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Sutton Parish Council rejects the negative comments by the applicant on our request to be a formal consultee. To say Parish councils in general are not consulted is an insult to local democracy. This particular project has a number of parameters which the local Parish councils have positively contributed and if had been listened to and considered initially could have save the project and taxpayer a considerable amount of money. Examples being:WCHR route under the A1, Eastern section route alignment and forcing a Historic England engagement taking the route further away from the river valley and the geotechnical risks therein.