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			this should not undermine the overall play strategy, design or placemaking for the development, which form part of the garden village design objectives. BTS on behalf of LIH Dunton Hills Ltd There is expected to be sufficient space within the site to design around or relocate the play area, if required, however, there is a possibility that this may result in a small loss in nett developable area within the adjacent land parcel. Ardleigh Parish Council and Little Bromley Parish Council	
GEN 1.26	The applicant	Assessment of cumulative effects The ExA notes that the interrelationship report [REP1-134] is a useful document however this does not form part of the ES. The ExA considers that the assessment of inter-project effects for certain issues in section 17.5 of ES Chapter 17 [APP-281] would appear quite cursory. Justify the assessment methodology you have used to assess inter-project cumulative effects in ES Chapter 17. In particular, explain how you have reached the conclusion that for certain areas of the proposed development, such as in the vicinity of the EACN substation and Tilbury North substation, you have reached the conclusion that the cumulative inter-project effects would be “negligible” and “not significant” for matters such as air quality, biodiversity, socio-economics, recreation and tourism, and health and wellbeing; with the noise effects assessed as being slight adverse within the 300 metre (m) zone of influence.	The assessment of cumulative effects on the ALBA has always been a key issue of the Parish Councils. As succinctly captured in 8.4.1 (page 568 “Landscape and Visual”) there are significant adverse visual effects within the ALBA, however, this does not appear to have been assessed as part of an explicit assessment of the cumulative effects on the ALBA. Further, the Parish Councils have been unable to find evidence of any cumulative assessment of other impacts – for example, there has been no assessment that includes: a) The impact of 1200 vehicles per day coming from the east and west of the ALBA to reach the construction site of the EACN, and then the continued (post construction) servicing of the EACN, together with the construction traffic that will be associated with the Five Estuaries and North Falls development. b) The impact of a construction phase with operating hours of 7am-7pm, with a slightly reduced period of weekend working hours. There will be no respite for residents at all during the construction phase and that will have clear impacts on health and well-being. This is particularly true when considered alongside other construction traffic that will arise from other development. c) The impact that a loss of jobs locally will have upon those living in the ALBA (as raised in APC’s response in June 2024 to the Applicant’s Statutory Consultation) d) Little Bromley is a small village with approximately 100 houses of which 13 are listed. This includes the War Memorial which is adjacent to the proposed permanent access road. LBPC are concerned that the War Memorial, listed as a building of Special	The methodology used to undertake the inter-project cumulative effects is in accordance with 6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 – APP-296] and 6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]. It is also structured using the staged assessment approach detailed in the Planning Inspectorate’s Cumulative Effects Assessment Guidance¹. The detail provided in the assessment is similar to inter-project cumulative effects assessments undertaken for other linear Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) such as on National Grid’s Bramford to Twinstead Project. a) The Projects traffic data includes cumulative movements, including those from North Falls and Five Estuaries. Therefore 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 - Air Quality [APP-147], 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 - Noise and Vibration [APP- 256] and 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 - Traffic and Transport [APP-271] inherently include a cumulative assesses. b) 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 - Health and Wellbeing [APP-192] considered the Projects working hours when undertaking the assessment and did not identify any likely significant effects. In addition, 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 - Cumulative Effects [APP-281] identified negligible and not significant effects with the North Falls and Five Estuaries projects. e) Loss of jobs have not been anticipated in any of the assessments within the Environmental Statement which have been undertaken in accordance with 6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 – APP-296] and 6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]. <u>c) Significant job losses are not anticipated from the Project. Any potential job losses due to the potential permanent acquisition of land from the entire extent of the Fishing lake north-west of Ardleigh is subject to separate discussion with the landowner regarding potential compensation and this matter falls beyond the scope of the EIA. .</u> d) Potential vibration impacts to the War Memorial is responded to in 8.17 Response to Rule 17 Letter –

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			Architectural or Historic Interest and listed as Grade II is at risk. Document: 2.2 Land Plans - Section C [APP 011] indicates that it sits within an area of compulsory purchase, it will be impacted by the vibrations from the sheer volume of traffic and could result in accidental damage through construction traffic. The general setting of the war memorial within Little Bromley, including its outlook on a “heritage hedge”, is particularly notable; however, it seems that this “heritage hedge” will be removed. St Mary the Virgin Church in Little Bromley will also be under threat as the siting of the Five Estuaries/North Falls haul road and the Applicant’s permanent access road will surround this Grade II listed church. The Parish Councils agree with the ExA that what has been prepared so far suggests a “ cursory” approach to cumulative effects.	Historic Environment – submitted at Deadline 4. Impacts through change to the setting of the War Memorial are assessed in 6.11.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 11.2 - Historic Environment Assessment Tables [AS-070] – page 148 – 149. The Grade II* listed Church of St Mary (1337175) is assessed in 6.11.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 11.2 - Historic Environment Assessment Tables [AS-070] – page 139-140 and 1098.

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