

My objection to this project is not against the offshore wind farm but the route for the onshore transmission assets chosen by the applicant or possibly by the applicants 'advisors'. I do not understand why they have chosen a route for the cable corridor, approximately 30 kilometres, from the coast, through the countryside to Penwortham when there is an eminently more suitable alternative which is Hillhouse Technology Local Enterprise Zone, a brownfield site in a deprived area and needing only 4 kilometres of underground drilling. I would suggest that the Inspectors visit this site. It seems to me that the Applicant, for whatever reason is ignoring any alternative route. Their initial consultation process failed miserably, with no meaningful engagement and lack of detail. This seems to be a totally inappropriate project where an alternative should have been considered. I would like to know why it wasn't or if it was, then what were the reasons for the decision?