

Subject: Save Our Valley - latest news
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Dear Save Our Valley Supporter

Thank you so much to everyone who joined in with the Winter Walks on Saturday. An amazing 700+ people took part showing just how committed people here are to making sure that National Grid know that we are not going to be railroaded. Photos and a short film are on our website – see <http://www.save-our-valley.co.uk/newsevents.html> and <http://www.save-our-valley.co.uk/SOVvideo.html>

However there has been discouraging news this week. Campaigners in Scotland learned on Monday that the Scottish Parliament has approved plans for a 137 mile pylon line through beautiful Scottish countryside with only a few miles likely to go underground. There were over 18,000 objections but still the pylons will march over the landscape. Details are on: <http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/2010/01/06/137-mile-line-of-pylons-dubbed-scar-on-Scotland-given-the-go-ahead-86908-21946166/>

Either we take this as a sign **that** we should give up... or we up our game. Knowing how people here have fought to date I think the latter philosophy will prevail. With this in mind, the Campaign to Protect Rural England are campaigning to stop pylons blighting our countryside and they are asking for your help to impress on the Government the importance of this issue for local people. In a new national policy statement the Government recently announced it wants to add at least 12 more lines of overhead pylons across 170 miles of England and Wales. Please register your opposition to new lines in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and in Green Belt (like our own locally) and for the gradual removal of existing lines in designated landscapes. Please email direct now quickly and easily by clicking on: <http://e-activist.com/ea-campaign/clientcampaign.do?ea.client.id=21&ea.campaign.id=4993>

Finally we have just heard that National Grid are extending the consultation period for the Hinkley C Connection Project to 22 January as some local councils have been unable to meet this week due to adverse weather conditions. So if you do come across anyone who thinks it is too late to write, do tell them that they still have time.

Many thanks to you all.

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