

It was argued in the Acquind DCO case that unless alternative available options were properly considered there could be no proper assessment of the balance between private loss and public benefits in support of any proposal. In the absence of such an assessment in this case, the justification for the project is unclear, unsubstantiated, and cannot be considered robust.

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The proposed route passes through significant areas that are designated as Grade 2 (and some areas of Grade1) within the Agricultural Land Classification Maps of England being land of better agricultural quality, placing some of the higher quality farmland at risk. NPPF para 187 indicates that development should protect and enhance soils.