

Electricity Act 1989
Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
DPEA Code of Practice

Tealing to Kintore OHL proposal TRL-120-1

CHS Statement: Impact on Estate Business

My name is William Foster from Park Farm, Drumoak. I'm here because I am objecting to the construction of the 400 KV pylon line from Tealing to Kintore because it will be very detrimental and dangerous to my business.

I am disappointed that material prepared and submitted by members of the public after the original objection period has not been formally admitted to this Inquiry, despite being lodged in time.

Many of us are far better informed now than we were when initial objections were submitted, because much more detail about the project has since emerged. Very considerable unpaid time and effort have gone into researching and explaining the likely impacts on affected communities.

I believe a fair Public Inquiry should allow decision-makers to hear fully from those who will live with the consequences of this development for many years. When relevant contributions are excluded on procedural grounds, it risks undermining confidence that all voices have been properly heard.

I hope my own contribution, however limited, will still help the Reporters better understand the real impacts on local people and communities.

The pylon line will affect my business as follows:

Fishing

The proposed pylon line crosses the river Dee at the top of the Park beat. It will ruin the fishing during the construction of pylons on the north and south sides of the river, and after construction the sag of the pylon lines will make fishing impossible due to danger of contact, flashover and death. This will mean a significant loss of income to the business.

River Dee Special Area of Conservation

The river is a haven for the freshwater pearl mussel, Atlantic salmon and otters. The noise and vibration will negatively affect the endangered Atlantic salmon and freshwater pearl mussels and otters.

Farming

The proposed pylons will obstruct farming during construction and the proposed line and its sag will prevent the use of farm machinery under the cable line, once again due to the danger of contact, flashover and death. There will also be loss of income and value due to the inaccessible field areas created by the pylon footprint and overhead line.

Forestry

There will be loss of native species and ancient woodland to clear a route for the line and the pylon.

Property

Extreme devaluation of residential and self-catering accommodation in the vicinity of the line due to visual pollution and danger of electromagnetic fields.

Conclusion

These are all our own assessments of the impacts on the place where we live and have our businesses. These are successful businesses and require hard work to keep them going. It is not an exaggeration to say that the impacts on us and our businesses will be significant and adverse.

Without revision of the Routing Corridor, mitigation is simply impossible. We call for refusal of the application to protect local businesses and the community.

William Foster

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