

In the section: 'Change 11: Refinement of Project layout and design to secure the latest design parameters for the new National Grid substation', in addressing 'Scope and extent of proposed changes', the applicant states:

"The combined effect of the changes, due to them largely being reductions in the extent of the Order Limits and/or involving no additions to the Order Limits, will not result in materially new or different effects to those assessed in the Environmental Statement [APP-036 to APP-224] (as may have been updated during Examination)."

It is expressly noted by The Examining Authority's First Written

Questions and Requests for Information (ExQ1) that the full extent of environmental and ecological change associated with this project have not been sufficient to address multiple articles of Q1.8. Ecology and Biodiversity.

As a resident of the Eynsham area who frequents many of the fields, walkways, and bridleways mentioned by the Refinements, I am especially concerned that Environmental Impact is undertaken correctly, in a manner that does not confuse the size and scope of the project with license to neglect the minutia of localised impact. In any instance where cables are rerouted or moved, both immediate changes brought about by construction and the long-term effects involved must be considered. I am not confident at this time that the applicant has regarded the environmental impact of the project with due seriousness, given the project's proximity to the greenbelt countryside renewable energy is designed to preserve. Without thorough assessment, moving ahead with the project and seeing what happens as it develops may cause irreparable harm to the environment's current balances.