

My name is Gordon Ashworth and a land owner and resident of this area . I want to make it clear we are not against progress or renewable energy, we are against the destruction of our country side in the name of convenience. The proposed cabling corridor would cut through productive farm land, our protected green belt, and vital wildlife habitats. These are not empty fields, they are living, working landscapes that feed families, sustain local businesses and provides sanctuary for migrating birds that have crossed our skies for generations.

One of the many farms affected belongs to my brother in law ([REDACTED]). It's a place that's been cared for and worked responsibly for decades and now faces the prospect of a huge substation being built on it .the impact would be devastating to the farm future and a deep emotional toll on the family that has dedicated its life to the land .

Once farm land like that is torn up, it's gone , soil, drainage, biodiversity. They don't just recover. The green belt exists to protect communities like ours from this kind of irreversible damage, and it should not be treated as expendable.

Local people and small businesses will face years and years of disruption, blocked access, noise and traffic on roads never designed for heavy machinery.

For us this project offers no real local benefits, only loss.

Let me be clear I will not be bullied into giving my land up for cost our livelihoods and our heritage are not for sale . No amount of compensation can replace what we stand to lose .

We are not saying NO to development we are saying " DO It RIGHT " there are alternative routes and less damaging options available and they must be properly considered.

So I ask you to look beyond the lines on a map and see the real families, farms, businesses and wildlife that the proposed cable corridor will destroy .

This land is more than soil , it's our history, our community and our future and we will stand to protect it !!