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Hi Caroline,

I spoke at the Open Floor hearing earlier this week at Ufford and understood that I should follow up my 3 min slot with the main points of my representation.

My representations focused on the Converter Station buildings proposed on the outskirts of Saxmundham, Suffolk. I have 3 points I wish to highlight:

As part of the examination of the NSIP proposal by the Planning Inspectorate, I would ask that the inquiry considers;

1. External Converter building design options which are specifically designed to reduce the visual impact of the buildings on the environment,
2. Groundwork design options to effectively lower the floor level of the buildings by sinking into the site perhaps coupled with concomitant earth bunding aimed at obscuring the building mass from ground sightlines.
3. I gather that traffic modelling and impact analysis on the affected highway network is due at deadline 6. Whilst we await this information, I consider the suggestion of the local highway authority for an alternative access route to the converter site via the NE utilising the new Sizewell C link road & crossing the former Leiston Airfield to be worthy of serious consideration. The access route proposed by the applicant from the Benhall to Saxmundham Road is fraught with difficulties and will adversely affect residents of both Benhall and Saxmundham.

Thank you

Best wishes,

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