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I would be grateful if the Planning Inspectorate would consider the following submission. The document is 'time limited' so submitting in November would be too late.

Kind regards Nick Scarr

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**Re: The Friston 'Neolithic hengiform monument'.**

The Suffolk County Council documents submitted for the Sea Link DCO process dated 18 August 2025, and 1<sup>st</sup> September, address the Friston '*Neolithic hengiform monument*' situated in the proposed Sea Link cable corridor and state that:

- The site is a '*previously unknown site of high archaeological significance*' and '*extremely rare*'. Historic England confirms it to be of '*national significance*' and '*preservation in situ*' is considered the only appropriate management.

The National Grid response to this letter - Planning Inspectorate document ref: AS138 - Appendix C: shows an 'order limits' change of a hundred metres or so either side of the monument to '*...enable the cable to be re-routed around the feature*'. 2.1.27. See Image 1.

However, the Suffolk County Council letter continues:

- '*The areas surrounding this monument have not...been subject to archaeological evaluation*'. See Image 2.

National Grid states in AS138 that: '*...geophysical survey is planned for September/October 2025 to provide further information on the heritage value of the proposed additional Areas.*'

Suffolk County Council concludes that archaeological, geophysical survey of the area including '*trial trenched assessment work*' is required and should be undertaken at the earliest opportunity.

The ExA notes (Rule 9 letter 25 Sept 2025) '*...that there will be further archaeological investigative works on both the henge and the surrounding area in September and October 2025...the ES addendum should justify this position and explain the process for selecting a final cable route.*'

As of 28/9/2025 no activity appears to be visible. See Image 3.

We trust that full *archaeological* exploration of the area in question is undertaken, in accordance with the Rule 9 letter and Suffolk County Council Archaeology Service's recommendations, and that the Applicant's cable corridor limit changes are not regarded as a sufficient or adequate submission until these data are established.

Regards, Nick Scarr



Image 1: Proposed order limit change by National Grid (blue to red)

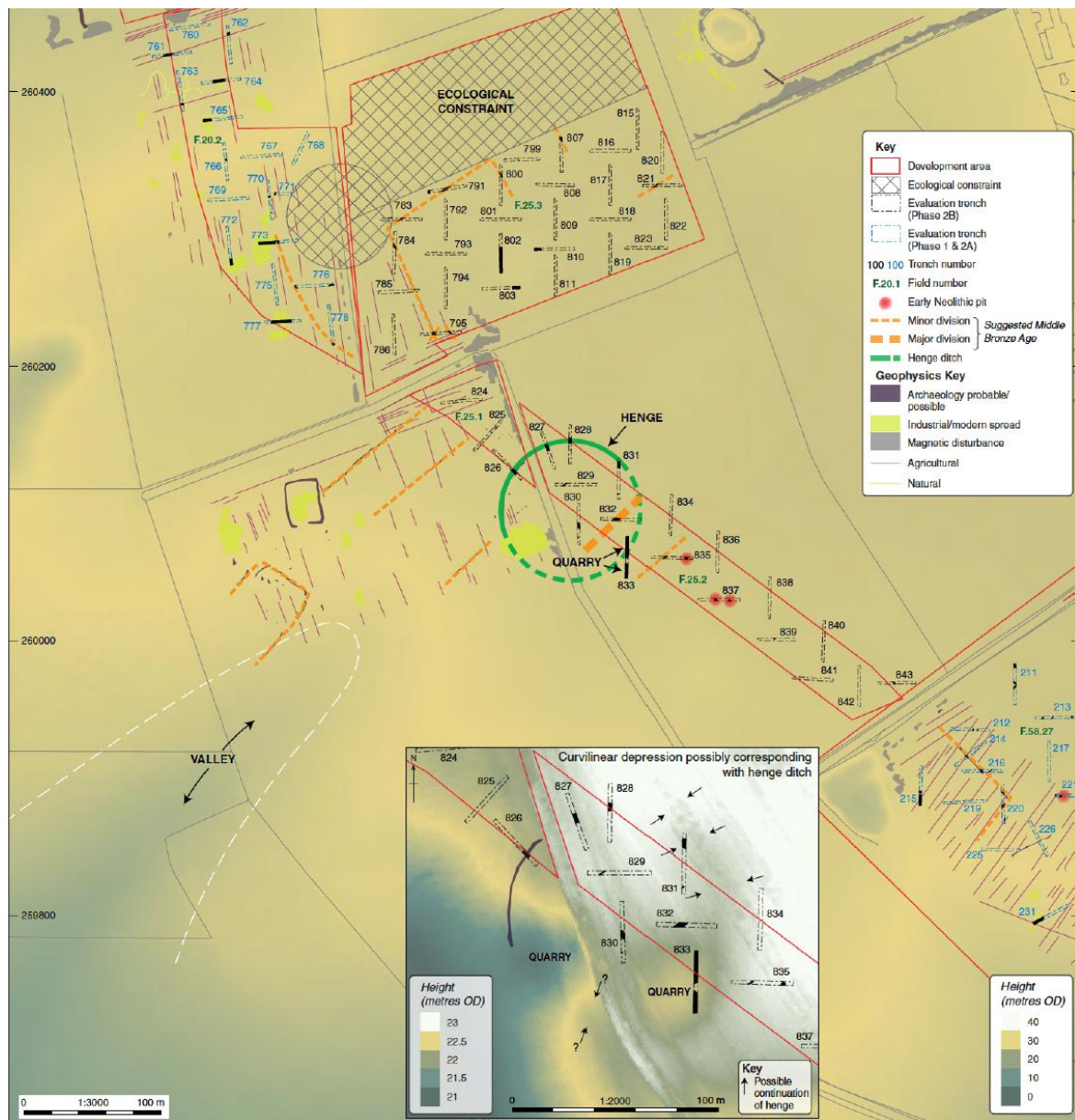


Image 2: Surveyed area from Oxford Archaeology report 2864 Sept 2025.

The Suffolk County Council letter refers to Oxford Archaeology report 2864 which can be downloaded from this link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GNSBHYJPiGGjf-mPqSvueMgLPkt5AOZb/view?usp=sharing>





Image 3: The henge site 27/9/2025