

I feel my concerns are being ignored.

The view from my home ([REDACTED]) is breathtaking, yet these plans are still being pushed through despite the Holford Rules clearly stating pylons should not run along the top of a hill. If nothing changes, we will have the AONB behind our house and up to 12 pylons in front. This is based on National Grid's own visualisation.

National Grid is planning to put cables underground within the Dedham Vale AONB, yet still wants pylons in full view across the hillside near us. This would also be in clear view of St Mary the Virgin Church, right in the heart of the AONB. The route also goes straight through a key migration path and gathering area for hundreds of geese. Every year, for weeks at a time, they fly along this exact line. Without a change, these birds are at real risk of fatal collisions. This cannot be ignored when other routes are available.

As I write this, I can hear the geese on the nearby reservoir. Very soon they will begin gathering, and through August and September hundreds will fly back and forth along this same route, just as they do every year. It feels like this has been completely overlooked by National Grid, as if the birds don't matter. Why?

We have only ever been shown this one route, and as far as we know no real alternatives have been looked at. Why? Many of us feel powerless to protect this valley—a place loved by locals and vital for wildlife. We are simply asking for proper consideration of alternative routes that avoid unnecessary and lasting damage.