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**Subject:** Vattenfall and other developers could reduce costs if they connected to an Integrated Offshore Grid

Dear Minister Bowie,

We are writing to signal the latest news reports from the [BBC](#) and [Reuters](#) concerning Vattenfall's decision to pause Norfolk Boreas due to escalating costs. This follows the complaint of rising costs from Orsted in March 2023.

As you are aware community groups in Suffolk Coastal have been campaigning for an integrated offshore grid since 2019 spurred on by Elia's successful implementation of MOG One.

This is surely the moment to call a halt and to reframe the offshore master plan, with the North Sea Corridor as the main arterial route for pooling energy, taking it to brownfield sites closer to demand.

We urge you to conduct an independent analysis, led by those advisers who have already constructed an integrated offshore grid and based on Green Book principles. Ofgem and NG ESO have to be guided by your policy decision to halt these outdated, inefficient plans. It would be a failure of policy to muddle through this mess.

The offshore grid benefits of £6b/£2b savings and 50% less onshore infrastructure detailed in NG ESO's Dec 2020 document have already been presented to you by campaign groups. We are confident that this offshore grid is better value and can be delivered in the same timespan and will be a valuable investment for the Nation in the long term. The upfront CapEx can be resolved through anticipatory investment schemes and shared participation.

Britain's winning solution is to pivot now to an integrated offshore grid. East Anglia should be the pilot and we are ready to unite behind this modern, smarter way forward.

We invite you to return to Aldeburgh and for Ofgem and NG ESO to join you and your team to discuss this golden opportunity. The OffSET group of MPs, local Communities and Parish Councils back this proposal. There is no time to lose.

With kind regards,

**Suffolk Heritage Coast Energy Alliance**

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