

I consider that a much shorter, cheaper, less damaging alternative can connect to Penwortham via Stanah, using an existing National Grid line, already 400KV 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 applicants avoid responsibility for landfall decisions, deferring to National Grid and hence they have opted for a conflicted, all new, cross

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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.

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. Temporary land use remains unaccounted

for in biodiversity net gain

(BNG) calculations.

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

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efficient, and

environmentally viable solution that has been ignored by applicants.