

**NWWFC**  
**Deadline 9**  
**Submission from Ms Lois Williams**  
**Ref 10031292**

I wish to object to the fact that SP MANWEB are now saying they will use the connection as a permanent part of their infrastructure.

I have attended almost all the different public presentations given by SPM since the start of the consultation, including meetings called by local MPs at which SPM people explained their plans and the reasons for them. Their whole justification was that they were legally bound to provide a connection for the wind farms once the wind farms had requested one. It followed on from this that timescales were discussed and it was always SPM's advice that the life span of the wind farms was 25 years and the life span of a connection was 40 years. On that basis, residents were led to believe that at the end of the life span of the wind farms the connection would no longer be needed and would be dismantled.

SPM are now saying that the pylons will not just provide a connection for the wind farms and that they will treat it as a permanent piece of infrastructure to be used as they see fit and for as long as they themselves deem it to be useful to them.

This is completely contrary to everything that local communities have been led to believe by what SPM's people have said at the meetings, at all the various consultations, and what has been understood from their documents.

Whether the life span of the pylons is 25 years or 40 years does not make any difference to me personally because of my age, but with SPM adamantly refusing to consider putting cables underground, I at least took solace from the idea that future generations would see our beautiful countryside restored to the beauty I have enjoyed during my own lifetime. Under the changed rules which SPM have introduced on the quiet that will simply not happen.

I believe it is quite improper and unacceptable that SPM should feel they can change the rules like this and believe strongly that they should be required to stick to what has been understood from the very beginning, that the North Wales Wind Farm Connection is, as the name given it by SPM themselves implies, for the wind farms and the wind farms only, and therefore has a definite life span.

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