

Hi Alan,

Below is my report that I mainly use as a prompt. If you've got further queries give me a call but I think this covers what I talked about.

Ian

Ashwellthorpe PC report 17th Jan 23

- **East Anglia Green 'Pylons'...NG gave Briefing 14th Dec.**

NG Informed us that they've had a **very good response to the surveys** sent out and are aware of the concerns re onshore 'pylons' option and equally aware of the strong support of offshore route.

I felt however that I felt it was very much an emphasis towards the negatives and cost of offshore and very much in support of onshore.

Letter issued 16th Jan from Dept of Energy & Climate by Graham Stuart MP.

Here's a couple of extracts:

'Many people have written to their MP asking for a review to be launched regarding the planned electricity transmission infrastructure in East Anglia. In most cases, offshore wind developers in the region already have connection contracts in place with National Grid Electricity System Operator (ESO) and the Government will not, and cannot, force changes to these contracts; any attempt to mandate changes to connection contracts at this stage would be open to legal challenge by developers. Therefore, I do not think a review is the best approach. However, I recognise the concerns, and agree that we need to find ways of improving the situation.'

I should make clear that I will not be the decision-taking Minister for these forthcoming planning applications in East Anglia.

I wish to reassure you that your representations are being heard and considered and as we move forward there remains an open and fair planning process for each project, enabling communities to share their views and for projects to be evaluated impartially.'

So...There is another Statutory public consultation April/June 23. We just keep leaning on the powers that be.

- **Battery Storage, Swardeston**

Passed unanimously at the DMC on Wednesday.

See Alan George email and Hornsey 3 letter.

Community info event at Mulbarton Village Hall, Tuesday 31st Jan

- **Economy & Environment Committee. 16th Dec**

- **Public Space Protection Orders.**

Vehicle related anti-social behaviour on rise...start of a formal process to get PSPO in place to deal with this. A new committee will be created. June 23. It will go to cabinet to put in place the appropriate enforcement powers.

See James Easter Norfolk Police and Crime panel report.

- **Horizon Building.**

Plans to replace the current carbon fuelled system with ground/air source/natural gas as the heating system need to be replaced.

Funding, as part of the Public Centre Decarbonisation Scheme, will hopefully be available through SALIX Finance. SALIX is a Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB), under the sponsorship of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

Possible grant of £2 million+...really strong position to get it. Should know this month.

There will also be some match funding and Broadland will contribute. This could make the Horizon Building net zero.

The Grant was confirmed at the meeting!

- **New Voter ID.**

Plan to be in place for the forthcoming May Elections.

Major national advertising campaign due to start soon.

We will be getting funding from central government but how much this will be costing, who knows!

Concerned that this is yet another waste of money. But also hits the poorer and disenfranchised in our communities. Student I D cards not on the list! According to the Electoral Commission web site in all elections that took place in 2019, 595 cases of alleged electoral fraud were investigated by the police. Of these, four led to a conviction and two individuals were given a police caution.

Best to get postal vote or **Voter Authority Certificate.**