

Broadland District Council and South Norfolk Council Response to Examining Authority's Written Questions (ExQ1)

Deadline D2 (14th September 2021) (Extended 23rd September 2021)

Question Number	Question	Response
7.0.33	Art41: What are the respective parties' views of the imposition of a date of 24 July 2020?	Broadland District Council and South Norfolk Council are not sure why it is this date in particular, but don't have a particular issue with it.
10.0.1	ES Chapter 7: Landscape and Visual Effects [APP-046], Are the Council's satisfied that the viewpoints and photomontage locations selected (as shown on ES Figure 7.5 [APP-093]) are adequately representative of the Proposed Development?	<p>[NB: Figure 7.5 is at APP-060]</p> <p>Broadland District Council and South Norfolk Council had previously queried the direction of visualisation view 5 (when it was numbered 6) suggesting that it be more in the direction of the proposed junction. However, from the submitted photomontages at 7.6.7A-D it is noted that these are in that direction and that the arrow on figure 7.4 is possibly more southerly than the montages depict.</p> <p>Visualisation viewpoints 6 and 7 have been added further to our previous comments; this is welcomed.</p> <p>Broadland District Council and South Norfolk Council are therefore satisfied that the viewpoints and photomontage locations selected (as shown on ES Figure 7.5 [APP-093]) are adequately representative of the Proposed Development.</p>

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10.0.2	Are the parties satisfied with the Environmental Masterplan [APP-138] and the indicative proposals shown for the Proposed Development?	<p>These remarks were offered previously, but do not appear to have been considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reservations about the proposed formal approach to planting around the Eastern pedestrian/cycle bridge; this is not an urban area as the annotation suggests. • Will it be possible to view St Peter's Church Easton from the pedestrian/cycle crossing and/or its approach(es)? If not, is this desirable/possible? • What is the function of the spur of former Church Lane to the north of the proposed Easton pedestrian/cycle bridge? Is this necessary?
10.0.3	ES Chapter 7: Landscape and Visual Effects [APP-046], Are the Council's satisfied with the Applicant's approach to defining the baseline conditions?	Yes
10.0.4	ES Chapter 7: Landscape and Visual Effects [APP-046], what level of lighting/height/numbers etc was assessed.	This appears to be something that requires the applicant's input first before Broadland and South Norfolk Councils can provide a response to.

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	How does this compare to the existing situation? Are the parties happy with this?	
10.0.8	ES Chapter 7: Landscape and Visual Effects [APP-046], 7.6.2 – are the parties content that 1km from the DCO boundary is sufficient for assessment purposes?	The study area incorporates most of the ZTV. Where the ZTV extends beyond the 1km limit, there appear to be no significant public viewpoints that are not dissimilar to considerations by the viewpoints agreed elsewhere.
10.0.9	ES Chapter 7: Landscape and Visual Effects [APP-046], 7.7 Baseline Conditions – are the parties satisfied that the assessment provides an accurate evaluation of the existing baseline conditions? If not, please explain where it is lacking	Yes
10.0.11	ES Chapter 7: Landscape and Visual Effects [APP-046], 7.7.35, please provide further explanation as to how the 20 viewpoints were selected and were any proposed locations discounted? What level of input was received from the Councils over their selection? Are the Councils happy that the viewpoints are representative?	<p>We previously expressed concern that - for the Broadland and South Norfolk sections of the scheme (essentially all east from, and including, Wood Lane) - there was only one visualisation view proposed (as opposed to five within Breckland); we suggested that consideration from the higher land on Taverham Road would be beneficial.</p> <p>Two additional viewpoints have been included (numbers 6 and 7) and this is welcomed. In light of this we are relatively content that the viewpoints are representative.</p>

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10.0.13	ES Chapter 7: Landscape and Visual Effects [APP-046], Table 7.6 - are the assumptions around tree heights for Yr15 reasonable? If not, please explain.	Whilst the anticipated heights are potentially achievable, it would be useful to have information about the likely species within each category as there could be exceptions to the heights suggested. Our experience is that hedgerow plantings at year 1 are commonly shorter than stated at no more than 0.45m.
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