

For my community, the prospect of 50m pylons towering over our tranquil hamlet has stolen our happiness.

- Bunwell Low Common is ancient and unspoilt. Its narrow lanes, gently rolling landscape, proximity to the River Tas, wildlife and historic features are highly valued locally. They are also prized by ramblers, cyclists, dogwalkers and horse riders. In modern times there has been no industrial or residential development allowed.
- To introduce huge industrial structures into this setting will cause incalculable damage to the landscape and the enjoyment and well being of those who inhabit it. It must not be permitted - especially as alternatives exist.
- South Norfolk's landscape assessment describes the 'gently sloping topography and open landscape' of the Tas Valley Tributary Farmland and its sensitivity to 'tall and large elements, including large farm buildings and pylons'. In their submission National Grid quote from the relevant landscape assessment but, conveniently, they omit any reference to the inappropriateness of pylons.
- By National Grid's own admission, the effects on this landscape are 'significant and irreversible'. They are 'a large scale of change'. Within 0.5km the impacts are 'major and significant'. Within 1.5km they remain 'significant'. All residents of Bunwell Hill and Low Common are to suffer this significant impact.
- The proposed pylons intersect our little hamlet. They are less than 200m from four dwellings. They are within 350m of three important listed buildings. National Grid have specifically dismissed the harms to both visual amenity and heritage for these properties. The effects are clearly not inconsequential. - they are life changing
- If you wish to look at visualisations of the pylons as they pass through our community you will be disappointed. There are none. The visualisations for Bunwell are from entirely different parts of the village and are both inaccurate and incomplete.
- 15 years after installation, the landscape impacts are projected to be unchanged. Not surprising, when there is no landscape mitigation whatsoever proposed. If our landscape and visual amenity are to be destroyed, an extensive programme of planting for some level of screening should be mandatory.
- I am to live 300m from two pylons. I have engaged with the consultation process in full but have not actually been consulted. At in person events, National Grid representatives, including their most senior personnel, have acknowledged my concerns and told me to submit them. When I've done so, they've been entirely ignored. I continually hear National Grid vindicating their position with talk of how many people they've consulted. But this has not been a consultation. It has been white washing and manipulation.

I urge you to look beyond National Grid's pages and pages of desk top justification and instead at the objections of those most affected - and at the horrific reality of what is being proposed.

I ask that the alternatives to this proposal are given further and full consideration.

Thank you

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