

As the County Councillor representing the Hartismere Division in Suffolk I have attended and listened to the Open Floor Hearings and heard further feedback from parishes and residents. I would like an opportunity to consolidate some of the key points made which may be additional to the points I made previously in my written representation of 18-11-25.

These include (but are not limited to):

Security Risk, critical vulnerability of some locations (e.g. Bramford and Yaxley), and need for a Full Security Review. Indirect and cumulative effects and inter-relationships with other related schemes such as solar with BESS, grid synchronisation and substations.

Landscape, visual resources and urbanisation of the countryside.

Mental health of residents relating to loss of amenity (visual impacts and tranquility), changes in value of their homes and property, inability to sell it or sell at great losses, and interruption from construction work.

Inadequate compensation for property devaluation such as loss on sale, and loss of income from rural economy such as tourism and leisure.

Lack of clarity over project costs, indirect benefits to the applicant, and consideration of longterm cost to local residents from the project. It has been claimed (open floor hearing speaker) that the 'Equator Principles' have not been complied with which addresses the need to minimise harm to indigenous people, in this case, English people. Whole life cost principles have not been followed

When comparing options, NG's cost comparisons have been presented as monetary costs to National Grid (shareholders) not costs to the British public in perpetuity.

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Please refer to those parts of comments made which refer to the inter-relationships with other projects.