

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Inquiry into Energy Policy and Planning in Wales

EPP 261 – Brynmor Bryce

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to show my objection to National Grid and SPEN proposals for Mid Wales connection. I cannot oppose these plans enough and have listed reasons why you must not be allowed to do this.

LAUGHABLE CONSULTATION

I feel that I have not been asked my opinion and I feel that you have already made up your mind to whether the plans are going ahead. The consultation is a joke. You have not consulted anyone. There is no 3rd choice on the forms with the answer of neither. Instead you have just shown us all maps of where the 2 possible route corridors are going to be. This is NOT Consulting it is telling us. Maybe you should look up the definition of consultation in the dictionary or you could google it here

WWW.GOOGLE.CO.UK

Just type it in.

How dare you assume that I would pick either sites. As far as I am concerned no site in the UK is acceptable to have outdated technology such as pylons and windfarms. WE KNOW THEY HAVE LITTLE TO NO EFFECT. Why have the consultations in lambing season, this made it almost impossible for most farmers to attend (if you had done proper research you would have known this)

Why have no pictures of hubs been produced so that we can at least see what they look like. The information you did provide us was moronic. Just showing me 2 routes. WE NEED MORE

INFORMATION

1920's TECHNOLOGY

Come on its 2011, do we really only have the option of pylons? I don't think so. Not that I want any more wind farms or Hubs but why don't you put the cables underground. I can imagine the expenses would rise but surely for the sake of HUMAN BEINGS it would be worth it. Once they are underground surely that's it. The network would be there for ever. I am also sure that you are aware of all the health risks involved with these pylons.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The environmental impact of these proposals is unbelievable. If I am correct the base of each pylon is an olympic swimming pool of concrete, Do you have any idea how much carbon is produced from concrete in the UK and correct me if I'm wrong but you cannot use the base twice if something happens to the first built pylon. What happens in 10 years time when the EU decide that Pylons are outdated and you start to pull them down. What do we use the concrete for then (TENNIS)

VISUAL IMPACT

I am sure you do not need me to explain in too much detail what sort of impact industrial structures such as pylons would have on rural areas such as Mid Wales. They are 150ft. That is taller than any tree that I know of in the area. The overall visual impact of the whole idea would be immense. Can you imagine what sort of effect this would have on tourism. Massive amounts of public footpaths will be lost forever as NO ONE WILL WALK NEXT TO PYLONS. You will destroy the landscape for those that live here and those that visit

TRANSPORT

How are you planning on transporting all the equipment and parts to the locations. The pylons are bad enough on their own but how much damage are articulated lorries going to do to the area, which is mostly joined together by a large network of small country lanes. Look at the mess in Newtown already all because they need to get wind turbines through the town. The people of the area would be looking at a minimum of 5 years worth of heavy traffic due to this project. This sort of disruption could be the end of such towns as Newtown, Not many shops remain with its already diabolical traffic system slowly killing off any remaining surviving shops.

HEALTH ISSUES

The health risks linked to high voltage electricity pylons are too much of a risk to the health of our children. As a parent myself I believe that the health of children is first and foremost. It is not up to the likes of yourselves to decide their fate.

This is a quote from a booklet called 'Electric and magnetic fields' by ENA (I'm sure you have read it).

I quote from this booklet:

'With EMFs and risk the situation is different, no risk has been proven. Instead EMFs are sometimes described as a 'possible' cause of cancer or a 'possible carcinogen. The word 'possible' is used about all sorts of things in our lives.'

As far as I'm concerned a possible risk is too much risk.

WOULD YOU LET YOUR CHILDREN DO SOMETHING THAT COULD POSSIBLY HARM THEM?

Course you would but imagine how I feel not being given a choice

The most recent evidence reported in your booklet written by the National Radiological protection board, states that there is a 'possibility' that 'intense and prolonged exposures to magnetic fields'- which would be the case of many children living in proximity of these pylons- 'can increase the risk of leukaemia in children'. The National grid are proposing to place a potential death sentence on children who would be in proximity of these pylons. A 'possibility' should be too much of a risk to take with the health of our future generations. This isn't being eco-friendly, this isn't being green! No renewable energy target can be so important that it overrules the possibility to risk the health of a generation.

It is not only childhood leukaemia that is at risk but also adult cancers, heart disease, Alzheimers disease, depression, suicide and miscarriage, headaches and lethargy.

DO YOU WANT TO PUT THE LIFE OF FAMILIES AND EVERY HUMAN IN MID WALES AT RISK
IS THAT ACCEPTABLE?

I have no faith that you will take notice in this letter but I feel I can end it with a few words that will make you think twice about what you are doing that I am sure of

THERE IS NO WAY THE PEOPLE OF WALES AND SHROPSHIRE WILL LET THIS HAPPEN. WE WILL NOT LET YOU SPOIL THE BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPE OF WALES AND JOINING COUNTIES WITH HORRID CREATIONS SUCH AS PYLONS. DO NOT THINK THE WELSH ASSEMBLY WILL PROTECT YOU AS THEY WILL SOON REALISE IT IS THEM THAT WILL NEED PROTECTING FROM THE VERY PEOPLE THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO REPRESENT.

ALL HOPE AND CONFIDENCE HAS BEEN LOST IN THE FRAIL, WEAK, CORRUPT AND DATED POLITICAL SYSTEM KNOWN AS THE WELSH ASSEMBLY. IT IS TIME FOR CHANGE. WE VOTED YOU IN WE CAN VOTE YOU OUT.

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