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Hello

I object as follows:

Overtime I have tried to fully understand this project and have struggled due to changes and the variety of documents submitted, some of which have been ambiguous. Since the original public consultation there has not been the opportunity to have the exact detail explained to local residents. The points I do not think have been put across are:

1. Whether this is a good source of renewable energy for the UK going forward or of commercial interest to those in power and those who it has been reported contribute to the Conservative party.
2. Why they choose to go down the side of and into extremely densely populated areas.
3. The length of time we can expect the disruption this is going to cause. It will be months and months of road disruptions and unsightly plant, machinery and mud all over the area. I have seen no projections of the timings and lengths of roads either closed or cut to one lane.

I have only today seen a picture of what the trench and pipes might look like, which is huge and complex and will presumably need maintenance in the future.

Of specific concern is any disruption to Milton allotments and trees in Bransbury Park and Milton Common (which has only just settled down after the sea defenses were done). I do not see this as the kind of project that will take a sensitive approach to these areas. Throughout the country it is being acknowledged how important these traditional spaces are in densely populated areas and the allotments are probably at the top of the list; in terms of their importance and tradition. No one wants a family allotment turned into something from a garden centre brochure! There is nothing gratifying in simply throwing money at restoring a mature allotment of great sentimental value.

This area is under constant threat of 'progress' and it is felt that local democracy is being pushed into the background and decisions are being made centrally by people who have no experience of the area. There is a feeling of helplessness, as it is unlikely that anyone can be held to account if promises around how the work is to be done and the land re-instated aren't kept.

Yours,
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