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Please find attached a submission from Necton Parish Council.

Regards

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Below is a photograph of the existing Grid infrastructure at Dudgeon Sub-Station Necton viewed from the A47.

As can be seen quite clearly in the sunshine, the majority of the metalwork is highly reflective and very obtrusive to the passing motorist and holidaymaker possibly blighting their opinion of Necton as a pretty rural location?

It appears only the majority of the vertical elements of this equipment were considered obtrusive enough to be colour coated, however as you can see the horizontal elements reflect as much, or more of the available light. There appears to be no reason why these elements were left bare?

The National Grid infrastructure has been almost ignored by Vattenfall submission so far but it's location and proposed greater extent, and being closer to the A47 and impossible to screen by planting under the powerlines makes it all the more crucial for it all to be substantially lowered and ALL the elements colour coated and shielded from the highway and more importantly from the village by a substantial bank surrounding the whole infrastructure with planting on sides & top where possible.



Vattenfall's submission so far discounted the idea that lowering the site and surrounding it with a substantial bank was possible, and at the aural hearing their representative said, as I recall "it would be too steep to be stable" despite her driving past many similar and steeper banks fully planted with substantial trees on the A47 Southern Bypass at Colney and Trowse.

There can be no excuse other than cost why such measures as those outlined above can't be taken to mitigate the view of this potential industrial landscape?

As Vattenfall & Boreas have set their minds against other locations despite the Parish Council and Action Group offering alternatives and well thought out objections to the current location plus the horrible possibility that there may be other similar and perhaps larger projects planned without our knowledge, it is crucial to set a precedent for good practice in Necton.

It is only the Enquiry members who can insist that adequate mitigation measures are taken, regardless of the minor percentage cost to the developer, and that these measures will not be watered down by the inspectorate during the construction phase as happened on the other nearby development and National Grid infrastructure.