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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to voice our concern and outright opposition to the proposed plans to the KTR project in Galloway.

My husband and I moved to this area for it's beauty and love it passionately, as many locals and visitors do. In fact, we decided to build a tourist business on these very assets (nature and beauty).

We are trying hard to find ways to contribute positively to the local economy through bicycle tourism. Each one of our guests spend well over 1,000 pounds in this rural economy.

As several voices and research throughout Scotland have already shown, pylons are a massive blow to the tourist industry, never mind the detrimental impact on the landscape. As far as I understand - there are reasonable alternative plans that have been proposed, albeit more expensive. However, I am not sure that you fully understand the economics of landscape beyond the balance sheet.

With Dumfries and Galloway trying to get a National Park Status, these pylons would seriously undermine this effort and the profile that would come with this designation.

In the name of the future of a region, I would really like you to consider alternatives again and find solutions, that would help the region and rather than destroy one of it's major assets.

Thank you for listening.

Kind regards,
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