

We consider that a much shorter, cheaper, less damaging alternative can connect to Penwortham via Stanah, using an existing National Grid line, already 400KVcapable, with cost savings estimated at £903mat current prices. The alternative would use a designated brownfield site and create jobs in one of the most deprived areas of Lancashire in future energy intensive, green hydrogen production, yet applicants dismiss its feasibility, opting for complex solutions. The applicants avoid responsibility for landfall decisions, deferring to National Grid and hence they have opted for a conflicted, all new, cross-Greenbelt route. Concerns arise over site selection, extended construction periods, and lack of benefits to local communities. Consultation efforts are insufficient, leading to stakeholder frustration. Agricultural impacts include prolonged and permanent land loss and disruption. Beach access at St Anne's faces likely closures without mitigation plans. Air safety concerns remain unresolved due to poor engagement with BAE Systems. Emergency access for blue light vehicles during the construction period would create a danger to residents. The roads in our area already suffer from major delays when any road works are set up, adding to traffic numbers and the need for temporary lights will cause our area to become gridlocked. Community benefits remain undefined despite available government guidance. Existing and proposed energy projects threaten to overwhelm greenbelt areas. The cumulative impacts of substations, cabling, and solar farms lack adequate assessment. Biodiversity concerns persist, with protected bird species inhabiting affected areas. All of these issues are worsened by the refusal of the applicants to consider any alignment of their works leading to a potential 10 year period of disruption. Ultimately, the alternative route offers a more direct, cost-efficient, and environmentally viable solution that has been ignored by applicants.