

East Anglia ONE North & East Anglia Two DCO Applications for proposed EA1N & EA2- Comments on November 2021 Consultation Responses – Part 1

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We add to responses to the November consultation relating to the Hundred River.

We lived [REDACTED] in Aldringham for 18 years to May 2018. We owned approximately three acres of mostly mixed deciduous woodland with a meadow area adjacent to the Hundred River in the south east section. The river was our south eastern boundary for a length of approximately 200m. The generally damp land is criss-crossed by several drains (ditches), some of which hold water for most of the year. When we dug our pond we reached the water table at a depth of about 2 feet.

Hundred River Flooding

The Hundred River floods regularly, almost always 12-24 hours after torrential rain as fields drain into the river. The woodland south west alongside the river, 15m from our former house floods and flooding continues south east along the length of our old river boundary and beyond, sometimes including the meadow below Aldringham Church.

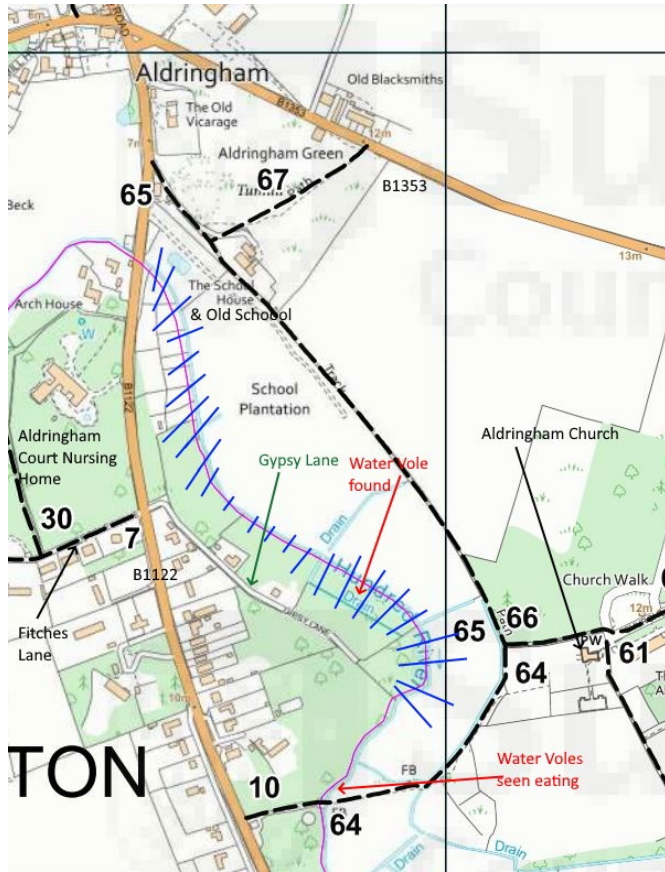


Meadow south of Aldringham Church, Hundred River in flood 10 February 2009 (see headstones behind mallards)

When flooding occurs the water meadow opposite Aldringham Court Nursing Home, part of Scottish Power Renewables' (SPR) proposed cable route, also floods periodically westwards for a considerable distance towards the B1122 road as do parts of woodland at the north end of Gypsy Lane destined for felling by SPR. Flooding occurs north to the B1122 road bridge on both sides of the river as far as the foot of the hill south of the Old School.

All of the land described is part of the very obvious Hundred River flood plain, ergo it floods. The damp flood plain supports a huge biodiversity. The approximate areas that flood at times are shown by blue stripes drawn across the river on the map below, copied from the Suffolk County Council Definitive Map and edited.

It's interesting to note Gypsy Lane used to be called Marsh Lane, indicative of the terrain. All of the photographs shown were taken in and around Gypsy Lane during our 18 years there.



We have photographs of flooding events around Gypsy Lane from the following dates, some of which are shown below.

- 10 February 2009
- 6 March 2012
- 29 April 2012
- 7 December 2012
- 23 December 2012
- 27 January 2013
- 27 December 2014
- 10 March 2018
- 13 March 2018



10 February 2009



23 December 2012



27 January 2013



27 December 2014



10 March 2018



13 March 2018

The diversity of wildlife around our former house and the Hundred River to the north and south is huge and includes many protected and endangered species.

Water Vole

Water Vole are present in the River Hundred. On 29 July 2012 we found a dead water vole in our meadow area south east of the house, photographed and photo forwarded to Suffolk Wildlife Trust.



We also observed water vole eating water parsley to the south west near the footbridge over the river between Suffolk Footpaths 10/64 leading to Aldringham Church on several occasions in 2015. Those observations advised to Suffolk Wildlife Trust, locations shown on map above.

Badgers

Badgers are present all around SPR's proposed cable crossing point of the B1122 between Gypsy Lane and Aldringham crossroads with the B1353. Periodically we found badger scat and paths around [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. On at least half a dozen occasions we found dead badgers in the B1122 near Aldringham Court Nursing Home. There are always badger paths on both sides of the road between Gypsy Lane and Aldringham crossroads. We always believed there was a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] explaining the dead badgers crossing the B1122 to paths to the

east.

The remainder of our comments are in Part 2 which should be read in conjunction with these. The original file was too big to email as one document.

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