

SAVE OUR COUNTRYSIDE!
BURY THE CABLE!
UNDERGROUND MAKES SENSE!

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Background

SEAT (Safe Electricity for Armagh and Tyrone) campaigns for those affected by the proposed 400,000 volt Tyrone Cavan Interconnector. SEAT implacably opposes this overhead power line and the huge pylons which would be erected to support them. The power line would be the largest in Northern Ireland and would pose immensely-adverse effects on health, environment and property. From the outset, residents and landowners stated their great anxiety about this overhead proposal and everyone affected maintains that only a complete undergrounding of this project will be enough to allay these fears. Current best practice in Europe shows these risks can be minimised by undergrounding this power line. Our campaign has the support of all local politicians, all the political parties and Armagh City & District Council and Dungannon District Council.

Significant Progress

Since its formation four years ago, SEAT relentlessly campaigned for a Public Inquiry to be held into the proposal to build the power line, and has successfully lobbied public representatives and all the 5000 people along the 45km proposed route to ensure that any decisions regarding this project will be carefully scrutinised by an independent Public Inquiry. SEAT welcomes the announcement by the Environment Minister that a Public Inquiry is to be held regarding the controversial plans for the Interconnector.

Land Owners

SEAT thanks all the affected landowners for remaining united in opposition to the plan to route this overhead Interconnector on and over their property. SEAT continues to ask land owners to refuse to engage in any discussion with NIE. When all of the issues are highlighted at the Public Inquiry, SEAT is convinced that the only option open to NIE will be to underground these lines.

How Can You Continue to Help?

SEAT and concerned residents have been funding this campaign to date. Preparations for the Public Inquiry are now well underway. SEAT has appointed a powerful legal team and experts to support our case. The total cost of the

Public Inquiry challenge will be in the region of 250,000 - 300,000. Substantial costs have already been incurred in preparation for this Inquiry. SEAT now asks everyone concerned to contribute money to ensure a successful outcome to the Inquiry.

As we approach the general election in Northern Ireland on 5 May 2011, SEAT encourages you to directly confront the politicians canvassing your vote and to seek from each candidate a public pledge to back our Bury the Cables objective.

To sustain and continue this crucial campaign, SEAT asks every household, business, club and organisation to support our cause by making a monthly subscription. Every contribution will count to ensure the safety and security of our homes, our properties and our countryside. Your support is vital and greatly appreciated. In this regard, a representative from the SEAT committee will call with you in the near future.

(SEAT can be contacted on 07549171023, 07792582838 or Sarah on 02837569322. www.seatactiongroup.com)

Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation and continued assistance.

Yours sincerely,

John Woods

On Behalf of the SEAT Group