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1. Chris Purser writes that there are vertical-axis turbines (news276.6) at some Tesco stores, for example in York.

2. A report 9-7-09 from the Energy Saving Trust suggests where domestic wind turbines might be effective, or in some cases might consume more energy than they produce. It is based on practical results with actual in situ turbines, though the sample is small a only 57 across the UK. Buildings-mounted domestic turbines would presumably be greatly affected by the local built environment, so it is hard to see such a small sample having much applicability to other locations, yet the conclusion is that location is the key.

3. You can look up your chances for domestic wind turbines and local wind speed at www.energysavingtrust.org.uk
My home post-code gave a wind speed of 4.89m/s, just below the 5m/s advisory value, but they do offer a free-phone number for a more detailed local appraisal.

4. There's a moving half-hour video at http://saveourrivers.tv/crossing_the_lines.html about the Tsawwassen residents' plight in Canada. See also the TRAHVOL link on www.revolt.co.uk on the links page. A new line is going up alongside others, apparently through the residents' back yards and school. The impact is therefore unusually severe. But it's being forced through by grim-faced utility workers with police back-up as residents protest, a reminder of events with the UK Yorkshire line. Whatever the balance of arguments about health, need, costs and property, there is surely something fundamentally unjust and anti-social about such an imposition. One objector rightly asks "Is this the way to deal with controversy in a democracy?"

5. There are in Tsawwassen the familiar arguments: the sweeping dismissal of uncertain but firmly-evidence-based health risk; the exaggeration of the impact of burying the line (inappropriately considering shallow burial); selling the line as for meeting people's power needs in Vancouver, whereas commercial advantage of exporting power in the opposite direction to the USA is suspected; having to do what is most cost-effective.

6. How that moving video resonates with this year's BBC Reith Lectures on the need to include moral as well as economic values in political decisions! And with yesterday's BBC Dimbleby Lecture, 8-7-09, given by the Prince of Wales, on the imperative for harmony in nature and society if we are to achieve sustainability.

7. It is worth repeating: there is surely something fundamentally unjust and anti-social about such an imposition. Likewise with other cases, like that of Dermot Finnigan at Sale; it remains in a very unsatisfactory state. And with those looming threats, like the Beaully-Denny line in Scotland and the Meath-Cavan-Tyrone interconnector in Ireland. It's unjust and anti-social to force, so roughly, such large uncompensated impositions on the unlucky few, even if the lines benefit the majority.

8. Power lines may (sometimes) be in the public interest, but the injustice is damaging to the public interest. That is what the Reith lectures were about. We therefore retain the PASBO on National Grid (People's ASBO, see news202 etc. "Anti-Social Behaviour Order" is well known in the UK). We extend it to the other companies putting profit before people or simply taking advantage of unjust public policy. Remember the giant company Enron led the ruthless drive of corporate greed in the energy industry; the arrogance and rough injustice are still there.