

I have made previous objections to this project regarding the damage to wildlife, to the protected countryside of Dedham Vale, the view from my property, and the Protected Lane I live by. Also about the lack of information, and conflicting information, I have received about the route, which has made me very wary of the ability of National Grid to do a good job. All these objections still stand.

The proposal should also be seen in the light of the present drought situation East Anglia suffers from. With Minsemere destroyed, and the massive building works around Sizewell, and new houses being proposed everywhere (900 ish in Langham, Essex,) this area is losing too much valuable habitat and wildlife, it will become a wasteland. Everything is suffering now, we should not add to this. Overhead cables could easily be compromised in this age of summer fires. They are also vulnerable to terrorist attacks, which may become an issue.

Why has the idea of putting the cables off shore not been properly appraised? Raising this at one of the meetings with The Grid, I was told there is a SSSI near Tilbury that negated the idea. With the warming of the oceans these areas are severely under threat anyway and changing rapidly, surely it would be cheaper,(in the long run), safer, and more politic to at least consider cabling under the sea. It is surely the long term objective anyway.

I confirm my previous concerns and would hope the inspectorate will listen to them, and act on allowing a undersea option; and if not, consider undergrounding by cable ploughing, saving as much of the present habitat as possible, putting environmental enhancements exactly where they have been taken from, and ensuring National Grid executives are accountable for their decisions, and engage knowledgeably with us!

The whole thing feels like a desk based study, influenced from start to finish by those with influence and power, and ignoring those most affected.