

Suffolk Coast Acting for Resilience (SCAR) Answers to Examining Authorities Question – SZC Examination

SCAR is a strategic partnership of organisations and individuals of all political persuasions representing groups on the Suffolk coastline.

The aim of SCAR is to preserve and protect, for future generations, the Suffolk coastline, tidal rivers and surrounding land area.

The EA has asked SCAR to answer the following question:

Bio 140 - Please will Suffolk Coastal Acting for Resilience confirm that the examination library reference is [APP-312] for the documents referred to at para 5 of their relevant representation? Please will Suffolk Coastal Acting for Resilience explain why they consider that the seven experts have not signed off the report of their views? Please will the Applicant comment on Suffolk Coastal Acting for Resilience's comment referred to above.

We reproduce below a section from our Written Representation

Our complaint is not that they [the seven experts] have been involved but that we do not know the scope of their involvement or even how they were consulted. The section [of the report] purports to be a summary of their joint views. The brief appears to be limited, ie looking up to 50 years ahead to the point where the HCDF is exposed, no indication that the summary represents their entire views and no signed report from any of them that they accept the summary as their entire advice. It is effectively hearsay and there is no opportunity to cross examine or question any of the experts on the content of the summary. It appears that the discussion with them was limited to the immediate coastal forces effects either side of the development during the operational phase of the project – certainly there is no comment in that report on the longer term effects of the development. This is a flawed report as a result of a flawed process and would not stand up in a court of law.