

I will not send the whole, but please see the following from a recent PhD thesis. This makes the point that where new grid infrastructure is linked to new generation capacity, the "totality" should be considered. This is a requirement of PA2008, but has not been followed on Anglesey

There is a general acceptance that if as a nation we are to have electricity to meet our demands then certain regions may have to host infrastructure such as power stations. Whether acceptance is wholehearted or reluctant, the existing nuclear power station is generally accepted and the idea of a new nuclear power station to replace the existing one is also accepted. This is in line with previous research (Pidgeon et al. 2008; Venables et al. 2009; Venables et al. 2012).

With respect to the transmission lines, the simple response to this question from many respondents is that a reasonable recompense for hosting this infrastructure is to have mitigation. For transmission lines this could take the form of undergrounding. Thus the harm is reduced and the infrastructure is still in place for the benefit of the wider nation. Taking the new transmission link underground would come at extra cost but this extra cost is seen as worth bearing. Although the need for new electricity generation and transmission infrastructure is accepted, there is a strong preference to minimise impacts on the existing landscape. This places a high value on landscape as people express willingness to pay extra to preserve rather than use or spoil the landscape (see p21) (Griffiths and Wall 2001, pp.228–229). The idea of a social contract (para 2.8.5) – that we cede some rights in order to benefit from being a part of society – has little traction amongst respondents. However, there is acceptance of the electricity network as being for the greater good, but in the case of Anglesey additional impacts from new transmission infrastructure are seen as avoidable and unnecessary.

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