

Good morning, thank you very much for allowing me to speak to you today, it is not something I'm in the habit of, or comfortable doing but as this project has major implications for my husband and I, it is something I feel compelled to do.

Being here amongst your good selves and vast array of experts it is a little daunting and I am not naïve enough to think that what I say will have a major impact on the the outcome of the scheme, its more to highlight what this huge development actually means on a personal level to ordinary people and the unfairness it throws up.

In the eyes of the law and current legislation we receptors have little redress, unlike the various animal populations, trees and hedgerows that have numerous experts and ecologists surveying their habitats and acting on their behalf, we private receptors are required to read and more importantly understand the thousands of pages of technical reports prepared by very well versed and experienced professionals employed by the applicant at great expense. To a lay person with no experience it can be difficult to understand what we should be looking for and more importantly how to interpret and challenge where necessary. I'm not saying information is deliberately hidden but these documents are highly biased in favour of the applicant.

Since the outset of the scheme we have been able to predict everything that has been proposed, we knew a fair amount of anchoring would be employed showing scale and situation of the original plans, then hey presto it has been scaled down a little, moved slightly and various tweaks made because the applicant has listened to the concerns of receptors and those affected, fantastic they have considered all our fears and concerns. This is incorrect; no amount of scaling down is going to change the detrimental impact on our particular lives, our health, our mental anguish and our general wellbeing. As it stands we will have a cable route directly skirting our boundary at the back, side and front of our property, culminating in the huge substation structures built opposite in what is currently agricultural land, trees and hedgerows. The scheme in its completion looks grand, a beautiful wild flower meadow and trees planted, by the time this takes effect in over 20 years from now it still would not shield the substation and we will be well into our 90's so doubtful we will reap any of the so called benefits this represents, our future and fate only holds major disruption, noise, construction, vibration, air borne dust and light pollution. To add insult to injury to accommodate this there will also be necessary works by National Grid, erecting new 55 metre pylons below us and other large scale infrastructure to facilitate this scheme and others that are

planned. I know the National Grid works may not be within the scope of the examination but is yet another huge development we are personally having to deal with, we will be under siege once the works start and continues for 3-4 years, 6 days a week.

Our situation within the project is quite unique, something the applicant has acknowledged, when you look at the myriad of drawings, many showing Tyddyn Meredydd, we are a small dot surrounded by the red lines of construction works, a bit of an island it would seem, surely we should not be expected to suffer the indignity of being collateral damage whilst BP and EnBW are ultimately looking at the commercial benefits and profits. The scheme I believe has an estimated £4.8 billion budget, the percentage of doing what is right and decent for us would be negligible, a fraction of a percent.

I cannot deny the applicant has engaged with my husband and I since 2022 and kept us up to date with progress, they have made all the right noises and would appear to be sympathetic to our situation but this doesn't seem to have had any tangible benefit and we have only been advised to engage with the Planning Inspectorate during the Examination process, which we always fully intended to do. I hope BP

and EnBW are not just going through the motions and ultimately cut us adrift.

I am appealing to them, their partners and yourselves to please look at the unique situation we are facing and even though the law and rules are heavily stacked against us, I implore that you take into account the basic humanity and address our situation with the compassion it warrants.

Finally I would like to draw your attention to part of BP's Code of Conduct which states:

***We want to make a positive impact by working together with governments and communities to help improve people's lives.***

And their phrase:

***We do the right thing***

I really hope they do so for us.

Thank you