

While I acknowledge the national importance of energy infrastructure, I remain deeply concerned that the cumulative and long-term impacts on individual landowners and Aldeburgh as a major tourism magnet have not been adequately understood, mitigated, or fairly addressed – yet! The proposals as currently presented would result in permanent disruption to land that has special designations placed upon it, this project has significant consequences, its use, value, and character, yet the assessment of these impacts appears disproportionately limited when compared to the scale of harm likely to be experienced on the ground.

I am also troubled by the apparent imbalance between the benefits of the project and the burden placed on a small number of landowners. Engagement to date has not provided the reassurance or certainty required where private land is to be fundamentally altered for the lifetime of a nationally significant project. In my view, the protections currently proposed do not reflect the reality of the impacts that will be borne by those living and working with the consequences long after construction has ended.

I respectfully ask the Examining Authority to give due weight to the lived experience of any affected landowners and to scrutinise carefully whether the proposed mitigation, compensation, and land rights are genuinely sufficient, enforceable, and proportionate. Without robust safeguards, this project risks imposing irreversible harm on individual properties in pursuit of wider objectives. This is compounded as the Applicant has failed to properly recognise or acknowledge the impacts of our holiday lodges and their owners. These individuals invested in their holiday homes specifically because of the area's long-term natural beauty, sense of tranquillity, and connection to nature. The character of this environment is fundamental to why these homes were purchased and enjoyed. The proposed development, both during construction and in its long-term presence, directly undermines those qualities and is already affecting the lives and wellbeing of those owners, alongside the impacts experienced by my own family and the 4 generations that live here. The route is meters away from the site and runs alongside the entrance track.

I would respectfully ask the applicant to ensure that if this project is consented that other ways of achieving their outcomes become a reality, SPR updated to say that even though they went back to the drawing board they completely listened to local views, even though it was slightly more expensive, the positives of HDD clearly outweighed any negatives for the environment, livelihoods, wildlife and mental health.

It is also paramount that access tracks remain open, for emergency services, RNLI call outs and continued access to the A1094 etc.

I trust these concerns will be fully considered as part of Deadline 4 and reflected in the ongoing examination of this application.