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The proposed pylon route will cause significant and permanent harm to valued landscapes, public rights of way, and heritage assets. The proposed conventional pylons will cause substantial and unjustified harm to landscape, heritage assets, and public amenity, contrary to planning policy and established principles.

The DCO, if confirmed, will confer significant powers to compulsorily acquire land and create new rights which will permanently affect landowners' property rights. However, no discretionary compensation scheme has been proposed. Without such a discretionary purchase scheme, affected landowners (within the Scheme Order limits) have no mechanism to recover losses beyond the statutory minimum. This is particularly significant where statutory compensation fails to capture the full extent of private losses, including reductions in land value, loss of future development opportunities, or business impacts.

The consultation was inadequate and fails the Gunning Principles; alternative routes and undergrounding were, or have been, were not presented for consideration and appear to have been prematurely dismissed. Consultation with communities and statutory bodies has been poor and incomplete. Landowners were repeatedly invited to provide feedback during consultation periods without then receiving responses to their feedback.