

In the ES the applicant states (para 2.1.6) "It is likely that the NGET substation will be located in one of two possible locations;

1. On land within the Order Limits, at the Southern Site, at the western most extremity, south of the Farmoor Reservoir; or
2. On land near and to the West of the Applicant's Southern Site, south of the Farmoor Reservoir."

I accept that the new substation has to be located in close proximity to the existing high voltage line that crosses Cumnor Parish but I can find no explanation for why the choice of sites for the substation is so limited. Why has the applicant assumed that these are the only two locations that should be considered?

The building of the substation is a permanent change of use and will have a profound impact on the visual landscape both as a piece of industrial development and because of the likelihood of the construction of additional pylons. In these circumstances, would it not be desirable and appropriate for the advantages and disadvantages of other locations so as to minimise the visual impact?