

INDISCRIMINATE CREEPING INDUSTRIALISATION

I am extremely concerned about indiscriminate creeping industrialisation of this rural area. This new substation should not be located at the top of Kent Street. Rather, it should be located directly adjacent to an area that is already industrialised. The obvious option would be to place it next to Bolney substation where a wider road already exists and where, as I understand it, the electrical current needs to be transmitted to anyway.

DISRUPTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE

The Bolney site exists so the substation could be located there far more easily with considerably less disruption and damage to the environment. The requested site at the top of Kent Street is a narrow road and attractive rural area that is peaceful and unindustrialised. Siting the substation there would lead to road widening, underground cable routes which would damage or destroy mature trees, hedgerows and wildlife habitats.

OTHER OPTIONS ARE LESS DAMAGING

It just doesn't make sense to industrialise another area, when two other areas that are already industrialised exist. The second option would be to locate the substation immediately adjacent to the existing industrial estate. This has access of a major "A Road" and would be increasing an existing industrialised area rather than establishing a third new one. This last option would in fact be the second best, because the most sensible place to put this development would be next to the existing substation. This would remove the need for road widening in Kent Street, underground cabling routes to reach Bolney and result in far less disruption and environmental damage. It would of course require increasing the size of the existing substation site, but I think the logic should be having two industrialised areas is better than three.

FURTHER INDUSTRIALISATION

I also fear that, as evidenced by the battery farm application the proposed site runs the risk of industrialising the length of Kent Street.

BOLNEY SUBSTATION IS THE BEST PLACE TO PUT THE NEW SUBSTATION

I would strongly recommend therefore reconsidering the location for this and placing it adjacent to the Bolney substation where the electrical current needs to be transmitted to anyway.