

Most public concerns & suggestions of an alternate route for the cable corridor at the hearing I attended last month in Blackpool were dismissed or given very little consideration or time by the applicant's team. There is already a connection from an Irish wind farm to Penwortham via Hillhouse at Stannah. The applicants dismissed this suggested alternate route saying additional cables would be needed for the 400kV required, however, I am now informed the cables are already 400kV & therefore does need considering as estimates suggest a saving of £900m from the latest IET 2025 report for this project.

The applicants could not commit to timescales & were very unsure as to how long the disruption to the area will last, varying anywhere between 7-12 years.

The environmental issues have still not been resolved with the Environment Agency regarding ecosystems in & around the sand dunes & are therefore still to be considered.

There has been a lack of engagement with BAE Systems, still to be considered regarding bird strikes, which seems a big issue which the applicants seem to have given little consideration.

A lot of the roads/lanes to be used during construction seem to have been given little emphasis regarding their ability to cope with the size/weight/numbers of haulage wagons to be used during this work.

The whole project has been poorly considered and very little consideration given to alternatives, many dismissed with little, if any, investigation.

With the potential of vast savings the cable corridor site/route definitely needs re looking at & considering.