

Post Hearing Submissions of David Mackie following ISH 28-30 January 2026- on behalf of Aldeburgh Town Council

1. Aldeburgh is alarmed that, even though its Council ('ATC') is a statutory consultee (and non-political), its interests, are being overlooked in this Inquiry despite it being the largest and most economically and culturally significant community affected.¹
2. In its Application and subsequent submissions, the Applicant omits discussion of Aldeburgh as a resort when addressing tourism and the economy, ignores the town's needs over traffic, and instead of responding to the town's arguments, simply reiterates its starting position.
3. The Applicant's research on the effect of the Scheme on tourism and the economy is limited and of lamentable quality². The Inspectors are therefore invited to accept the considered assessment of ATC and the more than 50 businesses and local organisations supporting it, supplemented by the Applicant being required by you to engage with the DMO as proposed by SEAS. ATC supports SEAS' request.
4. Unlike other energy applicants, the Applicant has failed to engage with ATC and the town³ despite its publicly declared support of Government policy to the contrary.⁴ The Inspectors are invited to require the Applicant to change its approach or to report on the basis that this developer, unlike the others in this region, will not consider mitigation, compensation or other cooperation with affected communities.
5. The Inspectors are asked to require the Applicant to describe the proposed landfall as being in Aldeburgh, not being '*between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness*'. That is like saying that the Excel Centre is '*between London and*

¹ As a light hearted example, consider the written questions and requests for information (ExQ1) Issued on 17 December 2025, 78 pages of penetrating and relevant interrogation. The dormice received 6 references, Aldeburgh not one.

² See submissions in Para 9 below and note the afternoon of Day 2 when the Applicant admitted that its research into the availability of accommodation for workers had failed to take into account the cost of rooms. It was relying on the numbers of rooms in Aldeburgh's luxury hotels, (vital anyway for the survival of the town's businesses) to accommodate workers.

³ See for example the approach by EDF to the Jubilee Hall, many months before the Sizewell C application, mentioned on Day 2.

⁴ ' *We welcome the Government's guidance on community benefits, which supports our view that communities should be rewarded for hosting new transmission infrastructure*' [Frequently asked questions | National Grid](#). 'We believe communities are playing a fundamental role in the energy transition and that those that host infrastructure should receive fair and enduring benefits for doing so.' [download](#).

Paris'. The Applicant still persists with this error⁵ (except when it is compelled to be accurate⁶) despite it having being pointed out at the outset.⁷

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6. ATC's position as a statutory consultee is particularly significant in this case. No one knows, because of imminent reorganisation⁸ what County or other sort of Councils would be in place should the Scheme go ahead. Further the positions and interests of ATC and the County and District councils sometimes differ about the energy projects.
7. ATC agrees with the suggestion at the ISH that there be careful evaluation now of the potential effects on the Scheme of the recent accelerated sea erosion around Thorpeness.
8. ATC's position on the numerous matters on which the Applicant is yet to respond is reserved. On Day 2 the Inspectors said as regards our initial remarks '00:30:10:17 - 00:30:33:25 ...we do expect the applicant to respond on all those as well. So even if there's not a specific question that we've, that we've submitted or even talking about it today because of restrictions on time, it's still things that we are considering.' That response is awaited.
9. The inspectors are therefore respectfully requested to pay particular regard to the written submissions of ATC and of its Mayor and County Councillor, T J Haworth-Cuff to be found at [EN020026-002030-Aldeburgh Town Council.pdf](#) and [EN020026-002028-Cllr Haworth-Cuff SCC Cllr 9th January 2026.pdf](#) .

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⁵ [EN020026-002396-National Trust response to Statement of Common Ground.pdf](#)

⁶ [EN020026-000242-6.2.2.10 Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 10 Socio-Economics, Recreation and Tourism.pdf](#)-10.9.94 and Table 10.19

⁷ [aldeburgh-definitive-map Relevant Representations | Representation by Cllr T-J Haworth-Cuff](#). And [Relevant Representations | Representation by David Lindsay Mackie](#)

⁸ [Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation in Suffolk - Suffolk County Council](#)