

- The Holford Rules have not been properly applied in the valued landscape of the Waveney Valley. How have the Holford Rules been applied in designing the route and proposed development? There were no significant changes made that would mitigate the visual damage from pylons through the Valley ruining the existing wonderful view of St Remigius Church (Grade 1), Roydon. There has been no consultation on the reduced sized pylons alternative. Why were shorter T pylons not considered? Where was the proper scientific evidence for no undergrounding in the Waveney Valley? Again communities were not consulted.
- Only one option for the whole pylons route was presented to communities - it was pylons along a pre-chosen route. There was no Waveney Valley alternative and no justification for this devastating attack on the much valued, historic and beautiful Suffolk countryside. Why not? There needs to be further justification and discussion for this destructive route.
- The Waveney Valley pylons route significantly affects Roydon Fen and Meadow Wood nature reserve. Mitigation has not been properly evaluated or considered.
- The amenity consideration of Wortham Ling (an SSSI) and its special fauna and flora will be seriously affected since the proposed pylons will be running parallel to the Ling.
- HVDC undergrounding through the Valley was discarded by the Applicant. This method is a much less destructive, less costly, quicker and a viable alternative to pylons using cable ploughing, yet the Applicant has refused this method and has not given enough scientific evidence or reasons for not including it. Mitigation has again been weak - why will the effect of pylons be minor? There been little justification and explanation.
- There has been no explanation/justification of how there will be negligible impact for all species and no significant residual effects during proposed construction.
- Where are the supposed 'coordinated master plans' for this ill-thought out route?
- Bird strikes: the Waveney Valley is on a pathway from the coast for many bird species, including swans, geese, summer and winter migrants, owls, and many other species that are crossing the Valley to reach Redgrave and Lopham Fen - the largest Valley fen in England. These birds, many of whom are on the red list, will be in great danger from the pylons. Yet again, this has not been recognised by the Applicant or mitigated.
- Energy need can be met through alternatives such as the cheaper HVDC undergrounding, offshore coordination and upgrading the existing grid - there was only ever one option: outdated, non-strategic pylons along an ill-thought out pre-chosen route.