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My apologies if this e-mail is received by anyone who isn't interested. If you don't want to be on this mailing list regarding the SPEN KTR Project please let me know and I will remove your name immediately.

The topic today is the proposed extension to the Glenlee substation which has to be completed before the proposed new overhead lines can be erected. Consequently a separate planning application is being formulated specifically for the substation.

SPEN held a drop-in exhibition at the CatStrand on Tuesday 13th March and I came away thinking that the residents around the Glenlee substation need our support. There numbers are small, seven properties, but the potential impact on their lives

will be immense if the proposed application is granted.

The proposed substation extension takes it much closer to their homes and the “planning application boundary” actually borders some residents gardens.

The Glenlee residents have asked SPEN to:

**(a) Move the proposed extension to the other side of the substation and**

**(b) Under-ground the 3 new large pylons that they will see from their back gardens.**

The site plan can be seen at <https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/userfiles/file/KTR_Glenlee_Leaflet1k.pdf>

Another major impact on their lives if the proposal goes ahead is the effect on their property prices. One of the houses has been on the market for several years, its value has halved in this time and it has now been to auction at this reduced value and

still remains unsold. Another resident who has moved cannot sell his house due to this development and his only option was to rent.

The following is a quotation from an e-mail I received from one of the residents.

*"The new substation will cause major impact here to residents due to the amount of contractors, vehicles and machinery required to undertake these works. As you can imagine we only have a single track road and these oversize monster vehicles will*

*cause a lot of inconvenience with lots of litter everywhere, speeding vans, parking in driveways, grass verges being chewed up leading to drains blocking and then flooding of property. These are some of the ordeals we have endured previously in a smaller*

*scale operation that happened several years ago when a similar line was erected adjoining our gardens. We contacted our MP Alex Fergusson, whom fought with ScottishPower and successfully got these buried underground.*

*Glenlee hamlet has a mixed residency from elderly house bound residents, to families with young children, all whom rely on each other. We have formed our own "Glenlee residents association " to come together for associated matters affecting our small community”.*

Very few of us will be effected directly by the proposed substation extension but I would urge everyone to have a look at the proposal at <https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/glenlee_substation.aspx> and to help the Glenlee residents by submitting feedback either by e-mailing SPEN at dgsr@communityrelations.co.uk or writing to **FREEPOST SPEN DGSR** in a single line across the envelope. The deadline for feedback is **Friday 6th April 2018.**

If you know of anyone who would like to be included on this e-mailing list for future announcements, petitions, etc. please let me know.

Thank you

Paul Swift.