marriott's Way on B1149.

Orsted seem to not have a community liaison Officer as she has been not reachable, OPC was told in an email that she is not working currently, which does leave us wondering what that means.

### **Vattenfall Norfolk Vanguard/Boreas (Norfolk Offshore wind Zone)**

It was announced in the media and via email end of July beginning of August that Norfolk Boreas has been postponed due to rising cost of the project. However Norfolk Vanguard is still proceeding and that Oulton will not see construction start until next year. Vattenfall also announced that they intend to have a Main Compound which will be located off the A140 at Aylsham. It was also announced that the public information days would be rescheduled to the Autumn.

With the one in Aylsham....

Aylsham Town Hall

Market Place, Aylsham, NR11 6EL

**14th September 2023** • 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

### **Equinor SEP/DEP**

The examination for SEP/DEP concluded on 17th July.

OPC having participated with written responses and attending relevant Hearings. The ExA has three months until 17/10/23 to make their recommendations to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ). The Secretary of State will then have three months to make a decision as to whether to grant Equinor SEP/DEP their DCO.

### **And finally....**

Although there are no new projects it is obvious that there will be on going issues ahead with policing traffic going through Oulton Street, as has been

reported so far, along with the issue of delivery drivers still not knowing where the Hornsea Three compound is located.

There are also questions which need to be asked about how the postponement of Boreas will impact vanguard, for example the ducting which was to be installed with Vanguard.

There is still the issue of both projects have yet to make their Financial Investment decisions.

Last week saw the report by Nick Winser of Catapult which set out recommendations on speeding up the planning process for energy infrastructure, along with community benefits for those who will be impacted by Pylons.