

1. National Grid's (NG) application is deficient in that it has not provided alternatives to its preferred 180km of hideous pylons that will despoil beautiful countryside, where such alternatives could be:
 - (i) co-ordinating an offshore grid and using offshore cables (such as those being installed from North East Scotland to Drax, North Yorkshire and between Denmark and UK and between the Netherlands and UK);
 - (ii) undergrounding, using the much less environmentally damaging HVDC cable ploughing method; and
 - (iii) upgrading existing facilities.
2. NG's consultations have been deficient because they have not complied with the Gunning principles.
3. NG's submissions have failed to follow Treasury Blue Book guidance.
4. NG has not adequately explained how it would care for the environment and safeguard threatened species, such as hazel dormice, as well as badgers and other wildlife; nor how it would safeguard wild birds (e.g. red kites, buzzards, swallows and swifts) nor birds affected by the wholesale destruction of hedgerows, woodlands and trees (e.g. blackcaps, whitethroats, willow warblers, cuckoos as well as more everyday species such as blue tits, other tits, finches, wrens, robins, blackbirds and even woodpigeons, amongst others), plus everything else from slow worms and spiders to grass snakes and lizards etc.
5. We're not happy that NG plan to use [REDACTED], that provides access to our property, and beyond, apparently for access but we have a very real fear that contractors and staff would try to use the bridleway for access to the haul road, nor that NG will control the contractors and personnel to prevent unauthorised use.