

At the start of this process I made a submission regarding this project. I have to say my feelings that this project is fundamentally flawed have not changed. I am not a NIMBY. I am in favour of renewable energy. We (our country and planet) need it to combat climate change and to reduce energy costs. But this project is not fit for purpose. It will disrupt many things rather than solve them.

It will disrupt and destroy many aspects of the Fylde. The Sand Dunes, the beach, the ability for children to play football, the road networks around Leach Lane and Blackpool Road North. Many areas of Green Belt land in Fylde will be ruined forever. The substations are unnecessarily large and are in the wrong place.

IT WILL TAKE TOO LONG TO COMPLETE. I believed it would be completed over a 3-5 year period. It is obvious this is not the case from the information given at the hearings. It could take upto 11 years to complete. This is too much for the people of Fylde to experience. Tourism will be significantly disrupted over this time. And possibly the most concerning issue of all, is the inability of the companies to make assurances that there will be no bird strike risk at the Warton Aerodrome.

There is an alternative route which should have been considered fully. One that costs less and will bring increased job prospects in North Fylde and Wyre.

When all these issues are considered cumulatively, I urge the Planning Inspectorate to refuse this dual project as a viable plan. It's 2 projects not one. As a resident and local Cllr I have a duty to the people of my Ward and the Fylde to make my feelings known.