

Growing Baldock

Environmental Statement Addendum Volume 1: Text
Chapter 18: Conclusions



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18.1 CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

- 18.1.1 Cumulative effects in the sense of the effects of the Proposed Development in combination with other nearby development proposals were identified on an individual topic basis in the final section of each Chapter within the original ES submission.
- 18.1.2 For those chapters where the Proposed Development has been re-assessed, such effects have not been re-considered as the scope of the other nearby development proposals has remain unchanged, and the minor changes to the proposals since the original submission are considered to be immaterial in this context.
- 18.1.3 In addition in-combination (cross-topic) effects on a single sensitive receptor were considered within Chapter 18 of the original ES and it is considered that this assessment remains valid.

18.2 SUMMARY OF MITIGATION AND CONCLUSIONS

- 18.2.1 The additional EIA process that has been undertaken in order to respond to the Regulation 25 request for further information has found there to be no changes the range of residual effects experienced within each environmental domain that has been re-assessed. The overall conclusions therefore remain unchanged from those drawn in Chapter 18 of the original submission.
- 18.2.2 The summary of effects table provided within Chapter 18 of the original ES remains applicable with the same conclusions when considering the significance of residual effect. However additional mitigation detail has been provided with respect of transport and archaeology and these are captured in the below table. The additional mitigation has been secured following feedback received from relevant consultees and the significance of the residual effects has not altered.
- 18.2.3 For clarity, further updates are anticipated in respect of transport, including an updated Transport Assessment to form part of a later submission.

Table 18.1 Additional Mitigation Measures Identified (where relevant)

Topic	Mitigation Measures	Mitigation Type		Delivery		Significance of Effect (range)
		Embedded	Additional	Condition	Legal Obligation	
4. Transport	A signal-controlled crossing point has been added on North Road (see indicative plan Appendix 4.1)		X		X (TBC)	Negligible to minor adverse (consistent with original ES submission)
9. Archaeology	Historic Environment Management Plan & Written Scheme of Investigation submitted with the OPA to provide detail on how heritage assets will be managed.		X	X		Negligible to moderate beneficial (consistent with original ES submission)