

Deadline 6 response

National Grid Norwich to Tilbury

Sunday 5th July.

Dear ExA.

Thankyou for the opportunity to respond to the the latest and last round of hearings. I am not god at speaking in public and thought you all very good at letting some of us at the hearing speak. I don't think I would have been able to without using some unsavoury words when I heard NG attitude to landowners, farmers and airfields.

If it isn't safe to go under or near our overheads then don't! It is perfectly safe at the moment! How are we supposed to harvest our crops when it is unsafe to get there!

If it isn't safe to fly from your pre-war airfield then move your airfield!

NG have told Five Estuaries and North Falls, both now having permission, to get their cables to EACN before it has even got permission itself as though it is a foregone conclusion. We have been to the Tarchon consultation this week to find they have been told the same! It seems the chicks have hatched before the chicken has even laid the eggs!!

The NG consultation has been flawed right from the start and they have ignored any comments made at any of the consultations so far as though it is a done deal! They have never considered or priced any other scheme. They have never considered another site for the EACN, there is only 3% (DEFRA) of land this good in the whole country! Ours is some of this quality and we have tried our best to protect it since buying it 1981!

Sorry they did release a video of an offshore grid that was apparently cheaper, this didn't stay in the public domain for long!

We have more surveys due on our land, some non intrusive on fresh land way outside the draft order limits, why now? Also some intrusive that we missed the paperwork on, they have now come in with the usual threats, no polite reminders! We haven't had any results from the previous surveys yet!

I am dread the thought of this ever getting permission, with the threat of hedge and tree removal, with reduced farm and building security, the dust, light and noise pollution from the construction process, the ongoing buzz of the overheads, the years of work trying to get our remaining land back into a productive cycle. There could be up to 5 years of unchecked weed seeds to deal with and the ground compaction from the construction process!

I have tried to keep this fairly brief as I can't imagine how much paperwork you all must have to work through! I struggle with the amount of paperwork we are getting here!

Yours sincerely

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