

Following the representation I made at the Essex Open Floor Hearing, I was disappointed to see that National Grid chose to summarise and group the responses made. I do not feel that these adequately address the concerns that I had raised, and again is very much a cop out by the applicant instead of actually engaging with the affected parties. I have summarised in the bullets below, my key points raised by me at the OFH and my updated thoughts based on the summarised National Grid response.

National Grid presented a preferred option, no consultation on alternatives or fully costed options - National Grid say *'It would be wholly disingenuous and misleading for the Applicant to present an alternative for consultation, that would not meet the requirements placed on it by the government and its regulator Ofgem.'* This should be a key area of focus and effort, as fully costed lifetime costs with modern technology would be at least comparable.

Hiorns report - National Grid say *'In summary we do not accept the Report's conclusions around the timing of need for additional capacity being closer to 2035 than 2030.'* No clear evidence is given on why they disagree and are feeling the need to push for 2030.

Visualisations/Green Belt impact - National Grid state that it takes very special measures to allow building on the Green Belt. Why even attempt this when other options exist that will not impose on the landscape, environment and Green Belt.

Vibrations - I do not feel the National Grid summary gives me any reassurance or the information I am looking for as to how I will not be affected by the vibrations.

Dust - I do not feel the National Grid summary gives me any reassurance or the information I am looking for as to how I will not be affected by dust.

EMF - National Grid direct to one of their many documents, but the words do not mean anything or give the reassurance needed for my family. The route does not have to pass as close to the property as it is proposed to do, there is scope to move much further away, or of course an HVDC underground alternative where there is much reduced risk.

Amount of information - No recognition given to the hundreds of thousands of pages of information presented. How a member of the public who has no prior knowledge and works full time is supposed to make an informed response is ridiculous.

Flooding - the generalised information makes no effort to address my concerns about localised flooding. Our property is at risk of flooding during excess rainfall, which will be significantly increased with the thousands of tonnes of concrete and haul road just uphill from the house.

Traffic - it is my opinion that whilst traffic surveys have been carried out, they do not actually take into consideration what this will mean in terms of effect for local communities. Nor have National Grid been able to answer when and how long roads would be closed for, significant

impacts that must be documented. For example, the Roxwell Road A1060 is at 100% capacity during peak times, how will hundreds of lorries use this route?

Mental Health - National Grid say '*The Project team will continue to engage with people potentially affected during progress of the Project, through regular communication including letters, phone calls and meetings.*' To date, I have never been proactively contacted by National Grid to discuss any of my concerns, presumably as they see me as unaffected, despite being surrounded by the draft order limits and just over 100m from the nearest proposed pylon.

Property price - National Grid state '*The Applicant recognises that visual impact from overhead lines and pylons can cause concern for communities and may lead to perceptions of property value loss. However, property values are influenced by many factors, making it hard to attribute depreciation to a single cause like infrastructure development.*' I have factual evidence from local estate agents that my property has a significantly decreased value since even the announcement of pylons. It is not a perception, it is a reality that I have lost a six figure sum on my property - but I am 'unaffected' apparently.