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## CPRE Norfolk Position Statement **Pylons**

We think that the gold standard for onshore renewable energy done well means community energy - renewable energy projects proposed, designed, and owned by local people. We know that the climate emergency threatens to damage many of our most loved landscapes and ecosystems. Places that are precious to us all, including the Broads, the north Norfolk coast and the wildlife-packed Brecks, could all be changed irreparably as our climate shifts.

We need to act fast to cut our greenhouse gas emissions, and to do that we need more low-carbon renewable energy. We want to see these new renewable energy projects done well, in a way that minimises impacts on landscapes, and makes sure that the rural communities who host wind turbines or solar farms get to keep the money these schemes generate.

### **Pylons**

The rapid increase of wind farms, particularly offshore, requires the transfer of energy into the National Grid (NG). This is achieved through the use of pylons and the development of sub-stations. In many cases these can be linked into the existing grid at the nearest convenient point, but, because of the surge of power, many of the existing pylons will have to be updated, or even replaced by much larger structures.

NG has found considerable opposition from the public to new lines of pylons, especially where they would cross National Parks or AONBs, along with strong local demands to put power lines underground.

### **What CPRE Norfolk is campaigning for:**

- Revision of NG guidelines: new evidence on costs and techniques of routing cables underground should be built into revised NG policy.
- Undergrounding of cables and sensitive siting of sub-stations in Norfolk: CPRE Norfolk will continue to monitor any new pylon and sub-station proposals through the planning consultation process, and will call for undergrounding of cables coupled with implementation of appropriate routes across least sensitive landscapes.

See also our [Offshore energy and associated onshore works - Position statement](#)

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