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Suffolk Preservation Society 0032117)

East Anglia Three Offshore Wind Farm

**Hearing Action Point 11 arising from the Environmental Issue Specific Hearing held
Wednesday 7 September 2016**

In response to the question '*Suffolk Preservation Society to provide a list of settlements affected by the substation proposals*' the Society's would respond as follows:

During the Issue Specific Hearing on the 7 September clarification was sought over the use of the terms 'settlement', 'village' and 'farmstead'. At the time it was confirmed that 'villages' and 'rural settlements' were inter-changeable terms being any clusters of buildings in the rural landscape and the term 'farmstead' referred to individual listed buildings which from their agricultural origins relied heavily upon the wider rural landscape as part of their historic setting.

As further clarification, the term 'medieval rural settlements' was used by the Society within its Relevant Representation to highlight the intrinsic heritage value of the Suffolk rural landscape that is still evident today. This landscape is characterised by the villages of Burstall, Sproughton, Bramford, Hintlesham and Flowton which all have medieval origins, as evidenced by their parish church. The Society accepts that the impact upon these communities will be lessened by the existing as well as proposed on-site landscaping and, if fully implemented, the off-site landscaping.

However this may not be the case with some of the individual listed properties within the vicinity of the Converter Station. The Society is not in a position to undertake a heritage assessment of all the settlements surrounding the substation location and is therefore pleased that MSDC have commissioned a further study on heritage impacts of Anglia Three. We look forward to reviewing this report and trust that the methodology used by the local planning authority in this further study will provide the comfort that the Society has been seeking in respect of any potential localised heritage impacts.

