

The ExA asked the Suffolk and Essex Coast & Heaths Partnership (who were represented by Simon Amstutz, National Landscape Manager) at ISH2 its views on the locations of Viewpoints used to assess the impacts on the nationally designated landscape (legally known as the Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, but branded as Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape). During consultation the National Landscape Partnership had deferred to the statutory authorities of Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council and Natural England on the suitability of the proposed Viewpoints. It maintains this position. However, the Partnership does consider the need for any assessment of impacts of the proposals on the National Landscape to consider the time of day that the impacts are assessed. It considers that the impacts may be greater on the National Landscape as the sun is lower in the sky in the afternoon/evenings and light is reflected back to the National Landscape from the offshore structures. The Partnership believes any assessment of impacts on the National Landscape should consider this point, so a full understanding of impacts can be assessed.