

The Planning Inspectorate  
FAO Mr M. Broderick, Examining Inspector  
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9<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Dear Mr Broderick

**Re: Application by Western Power Distribution (South Wales) for an  
Order Granting Development Consent for the Brechfa Forest  
Connection**

With reference to the outline of the Preliminary Meeting that was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015, for which we would like to thank you, we are writing to you as a land and property owner effected by the Brechfa Forest Wind Farm overhead Connection to the National Grid.

We wish to make very clear that we have never had or have any objections to the lines being installed underground but we have a continuing and ongoing objection to the line being constructed over ground on H-poles.

We have for a generation now, tried to work this land and respect the environment and landscape of this beautiful part of the Welsh Countryside and we will do so for the foreseeable future. It is our long-term investment in countryside stewardship.

Many parts of the area where we live and work and that WPD is referring to in their report have been designated as "High" visual and sensory areas and construction of overhead lines on 14 erected H-Poles on our farm at a 900 feet contour through this landscape will desecrate the visual enjoyment and impact for which many visitors come to this are.

Our farm is in a very elevated position and the H-poles are planned to be constructed over our fields which are visible for miles around us. This visual impact will be very detrimental.

Because of our high position in the landscape we are concerned that cables might be brought down in adverse weather conditions. Consequently, in addition there will be an ongoing need for WPD carrying out maintenance and repairs. This might well involve moving livestock at short notice and possible damage to crops.

We also object to the erection of H-Poles, as the suggested route passes close to a telecommunication mast for EE. In our contract with them, we are not allowed to give permission to a third party to install other equipment that might interfere with their telecommunication equipment.

We also wish to highlight the overlooked serious economic effect of the loss of direct farming income from an overhead connection compared to undergrounding, through the inability to access and use all of our available land.

It is our understanding that if we don't have 'useable land', then our farm incomes will fall at a time when support from the European Union is also being reduced.

Farming communities in Carmarthenshire are at the lower end of the farm income spectrum and this will create even more hardship. In addition, the loss of income from farming tourism resulting from the visual ugliness of overhead lines, which has been documented by our business, should be considered. The only way either of these could be mitigated is through undergrounding.

We don't only feel, but are disenfranchised. Large companies like WPD and RWE have the funding and availability of access to the best lawyers, solicitor and legal teams. We have never invited this process to be put upon us, but find ourselves now faced with spending a great deal of our financial resources in trying to be on a level par in this situation. This is, ofcourse, not possible for us as we don't have large funding available to us. In this whole process we are lay contestants and do not have the knowledge where to go and how to access support and advice.

Also, despite our best endeavours as individuals to engage in the process over the past 2 1/2 years, all of our contributions to Western Power's consultations about our concerns on the impact of overhead lines have not been demonstrably considered.

As worried land, property and tourism business owner we ask for your consideration in this matter. It is our home and environment, and therefore our livelihood that is being threatened.

Yours faithfully

Bryan and Yoka Kilkelly

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