

The Richborough Connection

Nethergong Camping's Response to EXA's Second Written Questions

Q.2.5.15 We would like to state that we would welcome a condition being put upon National Grid to carry out works to Pylons 26 and 27 between October and the beginning of May. This would at least give us reassurance that we can open for at least some of the season.

Q2.7.29: We have studied National Grid's proposal for a line of native trees stretching the length of the Main Camping field. We have the following comments to make:

In principle we believe the 'enhancement' of a line of trees will prove futile in the short-term as the main camping field will have full view of P26 and P27 in the short/medium term. This is exactly when the business will suffer as campers see pylons and lines where they once enjoyed uninterrupted views across the Sarre Penn valley.

The proposed line of trees based on our land at the base of the embankment is not ideal as it will reduce the size of the main camping field, limiting the number of pitches available in this sunny, family field, change its nature of an open field where campers can watch the sunset and finally, cast shade in the evening.

Our comments to National Grid's planting proposals are below:

1. We are happy that English Native trees are proposed with the exclusion of Holly. There are no holly trees currently on the site and underplanting with Rowan or damson trees would be preferable.
2. When exactly do National Grid propose to carry out planting?
3. I cannot see the proposed height of the trees on planting, only the girth of 14-16cm. What is their height?
4. We would like an estimate of growth rate. How long will it be before the pylons are obscured?

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