

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.

I am writing to express my upmost concern regarding the lack of information in your consultation about the damage the pylon route through Meifod will cause to the remarkable natural habitat in the area which, has been quietly and carefully protected by the local community for centuries for the good of the whole nation.

Indeed your documentation speaks of the industrialisation of this valley as though it were a good thing which we would welcome, have you considered the views of the local people at all, we love our home as it is!

The RSPB have already spoken out against wind farms and the negative impact they have on birdlife. One of the sites being considered for additional turbines and a substation is close to a designated curlew nesting site. The curlew is a protected species.

The Vyrnwy valley is a protected area in relation to the breeding of bats, there are a number of summer and winter roosts in the valley and it is known and recorded that a major colony cross the valley from a summer breeding roost to a winter hibernation roost, this migration route will be cut through by the pylon route. Given that interference with these creatures and their habitat is a criminal offence I would question how you intend to legally overcome this in your plans – indeed if you can at all!

Lorries will have to bring parts for turbines, substations and pylons into this area which will impact on the environment for years to come as construction proceeds. The roads are not suitable for the construction traffic.

This is an area rich in flora and fauna which should be protected.

I wonder how you intend to reconcile the grave impact that this will have on the local wildlife, much of which is legally protected with the 'benefits' of this route.

I await your reply with anticipation.

Yours faithfully