

## **Interested Part Response to Examining Authority Questions**

**Response to Examining Authority's Question 0.1:** We would like the Panel to view the proposed pole locations from my residential property of Tan yr Allt, near the villages of Saron and Peniel. The proposed route passes within 50m of the property which was originally omitted from Scottish Power's maps. The effect on the wellbeing of our family and the view from this property will be significant. It is also a popular walking route for tourists and local residents who often walk along the road and the nearby footpaths. The current 'Viewpoints' used by SP Manweb do not reflect the impact at this location. The viewpoints do not point towards the beginning of the overhead line at Clocaenog therefore do not show it's true impact. As this site is located near the beginning of the proposed overhead pylon route, the cumulative impacts upon the property, are overwhelming, particularly when considering their proximity to the existing windfarm, the consented North Wales WindFarm development, proposed substation, and proposed overhead line.

**Response to Examining Authority Question 3.19** The roads in Saron and Peniel are very narrow B roads and unclassified roads. We are worried that these roads are unsuitable for a large amount of heavy vehicles and machinery. They are narrow and winding roads which are already hazardous. We also have concerns for our children. Our property, Tan yr Allt in close proximity to the proposed development is also on the daily school transport route. The school taxi collects the children outside our house as well as other residents houses.

**Response to Examining Authority Question 4.17** Even though Scottish Power note in their documents that exposure to EMF is 'minimal', I am deeply concerned as the overhead line is in very close proximity to our property. There are three young children at Tan yr Allt and we are concerned about the long term effects of exposure to EMF's. Long term exposure to EMF's, however minimal this may be, is still a risk I do not wish for my children to be exposed to. I believe there has been an overwhelming response for residents to underground the pylon route and I do not believe they have sufficiently explored this option.

**Response to Examining Authority Question 5.3:** The overhead line passes directly through fields neighbouring our property. To preserve the value of our property, and to allow local businesses to adequately forward plan, it is imperative that there be an end date to the proposed scheme and a requirement that the land be restored to its current quality and use.

**Response to Examining Authority Question 8.1:** We believe that the long term (25 year life span) negative impact (both visually and economically upon our business and property) of the proposed line will far outweigh the relatively short-term inconvenience of undergrounding the connection.

As the proposed overhead line route would be passing over predominantly open agricultural land (in our section of the route) the potential impact on habitats of any undergrounding will be minimal. Furthermore, as the land is predominantly grass land, the impact on ground cover will also be minimal, as this ground cover will recover, within a relatively short period of time. From the perspective of land use/management, the over head line will have a long term negative impact on the use of our agricultural land, affecting our business over a 25 year period. While placing the line

underground will cause some short-term disruption, we feel that the economic and visual impact upon ourselves will be significantly less.

The proposed overhead line currently contravenes the Holford Rules by which Scottish Power should adhere to. The overhead line would cross over the ridge near Tan yr Allt which would be seen from far around. Placing the cables underground would ensure that Scottish Power follow the Holford Rules and more importantly listen to local residents whose lives will be affected for 25 years. Resident already suffer the effect of the proposed line and this has an overwhelming effect on our wellbeing and health.

**Response to Examining Authority Question 8.2:** We deem the viewpoints in our section of the proposed route alignment to be inadequate. They do not show the true visual impact of the route, when viewed from the area surrounding Saron/Peniel towards the Clwydian Range. The Viewpoints also do not reflect the true expanse of the proposed route alignment across the relatively open landscape in this section. In order to take account of the above, we suggest the Panel considers viewpoints from the minor road running parallel to the ridge of Moel Ytta, just south of Saron Village. Also, a viewpoint from the minor road at the ridge near our property, Tan yr Allt which shows the proposed route travelling through the focal points of several local residential properties in the area. It also shows it extremely close proximity to the property at Tan yr Allt.

**Response to Examining Authority Question 8.11.** *See Document 6.20.1 ES Chapter 7 Landscape and visual technical appendix 7.1. Ref. 7; Page 6,* Our property, Tan yr Allt is very close to the proposed overhead line. SP Manweb say that Tan yr Allt would be 90m from the proposed overhead line and poles. I kindly ask the Planning Inspectors to ensure that their measurements are correct.

Although detailed, this document fails to recognise that our view from the upstairs window and garden are panoramic and include a view all along the proposed overhead line towards the proposed substation. Our view includes the existing Tir Mostyn and Foel Goch wind farms, the consented Clocaenog and Brenig wind farms, the location of the proposed substation and the overhead line from Clocaenog through Saron, on to Tan yr Allt and towards Peniel. The impact on our property would be significant.