



## Pylons environmental 'scoping' consultation

Dear Supporter

Yesterday, Parish Councils, councils and other 'statutory consultees', received a letter from National Grid. It notified them that National Grid has submitted its environmental scoping report to the Planning Inspectorate for approval. That leads to a consultation (deadline 5 December).

### What does this mean for the pylons campaign?

It means that statutory consultees are being asked whether they agree with the scope of work for National Grid's Environmental Statement for the next pylons consultation.

Usually, a project promoter wants as few environmental hurdles as possible... It's therefore the job of those scrutinising the project to ensure environmental standards are as high as possible. To give just one example of many: National Grid has 'scoped out' the impact of Climate Change on power lines. That's the sort of thing that should be argued back in...

The Scoping Report also sets out alternatives and rationale for the pylons. National Grid appears to be doubling down on pylons - which means they have ignored, so far, consultation submissions, including our legal opinion. You can rest assured we will be looking at this very closely.

### What needs to be done?

We will not be seeking individual consultation responses, but you can help!! For Parish Councils and Councils, this is a big and technical consultation with a very tight deadline.

**Please alert your parish council** (and ideally your district/county councillors [www.writetothem.com](http://www.writetothem.com)) to the fact that this consultation needs a response. **Please tell them that Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons action group will be putting together a brief response template in consultation with Charles Banner KC, which anyone can use as a guide.** More on this in due course.

Funds are crucial for us to get maximum time with Charles Banner. If you would like to donate, please go to [our website](#). Thank you.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

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