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Dear Sirs / Madam

**Submission Response for Deadline '8'**

Burstall and Hintlesham and Chattisham parish councils are disappointed at the lack of progress on Matters Not Agreed [Document 7.3.1 © Final Issue C December 2023 – Section 4] and find responses by the applicant wholly unacceptable.

The applicant argues (4.1.1) that:

*“the residual adverse effects are considered to be very limited and are outweighed, and should be considered in the context of the significant benefits of the project”*

The applicant also takes the position that the residual effect cannot be avoided.

This position cannot be supported by the evidence. As these parishes have maintained from the outset, the residual cumulative landscape effects around Bramford and Hintlesham – including the setting of Grade 1 listed Hintlesham Hall – are significant and could be avoided by using underground cables. The applicant has never demonstrated that this option is not technically feasible. Even if overhead lines remain the preferred option due to policy set out via the NPS, the mitigation hierarchy requires the impact to be reduced through effective landscape measures, supported by compensation.

These parishes therefore agree with the statement by Suffolk County Council [4.3.3] that the proposals for landscape and visual mitigation and compensation planting are insufficient and insufficiently secure.

Landscape and biodiversity are closely linked but the limited scope of the applicants' latest biodiversity update (Document 2.6.7 (B): Environmental Statement: Main Report Chapter 7 – Biodiversity) provide no comfort on biodiversity or landscape mitigation.

With regard to traffic and transport, Burstall and Hintlesham and Chattisham parishes are highly sensitive to increases in commercial traffic. Burstall and the adjacent Flowton area is already struggling to accommodate increased traffic caused by work around the Bramford substation, including the construction of large solar farms. The A1071 through Hintlesham is rightly notorious with several accident blackspots. It is therefore essential both parishes are consulted and involved in developing detailed and ongoing traffic plans.

Yours faithfully

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Sent on behalf of Burstall Parish Council and Hintlesham & Chattisham Parish Council