

My name is Jenny Pennington, a farmer from Weston Marsh (H Pennington & Son). We are being faced with 7 energy projects here at Weston Marsh. My main concerns are regarding the loss of good Grade 1 agricultural land, which is used for double cropping. Outer Dowsing are planning to erect underground cabling under and through such agricultural land here which will then connect into the proposed National Grid substation.

Whilst I appreciate the need for renewable energy, I am concerned about the effect of cabling running through the land, also access roads and any infrastructure that may be needed. I am worried about the disturbance of the land and the long term impact on the land, some being taken out of production altogether i.e. 35 acres of land at Surfleet for the Outer Dowsing substation. I am worried about the size of that, the screening and possible dust effects etc. etc.

We do not think that you should be using Grade 1 agricultural land for these projects. IT IS AN ABSOLUTE SACRILEGE TO BE USING GRADE 1 LAND FOR THESE PURPOSES.

Having said all this at the Open Floor Hearing, I could elaborate more but I do agree with the comments made by other farmers at the meeting.