

Whilst I have read this document with interest my views remain the same as those originally submitted to National Grid, shown in the table below. An enormous effort was made to ensure our communities were able to contribute their views regarding lattice v T-pylons and there was considerable evidence that the latter was definitely preferred. Should this not be delivered I believe there would be an outcry as to the waste of time and money in holding the original consultation, arriving at a consensus that was agreed by the Inspectors, and then to have it overthrown by Ofgem.

Therefore I strongly urge Ofgem to continue working toward delivering T-pylons, as previously agreed, and not try to introduce lattice pylons which would, in my opinion, require a whole new consultation period.

Cllr Anne Fraser, MBE

(Chairman, Hinkley C Connection Group during the consultation period)

Survey Question	Cllr Anne Fraser
<b>Q1. What benefits, if any, do you think the T-pylon offers over lattice pylons?</b>	Modern, non-fussy but consideration needs to be given to colour. Perhaps dark green shading up to lighter green gives a better view of the pylon "growing out of the ground".
<b>Q2. How important was it to provide options on pylon design to the community and stakeholders?</b>	Very important - the communities felt involved and whilst not all agreed with the final decision they nonetheless understood the thinking behind the decision.
<b>Q3. Do you think the additional cost to consumers of £0.6m per circuit per km for T-pylon offers value to UK consumers when balanced against the benefits to communities in Somerset?</b>	Yes, these "new" pylons are more appropriate to today when communities have become accustomed to columnar structure, such as wind turbines. Lattice pylons are part of our past.

**Q4. Do you think National Grid struck the right balance between the cost of the project and the impact it has on communities and the landscape, where the cost to consumers of work in addition to the most efficient means of making the connection must be justified?**

**The most efficient means to make the connection is by overhead line on lattice pylons. In responding to public consultation, National Grid's project includes the following:**

- Removing 67km of existing pylons owned by Western Power Distribution (WPD)
- Placing 8km of WPD's network underground between Nailsea and Portishead
- Placing 8km of the new connection underground through the Mendips AONB
- Using T-pylon for 80% of the overhead sections of the connection. (The new connection totals 57km and is made up of 48.5km of pylons and 8.5km of underground cable).

Communities were consulted at every opportunity and they were, on the whole, in favour of the decision made by National Grid. The under-grounding stretch through the Mendips was appreciated through this AONB and the view from, for example, Crook's Peak down onto the Levels was important in that the proposal sought to minimise any adverse effect.

**Q5. Do you think that the planning and consultation process we used to develop the proposal is robust?**

Definitely.

**Q6. How do you view the impact on consumers in coming to your views?**

Throughout the consultation period everyone had many opportunities to make their views known and feed into the decision. I believe that they have accepted the outcome and would feel confused, if not let down, if the decisions already made were not adhered to.