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neighbour response for importing please (has been ackd.)

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Subject: Wrexham Power Station - Letter of Objection

Dear sirs/madam,

This e mail is intended as a letter of objection to the proposals to build a gas fired power station on the Wrexham industrial estate, and to build huge pylons across a tract of land that is predominantly flat and is partly the flood plain for the river Dee causing great disruption to adjacent villages and residential properties and to the wildlife habitats such as swans and geese, that surround the river.

The proposed routes for the siting of the pylons are both very questionable in consideration of the Holford rules.

This may sound like nimbyism, and to a degree it is but there are other reasons for this objection.

1, There appears to be no strategic need to build a 1200 MW power station here because according to the national Grid 7 year plan there is a surplus of power in the north of the country that is consumed in the south. There is no shortage of power in North Wales.

Indeed, Connaught Quay, just 12 miles away, produces 1400MW of power and they claim that this is sufficient for 1/2 of Wales.

I strongly believe Wrexham is the wrong place to build such a large power station. Basically it will export power to the National Grid and to the south of the country which will only add to line losses. This area of the Scottish Power system enjoys significant spare capacity and WPLs claim that Wrexham is a net importer of Power is doubtful.

Priority for new developments should be given to the south of the country, for example, Didcot Power station closed 2 weeks ago, has sufficient consideration been given to sites such as this that already have grid connections.

2, My understanding is that the 1200MW scheme WPL propose will have no choice but to export its electricity at 400KV to the National Grid. There will be no benefit technically or contractually to businesses on the Industrial Estate connected to the Scottish Power system.

3, I have many years of experience working on the Industrial Estate and the claim that the supply is unreliable is doubtful to say the least.

4, The area south of Wrexham is a popular tourist area with country walks, holiday resorts and National Trust property. The proposed pylon routes would definitely adversely affect these.

5, This may sound cynical, but offering cheaper supplies of power, gas and heat to the local businesses sounds like a sales pitch. How long would this last and is there part of the overall scheme that covers for this.

6, Construction of the such huge pylons will mean years of disruption in a special country area popular for walkers, tourists and holidaymakers. This would be a nightmare for local people and businesses.

I hope you will take note of these objections. I am sure that there are many local residents of the affected areas that have similar and other fears and objections.

Yours,

Ray Spencer