

Dear Alan,

Our experiences of SSE's handling of the Beaully – Denny pylon line has not been a happy one. We live on the outskirts of the village of Kiltarlity and when the new pylon line proposal was first mentioned members of our local community opposed it and we suggested to SSE that the line should be underground where it passed near villages or communities. This they absolutely refused to do, citing much increased costs in doing so.

The new pylon line passes behind our house through an established woodland where trees were felled in a swathe 200 yards wide on each side of the line which as you can imagine caused a lot of disruption. This resulted in increased water on to our land, a buzzing noise from the cables in certain weather conditions can be heard and with the removal of the shelter provided by the woodland our garden and the adjacent area of our croft were exposed to the full force of winter storms causing us to lose nearly all our specimen trees that we had planted more than ten years ago.

The visual intrusion, not just of the pylons themselves which are situated on higher ground above our croft but also the cables which glint in the sunlight, is ever with us. The quality of our lifestyle here has been diminished and the value of our property is also reduced and we have spent quite a lot of our time and effort in discussions with SSE trying to get some compensation.

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