

Our house has been on the market for a year. We have had two viewings. We are blighted by the pylons but no pylons are on our land and therefore not eligible for compensation. We have reduced the price of our house by £350,000.00. This is our pension that the Applicant is taking away. Below is a letter from our agents

Good Afternoon Charlotte & Anthony

We share your frustration and of course would dearly love to have more proactive viewing interest but it's an extremely challenging market with few real buyers around and they are very fragile & fickle - one sign of an encumbrance or issue and they're off.

I fear that whilst [REDACTED] is a truly stunning property, we cannot under estimate the issue the property has with the potential pylons, as much as we hope they won't be constructed and we'd like to think they're not going to be, almost all buyers will approach the prospect of purchasing as if they are going to be built, in the same way that you would, I think it's that straight forward.

Your thoughts, worries, and the arguments that you have put to National Grid about the effect on value of [REDACTED], as we've previously discussed, will understandably be of similar concern to prospective buyers as well, who may be floating around with the best part of £2M in their pocket and love [REDACTED] but don't have to buy it and they are, I'm afraid, likely to look elsewhere. Unfortunately, in addition to that, I don't think the prospect of living next door to a building site for at least two years with the two barns is helping either. There is also likely to be the concern from those that give it serious thought, that once the barns are converted, the footpath is likely to be used more than it is currently.

Sadly, there is nothing any of us can do about market conditions, the prospect of the pylons and the concern of the barn conversions – they are elements that are out of our control - we just have to market [REDACTED] as best we can with a positive attitude that it's a beautiful and amazing home. The main elements in your power are price and timing, as [REDACTED] and I discussed with you at the outset – clearly if you would prefer or are willing to postpone the sale until the (hopefully good) outcome regarding the pylons is decided, then the factors affecting the property will be more certain and as you say, the property should then be 'snatched up'.

Best wishes

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