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Glossary of Acronyms

<i>DCO</i>	<i>Development Consent Orders</i>
<i>DVNLSVP</i>	<i>Dedham Vale National Landscape and Stour Valley Partnership</i>
<i>EIA</i>	<i>Environmental Impact Assessment</i>
<i>ExA</i>	<i>Examining Authority</i>
<i>ExQ</i>	<i>Examining Authority's Written Questions</i>
<i>ISH</i>	<i>Issue Specific Hearing</i>
<i>LHA</i>	<i>Local Highway Authority</i>
<i>PROW</i>	<i>Public Rights of Way</i>
<i>SuDS</i>	<i>Sustainable Drainage Systems</i>

"The Council" / "SCC" refers to Suffolk County Council; "The Host Authorities" refers to Suffolk County Council, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, Essex County Council, and Braintree District Council.

Purpose of this Submission

The purpose of this submission is to provide high-level preliminary ideas for potential additional mitigative or compensatory planting across the wider project area in Suffolk. The locations for additional planting have been derived through a desktop study using the Applicant's photomontages and some of the other viewpoint photographs, Google Map, OS Explorer 196 Sudbury, Hadleigh and Dedham Vale, and Historic Maps of the National Library of Scotland website. The included suggestions are neither comprehensive nor have they been verified through field work, nor do they consider landownership at this stage. It is expected that there would be further key locations for additional planting, in particular along footpaths, where sequential visual effects may occur, but have not been captured by the representative viewpoints provided by the Applicant, for example, but not limited to, around Burstall. Examination Library references are used throughout to assist readers.

1 Preliminary Ideas for Additional Strategic Planting in Suffolk

- 1.1 The following tables list high-level preliminary ideas for potential additional mitigative or compensatory planting across the wider project area in Suffolk.
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- 1.3 The first two columns, viewpoint reference and viewpoint title, refer to Appendix 6.4 Viewpoint Assessment, (B) Section AB Part 1 **[REP4-038]**, Section C Part 2 **[APP-102]**, Section D Part 3 **[APP-103]**, Section E Part 4 **[APP-104]**, (B) Section F Part 5 **[REP4-019]**, Section G Part 6 **[APP-106]**, and includes photomontage references wherever possible which relates to information held in the Applicant's Procedural Deadline A Submission, Document 5.8 (B) Photomontages **[PDA-001]**.

Section AB (Bramford/Hintlesham)

Viewpoint Ref.	Viewpoint Title	Requests for additional strategic planting (not comprehensive)	Mitigation (M) Compensation (C) Community Benefit (CB)
AB03 (Photomontage 01)	Church Hill looking south west towards Hintlesham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mitigative hedge planting is welcome, but in itself insufficient to address the significant adverse impact on landscape and visual amenity. This is an area where proposals for compensation will be required. 	C
AB2.11	Tye Lane, ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforce hedge along southern side of Tye Lane Provide tree belts along west-east field boundaries south of viewpoint. 	M M

AB2.17	PRoW, adj. to Flowton Rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstate or strengthen field boundary hedges (incl. trees) between Flowton Road and The Channel No viewpoint assessment was provided from the north-eastern end of The Channel and the PRoW from there to Hill Farm. Strategic planting between The Channel and Bramford substation should be further explored. 	M M
AB2.18 (Photomontage 07)	RRoW near Camperdown Cottage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforce hedge along north-eastern side of Flowton Road to filter views. 	M
AB20 (Photomontage 06)	View west from Hintlesham Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional tree planting should be considered alongside the A1071, between BT21/T3 and BT 21/17 and beyond to create additional filter to new 400kV powerline. 	M
AB21 (Photomontage 04)	PRoW north of Hintlesham Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residual effects highly likely Consider tree planting along Church Hill. Compensation may be required. 	M C
HV01 (Photomontage 04)	North west of Hintlesham hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View filtered by existing vegetation, with proposed reinforcement planting; new cables in view; micro-siting of towers essential 	EM
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No assessment has been provided for view north from A1071, west of Hintlesham Hall 	
AB08 (Photomontage 08)	Views from A1071, Norman's Farm, south-east	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field boundary planting is proposed Additional hedge planting along southern side of A1071 should be considered. Significant residual effects may require compensation. 	M M C

AB09 (Photomontage 09)	Woodlands Road, Chattisham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundary hedges should be managed to grow higher; hedgerow trees should be added. This area should be considered for wider landscape restoration. 	M C
AB10 (Photomontage 11)	PRoW, south of A1071, near Cobbolds Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforce existing boundary hedgerows, with hedgerow trees 	C
AB11 (Photomontage 12)	PRoW Pond Hall Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider hedge planting along southern side of PRoW. This area should be considered for wider landscape restoration. Consider footpath improvements to compensate for residual visual effects 	M C CB
AB2.27	PRoW Elmsett gate/Willowbrook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider reinforcement of existing hedge lines with tree planting to filter views to Bramford substation 	M
AB04	PRoW near Mill Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residual effects highly likely Consider footpath improvements 	C
AB18	View south from Flowton Road, near Rhodd's Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disagree with assessment of change as small. In the view, it is expected that pylons would be visible behind Hintlesham Priory (Grade II Listed). 	
AB23a	From Pond Hall Road, near Hadleigh Bee Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residual effect likely to be significant. Consider reinforcement of hedgerow and trees along Pond Hall Road. 	M
AB24	PRoW between Hintlesham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider reinforcement of boundary hedge and tree vegetation toward residential properties along Duke Street and the A1071 	M

	Great Wood and Hintlesham		
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Section C (Brett Valley)

Viewpoint Ref.	Viewpoint Title	Requests for additional strategic planting (not comprehensive)	Mitigation (M) Compensation (C) Community Benefit (CB)
C01 (Photomontage 15)	PRoW near Ashbrook House, Brett Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residual effects highly likely • Consider hedge and tree planting south of footpath, where it runs along the sewage works. • Reinforce existing tree lines in the river valley to filter views. • This area, the Brett valley between VP C-01 in the north, VP C-11/C2.9 and VP C-03 in the west (Photomontage 16), should be considered for wider landscape restoration. 	M M C
C03 (Photomontage 16)	From Overbury Hall Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a viewpoint where visual mitigation is not possible. • Compensation measures should be allowed for the Brett Valley. 	C

Section D (Polstead)

Viewpoint Ref.	Viewpoint Title	Requests for additional strategic planting (not comprehensive)	Mitigation (M) Compensation (C) Community Benefit (CB)
D02 (Photomontage 18)	South-east from ProW on Rands Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage hedge in view to allow to reach greater height to better filter views to scheme. • Re-instate/strengthen field boundary vegetation (former footpath) west of Rands Road and south of viewpoint (not in view) to filter views from Rands Road to scheme. (see OS Six inch, 1840s-1880s (county layers) map) 	M M
D03	End of Pope's Green Lane at Polstead Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hedge planting on south side of bridle way to filter views towards scheme. • Opportunity for additional woodland planting closer akin to former Millfield Wood. 	M C
D04 (Photomontage 19A, 19B)	PRoW between Polstead Road and Stoke Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micro-site Cable Sealing End Compound to minimise effects when passing the site. • Proposed mitigation planting broadly acceptable, may need modifying in detailed design stage. 	M
D06	PRoW off Heath Road, near Millfield Wood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The residual visual effects (adverse change assessed as medium long-term) cannot be mitigated. Wider compensation may be required. 	C

Section E (Dedham Vale National Landscape)

Viewpoint Ref.	Viewpoint Title	Requests for additional strategic planting (not comprehensive)	Mitigation (M) Compensation (C) Community Benefit (CB)
E07 (Photomontage 22)	PRoW near Whitestreet Green in DVAONB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looks across AONB. Does not appear to be taken from a definitive PRoW. Consider strengthening the vegetation in the middle ground of the view, so that eventually more trees filter the view towards the pylons. 	M
E2.17	Brick Kiln Hill, near Assington Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-instatement of roadside hedgerows and hedgerow trees along western side of Brick Kiln Land and southern side of Assington Lane (see OS Six inch, 1840s-1880s (county layers) map). 	M

Section F (Leavenheath/Assington)

Viewpoint Ref.	Viewpoint Title	Requests for additional strategic planting (not comprehensive)	Mitigation (M) Compensation (C) Community Benefit (CB)
F2.14 (Photomontage 24)	PRoW to the south of Assington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to Assington NP policy protected View 6 • Reinforce hedgerow and hedgerow tree planting on the southern side of footpath 20 (from Assington to water tower), and if possible along field drain further north to better filter views to double 400kV powerlines. Both are depicted as tree lined (at least in parts) OS Six inch, 1840s-1880s (county layers) map. 	M
F20 (Photomontage 25A, 25B)	Assington Lane to the east of Hagmore Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstate roadside hedges along Brick Kiln Lane (western side) and Assington Lane (on southern side) until topography and intervening vegetation make powerlines less pronounced; manage to appropriate height to screen power lines (see OS Six inch, 1840s-1880s (county layers) map) 	M
F10 (Photomontage 26)	ProW near Moor'sFarm to the south	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstate roadside hedges along either side of Smallbridge Entry (Painters' Trail); there may not be enough room for roadside trees, which are shown on the OS Six inch, 1840s-1880s (county layers) map. • This area should be considered for wider landscape restoration. 	M C

Section G (Stour Valley)

Viewpoint Ref.	Viewpoint Title	Requests for additional strategic planting (not comprehensive)	Mitigation (M) Compensation (C) Community Benefit (CB)
G01 (Photomontage 29)	PRoW near Dorking Tye House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an area, where the adverse visual effects are significant. • Strengthen the vegetation on the northern side of the PRoW, including hedgerow trees. • To reduce visual clutter in this area, underground telegraph post along the lane, and manage roadside hedge for additional filtering of the views. • This area should be considered for wider landscape restoration. 	M M C
G07 (Photomontage 34A, 34B)	PRoW near Mabb's Corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The vegetation reinstatement plan (Sheet 28) does quote EM-G06: the design allows for an area of landscape planting around the CSE compound at Stour Valley West. The embedded planting will be maintained for the life of the CSE compound. • The Photomontage does not show any difference in screening between years 1 and 15; there appears not mitigative planting; this is insufficient; please provide screen planting proposals for the CSE compound. 	