



The Welsh Ministers
Orders Branch,
Transport,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff
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Our reference

By registered post

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Dear Sir/Madam

THE LONDON TO FISHGUARD TRUNK ROAD (A40) (LLANDDEWI VELFREY TO PENBLEWIN IMPROVEMENT AND DE-TRUNKING) ORDER 201- and THE LONDON TO FISHGUARD TRUNK ROAD (LLANDDEWI VELFREY TO PENBLEWIN) (SIDE ROADS) ORDER 201- and THE WELSH MINISTERS (THE LONDON TO FISHGUARD TRUNK ROAD (A40) (LLANDDEWI VELFREY TO PENBLEWIN IMPROVEMENT)) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 201-

Reference - qA1316457 and qA1316455

We act on behalf of Western Power Distribution (South Wales) plc (**WPD**), whose registered office is at _____ and have received copies of the following orders (referred to in this letter as "the Orders").

1. The London To Fishguard Trunk Road (A40) (Llanddewi Velfrey To Penblewin Improvement And De-Trunking) Order 201- Reference qA1316457
2. The London To Fishguard Trunk Road (Llanddewi Velfrey To Penblewin Improvement) (Side Roads) Order 201- Reference qA1316457
3. The Welsh Ministers (The London To Fishguard Trunk Road (A40) (Llanddewi Velfrey To Penblewin Improvement)) Compulsory Purchase Order 201- Reference qA1316455

Please accept this letter as an objection to the above Orders.

Please note that we have also lodged an objection with the Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy under Section 16 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.

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WPD have interests in the following plots as identified in Schedule 1 of the draft Compulsory Purchase Order:

1/1, 1/1a, 1/1b, 1/1c, 1/1d; 1/1e, 1/1j, 1/2b, 1/2c, 1/2j, 1/2k, 1/2r, 1/2s, 1/2v, 1/2w, 1/2y, 1/3a, 1/3b, 1/3e, 1/3f, 1/3g, 2/1, 2/1a, 2/1b, 2/1f, 2/1h, 2/1m, 2/1n, 2/2f, 2/2g, 2/3d, 2/3e, 2/3f, 2/3g, 2/4, 2/4a, 2/4b, 2/4c, 2/4d, 2/5a, 2/6, 2/6a, 2/7a, 2/8h, 2/8m, 2/8n, 2/8p, 2/8q, 2/9, 2/9a, 2/9b, 2/9e, 2/9f, 2/9g, 2/10, 2/10a, 2/10c, 2/10g, 2/10n, 3/1s, 3/1u, 3/1v, 3/3a, 3/3h, 3/3k, 3/3aj, 3/3ak, 3/4t, 3/4v, 3/4w, 3/4z, 3/5, 3/6m, 3/6p, 3/6z, 3/6af, 3/7, 3/8, 3/8a, 3/9, 3/10, 3/11a, 3/11b, 3/12, 3/12a

WPD are the licenced electricity distribution company for the area of South Wales. To facilitate our statutory obligation to distribute electricity throughout the area, WPD operate the electricity substation referred to above in addition to other plant and equipment (including electricity cables, lines and other apparatus) on and in land affected by the Orders.

Given the likely impact of the scheme on the electricity network, WPD object to the Orders. The grounds of objection are as follows:

1. The impact of the scheme on the local and/or strategic electricity distribution network, or the need to ensure security of electricity supply in the area has not been fully considered.
2. The scheme does not adequately address how the electricity network will be protected both during the construction phase of the scheme and following its completion.
3. The information accompanying the Orders does not provide adequate information for WPD to understand fully the design or construction of the scheme and therefore the potential operational implications.
4. The Orders do not appear to fully detail WPD's rights that would be affected by the implementation of the Orders.
5. The information accompanying the Orders does not provide information on how WPD would continue to fulfil its statutory responsibilities as an electricity distribution company following the acquisition of the land.
6. WPD are not aware of any provision in the proposed scheme for replacement cable or overhead line routes and other electricity apparatus that would need to be relocated as part of its implementation. This could potentially result in a significant negative impact upon the distribution of electricity in the area.

No formal agreement has yet been concluded and accordingly we are lodging this objection to protect WPD's position pending conclusion of an appropriate agreement.

We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Millie Smith

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