

I am informed that future open floor public hearings may possibly be restricted to just one location in Essex. If this is the case, it will signify a total failure of the proper democratic process which should always govern planning issues of this magnitude and complexity. It will deny a great many potentially affected individuals from having the opportunity to air their views due to time and distance restrictions. In the interests of fairness, ALL future hearings must be held at the very least on a 'county by county' basis, with a suitably sized and easily accessible venue in an approximately central location along or adjacent to the proposed line of pylons. A great many village halls along the entire proposed alignment are adequate for such a purpose. Whilst this may well be a 'National' infrastructure project, its plethora of negative impacts and potential harms are decidedly 'Local'.