

The Planning Inspectorate
Mr M Broderick
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Mr and Mrs G Evans

24th November 2015

Fao: Catherine King

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re: Brechfa Forest Connection

We are writing to Mr Broderick as a landowner/ property owner because we have serious misgivings about the process that is taking place between Western Power Distribution (WPD)/ Freedom Group and us and would like to express these for the Inspector to consider with regards to a fair and equal process to the planning decision.

We wish to make it absolutely clear that we have never had any objections to the line being installed underground but have a continuing objection to the line being constructed over ground.

We experience that the interest of us as property / landowners has been very much overlooked and not acknowledged by WPD/ Freedom Group.

Despite this process being ongoing, it was only on the 13th of November 2015 that we received a document, after our Land Agent Mr Iwan Jones repeatedly asked for, which was titled "Heads of Terms" along with a plan which marked where the poles are to be erected. The document description shows that we are to receive 4 poles, whilst on the map it shows 6.

The Heads of Terms are very vague and are only a summary of the Deed of Grant, whilst the rules to which we must follow once signed is down clearly and, as such, limits us enormously from the negotiating process. Once this document has been signed, we as Land Owners are forbidden to voice an opinion in the planning process, though truth be told, as we have not had any communication face to face with WPD/ Freedom, many of us have voiced the opinion that we do not know what we are even signing.

There is no mention of Injurious Affection despite our Land Agent repeatedly asking to address this issue.

WPD/ Freedom are a large organisation with numerous resources. Whilst we understand that the electricity is required, us as Land Owners only want what is fair. Two of the poles are to be erected in our best silage field, one with 2 large stags. We rely on these fields to provide food for our stock, and any loss is a great one.

We would like to be very reasonable in our negotiations with WPD/ Freedom, but so far, we feel they have steam rolled ahead with us the Land Owner, not been given any opportunity to speak or communicate our feelings. This is our livelihood, we live here, in this beautiful part of West Wales, which we would like to pass on to future generations to enjoy living here, without the threat of larger apparatus being used.

Further to a meeting with our Land Agent on the evening of Monday 23rd November 2015, he has scheduled us to meet with WPD/ Freedom on Tuesday 8th December, subject to their availability.

We would like you to take the above into account, that we as Land Owners, are feeling disenfranchised by the whole process and that WPD/ Freedom are trying to hasten the process without us being given the chance to air our views accordingly.

We would like to ask you to make sure that the process is conducted in a fair and equal manner.

Yours faithfully,

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Mr and Mrs G Evans