

I spoke at the first open hearing on 10 February. I also submitted those comments in writing. The applicant's reply in their Report to what I said at the hearing and also to what I submitted in writing, was inadequate in that it only mentioned one aspect of my comments - Bird Strike from pylons. The information in the Report with regard to the Waveney Valley did not address the difficulty concerning the dangerous acid soils of the Waveney Valley section of the project and did not explain in detail why that is not an issue deserving much better and proper scientific examination especially concerning inevitable damage to the adjacent SSSI of Wortham Ling. What precautions will the Applicant take?

The Applicant's Report did not address the question of visual impact in the Waveney Valley. Why has the Applicant not proposed the possibility of mitigating the visual impact in the Valley with, as is recommended in government guidelines, pylons that do not go above the existing treeline?

The views of communities in this valued landscape have been completely ignored. The Applicant's costings are not transparent

The question of cost of HVDC undergrounding is not addressed accurately or transparently. The Applicant (as stated in my written comment) has conceded that undergrounding should be extended to protect nearby houses and Wortham Ling from any impact of their sealing and compounds. By choosing not to reply properly to all the points and questions from those making verbal and written comments, the Applicant's Report is totally selective. Communities under threat of the degradation of their ancient landscapes and wildlife deserve better.