

It is staggering that National Grid continue to promote the idea of pylons across some of Britain's most valued countryside, when other cheaper possibilities could be explored. Indeed, information supplied to the examination shows that the options of routeing cables offshore, using HVDC, and/or using the new technology of ultra-high conductivity cables can give huge benefits. Cables have been put underground southwards from North Norfolk, with not too much disruption (as was a gas pipeline from Bacton about 50 years ago). I do not see why this could not be done in places where cables MUST go overland.

I believe that these alternative ways of supplying power to London (because that is the 'load' for which we in East Anglia are potentially sacrificing our environment) have NOT been properly considered by National Grid and I encourage the inspectors to push them to do so.