

Dear Sir,

A message to the people of Dumfries & Galloway from Beaully-Denny

The Beaully to Denny line can only be described as a crime against the environment. It is truly appalling, devastating, dominating and has destroyed huge swathes of the Highlands with massive pylons and thick, glistening transmission lines criss-crossing the skyline. Just go to: <http://www.express.co.uk/scotland/585897/600m-white-elephant-blight-landscape> to see for yourself.

Once attractive train journeys from Inverness are now spent trying not to look out of the window. The Wester Balblair 'substation' in Beaully has to be seen to be believed. Impossible to view in its entirety except from the air. A SSE representative told me it was a 'hub' now and we know more Beaully/Denny size pylon lines will be coming into it. It is a mess and heartbreaking to see.

We live four miles from this monstrous 'hub' and on still days or with the wind from the east we can hear the buzzing quite clearly. It is so appalling that a noise abatement notice was served on SSE by Highland Council. The problem has been going on for about three years and with more lines to be connected the situation can only get worse. It has driven some poor residents to distraction. One bought a touring caravan so he and his wife could go somewhere quiet to sleep. Glasses of water in bedrooms ripple. Fishermen on the famous River Beaully, that has the heavy noisy transmission lines strung above it, complain of the noise - some say they will never return. People living under the lines say it is like having a microwave on in your bedroom at night. The peace and tranquillity has gone - forever.

Yours faithfully,

Lyndsey Ward, Beaully