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TEALING TO KINTORE OHL Objection on Health, Amenity and Environment by David Potter

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I am David Potter, 75 years of age. My wife and I live in a semi-detached house which will be amongst the closest dwellings to the proposed 400KV pylons. These will have a permanent and damaging effect on our living space and quality of life. The choice of location shows a blatant disregard for the well-being of individuals.

We believe that the development plans, process and consultations have not placed enough importance on the health and well-being of those who will be most affected by their siting.

We are happy living out our retirement in a relatively quiet and unspoiled place which is why we chose this location. We spend more time at home than away, we are creative people; much of our time is spent writing and making music, activities blessed and informed and by the landscape and wildlife around us. We also spend considerable time gardening or relaxing outside.

We recently had an extension built, with enlarged windows on the south-west facing sides of our house to take advantage of the greater light and best views which would be permanently blighted by the pylons.

Two local estate agents reckon our property could prove un-sellable or, at best, have its future value reduced by up to 50% which prevents us from moving to an equivalent dwelling elsewhere.

Mandatory access requiring the building of new roads for each pylon (eight of which will be visible from our home, three at very close proximity) will mean up to 5 years of noise, turbulence, dust.

We are likely to experience heightened levels of anxiety and stress stemming from the disturbance caused by noise, traffic diversions, and the devaluation of

our property. The loss of a peaceful natural setting will further compound these adverse effects on mental health.

The presence of persistent noise throughout the construction phase and the continuous low-frequency operational sounds are expected to disrupt sleep patterns and daily routines, leading to elevated levels of anxiety and fatigue with a deterioration in mental well-being, particularly affecting individuals who are more vulnerable.

The generation of pollution and dust will, due to prevailing wind direction, be blown into our garden and home. I suffer from mild asthma, my wife more chronically so - which will be greatly exacerbated by this, effectively meaning we will be prevented from enjoying our garden -in effect, imprisoned in our own home.

Our quality of sleep has already deteriorated as fear of the impending arrival of the pylons grows. We know the sensory qualities of our lives (visual, audio, air quality) will depreciate. Less to be cheerful about engenders depression. The natural beauty of our present environment brings joy and inspiration; the encroachment of pylons and accompanying infrastructural industrialisation of our surroundings breeds morbid, repressive thoughts, accompanied by feelings of helplessness and claustrophobia

Social emotional and mental repercussions of the proposed developments have never been truly acknowledged or addressed throughout consultations and as summarised here show significant and enduring implications to justify their refusal which.

Too vast a topic to effectively detail here I will comment that the impact of the line and proposed (exponentially expanding) related infrastructure in general will have a devastating and damaging effect on the natural landscape and its wildlife, regardless of whether endangered species are involved or not. The cumulative effects will result in loss of habitat, disturbance, obstruction of movement and displacement of many species.

Since the nearby forests have been felled and works to lay foundations for substations etc. already begun we have noticed a reduction in local wildlife sightings and species which can only accelerate once full-scale operations get

underway. At least eight species of birds have stopped visiting our garden and sightings of deer, badger, hare and fox, which often used the stream's route that passes our house are now very infrequent. Many of the local fields through which the pylons would pass have skylarks and yellow hammers, both "red data" species, and larger birds of prey – buzzards and sparrowhawks would be affected; red kites have recently moved into our area and fatal collisions with these pylons are easy to envisage.

Ecological surveys carried out by the developers were, in my opinion, insubstantial and no realistic remedial solutions have ever been proposed to mitigate that will be caused

On account of health and well-being issues (of personal concern) but also considering landscape and the environment (as a larger scale impact) I justify my **objection for recommending refusal of the proposed development.**

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