

WALBERSWICK AGAINST LIONLINK - WALL

BAD NEWS – GOOD NEWS

THE BAD NEWS - A threat is hanging over coastal Suffolk. This designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty will become an industrial wasteland if National Grid's LionLink proposals are allowed to carve motorway size trenches through the ecosystem and wildlife that brings nature lovers' and tourists to this unique area. Nominated this year as a World Heritage Site, the 800 mile East Atlantic Flyway, a corridor for migratory birds, will be trashed to bring onshore cables down the length of East Anglia. The worst part is, this act of corporate vandalism is entirely **avoidable**.

THE PROPOSAL – For Walberswick, National Grid will run cables from the beach through the SSSI-protected marshes to Manor Field (map is below) and into the heart of the village, next to The Street. There they will construct a 5 acre site which will become a connector for both Fossil Fuel energy and Windfarm power. They will also need to build a haulage access road and 60m wide cable trenches – the width of the M11 - across the countryside.

THE PROBLEM – If the Walberswick site is chosen, the 4 year building process would decimate the village by turning it into a construction site. The site would be operational before the end of the decade and would then be ready for expansion whenever needed. If we allow it to go ahead without protest, we will be ignoring the needs of a young generation who will grow up in an industrial hub, hating what we are doing to their world. We will be dismissing the concerns of small businesses, many dependent on nature tourism, the area's main economy. And we'll witness the destruction to the area's beach, wildlife and ancient ecosystems.

THE GOOD NEWS – None of this needs to happen. There is an alternative. National Grid could ditch all of the onshore options in East Suffolk and choose **Bradwell-On-Sea** for this project – a far superior location. It's an existing Brownfield site - a disused nuclear power station, with an airfield, connections, and existing pylon cabling. And it is close to the locations where the energy is needed – London and the South East. Moving the substation to Bradwell-on-sea would also involve adopting a plan for an offshore grid which in the long term would be substantially cheaper. Win/win.

THE NIMBY ISSUE – This objection goes so much further than Nimby-ism – this objection isn't even about loving Walberswick or any of the other local sites under consideration – Reydon, Leiston, Southwold, Aldeburgh. This plan simply doesn't work. It's a bad and expensive choice. It makes no sense to 'land' the energy over 100 miles away from where it's needed. It would decimate the environment, the local economy and wildlife. Visitors would no longer choose to come here. Who wants to visit an industrial site?

THE GREEN ISSUE - National Grid and LionLink claim it is all in the name of green energy. But it's not 'green' to dig up a protected area of the countryside and wreck established ecosystems. This is not in 'the *national* interest', it's in the *National Grid's* interest – a private company, with shareholders, who need to look at the evidence and say 'We were wrong. There is a viable, cheaper, and already established alternative.' We ask them, urgently, to look at the issue forensically, as our campaign has done. And then to assess and pursue the brownfield Bradwell on Sea site – as they have been *asked* to do by the Environment Secretary.

THE REQUEST - There's a better option on the table - we need to convince National Grid and LionLink to choose it. **Please come to the crucial National Grid consultation event at Walberswick Village Hall on Sep 23rd anytime between 10am - 4pm. Let National Grid know what you think.**

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OPTION A – WALBERSWICK VILLAGE



BETTER OPTION – BRADWELL-ON-SEA DISUSED NUCLEAR POWER STATION

