

Councillor Norris

East Anglia GREEN Consultation Response submitted to Cabinet 6 June 2022

Dear Councillor Morley

With apologies for the short notice, as a joint ward member for Needham Market Ward I would be grateful if you would accept the following comments from Mr Russell Stott, Chair of Creting St Peter Parish Council in respect of the above, which were forwarded to me yesterday, for consideration in respect of item 8 on the agenda for the Cabinet Meeting on Monday:

(Quote) The principal concerns of our residents is the route and visual impact. On the latter this would be part mitigated by use of the new T pylons which are 15 metres shorter than the usual lattice pylons and better still by routing it underground but the webinar and public exhibition made it clear that the T pylons and underground are more expensive and will only be used where mitigation is necessary. Therefore we seek mitigation given it runs:

- right next to our village and its ancient church
- through the Gipping Valley
- over and alongside the listed buildings at Roydon Hall

We have already been blighted by Gateway 14. This adds to our dismay.

It is also on the flight path to Wattisham and the 50m lattice pylons will affect their low flying route over our village.

With regard to the route needless to say we support the campaign of MPs to route the system on the sea bed. You'll be fully abreast with that. Over its lifetime it makes sense in terms of cost and solves all of the problems which this consultation is going to reveal. I also heard various comments at the exhibition and on the webinar about a distorted benefits analysis between sea and land options.

I am unhappy with the lack of a consultation by National Grid with our Parish council which was promised. I have chased them in person and by email but to no avail.

I shall be hosting a session in our village this coming Friday evening to share more information with our residents and they have had several messages from me directing them to information and the deadline for their responses. (End)

Many thanks,

Mike

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Mid Suffolk District Councillor

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