

20041240 Written Representations

Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Stour Valley Partnership Bramford to Twinstead

These Written Representations are made on behalf of the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Stour Valley Partnership for receipt by the Planning Inspectorate deadline 2 (11 Oct 2023). This un-constituted partnership is made up of around 20 organisations who are committed to the purposes of the AONB designation, to conserve and enhance natural beauty. It believes it is the only grouping that has as its sole purpose the conservation and enhancement of natural beauty in the Dedham Vale AONB and associated Stour Valley project area.

For the avoidance of any doubt, individual members of the AONB Partnership including statutory bodies, statutory undertakers and others are likely to provide their own written representations reflecting their remit, interests and responsibilities. This is likely to include those with a statutory duty towards delivering AONB purpose. These high level written representations reflect a view that all organisations of the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Stour Valley Partnership can agree.

The AONB Partnership will focus on the following:

1) Impacts on the Dedham Vale AONB's defined natural beauty.

As listed below and available at: <https://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Natural-Beauty-and-Special-Qualities-and-Perceived-and-Anticipated-Risks-Final-Report-July-2016-1.pdf>

During:

- (a) construction and
- (b) operation.

- Landscape quality
- Scenic quality
- Relative wildness
- Relative tranquillity
- Natural heritage features
- Cultural heritage

2) Ability of AONB to deliver statutory function:

During:

- (a) construction and
- (b) operation.

3) Impacts on the Stour Valley project area's natural beauty.

During:

- (a) construction and
- (b) operation.

4) Consideration of the AONB.

That appropriate weight has been given to the nationally designated landscape by the scheme's proposers, including:

- Adherence to national and local policy and the Dedham Vale AONB management plan
- Chosen method for undergrounding in AONB, AONB setting and Stour Valley project area

5) Impacts on the setting of the AONB.

Including impacts on the nationally designated landscape from:

- Cable Sealing Ends
- New overhead transmission lines (outside the AONB)

6) Suitability of measures to avoid, minimise, mitigate and compensate for negative impacts.

The quality of and appropriateness of measures to avoid, minimise, mitigate and compensate for any negative impacts on the AONB and Stour Valley.

7) Other issues of interest.

- Impacts on tourism industry during construction.
- The impacts of the proposals on the ability of residents and visitors to enjoy the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley, its natural beauty and special qualities, including as a place of residence, to operate business (including but not limited to agricultural operations), public access and enjoyment of the countryside during construction.

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