

Dear Sirs, after watching the latest round of examination I believe there are a few points worth making. I am fully aware that there are other submissions that go into great detail regarding this project, so I will keep mine brief. I am a local resident of Freckleton and I have one simple request from the Examining Authority. That is to force M&M to consider other potentially cheaper and more viable routes for the cable route and the substations. Maybe the cable route could be mitigated and although I am not in favour of the cable route, in time once the soil has been made good, could accept it. What I am not in favour of is the location of the substations. M&M have arrogantly and blatantly ignored the alternative suggestions and in my uneducated opinion they should be forced to consider these solutions. Any project of this magnitude should not be allowed to be dictated by the applicants. The policy should be to provide 3 such locations and then a body such as yourselves should choose the one that is best suited for it. On the surface of it M&M have chosen probably the most expensive route, this helps no one but their shareholders and the tax payer foots the bill. I have read the submission by the tasc committee and agree that Moor Vanin have found a suitable location within 5km of the Penwortham site. Also during the examination the applicants made a lot of references to the Mona site as if this was sufficient. The route of the Mona site in North Wales literally goes through the middle of nowhere and the substation is built in the middle of nowhere. This is in total contradiction to the Fylde site and is also nowhere near an airport, let alone two airports. Which brings me on to the threat of bird strikes. M&M have glibly washed over this subject and believe it can be mitigated against even without a risk assessment. They have treated the residents of Blackpool & The Fylde with total contempt and should not be allowed to set one foot in our postcode ever again. They can't even provide us with a viable diagram of the substations.

My final point is one of the noise from the substations themselves. They are located next to not one but three schools and the applicant has again made light of this by using the overused mitigation card. They must be stopped and it is within your power to do this. As a member of a local protest group we fully intend to protest this project and raise public awareness over the next few weeks. The residents of the Fylde do not deserve to be treated this way. An alternative to the location should be considered and must be found. We are not against green energy but the cost of this project is too high, not just in financial terms, but terms not even M&M can mitigate against.

Thank you for listening