

**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989
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**TEALING TO KINTORE Overhead Line proposal TRL-120-1
Banchory Community Hearing Session 16th June 2026**

Community Hearing Statement by Robin White: Health, Environmental, Visual Impact

Good evening, my name is Robin White, and I have lived in my family home by Echt for 27 years. I would like to present to you my huge concerns regarding the health, environmental, and visual impact of the proposed high voltage overhead line through Aberdeenshire and Angus.

Since the beginning of this planning process, SSEN have repeatedly expressed the need to avoid communities and houses by more than 150 meters due to the currently published health concern of living and working near a 400kv electricity line. The variously proposed OHL routes gradually moved closer to our family home and SSEN measured the final route line to pass within 147 metres of our house. My family and I are distressed by the proximity of the line and have grave concerns for our long-term health.

Our family home location is fortunate to be surrounded by many wild species, particularly birdlife. There are many pairs of red kites and buzzards nesting in the woodlands around, and twice a year thousands of migrating geese pass by low level, sometimes settling in the fields around us. The proposed OHL route will require many ancient trees to be felled, including the wooded areas around us, home to the birdlife.

Aberdeenshire is fortunate to be a stunningly beautiful place to live and work. This proposed OHL route will gouge an horrendous scar through the landscape, that will not benefit the locals affected by it, and it will remain a hideous scar for generations to come. Future generations will not thank those who accept this route and the disproportionate impact it will leave on the communities forever.

I implore the committee to reject this proposed 400kv OHL route and ask that they request SSEN to find an alternative solution, such as undergrounding or offshoring the electrical energy supply lines. Existing technology already allows for undergrounding and offshoring electrical cables, with many examples through UK and Europe.

If this form of energy is such an important feature of preserving our futures, why does its transmission need to horribly destruct wildlife, countryside and health.

Robin White

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