

Orkney electricity upgrade OFGEM consultation

We are not NIMBY'S as we have lived alongside the wind generators on [REDACTED] for thirty years and have reviewed the potential financial cost versus the projected electricity to be generated by the project. Taking account of the potential effect on the people and the visual and environmental damage the project as a whole could cause to Orkney.

We have decided to object to the project on the grounds that we believe that it is not good use of tax payer's money or to the people of Orkney.

The initial phase of infrastructure from Caithness to Orkney projected cost of 260 million pounds all to allow big business to make money. If the electricity was generated at a suitable site on the mainland of Scotland close to existing infrastructure most of the cost of 260 million would be saved this is the equivalent of 4.5 new hospitals like the one just built in Orkney or 10 High schools which would be of great benefit to the people in the UK.

Should the proposed project get the go-ahead the infrastructure and generators required for the project will ruin the visual look of Orkney that relies so much on tourism to generate jobs and income sustaining the island population as opposed to the companies that generate electricity where most of the money does not stay in Orkney or provide meaningful jobs in the Islands.

Orkney is a low lying set of islands with very few places where people don't live and are not affected in some way by the existing turbines and infrastructure which can be seen and heard from most locations let alone what is proposed if you allow the interconnector to be built.

Neil Oliver wrote in his new book The Story of the British Isles, Orkney feels like nowhere else- not Scotland, not Britain, not Shetland, not even Scandinavia. It has a look and, more than that, an atmosphere and personality that means Orkney is just. . . Orkney.

Please don't ruin it, this project is not about saving the planet it's about making MONEY!!!!

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