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Dear Mr Bryn Smith and Examining Officers,

Please find attached my response for Deadline 5. I call upon you please to take a much closer look at the situation of social health in the East Suffolk District, in particular the emergency services but very importantly social care and the possible threat to Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital due to the enormous traffic impact that will be bound to occur on the roads around Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and further afield including the villages south of Snape and those north up to Southwold.

With my best wishes  
Sheridan Steen

Dear Mr Smith and Examiners

Re: DEADLINE 5 Submission - East AngliaOneNorth - EN010077 - Reference 20023458 & East Anglia Two Project - EN010078 - Reference 200023459

Having observed the open floor hearings for the past months and made submissions I feel that I should write further about my concerns which most certainly have been highlighted during Open Floor Hearings 4.

Firstly, I must say that I sat and watched with soaring heart mixed with dejection as I watched Netflix's recently released The Dig, a film about the discovery of the astounding Great Ship Burial at Sutton Hoo. You may or not be aware that there is a National Trust Archaeological Centre at Sutton Hoo, which already attracts large numbers of visitors each year and no doubt will see a large increase in numbers with the launch of the film. If you haven't watched it please somehow take time to do so, prior to reaching your final decision re consenting the above SPR and National Grid Plans for EAOneNorth and East Anglia TWO. <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/tv/2021/02/01/digs-version-events-unfair-over-romanticised-experts-say/> Much of the filming took place at Snape and Iken (a tiny hamlet on the south bank of the River Alde, as the crow flies approx. 2 miles from Friston village – local legend has it that Boadicea was buried there). If you watch the film you will witness the river Alde in all its beauty in the film, and the vast skies that I suspect you haven't really had time to appreciate on your site visits. The river, is constantly under threat from the sea, if the drilling at Thorpeness fails and the cliffs fall, then the spit and the river is likely to fail.

I must turn now to the more specific issues that I have raised in earlier submissions and as yet seem to have been totally disregarded by the Applicant and these issues centre around Social Health of the peoples of the whole of the area from the villages of Eyke, Rendlesham, Iken, Blaxhall, Campsea Ashe, Great and Little Glemham, Stratford St Andrew, Farnham, Benhall Green, Benhall Low Street, Sternfield (where Her Majesty and her immediate family holidayed in the 1960's and 70's), and all the villages that you are very aware about.

These villages and their villagers rely heavily on the social care in their homes, delivered by their local medical providers. These carers quite simply will not be able to make their designated appointments to their patients. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This amazing service quite simply will cease or become so disjointed that the elderly who depend on their carers will become increasingly distressed. I envisage that this will be my fate should the Applicants plans are consented.

I have also been made aware that due to the high volume of traffic travelling up the A12/A1094 to Aldeburgh that **Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital's** future may well be in the balance! The Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital has not been mentioned to my knowledge before, but it plays a highly significant roll in the lives of the East Suffolk Community. The **Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital** is located at Park Road, Aldeburgh. Its 20 beds are currently run by Suffolk Community Healthcare, which in turn is run by Serco, an outsourcing company. The services of the hospital as a whole are delivered "on behalf of the NHS by Serco, East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust and Community Dental Services. Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital is an in-patient hospital with 20 beds for who suffer long-term conditions. Other services include outpatient physiotherapy, x- ray, renal dialysis, diabetes clinic and a day centre. The Cottage Hospital used to have a minor injuries unit, which was of great value not

least because of the large number of children who holiday in Aldeburgh and Thorpeness and because of the local fishing fleet and farming community, but this department has been shut which is a serious blow to the community. Imagine a mother having an anaphylactic shock on Thorpeness mere having to drive to Ipswich in order to get treatment, she wouldn't survive with the congested roads.

The hospital is also the headquarters for a team of district nurses and other healthcare professionals.

I was appalled by the fact that due to The Applicants total disregard for the local population, that the Warden's Trust at Thorpeness is under dire threat. The role of the Warden's Trust is invaluable to all who have need of its care and services.

So to summarise:

- Loss of care in the home for patients who need/want to stay in their own homes and not be a financial burden to the economy
- Likely loss of Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital
- Loss of The Warden's Trust – I cannot envisage SPR paying for those frail and needy who need a bath being taken to Ipswich for a bath!
- Decline in the physical health of the general population due to air pollution, sleep deprivation, stress.
- Mental Health, at this time I know of a number of elderly members of the community who have expressed suicidal thoughts, at the hopelessness of their fate.

All of this comes at a cost, a huge cost not only economic but as I have said above in lives. There has been absolutely no serious offer from The Applicants to mitigate for such a selfish and ill-conceived proposals.

Sadly, I cannot gain accurate figures on the emergency service movements from Ipswich and Gorleston, **you can** and I would ask that you do so as a matter of urgency. I would welcome the opportunity to see them and ask if you already do have this information you can direct me to where the information is in all the documentation you have received?

As the impact on our communities becomes more apparent, I know that you will be receiving more and more representations from those who until recently were not made aware by the Applicants of their proposals, indeed the Applicants have changed their proposals so many times over the past 3 years it is impossible to keep up with what they intend. With so little concrete facts it is impossible to rely on what they write or say. Of course, these letters/representations might be regarded as too late to be considered but I ask you to remember that most people no longer read the Fisherman's News, certainly don't subscribe to the EDP and very few sadly read the local EADT papers. The Applicants have treated us with an arrogant disregard. They quote this is for the National Good, but we are the nation, and we work, live, and die here, we quietly pay our taxes and are respectful as I hope these weeks have shown you. We are intelligent and wise and our roots are deep.

Thank you for the courtesy that you have shown us, I hope that your appreciate the curtesy that we too have displayed. There is a lot of anger and disbelief that these absurd, ill thought out and ill researched projects can be consented.

Sheridan Steen