



What SSEN is saying: 'Subsea and undergrounding are significantly more expensive. Pylons are necessary and the only 'affordable' option'.

61m: Scott Monumen

36m: Standard Pylon

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30m: Kelpies

What SSEN is not saying, and why we **should object:** SSEN has provided no supporting information on the cost comparisons between pylons (old technology), burial and subsea cables.

Recent reports indicate that the subsea option although more expensive, is certainly not as much as is being stated...

Technology has progressed and Aberdeen and north east Scotland are the world's leaders in subseatechnology, and have a wealth of experience and capacity in subsea equipment and cabling. SSEN has limited experience and capability in laying subsea/ underground cables.

What SSEN is saying: 'Our preferred route option between the Dee and Kintore has been amended following a comprehensive review of stakeholder responses.

The amended route (F1.3) avoids key areas of national importance designated for natural and cultural heritage (Loch of Park, Park House), and avoids areas of population concentration, amenity area and sites allocated within the LDP'.

What SSEN is not saying, and why we **should object:** This amended route F1.3 was moved westwards following consultation with land owners to the east, but absolutely no consultation with the Drumoak residents now affected!

The proximity of this corridor to the Drumoak community and neighbouring properties is totally unacceptable.

The same applies to the move from the original preferred route F1 to revised preferred F2 route that runs right through Echt.

What SSEN is saying: 'Consent applications will be accompanied by detailed environmental assessments'.

'Socio-Economic Impact- we intend to consider these as part of a suite of documentation to be submitted to relevant consenting authorities'.

## What SSEN is not saying, and why we

**should object:** SSEN has provided no information on how the value of your house will be affected by pylons in close proximity. Research indicates it will fall between 10% and 40%, with some properties potentially unsellable!!

The effect on tourism - a main source of income - for Royal Deeside and the Dee Valley Special Landscape Area, and gateway to Cairngorm National park will be catastrophic...

Acres of farmland will be decommissioned.

What SSEN is saying: No reference whatsoever from SSEN made to health and mental health issues brought about by living in close proximity to overhead power lines.

### What SSEN is not saying, and why we

**should object:** There are proven risks to health by living in prolonged proximity to Electro Magnetic Fields (EMF) i.e. beneath or in close proximity to overhead power lines.

The impact of mega pylons on mental health is untested but the loss of freedom of choice. livelihoods and financial security is known to have catastrophic impact on mental health.

What SSEN is saying: Environmental impacts 'Consent applications will be accompanied by detailed environmental assessments'.

# What SSEN is not saying, and why we

**should object:** The proposed corridor cuts through territory of red kites, goshawks, Scottish crossbills, buzzards and migration routes of geese. RSPB identify many 'redlisted' birds will be affected. Habitats will be lost, wildlife displaced, and trees and hedgerows removed.

Environmental Impacts: System costs to construct - i.e. CO2 emissions, loss of peatlands, tree felling, loss of forestry, social and economic impact.

# How to HAVE YOUR SAY!

**Email** or write a **letter** giving your reasons for objections to **ALL** your local Aberdeenshire Councillors. Everyone over the age of 18 in a household can write.

A sample letter is shown below or can be found on our website **www.deesideap.co.uk** 



**Dear Councillors** 

#### SSEN East Coast 400kV Phase 2 Overhead Line Routing Consultation Kintore-Fiddes-Tealing 400kV OHL Connection

I write in response to SSEN's public consultation. I object to all of SSENs proposals for new overhead lines (and substations).

My reasons are SSEN's project, if constructed will:

- Damage the environment
- Harm the health, mental health and well-being of people living/working near overhead lines
- · Destroy the beauty of the landscape
- Damage tourism nobody wants to visit or be anywhere near pylons
- Destroy people's enjoyment of the countryside
- Damage the farming industry we must save farmland for food security

I object to SSEN's proposals because alternative technologies exist to transmit power over the long distances from offshore wind farms for distribution to consumers south of the border, without damaging the very environment that renewable energy is supposed to protect. Please confirm that you have received this.

Yours faithfully

## What you can do:

It is **important** that you let **all** your elected Aberdeenshire Councillors know your views - **now**.

Aberdeenshire Council is just one of a number of bodies who will be consultees on the eventual planning applications submitted by SSEN.

Details can be found on Aberdeenshire Council's website - 'who represents me':

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/council-anddemocracy/elections/who-represents-me

### Copy your email or letter of objection to:

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