

A selection of opinions about the proposed data centre

The site is far too big. It's almost as big as the whole of Gateway 14 and will spoil the local area. There's already been far too much house building around Stowmarket. We don't need more development!

Resident of Creeting St Peter

Stowmarket needs jobs, especially for young people. We've built all these houses but people have to drive somewhere else to work. More jobs means more money, and the town centre could really use more money being brought in to it.

Local young person

If we can use green energy to power these data centres then that's fine. But I'm worried that we'll have to use fossil fuels which are dirty. But then we need the jobs. It's a difficult decision to make!

Local Green Party councillor

Data centres use a lot of water for cooling. The east of England is a dry area anyway and we're worried that more demand for water will lead to problems with water supplies for houses and for farmers who need to irrigate their crops.

Water authority representative

I'm worried about the loss of farmland and habitats. Where are we going to get our food from? Badgers use the woods along the A14 and once we lose the environment we're not going to get it back again.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust representative

A development like this is good for businesses like mine. And more business means I can employ more people so more money comes in to the town. Hopefully it will put Stowmarket on the map and other big companies will come here too.

Local business owner