

I live near substations located between Newton with Scales, Kirkham, and Freckleton. My concern is regarding the proposed connection to the National Grid at the Penwortham substation, which includes a route across the Fylde and placing two substations near my home. This would drastically affect the socio-economic environment by displacing working farms, damaging local ecosystems, and threatening protected species. It would also lower our quality of life by transforming our tranquil rural area into an industrial zone. More suitable alternatives for grid connection points might be the brownfield site at Stannah or a less invasive path through the Ribble Estuary to Penwortham.

In reviewing the Generation Assets documents, I noted the lack of any mention of Penwortham, despite its reference in the public notice.

The Applicant's Planning Statement presents the Morgan Offshore Wind Project Generation Assets and describes the consenting strategy for both the Generation Assets and the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms Transmission Assets, mentioning Penwortham in the Transmission Assets application.

We are concerned that the Generation Assets proposal might choose Penwortham as the National Grid connection point over the Transmission Asset project.

Should the decision-making for the Transmission Assets sway the selection of Penwortham as the National Grid connection point, we plan to present further arguments during the hearings to support an alternative location, due to my serious concerns about the sufficiency of previous consultations.

If the intention is to maintain the two issues separately, then we will not need to submit a detailed argument or express concerns.