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Dear Inspectors,

Please find attached SEAS DEADLINE 1 SUBMISSION as follows:

Section 3 -REQUESTS FOR USIs

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Kind regards  
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For and on behalf of  
SEAS (Suffolk Energy Action Solutions) Campaign Group

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**Offshore Wind Farms**

**EAST ANGLIA ONE NORTH**

**PINS Ref: EN010077**

**and**

**EAST ANGLIA TWO**

**PINS Ref: EN020078**

**3. Request for  
UNACCOMPANIED SITE  
INSPECTIONS (USIs)**

**by**

**SEAS (Suffolk Energy Action Solutions)**

**Unique Ref. No. EA1(N): 2002 444**

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## Suggested Unaccompanied Inspection Route (by Car) for Planning Inspectorate Examining Body

### B1122 Leiston Road (Aldeburgh to Aldringham)

The route from the Aldeburgh roundabout to the Aldringham crossroads is the main road to Leiston and there is concern that it would be used by commercial vehicles and workers to reach SPR's development site from the Friday Street junction on the A12.

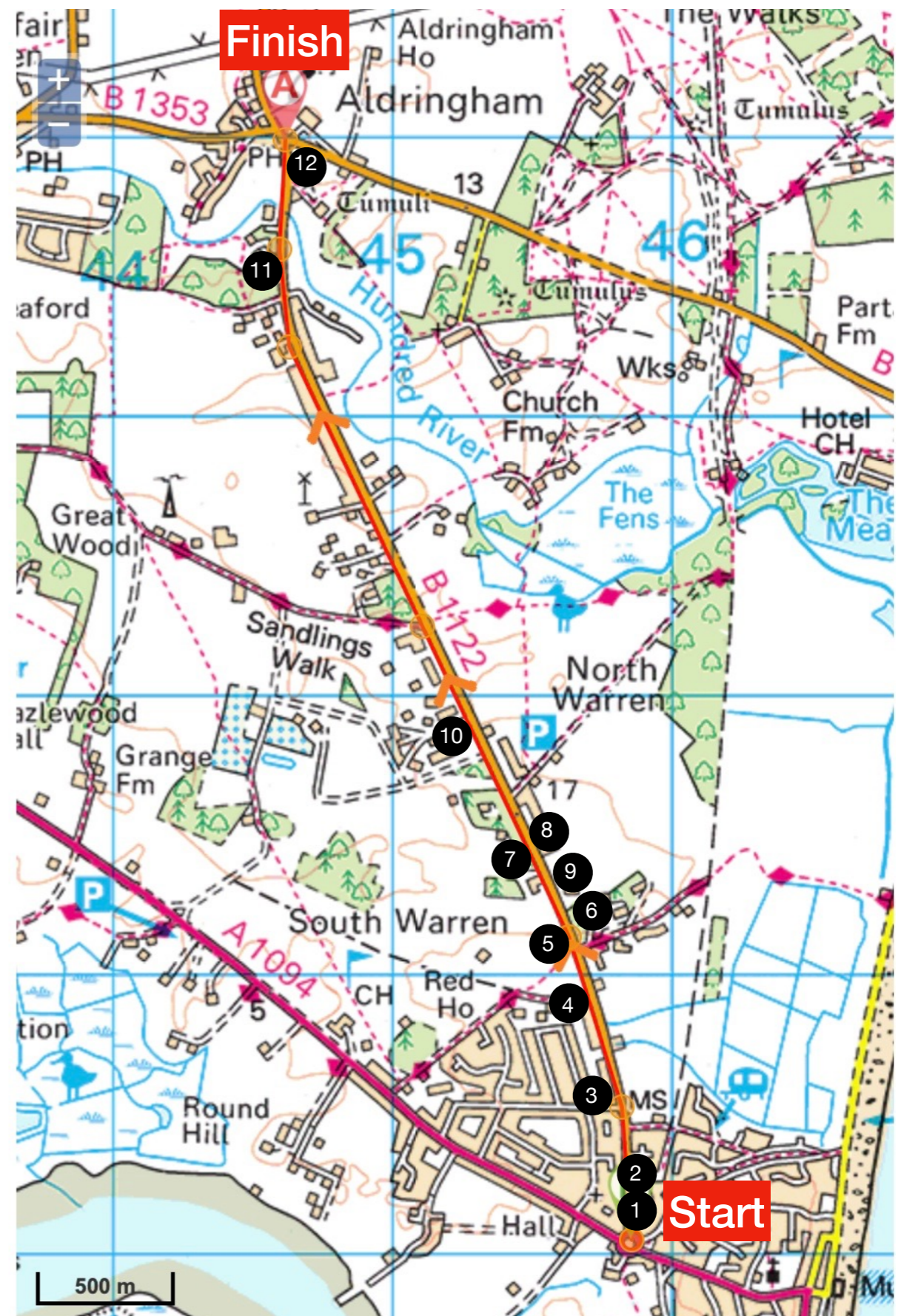
Distance: 4.2km

Time: 10 minutes by car without stops

Background:

- The B1122 from Aldeburgh to Aldringham forms the main route between Aldeburgh and Leiston. Initially passing through a residential area, it becomes a rural road with numerous footpaths and property entrances across or turning off it.
- Beyond Golf Lane, heading north, the pavement terminates.
- On leaving the 30mph zone it becomes 40mph. This speed limit was imposed in about 2018, reduced from 60mph, in view of the dangerous nature of the road which has many blind summits, vehicle exit points, long stretches of double white lines and a number of footpath crossings.
- When there is excessive rainfall, the road floods in the dips making it even more treacherous.
- **The key point is that this road is a busy rural road, particularly in summer with visitors to the area and forms the western boundary of the North Warren Nature Reserve. The extensive wildlife, including free roaming deer, is vulnerable to accidents with vehicles particularly in view of the blind crossing points across the carriageway. It is unsuitable for significant HGV and commercial vehicle movements of any nature and indeed any increase in general traffic on route to SPR's development site. Any increase in traffic volumes would raise pollution levels considerably in an area to which people come to walk and enjoy the open landscape.**

Map and photograph points



## The route by car

- On leaving the Aldeburgh roundabout, the road immediately becomes one-way traffic only due to the narrow width of the road and the number of cars parked in front of the houses (photo 1). Vehicles often have difficulty negotiating this exit and any significant increase in traffic volumes, particular if large commercial vehicles, would cause considerable inconvenience to other road users. Please note the proximity of the residential properties - a significant increase in traffic, both of a general and large commercial vehicles nature would cause considerable noise and pollution to residents along this road (photos 1 & 2);

### Photo 1



### Photo 2



- The zebra crossing on Leiston Road provides safe access for residents to reach the Tesco's zebra crossing on Saxmundham Road which provides access to the supermarkets and all of the town's amenities (photo 2);

- Linden Road is a residential road that links to the Saxmundham Road. If access to Saxmundham Road via the roundabout were to become slow or blocked there is a serious risk that Linden Road would become a rat-run for traffic seeking to reach SPR's construction site (Photo 3)
- The footpath comes to an end on the east side of Leiston Road opposite Golf Lane (photo 4) so pedestrians wishing to get to North Warren Nature Reserve must cross the road and walk a stretch of grass verge along the edge of the road to reach the footpath down Warren Hill (photos 5/6);

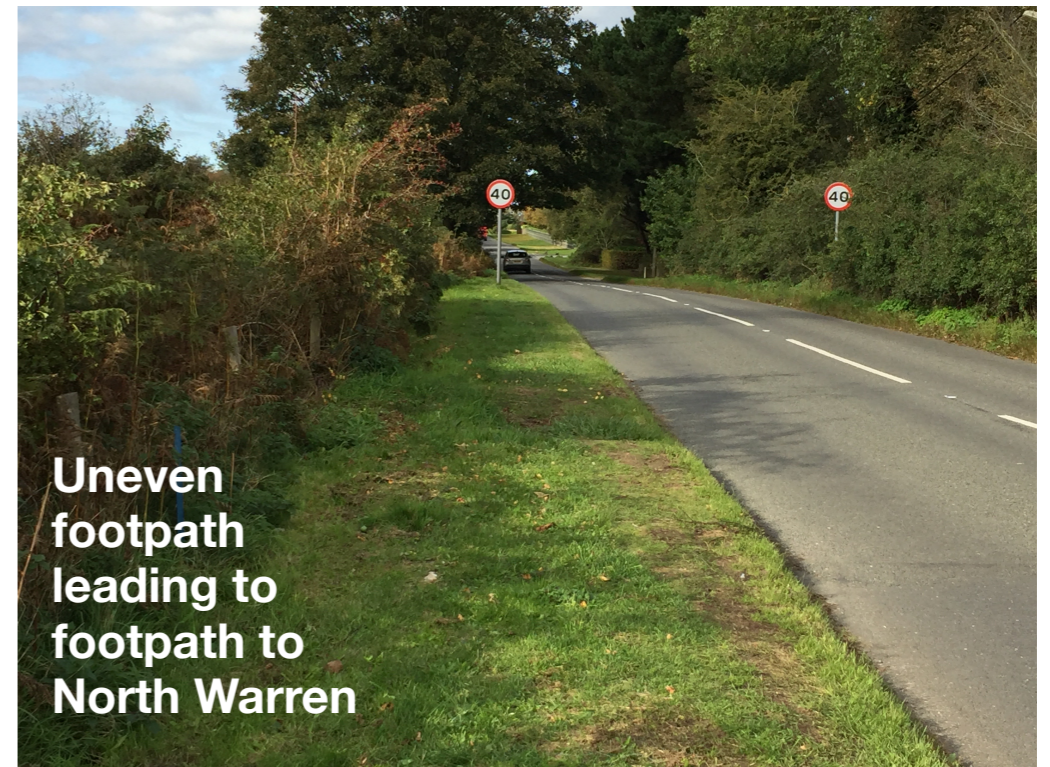
**Photo 3**



**Photo 4**



**Photo 5**



**Uneven  
footpath  
leading to  
footpath to  
North Warren**

- From this point north the road becomes undulating with numerous blind summits and no overtaking double white lines (photos 6/ 7/8).

**Photo 6**



**On right,  
footpath to  
North Warren**

- There are numerous hidden property entrances along this road and half way along the route, the Sandling Walk crosses the road (photo 8)

**Photo 7**



**Photo 8**



- The rural nature of this route should be noted (photos 9 & 10)

**Photo 9**



**Photo 10**



- Just before reaching Aldringham Court Care Home, the cable route would cross the road causing considerable disruption to people's journeys to and from Aldeburgh and Leiston (photo 11).

## Photo 12



- The route ends at the cross roads at Aldringham which is the main junction leading to Thorpeness to the right and Knodishall to the left (photo 12).





### **3.1 UNACCOMPANIED SITE INSPECTIONS REQUESTS**

Aldeburgh is a very traditional seaside town attracting families, bird watchers and walkers. Despite the tranquillity of the area there are estimated to be 4,167,368 trips (day & staying) per annum to the area which create a spend of £164million\*\* These visitors support the largely family owned independent businesses and cultural venues (shops, cafés, restaurants and cultural arts venues) which have bucked the trend in struggling coastal towns or corporate High Streets. Many of those visitors come to the area for the reasons cited in the East Suffolk Tourism Strategy\*, if they fail to visit the area the business would be unsustainable.

We are requesting these USIs to make the Examining Authorities aware of the value of the seaside town of Aldeburgh and the devastation that SPR's plans and the cumulative effect of a further 6 wind farm / interconnectors plus Sizewell C would wreak on the residents and businesses therein.

**SEAS request the following USIs in and around Aldeburgh:**

#### **3.2. Sailor's Path to Tescos Roundabout (Walk 2km, ¾ hr)**

A1094 is a busy rural road which also passes through a residential area. There is significant pedestrian flow along the route and crossing the road – walkers on the Sailor's Path, Golfers crossing over to the Riverside Course, Children walking to school, pedestrians going shopping or to play football, tennis, rugby or to the gyms. Any increase in HGV, commercial and general vehicle movements would significantly increase the danger of using the Sailor's path and dramatically raise pollution levels for residents going about their daily lives. (See Route Map 3.2)

#### **3.3. Tescos Roundabout to Aldringham Court – B1122 (Drive 15mins)**

This road (B1122) is a busy rural road, particularly in summer with visitors to the area and forms the western boundary of the North Warren Nature Reserve. The extensive wildlife, including free roaming deer, is vulnerable to accidents with vehicles particularly in view of the blind crossing points across the carriageway. It is unsuitable for significant HGV and commercial vehicle movements of any nature and indeed any increase in general traffic on route to SPR's development site. Any increase in traffic





volumes would raise pollution levels considerably in an area to which people come to walk and enjoy the open landscape (See Route Map 3.3)

### **3.4. Tescos Roundabout down Park Road to High Street and back (Walk 6.5km 2.5hrs)**

This route demonstrates the residents' essential services. Park road is a private road with the Northern gate closed on weekends during the months of April-October and Bank Holidays. It gives access to **the Hospital, the Garrett House Care home, the Primary School, parking for the allotments and the tennis courts**. At the end is the High Street. As you proceed down the High Street you will note the important local independent shops which include **the butcher, the book shop, the cinema, the two fish & chip shops, ice cream shops and the retailer O&C Butcher**. The High Street is also home to **four/five restaurants, the busy post office and the independent chemists** which serves the mainly elderly vulnerable permanent residents. One street over is the **Moot Hall** and the **Jubilee Hall**. (See Route Map 3.4)

### **3.5. Aldeburgh to Thorpeness circular route (Walk)**

This circular walk along Crag Path to Thorpeness and back along the old railway line is the epitome of why so many visitors come to Aldeburgh. Any diminution in the enjoyment this walk delivers will be a loss to many people, to the region and to the local economy. It combines sea views, **a rare shingle beach, rare flora & fauna, a historic Victorian holiday village, open landscapes, majestic pine trees and places for children to get wet and muddy**. Let the photographs speak for themselves... (See Route Map 3.4)

\*The East Suffolk Tourism strategy of 2017: <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Visitors/East-Suffolk-Tourism-Strategy.pdf>

\*\*The Energy Coast report of September 2019: The Energy Coast, National Coastal Tourism Academy, Suffolk Coast and Heaths ANOB. <https://www.thesuffolkcoast.co.uk/shares/The-Energy-Coast-BVA-BDRC-Final-Report-2019.pdf>

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