

The Planning Inspectorate, Mr M Broderick.
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17th December 2015

Our ref BFC-AFP148/BFC and AFP015

Re: Brechfa Forest Connection EN020016

Dear Mr Broderick,

With reference to the last Planning Inspectorate meeting of Tuesday 8th December 2015 and the forthcoming deadline of 17th December at noon, please could we bring to your attention the following with regards to the procedural matters.

We are writing to express as landowner our serious misgivings about the process that is taking place between Western Power Distribution/ Freedom Group/Burton Knowles 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.

Procedural objection:

- 1) The first time we knew about the amount and place of single poles that were going to be situated on our land was at an open meeting that WPD had organised in a local building in our next village in July 2014. A plan was shown to inform landowners about the route that the poles were going to take. They were all indicated as single poles. At this meeting we expressed that we were not happy with the division of our fields the poles would make and WPD said they would take note of this. We subsequently received a visit from 2 engineers in September 2014 who took details for realigning the route on our fields. We were informed that the poles would be single poles and if there were any changes they would come back to us. Since then we have not received any correspondence or information from WPD to confirm or acknowledge that they were implementing the changes.

- 2) We were sent the Head of Terms on the 14th November 2015 and suddenly we have been made aware of changes to the number of poles but also to the type of pole. We have now 4 double poles and 8 single poles on our land and the stays for the one of the double poles is stretching out a great distance into our silage field. We did not know anything about this, no communication has taken place and neither WPD or their Landagent during the Consultation Stage 3 has communicated with us.
- 3) A document about the change requests schedule compiled by WPD, CA01, Appendix 1, 9.2.1 has now been put on your Inspectorate Website since November 2015. In this document WPD acknowledges Change request number 40, 50 and 104 which applies to us here at Lanclynadda. Again, no consultation or communication has been forthcoming from WPD. Our farm has no other apparatus going over fields except our own electricity provision line and a line for a telephone connection. If necessary, erection of single poles is much less disturbing than the erection of H poles because the height and impact they have, will be more visible.
- 4) To carry out the erection of the poles WPD needs access to the parcels of land where they will be situated. We need from WPD a Method of Statement of Work of the access roads they are going to use and also the guarantee that these roads will be made good to their former state before the scheme started. In the current HoT's the right of access is to the easement areas and also to the remainder of the whole of our property including all buildings. This right of access is not acceptable and should be taken out of our HoT's. In the amended HoT's access should only be restricted to the Easement area. Part of our road is County Council owned and part of it is owned by us.
- 5) We also need a record of Land Conditions before the works are carried out.
- 6) WPD has never been in contact with us about how they are planning to construct the overhead line and we would like them to produce a method statement so we can be informed what they are actually planning to do. We are completely in the dark how they are planning to do the construction, what they are constructing, and where exactly the construction is going to be as this seem to be changing without us knowing or receiving communication about it. One example is that Mr Kinsley from WPD was suggesting they would put mats down not to disturb

the land/grass. How is this happening, are they putting mats down intermittently or all the way.

- 7) Surveys that were carried out on behalf of WPD on our property have not been done properly for instance our bat survey was done in the middle of the day, standing on the yard, looking around. Bats at that time of the day are asleep.
- 8) We have been very reasonable, always cooperated and engaged when asked and we were in agreement with the route of the single poles. Now, November 2015, route alignment has changed again, are more changes to come in the future.

Head of Terms

We have a lot of difficulties and objections with the current Head of Terms. Our Landagent Mr I Jones of BJP Carmarthen has in his submission to you in a letter on the 17th December set out the general objections to these current Head of Terms. In order for you not to have to read this twice we would like to make you aware that we acknowledge and agree the comments Mr Jones has made in his statement.

- 1) The plans that were provided with the Head of Terms are not to scale so no accurate measurement can be made to the impact of the poles.
- 2) The late changes in the HoT's are confusing and not to detail. We are having our meeting with WPD and our Landagent in January 2016. Unless changes will come through we cannot sign the current Head of Terms. The HoT's should be converted in an Early Access Statement.

Final word.

- 1) In this whole process, all attention has been given to procedures before you make your decision. We are concerned that there is no contingency plan, procedures and conditions in place to monitor the construction of the line by an independent arbitrator. Surely all parties should have someone to turn to during the physical construction of the line if works are carried out that are not agreeable to all parties.

2) As landowners we feel we have been treated unfairly and WPD is still bypassing our concerns. We have had no discussion with WPD for almost a year now, no communication, acknowledgment of our concerns and anxieties and we think that we should have been informed much earlier in the process. You can imagine that this whole process has been put upon us, has given us sleepless nights, large doses of anxiety and a general worry about how our future is going to look and how this whole scheme will effect us. We feel extremely disenfranchised and disadvantaged; and feel that this process and the erection of the poles is an infringement of our human rights.

We really hope you will take our concerns into consideration as this will be our last time that we can actually write to you and put in our observations, objections and worries about the whole procedure that is taking place. We feel like David, who was standing opposite Goliah and don't really know where to turn to make our voice heard.

With regards,

Bryan and Yoka Kilkelly

