

## **Great Notley Parish Council response to East Anglia Green Consultation by the National Grid**

Great Notley Parish Council (the Council) wishes to make the following comments and representations in relation to this consultation.

The Council supports the production of green energy and in particular the North Sea Wind Farms which are able to generate clean energy and appreciates that this energy needs to be delivered into the National Grid. However, the Council opposes the proposals set out in this consultation for new overland transmission lines for the majority of the route carried by large, visually intrusive latticed metal pylons.

Although at present, the 'purple swathe' showing the planned area for pylons is not planned to pass within the boundaries of this Parish, Councillors are gravely concerned in relation to the impact of the countryside in the close vicinity to this Parish.

It is contended that the pylons would have an adverse landscape and visual impact on the sensitive and historic rural landscape and biodiversity of the area. Due to the dimensions of the pylons they will be highly obtrusive and detrimental to the character and views of the environment surrounding this Parish.

The Parish of Great Notley is surrounded by a network of public footpaths and bridleways allowing resident to enjoy the local countryside which comprises river valleys, farmland, fields and woodlands. The installation of the proposed pylons would have a highly detrimental impact upon this rural environment.

The Parish Council also supports the objection raised by Braintree District Council as to the impact upon the wider Braintree District.

The Council's preferred option would be for offshore cabling as this would avoid blighting yet more countryside with hundreds of extra pylons and reduce environmental damage and disruption.