LATE SCOPING CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Consultation bodies have 28 days to respond with any comments, stating either the information that they consider should be included in the ES or that they do not have any comments.

Any responses received after the deadline will not be considered within the scoping opinion but are forwarded to the applicant for consideration in accordance with the policy set out in Advice Note 7: Environmental Impact Assessment, Screening and Scoping.

The following EIA scoping consultation responses were received after the consultation deadline specified under legislation and therefore did not form part of the Secretary of State's scoping opinion.

From: <u>Dave Crimmin</u>
To: <u>Alan Ridley;</u>

Subject: EN020002 - Bramford to Twinstead Tee Connection - Scoping Consultation

Date: 26 March 2013 13:23:53

Attachments: Planning Inspectorate re NG 26th March 2013.pdf

Dear Mr Ridley

Please find attached the response from Assington Parish Council on the above consultation.

Would you please acknowledge receipt.

Regards

Dave Crimmin MILCM

Clerk to Assington Parish Council

ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Dave Crimmin, ______ email: assingtonpc@btinternet.com

26th March 2013

The Planning Inspectorate 3 / 18 Eagle Wing Temple Quay House 2 The Sqaure Bristol BS1 6PN

Dear Mr Ridley,

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
REGULATIONS 2009 SI 2263 (as amended) (the EIA Regulations)
PROPOSED BRAMFORD TO TWINSTEAD TEE 400KV CONNECTION (the project)
PROPOSAL BY NATIONAL GRID (the applicant)

Thank you for your letter dated 18 February 2013. Assington Parish Council (APC) wishes to make the following comments on the scoping report submitted by the National Grid prior to formulating its environmental statement relating to the above project.

APC does not accept that the Study Area F should be a pylon section between the two underground sections in the Study Area E - Dedham Vale AONB and the Study Area G - Stour Valley. Study Area F is on the edge of the AONB and is part of the same landscape and therefore should be considered as no different. In APC's opinion the visual impact that the 2 sealing end compounds will have in Study Areas E, F and G necessitates the undergrounding to continue through Study Area F.

If National Grid proceeds to erect pylons in Study Area F then there are 2 issues that require a different pylon routing than the one proposed through Assington:

- a. The route proposed to the South of 'Hill View' leaves this property sandwiched between the two lines which is not acceptable.
- b. The line of poplars north of Mill Farm look as if they will need to be felled to allow for the pylons. An alignment that does not necessitate felling must be considered as the existing poplars perform a valuable barrier.

Both problems above will be resolved if the underground option is applied to Study Area F.

APC fully supports the argument of Suffolk County Council, Babergh District Council as well as all other District Councils affected by the proposed power line that the whole new power line should be placed underground.

Yours sincerely

Dave Crimmin MILCM
Clerk to Assington Parish Council