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Dear Sirs,

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

I am writing in reference to the proposed erection of a pylon route through the Vyrnwy valley and specifically the flood zone in Meifod.

Every year we experience significant flooding and the flood plains here act as a vital soak away for Shropshire. Each year I believe the Vyrnwy Dam is forced to release water at several short notice intervals to ensure its structural safety. This results in high volumes of fast flowing water in the Meifod Valley.

The flood water is such that it already covers roads, making vital routes impassable for days, carries whole trees and large debris with it and creates piles of rubbish against any structures in its way, at the moment the cost of clearing this is covered largely by the local community.

Thus my concern is threefold:

1. If the objects carried can cause damage to bridges etc, what guarantee can you give that your pylons will be structurally secure for the safety of all, because make no mistake we would not bear the cost of any damage caused by these to property or public health. In the light of the unexpected large scale damage caused by flooding in other parts of the world to much more protected structures how can you guarantee to protect us?
2. What is the extent to which the soak away properties of the natural floodplains will be affected by the 20square meters of concrete each pylon will cause? Indeed can you give any guarantee that the flood barriers for the village will sufficient to hold back the resulting worsening of the flooding who will bear the cost of the raise in flood insurance and the cleanup process?
3. How and how quickly do you intent to arrange for the clearing of the debris that will accumulate under the pylons several times a year which will be a risk to public health as an attraction to rats and other rubbish loving creatures?

I await your reply with anticipation.

Yours faithfully