Dumgal Against Pylons  ... (DGAP) ... www.dumgalagainstpylons.org

Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) plan to run high voltage power lines and pylons across some of the most beautiful, unspoilt parts of Dumfries and Galloway. This calendar has been produced to remind us of places we love which we have seen or visited. If SPEN’s current plan goes ahead, these could be blighted forever. No matter where you find yourself along the 175 km proposed route, the views of rivers and lochs, moors and hills, rolling fields or quiet rural villages will be dominated by giant steel towers supporting overhead cables.

SPEN’s plan is to run a new 400 kV super-grid through the region supported by pylons up to 50 m high – around twice the height of any existing 132kV pylons. In addition they intend to build new substations at several points along the route, located close to centres of population. All of this will be hugely damaging to the region as a whole, to the tourist industry, to residents and to businesses alike – not just now but for many generations to come.

Our wish is to work with SPEN and there are alternatives. The proposed overhead line could be run underground or underwater. The damage to the local economy resulting from SPEN’s current plan would far outweigh any claimed ‘saving’ from a cheaper alternative route. The cost of any ‘saving’ by SPEN would in effect be ‘paid’ by the people of Dumfries and Galloway.

Protesting against SPEN’s plans means working together, not just for ‘self’ but for the good of all communities across the region. Each of us has a part to play ensuring that friends, neighbours - everyone - is fully informed and knows how to make their voice heard. Remember, “united we stand, divided we fall”.

Please support our campaign to ask SPEN to think again

Right is All Saints Church, Challoch, NEWTON STEWART
The photo, taken in October 2015, shows a 50 metre 164 ft high pylon superimposed to scale on a photograph of the 18 metre,60 ft church to give an indication of the effect these pylons will have on local communities. All Saints could be further affected because it is possible that the Newton Stewart substation (possibly 300m x 200m) could be sited within 250 metres of the church.

The £3 calendar is A4, professionally printed and double this size. It gives details of regularly updated websites relating to this campaign and suggests how you personally could help to save this special area for future generations.

175km (109 MILES) OF PYLONS UP TO 50m (168ft) HIGH
From Auchencrosh in the West to Harker near Carlisle

This map has been drawn to scale and shows the length and line of what SPEN calls the “preferred corridor”