

Why do we have to destroy the planet to save it?

Simple answer, we don't.

There is a much shorter, cheaper, less damaging alternative that can connect to Penwortham via Stanah, using an existing National Grid line, already 400 kV capable, with cost savings estimated at £903m at 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 applicant's representative intentionally withheld information when asked about the link boxes and the joint bays along the planned route. She spoke about the link boxes, which are only approximately eight cubic metres, of which approximately 1 metre is above ground. There are 100-120 along the planned route, and she downplayed them massively, they will be left in farmers fields making them more difficult to manage. She then 'forgot' to mention the joint bays, which are 20-30 times the size of link boxes and need larger excavation to place them into the land, again there will be 100-120 of these along the planned route, buried approximately 1 metre under ground, which they claim makes them invisible. But any agricultural farmland which has them in it will not be able to recover for 20-30 years, just in time for them to dig them up! The destruction this application brings is not proportionate to the benefits it brings when there is a more suitable route which costs over £900 million less, would be quicker to deliver the energy to the grid and would help level up an area of the North West instead of destroying it.