

RESPONSE TO:

REP 3/037 Additional Viewpoints, and Document: 8.4.1.2 Addendum to Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations - Part 2 Final Issue A April 2026 Planning Inspectorate Reference: EN020027 . Page 233 NG response to Earl Stonham Parish Council

NG response includes:

“Three viewpoints are located within the parish, presented in 6.13.A3 Environmental Statement Appendix 13.3 - Visual Baseline and Assessment - Part 2 of 4 [APP-230]. The effect on Viewpoint 2.40 A1120, Forward Green (pdf page 46) is assessed as minor and not significant (adverse).”

This viewpoint at Forward Green/A1120 understates the visual impact of the pylons. The viewpoint needs to be further west, near Wicks Lane and Earl Stonham Village Hall, from where the proposed power line and pylons will be much more visible.

NEW INFORMATION Re Designated Recreational Route

I understand from the Suffolk County Council Green Access Officer that **The Mid Suffolk Footpath (a designated recreational route) is having to be re-routed** from the location where it would be crossed by the proposed power line. The preferred new route follows Mendlesham FP66 all the way to the junction with the Middy Railway Footpath (another designated Suffolk recreational route) north of Gipping. If that new route is ratified, it would mean the proposed power line would run parallel to it for a kilometer, less than 100m from the footpath. This would have a serious impact on the enjoyment of the footpath, as well as affecting its heritage importance as an historic ‘green lane’, parish boundary and Hundred boundary (between Stow and Hartismere Hundreds).

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