

I act on behalf of Hornbies Foundation Charity 20053119 and had not intended to request to attend/speak at ISH2 however having followed ISH2 Part 1 yesterday online I wish to submit this important question to the Applicants for today's ISH2 Part 2 which is of Landscape and Green Belt importance on behalf of Hornbies Foundation Charity as I am unable to attend virtually today.

I appreciate there is no protocol for written questions however acting for the only landowner impacted by two substations I would hope to have my submitted question accepted for the ExA to put to the Applicants at today's hearing.

There are two parts to my question.

Part A is to ask that if there is no gas available or the cost of supply is prohibitive (as there is no gas available certainly in the vicinity of Morecambe Substation) then AIS substation layout will be used which requires approximately double the size of substation footprint.

Each substation footprint using GIS layout is proposed to be circa 50% operational infrastructure and 50% mitigation. My question is that if AIS is required rather than GIS then surely the 50% mitigation area will be lost in order to accommodate the additional operational footprint ?

This impacts upon Landscape as mitigation areas will be lost and the additional substation infrastructure footprint will require more significant cut and fill into the landscape profile, secondly consideration of the Green Belt impact will need to be addressed due to approximately 50 acres within approximately 400 acres of Green Belt will be lost to development with no on site mitigation or landscaping available.

Part B of my question is that if gas is to be supplied, what size of supply is required as a gas pipeline easement will be an additional burden for the landowner given that the pipeline route will need to avoid the extensive cable corridor networks within the substation locations ?

Part B questioning may not be directly attributable to ISH2 however the Projects, I believe, have been disingenuous as gas pipeline supply requirements have never been suggested to date in discussions/negotiations with the landowner.

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