
Subject: FW: Cotswold Visual Impact Scheme

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John

I refer to the proposal in Whittington and adjoining parishes and would like to support the view expressed below by my constituent Jonathan Stanley.

Paul

From: Jonathan Stanley <js@coriniumconstruction.co.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 16:34
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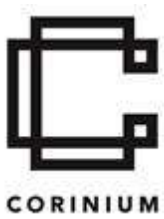
Hi Paul,

Thanks for the email.

I haven't spoken with anyone from the parish, not sure if it is actually Charlton Kings or Whittington?

Jonathan

Jonathan Stanley



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Hello Jonathan

Thanks for this - I understand the logic of what you are saying. Have you got the parish meeting on board too? I think it is still Giles who is Chair of that.

Paul

From: PaulHodgkinsonLibDem@outlook.com <PaulHodgkinsonLibDem@outlook.com>
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From: Jonathan Stanley <js@coriniumconstruction.co.uk>

Date: Saturday, 24 May 2025 at 13:11

To: paulhodgkinsonlibdem@outlook.com <paulhodgkinsonlibdem@outlook.com>

Subject: FW: Cotswold Visual Impact Scheme

Dear Paul,

I met with Max Wilkinson and Julian Dunkerton this morning at Dunkerton's Cider and Max recommended getting in contact with you.

I am writing with regards to the proposed National Grid Cotswold Visual Impact Scheme and whether you would consider supporting a re-design of the sealing-end compound at the Southern end of the intended pylon undergrounding scheme.

The intention of the scheme is to remove the pylons between Winchcombe and Charlton Kings, putting the whole electricity supply underground. I live at Middle Colgate Farm, Ham Road, Whittington, Cheltenham, set on the South-facing edge of the Cotswold escarpment overlooking the Dowdeswell Reservoir.

The National Grid are currently proposing for the sealing-end compound to be located in one of our fields. Having discussed this at length with other local landowners affected by the scheme and land agents acting on our behalf, it seems there could be much better options to the one proposed.

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At present the **current design** is to leave two existing pylons on the brow of the escarpment and then add an additional two sealing end gantries where the cables start to go underground, this in itself will **add** not reduce the visual impact to the area.

I would suggest there are two alternatives:

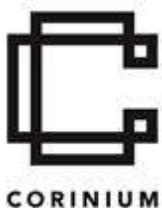
1. An **alternative design** is that the sealing end gantries are moved two pylons further to the South to below the skyline, where they would be less visible and could be blended into the surrounding landscape far more easily. This would improve the views from on top of the escarpment as well as from the valley below (along the line of the A40 into and out of Cheltenham. It would also ensure the multitude of footpaths that cross over the hill are cleared of any overhead power lines.
2. The **optimum design** would be to remove the remaining 3 pylons above the A40 and install the sealing end gantries just to the South of the A40. This would ultimately improve the view of all users of the A40 (In excess of 7000 people each day) plus the clients of the ever popular Dunkerton's Cider, as well as countless ramblers on the much used Cotswolds Way.

If you are interested in improving the overall outlook of this beautiful area of outstanding natural beauty, please can I ask you to make an objection to this current design, by emailing the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero at john.McKenna@energysecurity.gov.uk before close of business on 29th May 2025 and highlight your view. I feel with a bit of tweaking we could all benefit from an enhanced scheme that would surely go a long way to improving our diminishing countryside.

Many thanks

Jonathan

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