

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Filling in the form – make a specific point

The forms will go to a private company that sifts through them and picks out 'themes' such as tourism, ecology, historical sites, heritage, environment (e.g. narrow valley and flooding) that will present a problem to development. They make a report on these 'themes' which is then passed to the National Grid who then have to address all of these problems before applying for planning permission. If the problems are too many we could turn them away at that point.

Themes - Ideally pick one or two for greater impact.

Visual impact on the valley – where the valley is shallow the pylons will appear on the skyline. Where the valley is deep and narrow they will overwhelm the valley. National Parks were set up to provide a respite to those in cities. Our valley is no less as beautiful and provides the same respite.

Noise – pylons snap, crackle and pop on damp, misty days and in a valley with remarkably little noise this would be intolerable.

Tourism – B & Bs, Caravan Parks – **loss of jobs**

Curlews, Peregrine Falcons – Red listed endangered species protected by law

Vyrnwy Valley is very, very rich in wildlife – much of it protected.

Historic Sites – Mathrafal, the ancestral home of the Princes of Powys and one of the most historical sites in Wales.

Spiritual Sites of Historic Importance - Church of St. Tysilio and St. Mary – grave of St. Tysilio. A grade one listed building of national importance in the history of the Church in Wales and arguably as important as St. Davids.

Flooding – the strength and ferocity of floods.

Transport Infrastructure – The roads on this corridor from Cefn Coch through the Vyrnwy valley are incapable of carrying the degree and size of traffic necessary to build a hub.

If anyone can think of any more themes – please let us know.

Write an accompanying letter and make a copy which we will pass on to our M.P. Glyn Davies who has pledged to bring this matter up in parliament. The letters will help him.

It would be good to mention that you deplore the way you have been asked to tick a box to choose between Cefn Coch and Abermule and thus pitting community against community.

Write to all prospective Welsh Assembly candidates – ask them where they stand on bringing in the National Grid, Wind Farms and TAN 8.

Welsh Assembly members got us into this by drafting TAN 8 which gives the green light to the development of wind farms in Mid-Wales without considering how the power would hook up to the National Grid and the devastating affect this would have on Montgomeryshire.

Telephone their headquarters, e-mail them too. Turn up wherever they are canvassing and ask them what their stance is. We have to make this a political issue and a question they must answer

Write a specific letter to the bodies that protect Ancient Monuments (CADW), the Church (Church in Wales St. Asaph) Birds (RSPB), the Countryside (CPRW), Flooding (The Environment Agency) because the **National Grid will consult these bodies when it reads the report** rather than coming back to us.

Attend the Rally – New Livestock Market, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 20th April. Our M.P. Has called it and is begging everyone to attend. A show of force to make a difference.

Sign the Petition on the PeopleAgainstPylons website.