

## Comments on Submissions to Deadline 2-Norwich to Tilbury Project

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1] The proposal overall, will be extremely detrimental to the environment, landscape and the many people living in East Anglia. Serious alternatives, such as offshore lines and underground cables, have not been put forward by the Applicant. The NG proposals will have a disastrous long term effect by creating an enormous scar of large 400kV pylons right through the centre of East Anglia. These pylons could be in place for up to 100 years or more. An off-shore scheme should be considered but failing that, more underground lines ought to be placed in sensitive sections of the route, even if it costs more.

I understand that substations for the line are already being constructed, presumably under permitted development rights, which pre-empts the final decision on the siting of the line. This is not a reasonable form of consultation.

2] I have very strong objections to this scheme, not only for East Anglia, but for its detrimental effect on the landscape east of Ingatestone and the valley of the River Wid. I realise that the pylon route has been shifted slightly, but the pylons will still enter the valley north east of Ingatestone and run across it, adversely affecting the landscape to the east of Ingatestone. In my opinion, this valley is comparable in beauty to the Vale of Dedham, without the history, of course.. The effect on Ingatestone and the open landscape area to the east will be enormous, and it shouldn't happen.

Apart from the local landscape, sensitive buildings are located in this area , namely:

a] Ingatestone Hall which is 16C and built around 1540-1548, a short time after the reformation. It is a Tudor gem and should not be close to a 400kV pylon route. Grid Ref. TO 653 985

b] Buttsbury Bridge ,Stock lane, is 17C and listed Grade 2, and crosses the river Wid , close to the pylon route. Grid Ref. TO 664 992

c] St. Mary's Church, Buttsbury,14-15 C ,very close to the proposed pylon route, Grid Ref. TO 664 985

3]To sum up, the Wid valley should certainly be considered for underground cables as it is comparable to Dedham Vale in terms of landscape beauty. It also a home to 3 listed buildings of some merit. The pylons will be in place for a very long time, perhaps 100 years or so, and the longevity of this scheme should be balanced against the overall costs.

This proposal is likely to have unseen environmental consequences. A lot of changes are required to mitigate its effects. After all we are now in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and should do better than in the past.

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