

Issue Specific Hearing 13 (ISH13) Landscape, Visual Impact, Design and Terrestrial Heritage

Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council and Stop Sizewell C

Oral Contribution by Cllr. Paul Collins and Alison Downes

Please note the summary of our oral contribution is bulleted and in italics. Any text highlighted with bold and italic emphasis in the following submission represents additional information not conveyed in the oral submission.

2. Sizewell Link Road

- Landscape and visual impacts of the link road.
 - *No comments on this item*
 - To include, but not limited to:
 - night-time lighting effects
 - suitability of proposed landscaping scheme
- Additional monitoring and mitigation suggestions
 - *I think I think we've asked the applicant on multiple occasions about why there are so many embankments and cuttings throughout the length of the Sizewell Link Road.*
 - *It would appear that some of that is now due to the fact that the applicant actually wants to glean 90,000 tonnes of material from the development as they go through this.*
 - *Originally, we thought this would be a much less intrusive design. We have questioned at times whether the DMRB standard is the right one for what is eventually going to be a fairly rural B road, but not really had any answers on that either.*
 - *I do understand that the highways authority is going to have the final say on the design.*
 - *It seems to us that this was quite an intrusive design for this particular area.*

3. Southern Park and Ride

- *No comments on this item*
- Landscape and visual impacts of the park and ride facility.
 - To include, but not limited to:
 - night-time lighting effects
 - legacy planting and landscaping provision
 - cumulative effects
 - Additional monitoring and mitigation suggestions

4. Two Village Bypass

- *No comments on this item*
- Landscape and visual impact of the link road.
 - To include, but not limited to:
 - night-time lighting effects
 - suitability of proposed landscaping scheme
 - update by Applicant in respect of more detailed landscaping scheme
 - Additional monitoring and mitigation suggestions

5. Terrestrial Heritage

- *No comments on this item*
- Heveningham Hall Estate Impacts
 - Impact on assets and any remaining areas of disagreement
 - Any additional monitoring and additional mitigation suggestions
- National Trust Coastguard Cottage Impacts
 - Remaining areas of disagreement
 - Additional monitoring and mitigation suggestions

6. Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Cumulative Impact

- Adequacy of assessment
 - Has sufficient weight been given to all of the defined qualities of the AONB?
 - *Alison Downes - I think our we would like to endorse the comments made by Mr. Amstutz from the AONB partnership on this point but I did also want to express our disappointment that your, I think, very strong encouragement that was given to the applicant at a previous hearing to consider providing accurate visualisations of the build though do not appear to have been responded to by the applicant. At least we certainly haven't seen any to date and maybe we can expect some in the future but I'm not aware that that's the case.*
 - *And I just want to reiterate, and I know there was a qualification to that encouragement about the difficulty of choosing a point in time, but with the applicants experience of construction at Hinkley Point C it would seem to us to be not outside the bounds of their capacity and ability to provide those visualisations.*
 - *I think it would be helpful if they were submitted to the examination before the close.*
 - Assessment of other plans and projects
 - *Alison Downes - I think that, again, we would endorse the comments made by Simon Amstutz at the AONB.*
 - *We have just entered into a consultation period for the Nautilus Interconnector and note that many of the sites are in the immediate vicinity, including one extremely close to Theberton, where I live and there are other projects in the pipeline.*
 - *Whilst I appreciate that it's not the responsibility of the applicant to know exactly which projects are going to come forward, I would echo what Simon Amstutz said and repeat that 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 how these projects coming forward are interacting with each other.*
 - *Paul Collins - I would echo what both the previous speakers have said, both from Stop Sizewell C point of view and from Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council.*
 - *We are blessed with a rather large number of energy projects on this coast, and they will have a significant impact on the AONB.*
 - Will appropriate and proportional mitigation be secured within the project in respect of cumulative impacts?
 - *No comments on this item*

7. Monitoring and Controls

- *No comments on this item*
- Relevant schedules within the draft Deed of Obligation
 - Schedule 17 Governance – Suffolk Design Review Panel