

I am wondering whether National Grid have done a proper Cost/Benefit Analysis of the overall project. By costs, I am of course including external costs, including:

- 1) loss of amenity value caused by the prospective works involved which will significantly affect use of the area(s) concerned by members of the public, including nature lovers (like myself), dog walkers, cyclists, etc.
- 2) decline (temporary or permanent) of property values in the area involved
- 3) biodiversity erosion/loss in the area concerned. Ramsar Site, Special Protection Area, National Nature Reserve, Marine Protected Area... we are talking about a highly sensitive area, and my impression is that National Grid have failed to properly model the possible effect on breeding and wintering species in Pegwell Bay.
- 4) landscape degradation

There are well tried and tested methods for estimating all these externalities. How have National Grid estimated all these costs?