

Representation of J Harrison ref: 10031875

Regarding BFC ref: EN020016

Undergrounding whole route.

First of all there is lack of information from WPD regarding the difference in costs between overhead versus undergrounding the cables from an independent adviser. The general public our MP & AM have made it perfectly clear to Western Power and the inspector that they require the whole line to go underground because we do not want our countryside and tourism ruined any more. So far we have been completely ignored seemingly because it is cheaper to take it overhead. If RWE are concerned about the cost, instead of bragging about the community fund they will be giving out may I suggest they spend it on under-grounding the cables, it would please the people much more. After speaking to engineers they say underground cables are much easier to maintain and repair when a fault happens. At least underground cables where landowners request it, their business has to be taken into consideration. We are constantly told local people's opinion counts so please will western power and the inspector listen and act on local opinions.

Other options

I am sure the inspector is aware that there is already a line out from Alltwalis wind farm to Rhos substation, although WPD previously said it could not take 3 wind farms electric into it, please be aware that it is now only 1 wind farm so surely it could be upgraded. Another excuse they will use is Rhos substation will have to be upgraded; however I believe they have to upgrade a substation further down the proposed route anyway. I ask the inspector to look into this as it would be much more environmentally friendly to upgrade existing routes than litter our countryside even more.

Substation in Brechfa forest

I understand Carmarthenshire county council have requested that RWE place their substation at the nearest end to the line out, this makes complete sense and will save even further trees being unnecessarily felled. It is unbelievable that this project is supposed to be saving the environment when all it is doing damaging the environment. We all know how important tree's are to our environment. As the inspector is an environment expert I am hoping he will act accordingly.