

I made previous representations against the proposals and consider that the applicant has entirely failed to demonstrate justification for its case relative to alternative more effective and sustainable solutions. I would add that it has recently become all too clear that the proposals inherently fail to safeguard against proven and emerging developments in hostile drone warfare. These developments will mean that this substantial investment will be highly vulnerable to attack in the event of such hostile action. If the case for the project is to provide a critical power supply to London, the system proposed will lack resilience from the outset and is clearly ill conceived. The length of the scheme confirms that the costs of defending it from attack will be substantial and continuous in such circumstances. The proposals highlight the evident failure to determine a strategy for strategic power distribution which aligns with wider aspects of the country's defensive review and emerging strategy.