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Post-Hearing Submission for Issue Specific Hearing 1

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Glossary of Acronyms

<i>DCO</i>	<i>Development Consent Order</i>
<i>ES</i>	<i>Environmental Statement</i>
<i>NSIP</i>	<i>Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project</i>
<i>PPA</i>	<i>Planning Performance Agreement</i>

“BDC” refers to Babergh District Council; “MSDC” refers to Mid Suffolk District Council; “BMSDC” refers to BDC and MSDC jointly; “SCC” refers to Suffolk County Council; and “the Councils” refers to BDC, MSDC, and SCC jointly.

Purpose of this Submission

The document has been prepared by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils to provide a written summary of the representations made by the Councils at the Issue Specific Hearing held on 13 February 2026. Examination Library references are used throughout to assist readers.



Written Summary of Representations made at Issue Specific Hearing 1 (“ISH1”)

Agenda Item	Title of Matter and BMSDC’s Written Summary of Representation	References
1 Welcome, Examining Authority (ExA) introductions and arrangements for the hearing		
	<p>Babergh District Council and Mid Suffolk District Council were represented by the following team in person:</p> <p>1.1 Bron Curtis, Principal Planning Officer</p> <p>Attending colleagues were supported by the following team virtually:</p> <p>-</p>	
2 Purpose of the issue specific hearing and ExA opening remarks		
3 Introduction of participants		
	<p>Morning, sir. Thank you. Bron Curtis for Babergh District Council and also Mid Suffolk district Council. Again, we're predominantly here to just listening to proceedings today. We are interested in agenda items 4.1, 5.1, 6.2 and depending on what information you hear from the applicant, I wish to just add something to point direction for our concerns.</p>	
4 Scope of the proposed development		
5 Alternatives		



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	<p>Thank you Bron Curtis for Babergh District Council and Mid Suffolk District Council. Noting the high level of today's hearing and not wanting to go over again the issues that have already been raised by the people in the room, just because you have seen some slides depicting EcoPower, also the cable sealing end compound near Wenham and there's been some discussion about alternative technologies. I just would like to make it clear about the representations from Babergh District Council and Mid Suffolk District Council, a number of our parish councils and other individual interested parties in respect of alternatives and the clarity that we would seek in terms of what the increased capacity measures might do. Making sure that does address alternative technologies like HVDC. Just to to flag the concerns that we've raised about the impacts on the setting of the national landscape and alternatives that we will hopefully get to at further issue specific hearing as has been requested earlier in the week.</p>	
6 Interrelationship with other projects		
	<p>Thank you ma'am Bron Curtis for Mid Suffolk District Council and Babergh District Council, just in respect to the interrelationship of projects and the list of NSIPS, I would just like to draw the ExA’s attention to the draft order limits that are now published for the EcoPower Solar NSIP and the interaction with communities at Gislingham in Mid Suffolk.</p>	<p>l</p>
7 Any other matters		
8 Review of actions arising and close		

