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Reference:

North West Coast Connections - Consultation on the project's initial needs case and Suitability for tendering.

I am writing to complain about the West Coast Connections national grid upgrade throughout Cumbria for the Nugen building of new nuclear Moorside plant.

The National Grid has dismissed an Undersea Cable option right from the start without good reason.

There will be an Undersea Cable from Glasgow to Liverpool. There is no reason why Moorside could not be linked into this cable via the north or south of the Isle of Man.

The National Grid has said that a nuclear plant has never been connected to a Undersea cable, it doesn't have to be. Moorside can produce the power and this

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initially enter the grid via underground cable or pylon to a location very close to MoorSide where it is then converted (as it will be in Glasgow and Liverpool) to undersea technology.

Off again recently spent public money to remove pylons from treasured scenic areas and put underground cables in. All new upgrades should be standard as underground cables, thus preserving our rural amenity landscapes and improving landscapes which already have pylons.

Visual amenity of rural areas should come as a priority above cost, it is to everyone's benefit to conserve our countryside and tourism and ~~the~~ leisure

Pylons are not acceptable on the northwest connections Southern route as they will adversely affect the visual amenity of the lake district national park and its setting (looking out and into the national park)

A short section has been put forward for undergrounding but

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Certainly not far enough. For example our village of Drigg (CA19 - post code) which lies at the edge of the National park and which has spectacular views into the western Lake District falls 180° from the Blyth to Blackcombe taking in Hasdale, Eskdale and Correy, has half the village underground while our area Shubdegreen has pylons proposed. Worse still the pylons have been moved closer to our homes at Shubdegreen than the existing line, while there are no homes on the east side opposite Shubdegreen.

It is not acceptable to treat one section of a village differently to the other half for the ~~sa~~ difference of a couple miles extending underground

I believe the tunnel under Morecombe bay is not required. The technology is not proven. The cost could be put to underground cables along the whole route South - conserving the visual amenity of that whole section.

Pylons are not acceptable on the Southern route. It should be underground cables the whole

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way at very little cost on average to each home in the UK.

Better still there is no reason not to take the power out via undersea cable, thus avoiding the need to upgrade a huge loop all around the Cumbrian coast from North to South.

Nugen are not putting any money into the national grid upgrade - this is wrong and not acceptable.

MooSide is being built at the wrong location, it could be built at Heygham where land is available and the national grid infrastructure already exists, thus not requiring any, or very little spend.

We will not accept pylons destroying and industrialising a beautiful scenic area like Drigg and the outlying areas at the edge of the national park.

I urge you to visit our area and put money into visually unobstructive power networks on this project