

National Grid's proposal for the haul road from the A131 to the cable sealing end compound have been under researched and we are hugely concerned and unaware of how it will impact our village and at what environmental cost.

We would like to raise the following points/questions:

Essex Highways should be requested to survey the suitability of using some or all of the road network, we should not be reliant on NGs own consultant's report. We strongly believe that a hybrid approach to part road, part haul road would be less disruptive/destructive to our village. This could easily be achieved with careful traffic management and additional passing places, we would welcome a site inspection to view the options.

Have NG explored, evaluated, and shown evidence that the proposed haul road route is the best option?

Are NG requiring temporary or permanent access rights over agricultural land and what are the long-term implications? We were not aware of this change in requirements during the consultation period.

We would like answers to what the impacts are on the following areas as we are aware that surveys have not been completed or the information is not currently available:

- Operation of agriculture and business.
- Prime agricultural land.
- Soil and drainage.
- PRoW.
- Ecology and landscape.
- Passage of traffic.
- Visual impact of the haul road and new overhead lines.
- Trees and hedgerows.
- Archaeology.
- Surface run off.
- Air Quality, dust, and noise.
- Biota.
- Property values.

How is the haul road constructed and at what width?

How much traffic will be going to the sealing end compound and what quantity of additional traffic is required for the construction of the haul road?

How will the haul road be policed?

We feel that National Grid have not listened, compromised, or shown any clarity throughout this application.