

Councillor Stringer

East Anglia GREEN Consultation Response submitted to Cabinet 6 June 2022

Response to East Anglian Green Consultation – 06 June 2022

Report MCa 22/2	Mid Suffolk has agreed a response to the recent consultation, I include the thoughts of the residents of Mendlesham I have conversed with since the consultation was started.
Page 4 paragraph 2	The document states, “achieving net zero, 50 by 30 an ongoing change...” Not sure I understand what this phrase is saying, could this be amended or at least clarified?
Breaches of N.G guidelines	National Grid guidelines clearly state that elevated areas are resisted when pylons are proposed, this proposal includes one of the highest points Suffolk (Wickham Skeith)
Community & Ancient Woodlands	The proposed route includes “carters meadow” a community owned woodland and wildlife site, that has been nurtured for over 25 years as a place of peace an tranquillity, many residents use this site as part of recuperation post illness etc. if pylons are erected over this woodland this site will be ruined for its long used purpose. There is also an area of ancient woodland at Mendlesham Green included within the proposed area, another breach of NG guidance
Land & house values	The peer reviewed statistics regarding land values post construction would be significant, along one village alone contains 11 listed buildings less than 50 mtrs from the proposal, with resultant reduction in land values of over £4,000,000.00 in one village alone, with many of these properties being used as collateral for business ventures, this will at a stroke leave many enterprises in negative equity, it does seem that the difference in cost from undersea and land is being directly born by the land owners and businesses concerned.
“Strongly” object	Could we change the wording to “strongly” object, on page 4, we have used it on page 5 under biodiversity, so it gives the impression that we have less objection to the proposal rather than the biodiversity element, if the cabinet believe that just using Object is stronger, then just use stronger in both, at the moment we are giving a mixed message.
Consultation	The consultation if it is to be meaningful needs to give clear costed options, not just input into moving to one or other side of a “band”