

After attending the 4 days consultations at Blackpool Grand Hotel with the four Governments representatives, Morgan & Morecambe, local residents, councillors, businesses, land owners, wildlife representatives. I do believe M& M have not even considered an alternative route at a fraction of the cost which could save not only billions, but also save a vast amount of land required for the proposed cable route.

I am greatly concerned regarding many different aspects such as when M&M barrister stated a Fylde councillor was incorrect in stating the beach would be closed. The corridor has to come onshore and go down the beach and also cross a major Rd the A584.

The alternative route which seems to have been completely dismissed, or not even looked at, is a much shorter route, more direct, also has some things already in place regarding the national grid. Plus it would take less construction time and save so much agricultural land. Cause less impact on the environment, commuting, and local communities...

I also discovered during this consultation that there would be two sets of cables corridors being constructed at different times along with the same regarding the two different substations as each company will be working on their own.

Airspace is also a concern Blackpool Airport, but more so Bae Systems who supply the countries aeroplanes for our countries defence.

The Fylde itself is a holiday destination that would be greatly affected by the cable corridor and commuting around the Fylde, which in itself would cause an impact on the Four Emergency Services as there are only two major routes across the Fylde from the M6 Preston (which had accidents almost every day). Which are the A584 & A583. Of late even temporary traffic lights have caused delays of over half an hour, longer at rush hour.

Is windfarms cost effective in the long run when you take into account the costs of time, construction, man hours, upkeep etc when a wind turbine has a life span of approx 20 years and the proposed route could take 10 years plus the maintainance etc. The loss of land, disruption, congestion, mental distress for local residents, the construction traffic, construction noise, compulsory purchases, farmers who have had their farms for generations, homes & schools in extremely close proximity to the cable route and substations

As a local resident I have even more concerns now than I previously did.

I believe tick boxes have been ticked but the real issues and concerns and justifications have not all been taken into account.