Freepost National Grid Mid W Connection

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Dear Sirs,

Ref: the proposed pylon route through the Meifod Valley and Cefn Coch substation site.

Should the National Grid site its power lines through the Meifod valley there is no doubt that the bubbling cry of the curlew would no longer be heard. Curlews nest all along the valley in the fields that form an integral part of our landscape.

I would draw your attention to two European Union directives. The Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive which have been transposed into UK law by Regulations 48, 49 and 54 of the Conservations (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1994. These acts were implemented when wind farm developers wished to develop a site near to Cefn Coch. The application was subsequently turned down on these grounds.

The power lines would disrupt the curlews and stop them from breeding and as you are no doubt aware they are a protected species. Should you wish to go ahead you will have to comply with these directives which would seem to me to be quite impossible. I await your reply.

Yours faithfully