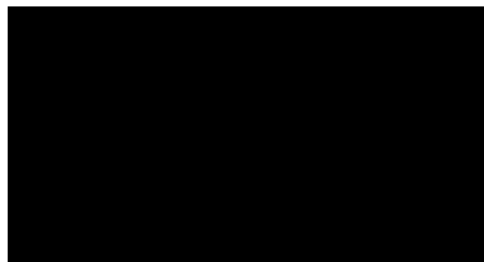


23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015



The Planning Inspectorate  
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Our Ref: BFC/AH/091

Dear Katherine

### **BRECHFA FOREST CONNECTION PROJECT**

We would be grateful if you would forward our correspondence to Mr M Broderick and ask him to formally include this letter in the procedure.

We would like to advise The Inspector that a meeting took place with our land agent on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November at the farm noted above.

We would like to take this opportunity to continue to object to the scheme for the following reasons:-


1. On the original map dated November 2014 the proposed pole was not situated on our land. We discussed this with Freedom and were happy to accept the development as this did not impact on our silage fields although we were aware of the visual impact on our farm.
2. In a meeting which took place in October 2015 between Freedom and our original land agents Rees Richards it was only at this meeting that we were informed of the changes in the location of the apparatus. Prior to this meeting we had not been informed of any changes to the line apparatus or the location of poles on our land. The plan we were relying on was very different to the plan that Freedom brought to the meeting. Freedom refused to answer questions we put to them why the apparatus had been changed without our consent. Freedom told us if we did not accept the proposals outlined in the new document they would proceed to issue a compulsory purchase order. Every time we asked this reasonable question it was 'glossed over' and we were told to move on.
3. The only good thing that came out of the meeting is that we were informed about the change in the pole positions without our knowledge or consent. Our new land agent told us that we needed to write and bring this to the attention of the inspector. He also said that he did not understand why you had not been informed earlier of the pole changes and he suggested we should write to the inspector and ask when the line details had been changed and why it had taken WPD so long to inform us of the changes which has left us excluded as we have been unable to fully comply with the objection procedure.

4. During the meeting Rees Richards said nothing about the pole changes.
5. Furthermore it was only after the meeting that Mr Lloyd from Rees Richards phoned us to say that there was also going to be two stays going on the pole in our silage field. Mr Jones has however looked at our plan and tells us this is incorrect as the plan shows no stays. We would be grateful if the inspector would advise us who is right and who is wrong as this is an important silage field and we do not want stays in the field.
6. After the meeting we asked Mr Lloyd if he could come to see us about the changes and explain them further to us. Mr Lloyd from Rees Richards failed to come to arranged meetings on the farm on 3 occasions and the last meeting was cancelled a few hours before the meeting when he told us he had a bad back and could not make the meeting.
7. We then fired our original land agent and appointed Iwan Jones of Bjp.
8. We are also concerned that there may have been a conflict of interest in Mr Lloyd representing us and our neighbour Mr DJA Phillips of Rhydfwylchen Farm. We understand that Mr Philips objected to pole 93 being located on his land and the pole location was switched to our property without our knowledge.
9. If the Inspector wishes we can make our file available to him to inspect including our land agents comments regarding the pole relocation involving pole 93 which our land agent was aware had been moved well before our meeting in October 2015 but which he failed to declare and disclose to us.
10. Our new land agent has suggested we write to the inspector in respect to our concerns.
11. Our land agent has sent in a letter of objection on our behalf but has indicated that he was instructed very later in the day and so may not have covered all the basis we are concerned about.
12. At no time during the meeting did Freedom or our land agent discuss the concept of "Injurious Affectation". This subject was only raised by Mr. Iwan Jones of BJP following our appointment of him as our land agent.
13. Mr Jones has also told us not to sign the HOTS until our solicitor had a copy of the actual Deed of Grant to be signed. By us. He said he was also concerned that the landowners pack had changed on the wording of injurious affection and that he would bring this to the attention of the inspector.

Once all our concerns have been addressed we will work with Western Power to progress with negotiations to a suitable conclusion. We are reasonable people and want the same in exchange.

This letter is an honest summary of the current position

Yours Faithfully

  
Elphin, Lloyd & Marion James  
