



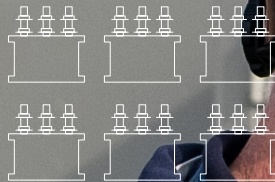
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Coachford 400kV substation

Pre-application consultation
Feedback event

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The consultation event will be taking place on:

Tuesday 28 May, 2–7pm
Cairnie Memorial Hall, Cairnie, AB54 4TQ

Wednesday 29 May, 2–7pm
Stewarts Hall, Huntly, AB54 8AJ

Thursday 30 May, 2–7pm
Longmore Hall, Community Hall, Keith, AB55 5ET



Powering change together



The time has come to further enhance Scotland’s energy infrastructure, providing power for future generations as we move towards net zero.

The shift to a cleaner, more sustainable future is about more than climate change. It’s about ensuring future generations have the same opportunities to thrive as we have all had.

Countries around the world are investing in their energy infrastructure to support the demands of modern economies and meet net zero targets. The UK is leading the way in building a modern, sustainable energy system for the future.

We all have a part to play

When it comes to net zero, we have to be in it together. The UK and Scottish governments have ambitious net zero targets, and we’re playing our part in meeting them.

We work closely with the National Grid Electricity System Operator to connect vast renewable energy resources—harnessed by solar, wind, hydro and marine generation—to areas of demand across the country. Scotland is playing a big role in meeting this demand, exporting two thirds of power generated in our network.

But there’s more to be done. By 2050, the north of Scotland is predicted to contribute over 50GW of low carbon energy to help deliver net zero. Today, our region has around 9GW of renewable generation connected to the network.

At SSEN Transmission, it is our role to build the energy system of the future.

We’re investing £20 billion into our region’s energy infrastructure this decade, powering more than ten million UK homes and 20,000 jobs, 9,000 of which will be here in Scotland.



More information about the policies and documents driving the need for the energy system for the future can be found here:

Who we are

We’re responsible for maintaining and investing in the electricity transmission network in the north of Scotland. We’re part of SSE plc, one of the world’s leading energy companies with a rich heritage in Scotland that dates back more than 80 years. We are also closely regulated by the GB energy regulator Ofgem, who determines how much revenue we are allowed to earn for constructing, maintaining and renovating our transmission network.

What we do

We manage the electricity network across our region which covers a quarter of the UK’s land mass, crossing some of the country’s most challenging terrain. We connect renewable energy sources to our network in the north of Scotland and then transport it to where it needs to be. From underground and subsea cables and overhead lines to electricity substations, our network keeps your lights on all year round.

Working with you

We understand that the work we do can have an impact on communities. So we’re committed to minimising our impacts and maximising all the benefits that our developments can bring to your area. We’re regularly assessed by global sustainability consultancy AccountAbility for how we engage with communities. That means we provide all the information you need to know about our plans and how they will impact communities like yours. The way we consult is also a two-way street. We want to hear people’s views, concerns, or ideas and harness local knowledge so that our work benefits their communities: today and long into the future. You can share your views with us at: ssen-transmission.co.uk/talk-to-us/contact-us/

The Pathway to 2030

Building the energy system of the future will require delivery of significant infrastructure over the next few years. In partnership with the UK and Scottish governments, we're committed to meeting our obligation of connecting new, renewable energy to where it's needed by 2030.

Achieving Net Zero

By 2030, both the UK and Scottish governments are targeting a big expansion in offshore wind generation of 50GW and 11GW respectively. The Scottish Government has also set ambitious targets for an additional 12GW of onshore wind by 2030.

Across Great Britain, including the north of Scotland, there needs to be a significant increase in the capacity of the onshore electricity transmission infrastructure to deliver these 2030 targets and a pathway to net zero.

Securing our energy future

And it's not just about net zero. It's also about building a homegrown energy system, so that geopolitical turmoil around the world doesn't severely impact the UK and push up energy prices.

The UK Government's British Energy Security Strategy further underlines the need for this infrastructure, setting out plans to accelerate homegrown power for greater energy independence. The strategy aims to reduce the UK's dependence on and price exposure to global gas wholesale markets through the deployment of homegrown low carbon electricity generation supported by robust electricity network infrastructure.

Meeting our 2030 targets

In July 2022, National Grid, the Electricity System Operator (ESO), published the Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design (HND). This set out the blueprint for the onshore and offshore transmission infrastructure that's required to support the forecasted growth in the UK's renewable electricity. It's an ambitious plan that will help the UK achieve net zero.

What does this mean for you?

The HND confirmed the requirement for an onshore 400kV Overhead Line (OHL) connection from Beaulieu to Blackhillock to New Deer and on to Peterhead. This will enable the significant power transfer capability needed to take power from large scale renewable generation connecting from the Western Isles and from connections north of Beaulieu to the east at Peterhead and then transport this power to where it is required.

The proposed connection points near Blackhillock and New Deer are needed to pick up power from additional large scale onshore and offshore low carbon renewable generation required to connect into the north-east of Scotland for transportation to demand centres. Therefore, additional substations are also required near these locations.

Future network investment requirements

Our 2030 targets are the first step on the transition to net zero. The UK Government has a target to decarbonise our electricity system by 2035 and fully decarbonise our economy by becoming net zero by 2050, with the Scottish Government committing to net zero five years earlier, by 2045.

To achieve these targets, further investment in new low carbon electricity generation and the enabling electricity transmission network infrastructure will be required.

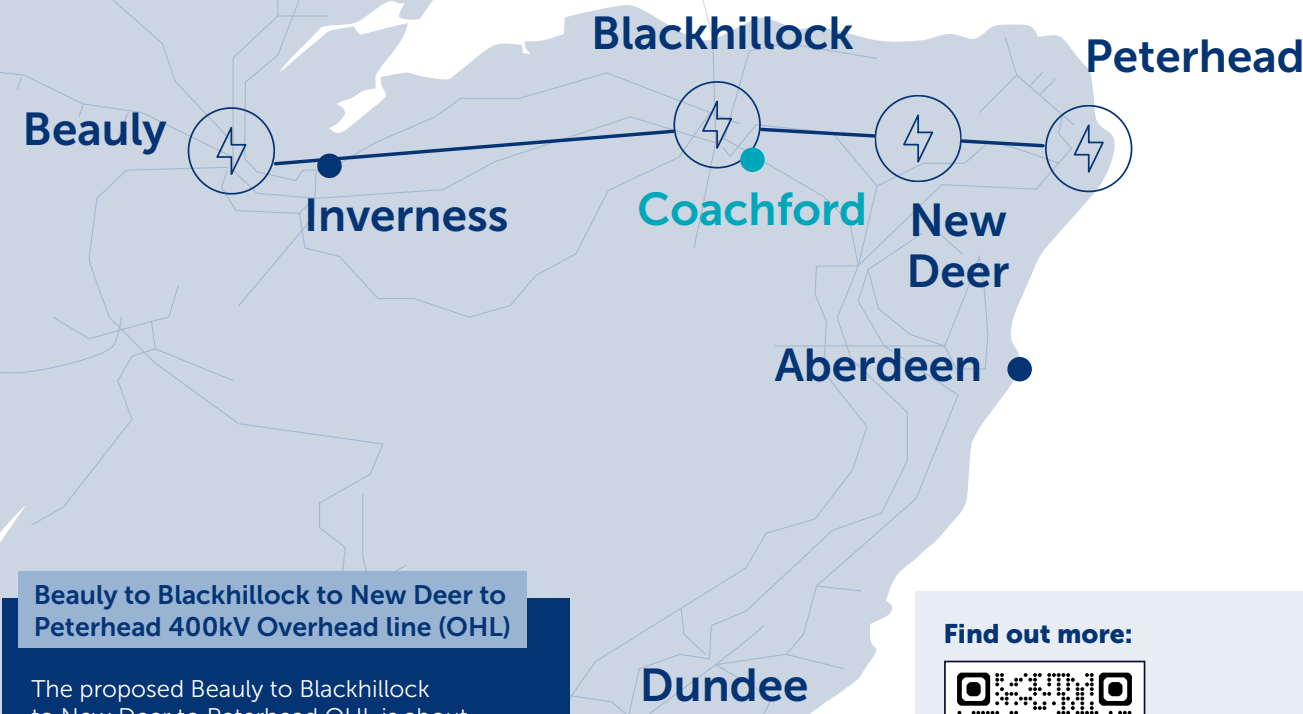
The next stage of strategic network planning across Great Britain has now been outlined in the independent Electricity System Operator, National Grid ESO's, 'Beyond 2030' report, published in March this year. For the north of Scotland, the ESO's plan recommends several new and upgraded onshore and offshore reinforcements that the ESO has assessed are required to help deliver net zero targets. These projects, which will be subject to extensive public consultation, are at the very early stages of development and further details will be set out in due course.

- New infrastructure
- - - Upgrade/replacement of existing infrastructure
- Existing network



Project overview

We're leading some exciting projects to power change in the UK and Scotland. To support the delivery of 2030 offshore wind targets set by the UK and Scottish Governments, and to power local communities, we need to upgrade our existing network. In some key areas, we need to develop entirely new infrastructure.



Beaulieu to Blackhillock to New Deer to Peterhead 400kV Overhead line (OHL)

The proposed Beaulieu to Blackhillock to New Deer to Peterhead OHL is about 185km in length and will consist of steel lattice towers likely to average 57m in height. The new 400kV OHL will connect into proposed new 400kV substations at Fanellan near Beaulieu, Coachford near Blackhillock, Greens near New Deer and Netherton near Peterhead. Each proposed new substation will connect to the existing 400kV substations in each of the areas.

Find out more:



Scan the following QR code to visit the Beaulieu-Peterhead 400kV OHL webpage or visit: ssen-transmission.co.uk/BBNP

Coachford 400kV substation

This Pre-Application consultation relates to a proposed new 400kV substation located near to our existing substation at Blackhillock.

The project will involve construction of a new outdoor, 400kV Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) substation located south east of Keith near Coachford in Cairnie, 3km from the existing Blackhillock substation.

We also intend to divert the existing Blackhillock to Rothienorman overhead line (OHL) into the new Coachford substation, with new OHL infrastructure constructed to facilitate the connection back to the existing substation at Blackhillock. The works will be covered by a separate Section 37 application to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) who are responsible for the determination of certain applications in relation to energy infrastructure.

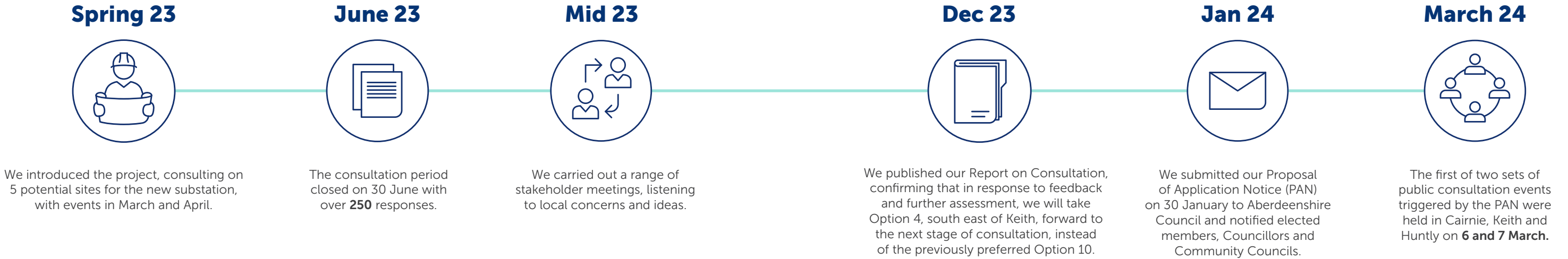
Coachford Project Elements

- The approximate size of the application site (contained within the redline boundary) is 84ha, whilst the dimensions of the proposed substation platform are approximately 551m x 320m.
- Space provision to allow for connection of future renewable energy generation projects.
- Areas for drainage, landscaping/screening and habitat enhancement.
- Permanent and temporary access roads.
- Temporary areas required during construction for laydown and welfare.
- Diversion of the existing Blackhillock - Rothienorman OHL, to facilitate the connection between the existing Blackhillock substation and the proposed Coachford substation.



Overhead view of the proposed Coachford 400kV substation

The story so far



Help shape our plans

The work we have planned is significant and has the potential to deliver benefits in your community, Scotland, and beyond. Yet we know that achieving our goals will require a lot of work that will impact your lives. That's why we want to work with you every step of the way throughout the planning and delivery stages of these essential and ambitious works.

We're committed to delivering a meaningful consultation process that actively seeks the views of everyone affected by our plans. That means making our plans clear and easily accessible, so that you can give us input throughout each stage of the development process.

Throughout the consultation, we'll present our approach to developing the project, including changes made since we last consulted with you. We will also provide some visualisations and maps to show you where everything will be located and to allow you to see what the proposed substation will look like. These will all also be available to view and download from our project website.



What we are seeking views on

We want you to share your thoughts and opinions on our plans, where you think we can make improvements, concerns about the impact of our work and what you think of the refinements or changes we've made.

This event is the second of two planned, sequential, public consultation events following the submission of the Proposal of Application Notice (PAN). The PAN submission triggered the initial formal Town and Country Planning (major application) consultation process for this site, including the 12-week (minimum) pre-application consultation period.

Following the initial consultation event, the project team has sought to ensure that comments or concerns raised have informed, where possible, the primary considerations for the designs as they have progressed. This includes substation layout design, landscaping enhancement and screening. Outside of the formal consultation periods and events, we have continued to provide a dedicated webpage for the projects and liaise with a wide range of stakeholders to help inform the development and design.

We are therefore holding this feedback event to present our proposed substation design, and set out our responses to feedback received to date.

By telling us what you think, you will help shape our proposals. We want to harness your local knowledge so that we spot any unforeseen challenges early and maximise the potential benefits and opportunities for your community.

Because, ultimately, we want to work with you to ensure that the energy infrastructure we build will be the best it can possibly be.

Who we are consulting with

As well as communities, we are keen to hear feedback from a broad range of other stakeholders including but not limited to landowners, businesses, non-statutory consultees, and statutory consultees such as local authorities, NatureScot, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and Scottish Forestry.

The substation site

About the site

Following site selection consultation, in December 2023 we advised within our Report on Consultation that **Site 4 near Coachford** had been selected as our proposed site for the substation ahead of our first Pre-Application Consultation event in February 2024.

The site is to the south-east of the settlement of Keith on the boundary of Moray Council and Aberdeenshire Council Local Authority areas. It is considered best on balance due to having fewer environmental constraints compared to other options considered and sufficient size to support all required infrastructure alongside landscaping and biodiversity net gain improvements. It is also close to main access routes and offers enhanced connectivity and flexibility for overhead line infrastructure and lower voltage distribution network connections in comparison to other options.

What size is the site?

The approximate size of the application site (contained within the redline boundary) is 84ha, whilst the dimensions of the proposed substation platform are approximately 551m x 320m, not including the groundworks required to make a level platform. The layout of the substation has been developed as an Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) substation which will consist of AIS equipment located outdoors, including busbars, switchgear and synchronous compensators, which are used to marshal and control electricity supply.



What else will the development consist of?

As well as the substation platform and overhead line connection, there are other important elements of the project detailed below.

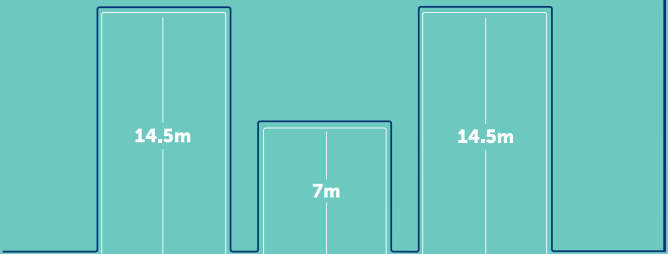
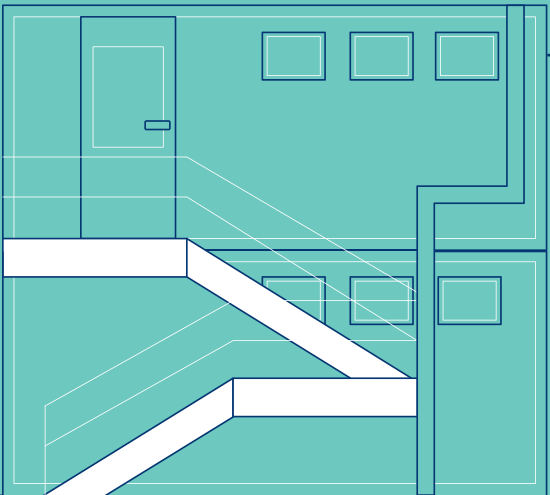


Drainage

A Drainage Strategy has been prepared that will inform the Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Impact Assessment, that will be submitted as part of the planning application for the site. An indicative strategy has been identified and is illustrated in the drainage layout drawings that support this consultation process. At this stage it is assumed three permanent drainage ponds will be required within the site boundary.

Temporary compounds

Temporary construction compounds and laydown areas will be located towards the southern half of the site to support the construction phase. Discussions have already taken place with our construction contractor with regards to the most optimal locations for these, including their size and access requirements.

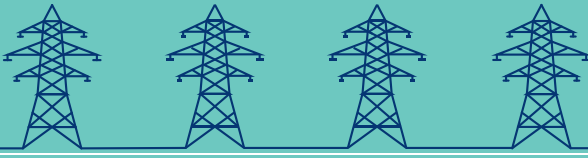


Substation Buildings

Within the substation boundary there will be a total of 3 buildings. A control building of maximum height 7m, will be required on site which contains ancillary equipment required to operate the substation including control panels and low voltage AC and DC systems. Two buildings will also be required for the Synchronous Compensators, with a maximum height of 14.5m.

Platforms for Terminal Towers

There will be a total of four terminal towers located adjacent to the substation site. Due to the topography of the site, additional platforms of approximate dimensions 50 x 50m per tower, will require to be constructed to facilitate this. The towers themselves will be part of a separate Section 37 planning application for Beauly to Blackhillock to New Deer to Peterhead 400kV OHL project. More info on this project can be found at ssen-transmission.co.uk/BBNP



Lighting

During construction lighting will be managed by the construction contractor, by a previously prepared Lighting Management Plan. Once operational it is anticipated that the site will run on a dark site basis. An operational lighting strategy will be prepared during the project refinement phase.

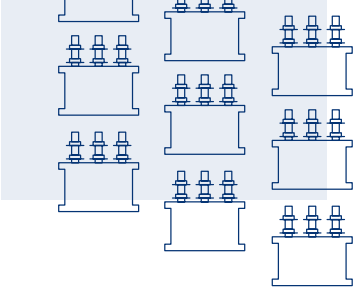
Landscaping and Screening

A Landscape Strategy will be prepared to support the planning application and inform the landscaping and screening for the site. Indicative landscaping and screening are illustrated in drawings that support this consultation process.



Biodiversity Net Gain

The project will also target the delivery of a minimum of 10% Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) across the application site. We are committed to delivering 10% BNG on all sites gaining consent going forward to ensure that we don't just restore our natural habitats, but actively improve them for the benefit of local communities, wildlife, flora and fauna. A landscape strategy is being designed with features that will enhance the biodiversity of the site in line with our 10% BNG Commitment.



Coachford Feedback

Following submission of the Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) in January 2024, the first of two pre-application consultation events were held at Stewarts Hall, Cairnie Memorial Hall and Longmore Community Hall on 6 and 7 March 2024. A total of 271 attendees were recorded across these events.

During the feedback period, which closed on 19 April, 21 feedback forms and 9 emails, some including letters, were received for this project.

Some responses received were general objections to the Beauly–Peterhead overhead line project and not specific to Coachford 400kV substation. Whilst this feedback is acknowledged, only tangible, direct feedback specific to the development of the proposals is summarised and responded to within the following table.

Many of the responses posed general questions covered in our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page and additional handouts such as project need, why all infrastructure cannot be placed offshore, sustainability considerations and compensation. More information regarding these topics and other FAQs can be accessed at: ssen-transmission.co.uk/2030faqs

Find out more:



Scan the QR code with your smartphone to access our FAQs.

We have included event feedback through the PAN and pre-application process, as well as design feedback, within the following pages via themes. They are:

Theme	Response
Screening	<p>The landscape strategy for Coachford is currently being finalised and will be informed by the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) undertaken as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).</p> <p>The current proposals deliver boundary screening in the form of landscape bunds and mature landscape planting that seeks to mitigate the visual impact of the development and soften its appearance within the local environment.</p> <p>Our Indicative Landscape Strategy Plan is also now available to view which shows the screening plans currently being proposed.</p>

Theme	Response
Impact on wildlife	<p>Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) survey work is currently underway to establish the full extent of all wildlife and protected species present on site.</p> <p>Where species are present, we will seek to avoid them wherever possible, but where unavoidable suitable mitigation measures will be identified and agreed in consultation with the Planning Authority and Nature Scot.</p> <p>Where mitigation measures are agreed, these will be passed onto the Principal Contractor, Siemens BAM, in the form of a Commitments Register to ensure that the measures are implemented as required. We also have our own set of Species Protection Plans that contractors are required to implement and these are provided within our EIA's, where applicable.</p>
Substation noise	<p>We recognise that noise impacts during construction and operation of our assets can be a concern to residents.</p> <p>A Noise Impact Assessment is currently being prepared to support our planning application, which will assess the potential impact from construction and operational noise and, where necessary propose appropriate mitigation measures that will be agreed with the Planning Authority.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would be required to meet noise limits set by the Planning Authority.</p> <p>Appropriate mitigation would be implemented to ensure these limits are met at all noise sensitive receptors. Noise emitting equipment such as Synchronous Compensators will be housed to ensure that noise emissions are at a minimum.</p> <p>The EIA (which will include details on the background noise monitoring) will be publicly available when the application is submitted to the Planning Authority.</p> <p>A Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) will be produced that will detail the mitigation and management measures required to minimise environmental impact from the construction phase of the development. The CEMP will be produced by the contractor and agreed with the Planning Authority as part of the condition discharge process, prior to development works starting on site.</p>
Undergrounding back to existing substation	<p>The original proposed substation location at Drum Farm outside Keith was able to benefit from the existing line running close by as it offered a way to connect back to the existing network through an already established overhead line with little modification. As the preferred substation site was then relocated to Coachford, the connection back to the existing network had to move with it as the site is required to have a connection back into the existing Blackhillock substation.</p> <p>The alternative option of a cable link between the two sites was explored however is not being progressed due to no existing space currently available to facilitate a 400kV cable connection at the existing Blackhillock substation.</p>

Theme	Response
<p>Access Road</p> <p>There were concerns about the access road to the site.</p>	<p>We understand that with large construction projects, increased construction traffic and road condition will often cause concern. In developing the Coachford 400kV substation proposals, traffic and road use is a primary consideration for us and our contractors.</p> <p>An initial construction traffic routing assessment has been undertaken to establish the most appropriate routes for construction traffic travelling to and from the site. To support this, an Abnormal Loads Assessment report will also be undertaken for larger equipment being delivered to the site. A package of Public Road Improvements will also be delivered prior to construction to ensure the local roads are suitable for the construction traffic.</p> <p>Our Contractor will prepare and adopt a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) to ensure that appropriate mitigation and management strategies are identified and implemented. This will include the identification of road widening, junction improvements or repairs that will be required. It will also ensure a defined route is agreed with the council.</p> <p>Condition surveys of the public highway will be carried out before works start on site, during construction and again upon completion, with any defects repaired to ensure the public highway is left in no worse state once the works are complete.</p>
<p>Flooding</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding water running off the site and causing flooding in properties/gardens.</p>	<p>Full Drainage Impact and Flood Risk Assessments (DIA/FRA) are currently being undertaken and will be supported by a Drainage Strategy for the site, which will ensure that surface water run-off is controlled to a level equivalent to the current run-off rate of the site to ensure no worsening of the current situation.</p> <p>The Drainage Strategy, DIA and FRA will form part of the planning application submission and will be assessed by the Planning Authority and SEPA.</p> <p>A full Private Water Supply (PWS) survey has been undertaken of potentially affected PWS in proximity to site to understand the full impact of the development and any mitigation measures required to preserve residents PWS provision.</p> <p>Residents within proximity of the site will either have already received a survey or will receive a letter in due course regarding water supplies. Anyone with further information on private water supplies should respond to the questionnaires previously issued or email the Community Liaison Manager with details of their PWS.</p> <p>Please also see our 'Protecting Private Water Supplies' handout for more information, available from our project webpage or at our consultation events.</p>
<p>Fire risk on site</p> <p>How is this managed?</p>	<p>The substation design considers fire risk for all interconnected plant and equipment kept within the substation security fence. Designated fire damage zones are provided around each piece of equipment which reduces the risk of fire spreading within the substation and beyond the security fence, protecting the public. The risk of wildfire within the red line boundary of the proposed site is also fully assessed to ensure mitigations are included in the design to reduce the risk of wildfire spreading to adjacent land.</p> <p>In the rare event of a fire within the substation, procedures are in place to ensure the public and the emergency services are protected at all stages. The emergency services will be notified in the event of a fire and will respond in-line with agreements between ourselves and the local fire service.</p>

Theme	Response
<p>Cumulative impact</p> <p>Concerns around multiple projects in the area.</p>	<p>A list of projects that hold contracts for Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC) with National Grid, the Electricity System Owner (ESO) is available from their website:</p> <p>nationalgrideso.com/data-portal/transmission-entry-capacity-tec-register.</p> <p>We know that residents are keen to understand the full extent of renewable developments being proposed in the area.</p> <p>Applications to connect to the transmission network in our license area are made to National Grid ESO and undergo a lengthy process of assessment before we begin to develop a network connection for those developments.</p> <p>We aim to be transparent about the renewable developments looking to connect to our network but are not permitted to disclose any details of these developments until they are in the public domain.</p>
<p>Construction management</p> <p>Concerns about noise, traffic and working hours were raised.</p>	<p>Our appointed contractor for the construction of the Coachford 400kV Substation is Siemens BAM, who we will be working closely with in the lead up to and throughout anticipated construction.</p> <p>Construction working hours will typically be restricted to 0700 to 1900 Monday to Friday and 0700 to 1300 on Saturday, with only some continuous activities carried out by exception.</p> <p>Siemens BAM will prepare and adopt a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) that will detail the mitigation and management measures required to minimise environmental impact from the construction phase of the development.</p> <p>The CEMP will be agreed with the Planning Authority as part of the condition discharge process, prior to development works starting on site.</p> <p>As part of a wider strategy for worker accommodation that will require approval from the Planning Authority. We are developing standards for worker accommodation that will ensure the well-being of workers and ensure that facilities are put in place to cater for their needs and those of local communities.</p>
<p>Maps</p> <p>Quality of information and not showing other projects in development in the area.</p>	<p>It was brought to our attention during the events that the illustrative Ordnance Survey base maps utilised during our consultation events were outdated and concerns were raised about properties not showing on the maps. Ordnance Survey update their maps on an ongoing basis, but only issue new versions of the map tiles once there are several changes within a map tile extent. Therefore, although some areas (e.g. new housing) may have been there for several years, Ordnance Survey may not yet have issued an updated version of the map tile showing this.</p> <p>The project team are aware of properties within the locality of the substation site and the overhead line team have used Optioneer which shows up to date properties from satellite images. These are presented at the event with 100m buffers around each property. If you are concerned that your property may not have been logged, please contact the Community Liaison Manager, Ryan Davidson, ryan.davidson@sse.com.</p>

Theme	Response
<p>Impact on property prices</p> <p>Concerns about reduction in property value were raised.</p>	<p>We understand that there are concerns about the potential impact of our proposed developments on properties within the vicinity of our proposed overhead line alignments and substation sites.</p> <p>These proposals are still under development and are subject to further consultation and design refinement. During this period, we want to work closely with communities and are looking to optimise timescales for decisions on final route alignments and substation location and designs. As the proposed alignments for the overhead lines are determined, and designs of substations are refined, we will engage with property owners, as well as listen to any other concerns there may be.</p> <p>We will look to mitigate impacts on residential properties as far as possible and these impacts will be assessed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessments that will accompany our applications for consent. Extensive surveys will be carried out at identified receptors, including selected residential properties so that we are able to model potential impacts on the wider area.</p> <p>Concerns in relation to impacts on property are being noted by our team however, as a regulated business, we are obliged to follow a statutory legal framework under the Electricity Act 1989 and Land Compensation Act 1961. If you are entitled to compensation under the legal framework we will assess any claim on a case-by-case basis under the direction of this legal framework. If this is the case, we will recommend that you engage a professional adviser and we will generally meet reasonably incurred professional fees in these circumstances. However, for the avoidance of doubt, we should advise that we will not meet fees incurred in objecting to our proposed developments.</p>
<p>Local jobs</p> <p>Creation of local jobs for local people and not temporary roles.</p>	<p>The majority of jobs created are project based construction jobs but this doesn't mean the job role is temporary. The work associated with Net Zero will provide construction work in Scotland for decades to come.</p> <p>Although we don't have figures, there will be permanent local jobs created from the additional maintenance associated with our new infrastructure. These jobs will be across our network and close to operational bases. Permanent jobs will be created as a result from our investment in the local supply chain and from funding community development.</p>
<p>Community Benefit</p> <p>Making sure benefit comes to impacted community and not central Keith.</p>	<p>We would like to thank residents for providing their feedback suggesting community benefits they would like to see implemented within the local area.</p> <p>We will work with the community to further explore the suggestions being made and will seek to review suggestions and better understand local needs, identifying initiatives that could be developed during construction.</p>

Notes

3D visualisations

We understand that local stakeholders need to be able to visualise what the development may look like in their local area. We've commissioned 3D visualisations which model the proposed substation into the local landscape to help the understanding of the proposals in terms of the visual impact, distance, and height.

The following are some images taken from the 3D model created for the Coachford substation from a range of different viewpoints.



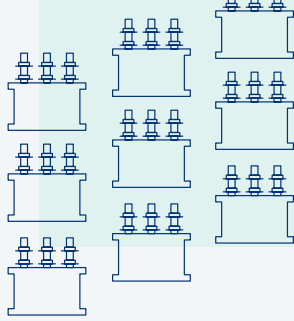
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Birdseye view

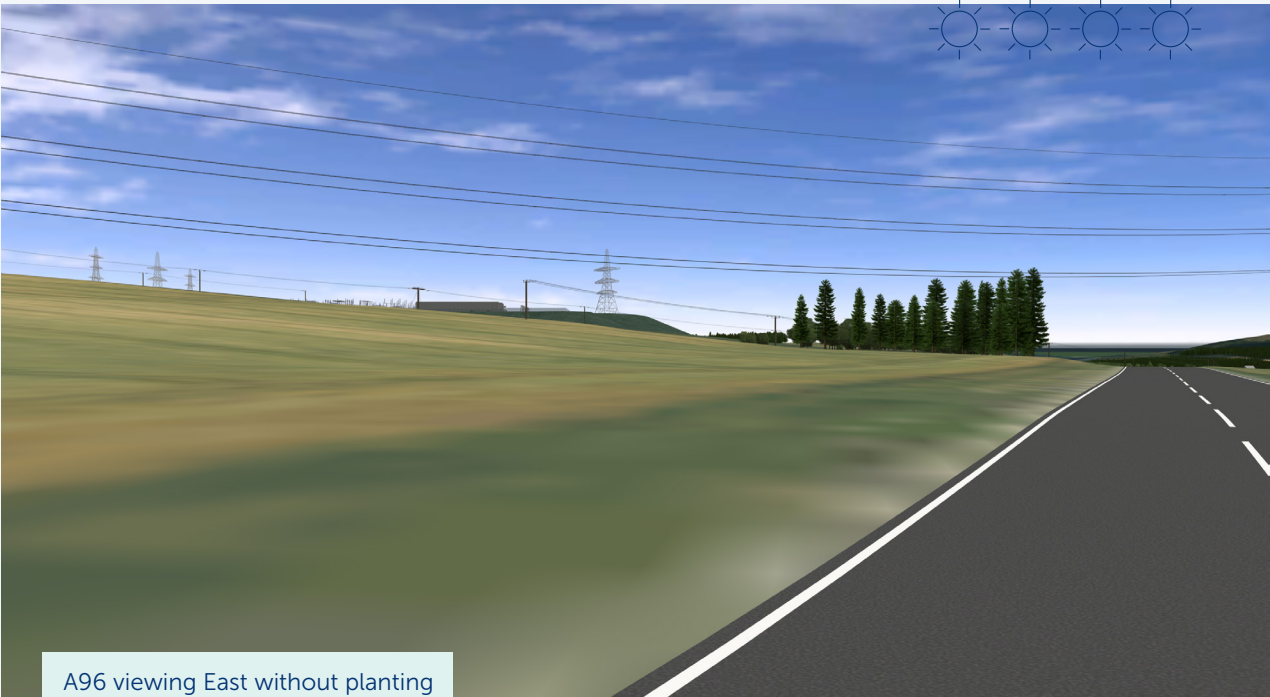
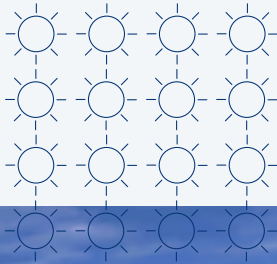
To get a better sense of the proposals in full, a visualisation portal including flythrough video is also available to view from the project webpage and our consultants, 3D Webtech, will be assisting us at our consultation events with copies of the model that attendees can interact with during the events.

The layout and colour of our proposals may change based on feedback and further refinement of the design, if that happens, we'll update our model and video and share this with you.

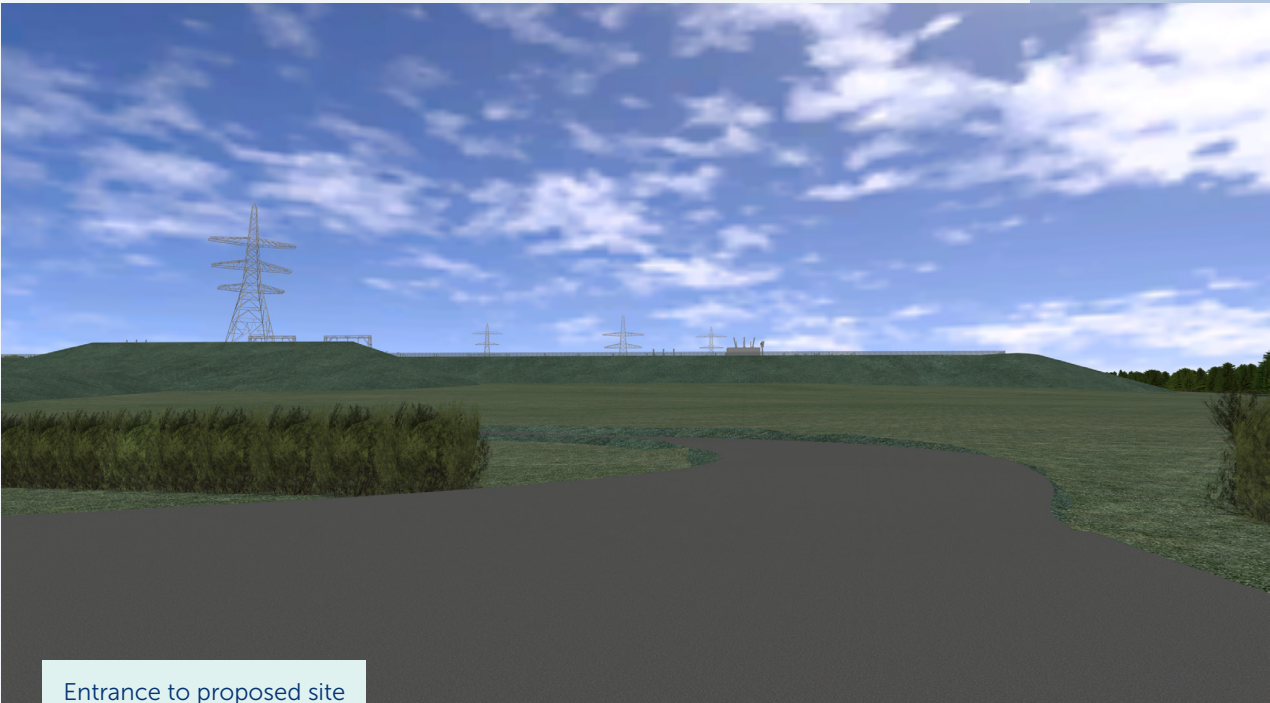


Photomontages

Photomontage visualisations will also be produced as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Once the EIA is completed and submitted as part of our planning application, we'll ensure these photomontages are available to view.

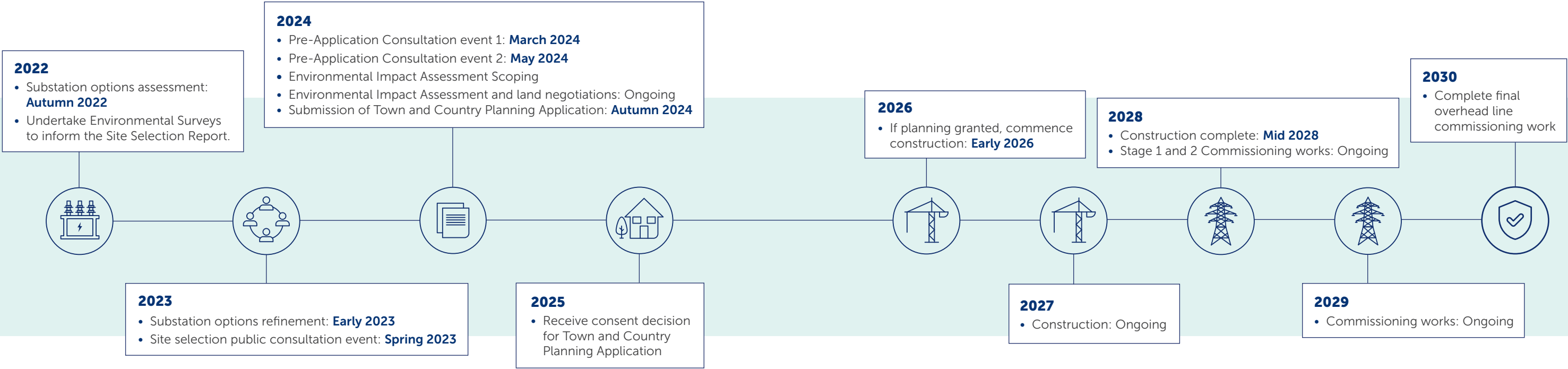


A96 viewing East without planting



Entrance to proposed site

Project timeline



Have your say

We value community and stakeholder feedback. Without this, we would be unable to progress projects and reach a balanced proposal.

The feedback period

We intend to submit our planning application in Autumn 2024. Our formal feedback period will close on **11 July 2024**, however we will welcome final comments from members of the public, statutory consultees and other key stakeholders regarding our proposals until we submit our planning application.

How to provide feedback:

Submit your comments and feedback by emailing or writing to your Community Liaison Manager.

Our Community Liaison team

Each project has a dedicated Community Liaison Manager who works closely with community members to make sure they are well informed of our proposals and that their views, concerns, questions, or suggestions are put to our project teams.

Throughout the life of our projects, you will hear from us regularly. We aim to establish strong working relationships by being accessible to key local stakeholders such as community councils, residents' associations, and development trusts, and regularly engage with interested individuals.



To support everyone online, we provide accessibility and language options on our website through 'Recite Me'. The accessibility and language support options provided by 'Recite Me' include text-to-speech functionality, fully customisable styling features, reading aids, and a translation tool with over 100 languages, including 35 text-to-speech.

Please select "Accessibility" on our website to try out our inclusive toolbar."

What we're seeking views on

During our last public consultation event in March, we wanted to know your thoughts on our project plans, where you thought we could make improvements, and any changes and refinements we'd made.

At this event we have provided responses to the feedback we received and have identified changes and refinements to the project. We are now asking for any final comments or feedback ahead of submitting planning applications for the Coachford 400kV substation project.

We'll be actively looking to mitigate the impacts of the site as much as possible over the coming months, but it would be helpful to understand what you believe we should be doing to help minimise these impacts and if there are any opportunities to deliver local community benefits you would like us to consider.

Community Liaison Manager

The best way to contact us regarding this project is through our Community Liaison Team.

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Additional information:



The best way to keep up to date is to sign up to project updates via the project webpage: **ssen-transmission.co.uk/coachford**
You can also register for updates at our consultation events, just ask our staff at the welcome desk.

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