

Rigsby with Ailby Parish Meeting,
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AILBY,
Alford,
Lincolnshire.
LN13 0EE

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National Grid plc
1-3 Strand
Charing Cross
London
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Dear Sirs,

THE NATIONAL GRID PROPOSALS - GRIMSBY TO WALPOLE

On behalf of the Rigsby with Ailby Parish Meeting I wish to strongly object and say we are deeply concerned by the National Grid's proposal to erect pylons and sub-stations across Lincolnshire.

We do not believe that National Grid has discussed in depth the impact on Lincolnshire it would have or considered an offshore alternative along our east coast or putting these cables underground.

- At a recent Parish meeting 100% of the homeowners were strongly against the proposal and would like to point out the detriment these pylons and sub-stations would create in our countryside.
- The erection of pylons and substations across Lincolnshire would be using and losing agricultural land valuable for our future food security.
- There would be deep concern about how the migrating birds would be affected by the pylons especially when the new developments at Rimac and The National Trust proposals are conducted.

- We were all encouraged to diversify into tourism to bring much needed funds to the community - the pylons would affect the tourism trade with loss of income.
- The effect on the land and property owners' mental health would be of great concern, adding to the stress both mentally and physically farmers are already under.
- The proposal would affect the value of all the surrounding land and property.
- From the area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the impact of the pylons across Lincolnshire could be seen from miles away.
- From a strategic point of view pylons and overhead cables are more likely to be damaged or sabotaged by severe weather conditions which are increasing because of global warming.
- Power transmission from the North Sea Wind Farms is transmitted to sub-stations by underground cables which, in the long term, has had minimal impact on the total environment or the economics of life in the countryside. We support the move to green energy and net zero emissions, but it needs to be completed without the devastating impact on local communities.
- Your company should be seen to be caring for the environment for future generations to enjoy.
- To ensure uniform treatment of the population the policy adopted for East Anglia should be applied to the installation of power cables in Lincolnshire.
- In the past the eastern part of the Lincolnshire Wolds, from visual knowledge, has been used in flying exercises.

Any other bullet points or comments??????

Yours faithfully,

Amanda Bluff

Clerk to the Rigsby with Ailby Parish Meeting