

Gas Attack – We Fight Again!

Dear Neighbour,

Thanks to the overwhelming response of local residents like you, in February Tewkesbury Borough Council rejected National Grid's application to build their gas pressure reduction station at Tirley.

This victory was a skirmish. Now the real fight begins, as National Grid take their appeal to Public Inquiry - probably in summer – just a few short weeks away.

In order to fight on your behalf, CAPRI, (Campaign Against Pressure Reduction Installation), must now engage the services of a barrister to represent us at the inquiry. This will cost a great deal of money – perhaps as much as £30,000.

CAPRI has a very short time in which to raise this sum, but with your support, *we can do it!* This is the crucial fight. The local communities must dig deep into their pockets to win, but it will be worth every last penny.

Any contribution is welcome and important, but if 500 households were to donate £60 each, the sum would be raised. While £60 and more may be an easy amount for many, others may feel this to be a large sum. We simply ask that you consider the consequences of National Grid being allowed to go ahead:

- 40 acres – that's 19 football pitches! - of your unspoilt local countryside would be given over to an ugly, noisy, illuminated industrial installation, with 28-foot chimneys belching vapours and pollutants into the clean air. The installation is very likely to expand significantly as it becomes a major hub for gas distribution.
- Our communities would harbour a real target for terrorists. Plans to attack gas installations have already made national headlines. Damage caused by terrorism is uninsurable.
- Local property values will be badly affected. Houses in the nearby communities are already difficult to sell and prices are being reduced because buyers are aware of the threat of this proposal. Is £60 too large a price, if it can safeguard literally tens of thousands of pounds of your personal assets?

And please, if you are able, attend the forthcoming public meeting at Eldersfield Lawn school at 10.00 am, Saturday April 10th for a full update. Mark Harper, MP, will be there. Make him aware of what you think.

Thank you for your continued support!

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