

My Relevant Representation (RR 4116) was Previous submissions have clearly raised cultural heritage concerns yet this appears to have been ignored. I have previously stated that I strongly object to the construction of a permanent access road and new bridge over the River Fromus, as it will negatively impact Hurts Hall, a Grade II listed building and its surroundings. Mine and other similar objections appear to have been ignored.

The Examining Authority's Rule 6 Letter of 19 September (PD 010) required the Applicant to identify all parties and references to demonstrate that every representation had been answered. By failing to include RR 4116 in the Cultural Heritage theme, the Applicant has not complied with this requirement. Because of this omission, I must question the legitimacy of the Applicant's thematic responses as a whole.

The treatment of Saxmundham Town Council's submission (RR 4896) also needs to be highlighted. The Council produced a detailed, thirty five page representation on behalf of more than 5,000 residents. As a statutory body, its views carry significant weight. Yet the Applicant has reduced this work to generic thematic responses, offering no substantive reason why other than to make them appear to be minor generic responses. This approach effectively silences the collective voice of Saxmundham and disregards the statutory role of Town and Parish councils. It is unacceptable that under resourced councils, who understand the lived impacts of these proposals, should be dismissed in this way. The Examining Authority must insist that such councils receive direct, substantive responses.

I am particularly concerned by the Applicant's reliance on screening, topography, and planting schemes as supposed mitigation. In section 7.4 they claim that impacts to views and sense of place have been considered, and that cultural heritage effects have been "minimised within assessments." They point repeatedly to Application Document 6.2.2.3 Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 3 Cultural Heritage [APP 050] and to their response to SEAS (RR 5210) as if these references alone suffice.

The proposed 26 metre tall converter stations will have a severe visual impact, adversely affecting open views to the south of Saxmundham, particularly adjacent to Hurts Hall. These views have been officially identified as important within the Saxmundham Neighbourhood Plan, underscoring their significance to the town's character and heritage."

Due to the scale and industrial appearance of the converter stations, they will visibly dominate the surrounding rural environment, drastically altering the area's landscape."

These are not minor points that can be brushed aside with references to planting schemes and the Applicant must be requested to directly engage with the RR 4896 document from the Town Council and not lose all its points