

Weybourne Parish Council did not attend the Open Hearing on January 17th, intimidated by the idea of speaking in such an imposing and public arena. However, we feel it is essential that the views and experiences of the landfall end of the cable corridor are heard. The written representation attached is summarised below.

Weybourne Parish Council has been on the receiving end of the planning and construction process for offshore wind farms for over a decade: the original Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon wind farm projects, Hornsea 3 project, and now SEP and DEP.

In our written submission we outline the impacts of these processes on our community, our wellbeing, our livelihoods and our environment.

We also put forward a number of suggestions for how the delivery of the offshore wind energy from SEP and DEP could be achieved with less impact on rural communities and the environment, specifically: the use of Walpole as a connection point to the grid, reached via an offshore cable; the exclusion of sequential construction of SEP and DEP; and the establishment of statutory compensation funds which would genuinely meet the needs of the local community.