

1. RE the AIL route through the conservation area and heritage village Saxlingham Nethergate.

I would like to request a comprehensive and detailed assessment of the potential harm to a special and unusual heritage setting: the village of Saxlingham Nethergate, home to 43 listed buildings including over three quarters directly on the route of the AIL, some within inches or less of the AIL. I do not consider that East Pye's monitoring of the route which they say they will do, means that the route is appropriate.

Our wall, the curtilage of a grade 2 star listed property, The Old Rectory, designed by Sir John Soane, will be threatened by the route, as will other properties along Church Hill e.g. Orchard View Barn outbuilding. The narrowest point of the route is 4.11 metres wide; the AIL vehicle is 4.86 metres wide. However the swept path map does not adequately address this issue e.g. required overhangs (Transport Assessment Part 3, page 58). I note that the applicant states that the physical environment will need to be modified (tree canopies trimmed and railings removed); may we please know who will be responsible for any harm to the conservation setting and restoring the landscape?

I am particularly concerned about the physical risk to listed buildings and heritage assets e.g. the War Memorial along the route. May I please understand what alternative AIL routes were considered and why is the proposed route preferred?

My view is that the route through Saxlingham Nethergate has not been sufficiently and thoroughly assessed by the applicant; significant harms are threatened e.g. from vibrations. I believe that the 10 movements stated may cause substantial problems to heritage buildings such as thirteenth century stained glass. Alternatives and safeguards need to be properly examined and evidence given.

2. I would also like to raise a secondary concern: the "minimum of 50 metres (buffer ) but case by case for residential properties." I am concerned that this is unclear: who will decide the case by case procedure?

I would like to request an independent landscape assessment of e.g. views, glint and glare, whether modifying panel layout would mitigate negative visual effects, etc. The independent assessment would also give reasons for bigger buffers between gardens and solar panels with evidence (a precedent is the development in Botley West).

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.