

Re: Landscape and Visual

I consider that the proposed overhead power lines and pylons will have a disasterous effect on both my property and my life. Views from the living and sleeping areas of my property would be focused towards these man-made features. I farm land on both sides of the main Saron-Nantglyn Road just beyond where the proposed overhead line is to be situated. I can see my land from the house and from the garden and regularly check on my sheep from there at various times of each day, which reduces the need to visit them on foot or by vehicle several times a day. The proposed power line and pylons would cut right through that view, which would mean I'd have to spend considerably more time and money going to check on them. This is something that would aggravate my health problems even more.

My sheep are a very rare primitive breed in the UK (the oldest established flock in the Country), and part of my business is to provide technical advice to other breeders, and to representatives in their country of origin. I have had visitors come from various parts of the UK, Netherlands, France, and Iceland to see my sheep, to discuss fleece qualities, processing of the fleece, etc. These people are amazed at the beauty of this upland area of North Wales. They spend money in the area and they tell others about the delights of this area. I would like to expand my business further, but who is going to want to come here once these overhead cables and pylons destroy the wild beauty of this area.

Our house was built in this place by the previous owner in order to obtain the most from the open views from the Clwydians to the ridge before the Clocaenog Forest, the Denbigh Moors to the Nantglyn Valley. The construction of (yet another) overhead power line would make this an unattractive and therefore unsatisfactory place in which to live and work. The overhead line would represent a dominant linear feature stretching out right across the views. It would detract from the long and dramatic rural views and the scenic quality that give me peace and tranquility despite my pain. There is already such overhead cabling in the field to the front of my house, and this splits the view in half horizontally. It is particularly annoying when the cables catch the light, not necessarily sunlight either.

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I am still worried that the work on the power line, and then the line itself, will affect the many inhabitants of my woodland, and my fields. The Tawny Owl, buzzards, etc, have regularly nested in the trees there for many years (we've owned the woodland for 30 years), and they, and their young, fly from there to our other fields for much of the year. These are very large adult birds now. There are also bats in the area. The destruction taking place in the Clocaenog Forest is also sending more of these birds of prey towards our fields and woodland. It is a great delight to me to see these creatures on my land, and I'm sure that tourists to this area are also enthralled by them.