

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL MINERALS
SPECIFIC SITE ALLOCATIONS DPD EXAMINATION

Position statement on behalf of Suffolk County Council

Main matter 4 – Appropriate Assessment – site 23 Cavenham

Participants: Council; NE; EA.

Agenda item 1) Impact on Breckland Farmland SSSI

- There would be a long term net gain in the value of the habitat
- Phased working of the site would minimise short term impacts
- Natural England and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds are supportive of the approach taken

Agenda item 2) Adequacy of Appropriate Assessment

- This was agreed with officers from Natural England in June 2008
- The whole issue has been reviewed by Natural England in February 2009 and a copy of the letter sent to the Environment Agency who verbally have agreed to withdraw their objection.