

This substation is not in the right location. The developer should be asked to consider placing it behind the existing substation down Wineham Lane. As I understand it, the countryside will be ripped up in order to get the electricity down to the substation in Wineham Lane anyway, so why not put it there?

Putting it in Kent Street is an additional, unnecessary industrialisation. We should not industrialise an area that is currently rural when it can either be placed behind the substation in wineham lane without dramatically harming amenity, or second best, put behind or next to the existing industrial estate on the A272.

The key question that needs to be asked is whether this is the right location and the key argument that it is not the right location is that it is an additional industrialisation of our precious countryside. Putting it next to existing industrialised areas will be kinder rather than industrialising a whole new area.

Effective screening through preserving established mature trees and additional planting will be critical but it is noteworthy that it doesn't seem to have been carried out at the Bolney substation.

Please ask the developer to consider alternative locations that will lead to less disruption and harm to the ecology and be closer or adjacent to an existing industrialised area.