

The Planning Inspectorate, Mr M Broderick.
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Our Ref BFC- AFP077

Your reference: EN020016

Dear Mr Broderick / Mrs King

Re: Brechfa Forest Connection

Thank you for your correspondence dated 13th October 2015 outlining the next steps in the Examination Procedure. Our representation at the open hearing has already been formally indicated by our land agent, Mr Iwan Jones, BJP, but we thought it may be useful to also confirm this in writing.

To this end, we would like to confirm that we would like our views to be heard via oral representations at the open hearings on 30th November 2015 and 1st December 2015. We would also like to lodge our representation for the issue specific hearings on 8th, 9th and 10th December 2015 as appropriate, especially in regard to landscape issues.

We would also like to request that a site inspection is undertaken on our land on 1st December 2015, as we are incurring significant visual impairment and subsequent injurious affection, and we would appreciate it if you could witness the impact of this first hand

At the open hearing, the matters we would like to cover are as follows:

- We wish to make it absolutely clear we have never had any objections to the lines being installed underground but have a continuing and ongoing objection to the line being constructed over ground. We would like to draw to your attention that we have the unanimous support of Carmarthen County Council in expressing this view, and like the Council, we concur that we can see no reasonable argument as to why over-grounding is being pursued other than one of cost;
- We believe the interest of property / land owners has been disregarded by WPD/Freedom Group. We would like to know if the Good Governance Institute procedures have been followed and whether landowner feedback

has been independently collated for your consideration, so that landowner views are fully reflected;

- Correspondence issued by WPD is not informative, for instance, we still do not know with any certainty the 'exact' location of the poles and whether their alignment is fixed and final. In particular, there is no clarification on why the route is proceeding as 'broadly indicated' by WPD, given that the Bryn Llewellyn installation is now not taking place. On landowners reckoning the current indicated route zigzags far more than it ought with far more intrusive H-poles in play as a result
- We only received the Heads of Terms on the 14th November 2015 after numerous requests by our land agent. On their receipt, there are many unresolved issues which leave us in a position where we cannot sign, as we are waiving too many rights to do so e.g. there is a clause in the Heads of Terms that states that upon their signing, we will have to agree not to object to the application for a DCO and further will agree to a number of protective provisions and rights to WPD. This feels exceptionally pre-emptive, especially as the Planning Inspectorate is still deliberating on the application and Heads of Terms should only be presented to land/property owners after a decision is made. At this stage we would not be able to participate in the fair process your role is trying to oversee – open floor hearings etc - which feels procedurally poor;
- Within the HoTs, there is no mention of how injurious affection will be dealt with which would allow us to make an informed decision; for ourselves, our property value will be significantly affected. Further, we have no assurance that in their signing, we are not leaving an open option to even worse intrusion in the future, namely, metal pylons and this lack of clarity at this stage is extremely concerning.

We would respectfully request that all the above is taken into account and wanted to make you aware that as land/property owners we feel very disenfranchised with the whole process and the way WPD/Freedom is trying to pre-empt due process. In light of these points, we would ask that the assertion made on 6th October 2015 - that you wish to ensure a fair and equitable process is genuinely conducted - is restated to WPD, as we consider that at present actions being taken do not make this feel the case.

Yours sincerely,

Howard and Karen Miles

