

I should like to make a representation on behalf of the Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership. The Partnership is made up of around 25 organisations who are committed to the purposes of the AONB designation, to conserve and enhance natural beauty. For the avoidance of any doubt, individual members of that Partnership are public bodies or statutory undertakers who have duties to conserve and enhance natural beauty and it is anticipated these members will provide separate representations reflecting their complete interests and responsibilities.

The AONB Partnership response will focus on the following issues:

- 1) The Landscape and Visual Impact of the scheme on the nationally designated AONB, including its setting.
- 2) The impact of the scheme on the defined natural beauty elements of the AONB, including landscape quality, scenic quality, relative wildness, relative tranquillity, natural heritage features and cultural heritage.
- 3) The impact of the scheme on the defined special qualities of the nationally designated AONB, including health and wellbeing, community, economy and ecosystems goods and services.

It is worth noting the defined natural beauty and special qualities of the AONB are represented in the document: 'Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty: Natural Beauty and Special Qualities indicators at: <http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/assets/Planning/V1.8-Natural-Beauty-and-Special-Qualities-of-SCH-AONB.pdf>

- 4) The impact of the scheme on the purposes of the nationally designated AONB, including its setting, to conserve and enhance natural beauty.
- 5) How the scheme and the developer has addressed its duty of regard to the purposes of the AONB.
- 6) The impact of the scheme on the ability of residents and visitors to enjoy the purposes of the AONB, its natural beauty and special qualities, for example public access and enjoyment of countryside.
- 7) The impact of the scheme on the local economy, in particular the tourism industry, that relies on the natural beauty and special qualities of the AONB.
- 8) The quality of and appropriateness of measures to avoid, mitigate and compensate for impacts on the natural beauty and special qualities of the AONB.