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Suggested Locations for Unaccompanied and Accompanied Site Inspections (USI/ASI)

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Glossary of Acronyms

DCO	<i>Development Consent Order</i>
ES	<i>Environmental Statement</i>
NSIP	<i>Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project</i>
PPA	<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 District Council, Mid Suffolk District Council, and Suffolk County Council to respond to the Examining Authority’s (“**ExA**”) request to provide suggested locations for site inspections (accompanied or unaccompanied) including justification for consideration by the ExA and specifying whether the locations require access to private land. Examination Library references are used throughout to assist readers.



1 Suggested Locations for Unaccompanied and Accompanied Site Inspections (USI/ASI)

1.1 The Councils propose that the ExA would benefit from conducting site inspections at the following locations.

Table 2: Suggested Locations of Interest for USI/ASIs		
Table Item	Site Name / Reference	SCC / BMSDC Comments – Justification for Consideration
2a	RG127 to RG131	The Councils consider that this area has an open and flat landscape, and further that there is potential for impact on a heritage asset (Hempnalls Hall, Cotton).
2b	RG183 to JC021	<p>The Councils note that the ExA have not visited Church Hill, Burstall. When viewing this location, the Councils recommend a walk around the footpaths surrounding Canes Farm. The Councils consider that this location has open views to the Bramford Substation and note cumulative effects with Bramford to Twinstead NSIP (EN020002).</p> <p>This location is suggested for the ExA to understand the impacts of the complexity of the works around the village of Offton and southwards to, and including, Bramford Substation and the complex landscape around Flowton and Burstall. Further, south of Hintlesham, shows the relationship of the scheme with the consented Bramford to Twinstead NSIP.</p> <p>The ExA is suggested to consider views from Burstall village of Bramford substation and the associated wirescape.</p>
2c	Valley Lodge (Upper Street, Raydon at junction with Wade’s Lane and Footpath)	The Councils consider that this location is in the Zone of Visual Influence from Wenham Grove and that there is potential impact on the setting of the National Landscape.



2d	River path between Cattawade Nature Reserve and Flatford	The Councils consider that there is potential for on the setting of National Landscape as a result of the EACN and associated wirescape at this location. To view this, the ExA is advised to take in views to the south.
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2 Previously Visited Locations of Interest for Unaccompanied and Accompanied Site Inspections (USI/ASI)

2.1 The Councils note that the ExA has conducted three Unaccompanied Site Inspections to date, which the Councils understand that the ExA has visited the below locations on such visits. For completeness, however, the Councils would note that these are locations of interest that the ExA should assure themselves that they have an appreciation of the relevant areas.

Table 2: Previously Visited Locations of Interest for USI/ASIs		
Table Item	Site Name / Reference	SCC / BMSDC Comments – Justification for Consideration
2a	RG082 to RG092 (Waveney Valley)	The Councils consider that the majority of this location can be covered on foot and that it would be beneficial for the ExA to understand the character and sensitivity of this landscape. Whilst appreciating this location, the Councils consider that the ExA should have a copy of the Valued Landscape Assessment – Waveney Valley (Appendix 22 of the Joint LIR) to hand and the relevant visualisations provided by the applicant.
2b	RG103 to RG117 (Mellis Common)	The Councils consider that the impact on Mellis Common will be significant due to its open landscape. For the ExA to fully consider the impact, photomontages of the area included in the relevant Applicant’s Visual Baseline and Assessment [APP-229 to APP-232] should be available. Following the Applicant’s mention that lower-height lattice pylons can be used at sensitive locations during Issue Specific Hearing 1, the Councils consider that the Applicant should explore the use of these in the surrounding area of Mellis Common and assess the impacts that would result from this change.
2c	RG161 to RG170	The Councils consider that the ExA should visit this location to understand the relation between the Proposed Development and the Gipping Valley (including the impact on Creting Hall). Further, to the south there is a Conservation Area which includes Badley Church and Badley Hall, and a cluster of



		Listed Buildings and the Councils consider that there is an accumulation of existing electricity infrastructure in this area. The Councils have outlined previously suggested change requests at this location in their Issue Specific Hearing 1 Post-Hearing Submission.
2d	Raydon Airfield	The Councils consider that an Accompanied Site Inspection with Suffolk County Council, the Airfield Operator and the General Aviation Awareness Council would be of benefit to the ExA to understand the impacts on Raydon Airfield.
2e	JC033 and JC034 (Northern Cable Sealing End Compound)	The Councils consider that this location would alter the views and setting of Little Wenham Castle (Scheduled Ancient Monument) which is a Grade I Listed Building.
2f	Listed Buildings	<p>The Councils consider that the following Listed Buildings should be viewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade II Court Farmhouse (1251595) - Castle Road, Offton, IP8 4RW <p>Supported by the Landscape Viewpoint 2.14 [APP-229] photomontage visualisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade II* Roydon Hall (1033215) • Grade II* Barn 30 Metres Northwest of Roydon Hall (1284584) <p>Supported by the Heritage Viewpoint HE35 visualisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade II* Creting Hall (1352073) <p>The following six assets are located close to one another:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade II Hill Farmhouse (1032730) - Mendlesham Road, Gipping, IP14 5TF • Grade II Poplar Farmhouse (1182121) - Saxham Street, Stowupland, Stowmarket IP14 5DF • Grade II Doles Farmhouse (1352325) - Middlewood Green Road, IP14 5DE • Grade II Star Orchard (1032663) - Saxham Street, IP14 5GT • Grade II Firtree Farmhouse (1032662) - Saxham Street, IP14 5GT



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade II Upland House (1182102) - Saxham Street, IP14 5GT• Grade II Hill Farmhouse (1182339) - Mill Lane, Creting St Peter, IP6 8QG• Grade II Bleak Hall (1251669), Blood Hill, Somersham, IP8 4PT
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