

At the last oral hearing on the 9th April (01:58:46), the following query was raised: "And finally, then for the Burton Bush's answer, you briefly mentioned that earlier. Given the location of the Burton buses, triple C is within 250m of the proposed development. Should the potential for geological effects be assessed and reported on." I would contend the Applicants answer is insufficient and the lack of assessment not satisfactory.

While undergrounding power lines is often done to reduce visual impact and can have fewer landscape effects than overhead lines, it is not impact-free – especially not in an area rich in ecological and cultural significance. Each of the potential impacts identified (soil, water, woodland, archaeology) needs to be acknowledged and mitigated with evidence-backed measures. Only with such comprehensive planning can one confidently say the project will have “no significant impacts” on the surrounding SSSI, ancient woodland, or archaeological resources.