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Dear Sir/Madam

Our References 20023380 & 20023110

Please accept this email as the formal response from Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council to the two questions asked of us in The Examining Authority's Written Questions and requests for information (ExQ1) **Part 4 of 6**

LI.1.1.

Design Approach

It is imperative that the proposal represents a good quality sustainable design which can be effectively integrated into the landscape. As such, please comment on whether the following measures would ensure this would be achieved in the detailed design, construction and operation phases:

- i) A 'design champion'. Such a role would advise on the quality of sustainable design and the spatial integration of the both the Main Development Site and Associated Development Sites
- ii) A 'design review panel' to provide a 'critical friend' role. Such a role would provide comment on the development of sustainable design proposals
- iii) The production of an approved 'design code' or 'design approach document' which would establish the approach to delivering the detailed design specifications to ensure good quality sustainable design (as approved in the Hinkley Point C Connector Project (EN020001)).

Please advise on how such measures could be secured. In addition, please comment as to whether any other measures or approaches are considered necessary?

Response from Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council (for both EA1N & EA2)

This approach will only work if the three roles are filled by fully independent personnel who are experts in the relevant fields, and EDF commit to following any advice where possible. Sign-off of any design approach document should be undertaken by independent, knowledgeable bodies acting solely in the interest of the local community and environment.

LI.1.2.

AONB – Adverse Effects

Has sufficient weight has been given to the statutory purpose and need for protection of the landscape, character and special qualities of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB both within and outside its boundary, in accordance with paragraphs 5.9.9 and 5.9.12 of NPS EN-1? Please qualify your answer. If not, please identify what additional measures are required?

Response from Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council (for both EA1N & EA2)

Although a lot of work has been done to mitigate for the site intrusion into the AONB, SSSI and to protect the landscape, the Parish Council are not sure that there are any metrics, other than areas of land included, to show that there is a real benefit to the area or if an improvement has been achieved. A formal agreement to a set of targeted metrics with an ongoing commitment to monitor and respond to future changes appears to be the only way that everyone can be assured that sufficient protection to the landscape is being achieved.

Regards

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On behalf of Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council

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