



HISTORY OF KIRKBY GROUP

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NORTH WEST COAST CONNECTIONS

To whom it may concern,

I write on behalf of the History of Kirkby Group concerning the proposals of National Grid to connect the new Moorside Power Station to Heysham using 50 metre pylons around the Duddon Estuary.

The members of the group are entirely against the construction and placing of these pylons within the estuary for the following reasons:

- The estuary is an area of outstanding beauty and will lose its appeal to visitors.
- The estuary is the terminus of the Duddon River which flows through some of the most rugged and spectacular scenery in the Lake District finally entering the Irish Sea as a meandering gentle flowing waterway.
- The area is one of rich historical importance.
- Bronze, mediaeval, Georgian and Victorian artefacts are being unearthed on a regular basis within the hamlets of Grizebeck, Chapels, Four Lane Ends, Soutergate and Beckside.
- Long Houses, Granges, Georgian and Victorian farm houses are to be found in number and will all suffer from the erection of pylons and their associated construction sites.
- A particular concern is to be found at Wallend. Here the group has commissioned from Burlington Stone, the local quarry, a slate information tablet. It is to be some one and a half metres long. It is to depict and name all of the peaks of the mountains viewed from the area of land adjacent to the the junction of Wallend and the A595. Now when it is placed in the proposed position it will give a magnificent view of the large pylons and the 13kv poles coming across from Foxfield. Furthermore it will give a wonderful view of the cable sealing end platform for when the 132kv cable goes under the A595. The Group is dismayed

at the thought of their hard work and scarce financial resources being brought to nothing.

As with the majority of people members have spoken to, the Group would support an offshore route particularly one taking the cables around the peninsular to Roosecote. Such a one would not interfere with the efforts of the Group to provide local people and visitors with the details of a fascinating area of the History of our country.

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