

The applicant still has not presented viable alternatives, which would be cheaper and less environmentally and economically destructive to East Anglia. Options such as HVDC undergrounding, coordinated off shore grid, upgrading the existing grid have been dismissed repeatedly, despite requests and numerous consultation phases.

The cumulative traffic impact, specifically in Ardleigh, with a number of overlapping construction projects, has not been sufficiently quantified. I believe the impact on rural roads, not designed for the amount of HGVs projected for the project, is completely underestimated. Has the modelling been done at peak times and included junction performance for example? Have the trends in migratory bird populations in our area been quantified over a number of years to fully assess the impact this project will have?

Above all I would remind the Planning Inspectorate that the consultation of this project has been deficient from the start, as it only presented one option with no alternatives.