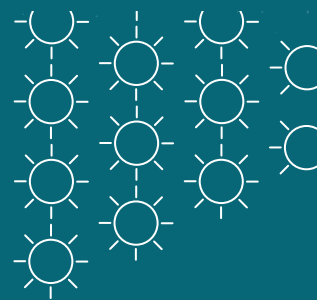




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North Aberdeenshire Local Fund

Community Briefing Document

October 2026



Our approach to Community Benefit

SSEN Transmission welcomes UK Government Guidance, released on 10 March 2025, on the delivery of Community Funds for Transmission Infrastructure.

Since the release of the guidance, we have been working hard to ensure that the outlined requirements will be appropriately embedded into our future fund delivery. Full information on our approach, including FAQs, can be found on our website which is linked later in the document.

What is the North Aberdeenshire Local Fund?

The North Aberdeenshire Local Fund is for community projects near new transmission infrastructure in North Aberdeenshire. The fund is made up of 8 connected infrastructure assets aimed at reinforcing onshore transmission infrastructure between Beaulay and Peterhead, as well as enabling connections for offshore subsea cables between Spittal and Peterhead and Peterhead and the rest of the UK:

Peterhead Super Grid Transformer Replacement



Replacing two Super Grid transformers which have reached the end of their operational life.

ssen-transmission.co.uk/peterhead-super-grid-transformer-replacement

Greens 400kV Substation



A new 400kV substation to enable connection of the new 400kV overhead line between Beaulay, Blackhillock, New Deer and Peterhead.

ssen-transmission.co.uk/greens

Beaulay to Peterhead 400kV Overhead Line
(North Aberdeenshire section only, subject to planning consents)



New 400kV connection to transport electricity from large-scale renewable generation in the north and Western Isles to where it is needed across the network.

ssen-transmission.co.uk/bbnp

Netherton Hub

Includes the followings assets:

- A 400kV substation to support offshore and onshore electricity generation.
- A 132kV substation to support further future generation and storage connections from third party developers.
- The Spittal to Peterhead High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) converter station to support the transmission of renewable energy from new generators in the north of Scotland to demand centres throughout the UK.
- The Eastern Green Link 3 HVDC converter station to support the transmission of renewable energy from generators in the north of Scotland to Norfolk and beyond.



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- The Eastern Green Link 5 Transmission Hall to support the transmission of renewable energy from generators in the north of Scotland to Lincolnshire and beyond.



What is the fund value?

The fund value, as per the UK Government's Guidance on Community Funds for Transmission Infrastructure is made up of community benefit funding associated with the infrastructure of the projects shown on pages 2–3.

In line with our fund delivery approach, where funds have a value of **£1.1m** or higher,

50% is allocated to the Regional Community Benefit Fund.



As per our fund delivery approach, the remaining funding associated with these projects will be allocated to the Regional Community Benefit Fund to which the communities along the route can also apply.

The total amount generated by the infrastructure will be

£17.7m

Therefore, the current total lifetime value of the North Aberdeenshire Local Fund will be

£8.8m

Fund development

Our approach to fund development has been informed by the UK Government Guidance. The process we follow is:

- Area research and early engagement
- Consultation
- Fund proposal
- Local investment forum recruitment
- Fund opens

Fund decision making

Funding decisions will be made by an independent local investment forum, aligned to the local authority area, in this case Aberdeenshire and act as the Fund's decision-making body. Forum members will be appointed through an open recruitment process and will include representatives from the local area. Members will bring local knowledge and expertise while remaining independent of local authorities, elected representatives and community councils, in line with UK Government guidance.

Further information on the investment forum will be provided before the Fund opens.



Community consultation

Communities in the area have the opportunity to shape key elements of the new fund, to do this we are conducting community consultation.

Our consultation for the North Aberdeenshire Local Fund was launched in **October 2026**, and will run until the end of **November 2026**. We welcome the thoughts and views of all community members who live and work in the following community council areas:

- **Longside and District**
- **Strathbogie**
- **Turriff and District**
- **Huntly**
- **Auchterless, Inverkeithny and Fisherford**
- **Mintlaw**
- **Deer**
- **Fyvie, Rothienorman, Monquhitter**
- **Peterhead**
- **Boddam**

We would especially like to hear from those who are situated close to the infrastructure and from organisations and groups working within these communities.

Responses from out with these areas are welcome, but the focus of the consultation is on the communities hosting the infrastructure, as per the UK Government Guidance on Community Funds for Transmission Infrastructure.

The aim of this consultation is to define:

- The area of benefit for the fund (i.e. where the funding should be available)
- The priorities for the fund (i.e. what is most important to your community and how should the money be best used)
- The structure of the fund (i.e. how many years the fund should be available and what level of funding should be available for projects)

To learn more about what matters to you, we will be hosting in-person and online sessions.

Event details	Location	Date/Time
Exploring Social Value for Greens Substation Event with Presentation and Q&A North Aberdeenshire Local Fund	Baden-Powell Centre, Turriff	Wednesday 28 October Session 1: 2–4pm, Session 2: 7–9pm
Drop-in, presentation and Q&A	The Hub, Peterhead	Thursday 29 October, 3.30–7.30pm
Drop-in, presentation and Q&A	Cuminestown Village Hall	Friday 30 October, 3.30–7.30pm
Drop-in, presentation and Q&A	Cairnie Memorial Hall	Monday 2 November, 3.30–7.30pm
Drop-in session	Maud Resource Centre	Tuesday 3 November, 10.30am–4pm
Drop-in, presentation and Q&A	New Deer Public Hall (small hall)	Wednesday 4 November, 3.30–7.30pm
Drop-in session	MACBI, Mintlaw	Thursday 5 November, 10am–4pm
Information and engagement stall	Huntly Farmers Market	Saturday 7 November, 10am–1pm
Drop-in, presentation and Q&A	Boddam (exact location TBC)	Thursday 19 November, 5.30–8.30pm
Drop-in, presentation and Q&A	Longside Parish Church Hall	Friday 20 November, 3.30–7.30pm
Online events	Microsoft Teams (register here)	11 and 16 November, 7–8pm

Survey



Alongside community consultation events and webinars, a survey will be open **26 October – 27 November** to gather your feedback. This survey should take between 15–20 minutes to complete and will close on **Friday 27 November**.

If you have any questions or issues accessing/returning the survey, or would like to request a hard copy, please email community.benefit@sse.com and a member of the Community Investment Team will be happy to help.

Please return hard copies by the end of **Friday 27 November** at 5pm. If you have any trouble meeting this deadline please contact community.benefit@sse.com

These forms can be returned in two ways:

- A photo/scanned copy can be returned via the above email address.
- Completed hard copies can be returned via post to the following address:
FAO Alice Masson, SSE, 1 Waterloo Street, Glasgow G1 6AY

More information

For more information, please see the following website resources:



[SSEN Transmission North Aberdeenshire Local Fund](#)



[SSEN Transmission Community Benefit Funding](#)

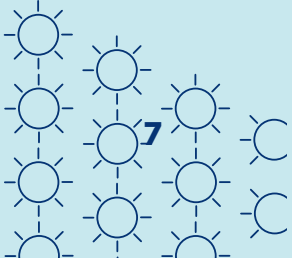


[Electricity transmission network infrastructure: Community funds](#)

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