

## **Deadline 8 response**

National Grid Norwich to Tilbury

Sunday 2nd August.

Dear ExA,

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on how we have found NG responses to be lacking.

As a severely affected landowner, resident and business owner the project continues to progress at a pace, whilst ignoring the concerns of those affected.

NG Heads of Terms are now on version 4 and still unsignable. This is not their only project of this type so they must have a template from other projects that have been signed.

Even the survey licenses are generally unfit for purpose!

NG claim this is a NSIP, we don't believe that NG can prove what amount of power is for use in the UK and what for export!

NG have never told us where to find costings of any comparison project except saying they are more costly and we just have to take their word for it! Are they taking into account the lifetime cost?

NG seem to have totally ignored the Holford and Horlock rules.

Rule1. they are using the highest value agricultural land for all their sub-stations at [REDACTED] / Lt. Bromley.

Rule 3 and 7. After leaving the EACN they have 6 angle changes in a very short distance.( interactive map inaccessible again)

They have chosen a very flat landscape, it is easy to see a 30m water tower from 7km the 50m+ pylons would be even worse and the interconector converter station. All visible from the Dedham vale AONB.

NG have continually ignored the importance of the quality land we have in this area for food production when there must be more suitable brown field sites!

The birds and wildlife we have in this area is now being put under threat from hedge and tree removal and the thought of pylons being erected along the eastern flyway is madness.

Surely we should be burying the cables like most of the continent seem to be. HVDC would make even more sense from a disturbance and line loss point of view. Then I believe the converter station would not be required and the sub-stations could be smaller as the wind farms could generate in DC aswell.

NG state that the operational noise level of the EACN is 35db and the cumulative noise of all sub-stations would not increase!

NG inappropriately use climate change as the major reason for this proposed project but fails to mention National food security especially with current geopolitical events

The future for my family, our home, our land, our businesses and our great rural community continues to hang in the balance.

Thankyou

Bruce Marshall

