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Good afternoon, it's now five past two and it's time for issue specific hearing number 13. To resume, I'd like to go to agenda item six bullet point two.

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in respect of other plans and projects within the area, I'd like to ask whether appropriate and proportional mitigation will be secured within the project in respect of key cumulative impacts in respect of the AONB. And I'd like to turn to the AONB partnership. First, please.

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Not I'm good afternoon and Simon Amstutz from representing the OMB partnership.

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In respect to this specific question, we as a partnership probably appreciate is a difficult for the applicant, considering the speed with which energy coast projects are developing. So we carry out our answer in that way.

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The A and B partnership

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doesn't consider that design measures can how to adequately mitigate the cumulative impacts. There will be places in the OMB where you could stand and have a 360 degree vision of major infrastructure projects. And we find that

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a situation not be very difficult to mitigate through through design.

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So I think we're saying is cumulative impactful will have a significant impact upon the purpose of the amb

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and proportionate mitigation to be put in place. And the last thing I'd like to say is that the partnership recognises there's a great deal of local concern from local stakeholders about a perceived lack of coordination and strategic oversight of

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energy infrastructure on Suffolk coast. Thank you.

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Thank you. Could I ask the same question to stop signs we'll see, please.

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Good afternoon. I'm Alison Downs, representing stop signs we'll see. I think it was Mr. Collins his intention to rejoin the hearing and he may be waiting to get in. But to just briefly respond. I think that, again, we would endorse the comments made by Simon Amstutz at the time we have just entered into a consultation period for Nautilus interconnectors and note that many of the sites are in the immediate vicinity, including one extremely close to Everton, where I live and you know, there are there are other projects in the pipeline. And whilst I appreciate that it's not the responsibility of the applicant to

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you know, know exactly which projects are going to come forward. I would echo what Simon Amstutz said and repeat that. We are we are deeply concerned about the overall cumulative impacts and believe that those cannot be mitigated for and that there does not seem to be a joined up strategy of you know, how these projects coming forward are interacting with each other.

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Thank you.

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Could I ask Mr. Collins if he has anything additional?

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No, I would echo what both the previous speakers have said. Both from stop signs I'll see point of view and from 70 students parish Council.

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We are blessed with a rather large number of energy projects on this coast and they will have a significant impact on the AONB. So thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Collins. Could I ask Mr. Tate of Ipswich council?

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Thank you, madam. We are now satisfied that the embedded mitigation together with the mitigation measures in sheduled 11 to the draft deed

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will be sufficient to address the cumulative impacts on the land

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Mr. Tate and Mr. Bedford of Suffolk County Council.

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Michael Bedford, Suffolk County Council, madam in relation to cumulative effects, you'll know that the local impact report has set out the breadth of projects, which have been referred to and as I think people have already said, it's a little bit of a moving picture, because obviously, other projects proceed at their own pace. We're not saying that the applicant has failed to assess cumulative impacts.

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And so our position is that it's not, although there are residual impacts on the air BnB. We're not saying that there's anything in terms of the cumulative effects that hasn't been assessed, which needs to be addressed.

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Thank you. Mr. Bedford.

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I don't see any other hands up in terms of other interested parties. Sorry, Mr. Wilson, you've just put your hand up if you'd like to put your camera.

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Mr. Was traffic, you're on mute.

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Sorry, sorry about that, having bit of a problem with some of those controls there. And, yes, I just wanted to really support what Simon answers and Allison Downes and Paul Collins had said, and I just think we're Suffolk coast. The OMB in particular is getting to kind of a tipping point. It's not particularly the applicants fault. It's just that there are all these various energy infrastructure projects at the moment. And it really does require some sort of coordinated action and some overall assessment of what these impacts are. I

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don't know quite where that's going to come from. Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Olson, I don't see any other hands up super turn to the applicant, please.

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Thank you, Madam, I can deal with this, hopefully, reasonably, briefly, it's helpful to have confirmation on behalf of the council's that it's accepted that the cumulative impacts have been assessed, and there's no further mitigation that is sought in relation to them. The font, of course, which I dealt with, before the break, is to deal with the impact of the project, including such cumulative impacts as have been identified, that there appears to be no suggestion on behalf of the other interested parties, that the fund the size of the fund, is less than is needed, taking into account nor indeed, as I understand it, having listened to the Airbnb, Airbnb partnership, in particular, that they're suggesting any further

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changes in design are needed in that respect. So far as the question of strategic oversight and cumulative impact with other projects, we have undertaken the cumulative impact assessment, which is required. And we say that it is adequate, and that the scope of it does not appear to be controversial as between ourselves and the authorities. In terms of the projects that were covered, other projects coming forward in due course, will themselves have to consider cumulative impact with other schemes, including this scheme, and that the oversight therefore, is provided so far as necessary by the Secretary of State who will consider cumulative effects before concerning any individual scheme.

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I don't believe there's anything else in there that I need to respond to. But of course, if you have any questions for us, then I do of course have

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Mr. Kraft here who can help.

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Thank you. I don't have any additional questions. Mr. amps, you put your hand up, I think do you have a additional point to make?

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So I'm going upstairs, I will be partnership

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just to make the A and B partnership position clear. And in response to the previous speaker. I think what I was trying to communicate was that the the OMB partnership on design considers that a development of this scale is unrealistic to think that a design could be delivered for for a nuclear power station, that would not significantly impact on the A and B and in particular in combination with other other proposals for the area. So I just wanted to clarify that Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr.

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Part Two, you wish to make any further comment? No, I don't understand it to be suggested that there are particular design changes that should be made. So it amounts to the same thing.

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Thank you. I'll move on to the next agenda item, which is monitoring and controls. I'd like to discuss the date of obligation in particular, schedule 17, which governance, particularly with reference to Section seven, which gives detail regarding the Suffolk Design Review Panel. And my question is to East Suffolk Council. And I understand the wording of the schedule has been developed following discussions with the council. But I'd be grateful to hear from you as an excuse me as to how you see the review process working and who you see as being part of the panel. So that's to East Suffolk Council, please.

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I'll just come back to that.

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Thank you, Madam, there has been agreement as to the principle of the involvement of the Suffolk design review panel with the applicant,

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as as you will have seen from paragraph seven, one on page 134 of the D seven deed

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Thirdly, there may be points of detailed drafting, we still need to consider that.

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And we will be responding to the applicant. The Suffolk design review panel is a body that exists. And it's defined in sheduled 17, one one, as the group of that name established to promote and encourage high standards and design to the built environment in Suffolk, and I can ask Mr. Robert scrimshaw, who's the council's principal design and Conservation Officer just to explain the status and function of that body.

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Good afternoon, Madam Robin, mature Sonic conservation officer. He suffered counsel.

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He was I think your question was in relation to who we would expect to be on that panel, I have to say, our discussions with the panel and also the applicant, still in the very early stages. So we haven't yet concluded or arrived at

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a representative panel yet. We know that the existing panel that my colleague Andrew Tate has referred to does already consists of, for example, architects, landscape architects, heritage specialists, in discussions with the panel and the applicant, there are suggestions that for example, engineers may need to be included, as well as specialists in other areas, as yet to be agreed. So that's sort of still at this point in time, not yet fully resolved, if that's any help so far.

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Another question I had to answer.

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Was it okay? Right. Thank you.

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That's all from us. Thank you very much, Madam.

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Thank you, Mr. Tate, Mr. Bedford, of Suffolk County councillors anything you wish to add.

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Neverland design matters we've left with the District Council.

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Thank you. I'm not sure that any interested parties wish to comment on this agenda item if they do they could put their hand up please.

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Take us No. Mr. Phelps, with anything you wish to add? Yes, ma'am. A couple of things if I may. 1 of all as has been explained, this is an existing body. There is a helpful website, the rebirth Suffolk website which gives details of the subject Design Review Panel. We can provide formerly a link to that as part of our written submissions, but it is it is an existing body it was set up by Reba sofic in 2012 in response to the NPP F. That year was recommended your recall that local authorities should make use of a design review when considering planning application. So it was set up in specific response to that and if the website explains how it works, but it also explains the cost for bringing a proposal to the panel. Now, the applicant has engaged with the panel and I understand that a sum of money has been agreed with

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The panel because of courses that they're providing the service that we would be procuring, and that cost will be included in the deadline eight version of the obligation. But essentially, that is something that's agreed between the applicant and the and the panel that we're quite happy to set it out in the deed of obligation.

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What I would say is, as Mr. Tate indicated, that there is further work to be done in terms of the drafting of paragraph seven of the schedule.

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It was put in there to establish the principle, but there is still work being done to improve and clarify what is proposed. And at the moment, and I don't invite you to spend much time looking at the drafting in view of what I've said about again, it is going to change. But it doesn't really adequately deal at the moment, either with the

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timing of the review, by reference to the submission of details, or the scope of those elements of the development that will be subject to the review, both of those matters will be clarified in the next version, there is a fairly developed understanding of both of those within the applicant team, but it's yet to be reflected in the words and you'll get that at deadline eight. But what the drafting will seek to encapsulate so far as the essential principles are concerned, is that in addition to funding the panel's work and an obligation to fund the panel's work, the obligation will identify those elements that the development which are to go through the panel process, there will be an obligation to engage the panel to seek their advice ahead of submission and obligation to take account of the advice and recommendations that the panel provide. And then an obligation to explain in the submission that is then made, for approval of details, how those recommendations and how that advice has been taken into account in the usual way, the advice is not going to be binding, but one would expect an intelligent response to it. And then the discharging authority can consider both the advice and the response to it when deciding whether or not to discharge the requirement. So those are the principles that need to be in in encapsulated in the drafting. And the moment is not quite there. It's an early stage. But you'll get something which is much more detailed than deadline eight, and then there'll be an opportunity, obviously for the other parties, in particular, the council's to comment on that, and then you'll have a final version of the Sq to document.

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Thank you. That's helpful. I'd like to move on to any other matters. I do actually have

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a small matter to discuss with you Mr. fell apart and it is very small. And Could you confirm the submission of the final version of the design and access statement? For me, please, because I've read and it sure it's just no of sight. One document. I've read deadline nine and another I've read deadline 10. You can guess which deadline? I would prefer it to pay off those two deadlines. But if you could just confirm that if you can't do that now.

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Let me just see if there's a quick answer. If not, we'll get a confirmation to you as soon as we have one.

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Deadline nine.

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Thank you. And I don't have any other matters

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to this guess. So I will move to the close of the hearing. Before I close the hearing. Let me

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I apologise. Mr. Bedford, you've got your hand up.

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Thank you, Madam microbead for Suffolk County Council. It's really just a question of clarification.

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There may be this may be a matter that's better dealt with tomorrow as a matter for the DCI. But I noted that obviously Mr. streeton is here today. And we've had some discussion about the Oxford roundabout. It's simply a point in terms of the terms of the

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requirements. And the I think just two points to raise. First of all, in requirement 22

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in paragraph four, item seven

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There's a reference there to work number 14.

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We think that the the list of works is the landscape planting and issues of replacement, etc. The list of work should certainly include the works, 14, including the Oxford roundabout. So I say that their draft drafting points, but I just noted that we've got people here who might be interested in that. So if, if you're happy to leave that to drafting, leave it to drafting and we can pick it up if necessary tomorrow. Otherwise, I just thought I would raise it that there are some minor issues there.

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Thank you, Mr. Bedford. Mr. Phillpotts, are you able to do able to respond now? Or would you be happier to have a look at that and deal with it tomorrow? The latter, I need to just take instructions. And it is helpful to have those sorts of points earlier rather than later. So we're grateful for that. Thank you. I shall there's no hands up. I shall now move to the close of hearing. Before I close the hearing, let me remind you that any post hearing submissions, including written summaries

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misters. Scott, do you have something?

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You muted Mr. Scott?

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Mr. Scott, do you have something you wish to add?

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No, I'm sorry. I was trying to turn the computer off and it did something funny. My apologies.

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That's fine. Mr. Scott.

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Try again.

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Hopefully, before I close the hearing, let me remind you that any post hearing submissions including written summaries of the cases you have made orally at this hearing should be submitted at deadline eight, which is Friday the 24th of September this year. There are no other matters that anyone wishes to raise. I shall now close the hearing Many thanks to you all for your attendance and participation. The time is now 227 and their hearing is now closed.