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Please find attached a copy of my submission made at the Ipswich hearing. Since that hearing, it has also come to light that there has been a CPO application for land in the Conservation Area to be used as a compound. This was not previously disclosed and has landed out of the blue. Proposed access is on a dangerous bend at the bottom of a hill, and as per the photos in the word document, the land would be under water in Winter.

Thankyou for your attention in this matter

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WRITTEN SUBMISSION TO THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE

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I write further to my oral representation made at the Open Floor Hearing on 10th February 2026 (copy attached). I respectfully request that this additional information be taken into account by the Examining Authority.

1. Late Disclosure of Proposed CPO Compound Land

Since the Open Floor Hearing on 10 February 2026, I have received a plan dated 11 February 2026 identifying land in Ford Street, Aldham (CO6 3PL) as subject to a proposed Compulsory Purchase Order for a construction compound behind The Maltings.

This was the first notification I received of this proposal. It was not transparently disclosed during consultation nor clearly presented in the documentation relied upon at the hearing.



Plan identifying land subject to proposed CPO for compound behind The Maltings (Ford Street, Aldham).

2. Flood Risk and Site Suitability

The proposed compound site is subject to seasonal flooding and remains waterlogged for extended periods during winter months. This raises serious concerns regarding the suitability and resilience of the location for heavy construction use.



Photograph showing seasonal flooding at proposed compound location (February 2026).

3. Landscape and Visual Harm

The proposed pylons in the TB047–TB052 section are positioned on elevated ground directly affecting the setting of Ford Street, Aldham and Fordham. The scale and siting would dominate the skyline and cause permanent landscape and heritage harm.



Elevated landscape where pylons are proposed, illustrating ridgeline prominence.

4. Request for Site Visit

I formally request that the Examining Authority undertake an accompanied site visit to:

- (i) the proposed compound land behind The Maltings;
- (ii) the elevated locations proposed for pylons TB047–TB052;
- (iii) the affected Conservation Area and listed building settings;

The inappropriateness of the proposed siting becomes immediately apparent when experienced on site.

Conclusion

This submission is not made in opposition to necessary energy infrastructure. It is made in support of a more proportionate, policy-compliant solution that avoids irreversible harm to valued landscape, heritage assets and the character of historic rural communities.