

Behind our house is a field which we have pedestrian access beside which we use day to day and where we have a private sewer. National Grid plan to turn this field into a compound for their vehicles and materials while they build a service road to the pylon in the next field, and we have no idea how this will affect our day to day access or that it will take care to avoid the route of our sewer because this hasn't been discussed with us properly.

When this work is carried out as part of this our power supply will be undergrounded and from the maps we have seen means there will be damage to hedges and the small woodland next to our field, we need to know and receive confirmation that when this is carried out it will not be necessary to take this as far as the trees - but to stick to the field. We feel these plans, like many we have read and seen, are put together without proper consideration of the harm to our wildlife which is precious and varied here, including Sky Lark, Linnet, Yellow Hammer, Lapwing, Badger, Hare, Tawny Owl, Buzzards, Red Kite and many more.

We still need to be told more about how our homes will be affected and how we will be compensated when they are devalued, and we still need be told more on an individual basis how we will be affected day to day as we need our access to be kept open and safe to pass along in the field behind us.

We still believe that the request to look into an off-shore option has not been seriously considered or properly looked into by National Grid. Other parties have made good suggestions about how this could work - which are not the same and could be better than the route that National Grid are basing their very basic responses and costings on (I refer to the proposal for one by [REDACTED], Pylons East Anglia).

We still believe that all of the plans we have seen so far have been put together as a desk-top exercise, using online maps and visuals to do this rather than getting out in the field to really study the area they plan to build across and to look at what is around visually and really see how it will be affected (like Grade 1 listed Rivenhall Church, near to us).

In short, when we feel we are being listened to and taken more seriously by National Grid we will find it easier to accept what is finally decided as an outcome. Whatever this turns out to be we expect wildlife and countryside to be one of the most important considerations and treated sympathetically, not just removed before any permission has even be granted - planting new trees and hedges requires commitment to care for these until they are fully established and does not mean you can plant them and then just walk away. We need more than anything far more reassurance. Thank you.