

I am in favour of renewable energy in principle; I've had solar panels on my house for more than 12 years which not only largely power my house but export surplus kWh to the National Grid. However, I have a number of objections to the proposed onshore route of the Transmission Assets and location of the substations for the Morecambe and Morgan Offshore Wind Farm.

The planned onshore cable route would be very disruptive to thousands of residents, businesses and visitors across the south of the Fylde peninsula during the construction phase, which could last 10 years.

The substations are located on green belt land and would be massively disruptive, visually and audibly, environmentally and ecologically. That applies long after the construction phase, irreversibly altering the green belt land on which they would be sited. Please bear in mind that the hedges and trees are in leaf now so may obscure views of the sites, particularly the substations that would be far more visually intrusive during Autumn, Winter and early Spring.

There appear to be absolutely no benefits to local residents or businesses from this development, only disruption, stress and financial impact.

There is an alternative route to Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone, a brownfield site at Stanah, which would benefit the area and would be welcomed by its management. Why hasn't that been looked into? It would be much less disruptive, quicker and cheaper and deliver the electricity where it could be used resulting in new employment opportunities. A win for all.

The attitude of the applicants seems to be very blasé, almost arrogant and disrespectful to local residents and businesses and stakeholders. Any consultations with local residents, councils and businesses have been limited, incomplete and little more than a token gesture. Do they think they needn't bother too much as they'll get permission come what may?

Other issues include: - traffic congestion across Fylde, damage to Moss roads, Emergency vehicle access and response times, wildlife impact, economic impact, air safety, and potential damage to historical assets dating back to the Bronze Age and Roman times.

From what I've seen and heard of the recent meetings in Blackpool, I am glad that the Inspector is requesting detailed information from the applicants that they should have provided.

Hopefully the Inspector will also tell the applicants to take a look at the alternative route to Stanah, precedents have been set I believe by Stonehenge and Langley Park School judgements.