

I have submitted numerous comments throughout this investigation, I really hope they have been read with understanding. Nothing I have heard throughout any of the hearings has given me confidence in any part of this disastrous application. The applicants have been vague, obstructive, deceitful, flippant and have shown absolutely no empathy with the people of Fylde, and the carnage they are prepared to foist upon us. There has been NO real attempt at transparency. We have asked on numerous occasions for a to scale 3D model of the substations, in order to give residents a real idea as to the size of the substations. Such models should have been on display at every library, community centre and village hall when the proposals were first mooted. This would not have been financially significant to the applicants. There is no excuse for their persistent reluctance to let the people of Fylde realise the enormity of the structures. The real reason is that the applicants know that, had we been given this opportunity, the residents would have been up in arms, and the objections would have been massive. As it is, we were given pictures of diagrams and reams of complex text, too technical and complicated for the layperson . NOTHING was offered that might have grabbed the public's interest, and so despite the best efforts of those of us who realised the pending devastation, the submitted objections and physical attendance are far less numerous than they should have, or would have been.

WHY in a public consultation, are NDAs being signed??? The public have a moral right to know exactly what underhand deals have been made to agree to any part of this application. There should be no secrets. If the application is sound and reasonable the applicants should have nothing to hide.

Our countryside, wildlife and hedgerows will be obliterated. Protected species areas of special interest will be destroyed. Migratory birds will be have their feeding and breeding grounds annihilated. Our farmers will lose their livelihoods. The riding school which caters for so many disabled riders will go out of business. Our tourism trade will be devastated. Our children will have the noise and pollution of industry thrown at them throughout their learning and nurturing years ... and worst of all we in Freckleton village will be forever living under the threat of another air disaster .... you ALL know that, BAE cannot mitigate for it .... is it really worth for a project which could well be obsolete before it's completion, and for which one of the applicants might be bankrupt before it's commencement?

I urge you to PLEASE reject this application.