

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Term/Abbreviation	Expanded Term/Definition
275 kV	275 kilo-volt capacity of an electricity power line
Alignment	The centre line of an overhead line route, along with the location of key angle structures
Amenity	The natural environment, cultural heritage, landscape, and visual quality. Also includes the impacts of noise and disturbance, for example, on the natural environment experienced
Ancient Woodland	Woodland which has been in continuous existing since before 1750 in Scotland and is important for biodiversity and cultural identity. Ancient semi-natural woodland is Ancient Woodland composed of mainly locally native trees and shrubs that derive from natural seed fall or coppice rather than from planting
Angle Tower	Support structure (tower or pole) which allows a change in direction of the overhead line
ABC	Argyll and Bute Council
ACoW	Archaeological Clerk of Works
AIS	Air Insulated Switchgear
AOD	Above Ordnance Datum
AP	Annual Probability
APQ	Area of Panoramic Quality
Attenuation	The reduction of the impact or effect of something e.g., Noise attenuation comprises the reduction in level of a sound between the source and a receiver due to any combination of effects including distance, atmospheric absorption, acoustic screening, the presence of a building façade, etc.
Backclothing	Where elements (such as a Proposed Development) are seen below the skyline/horizon, and against a backdrop, thereby making them less prominent (potentially).
Background Noise	The noise level rarely fallen below in any given location over any given time period, often classed according to day time, evening or night time periods. The LA90 indices is often used to represent the background noise level.
BAP	Biodiversity Action Plan
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey
BGS	British Geological Survey
BNG	Biodiversity Net Gain
BoCC	Birds of Conservation Concern
CAR	The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011
CEMP	Construction Environment Management Plan

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Centre Line	The linear connection between the central point of each support structure along the length of the overhead line
CIEEM	Chartered Institute for Ecology and Environmental Management
CFA	CFA Archaeology Ltd
CifA	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
CIRIA	Construction Industry Research and Information Association
Circuit	Overhead line or underground cable consisting of multiple conductors, to carry electric current
CLG	Community Liaison Group
CNMP	Construction Noise Management Plan
Conductor	A metallic wire strung from supporting steel lattice or wood structures, or an insulated wire below ground, to carry electric current
Corridor	A linear area which allows a continuous connection between the defined connection points. The corridor may vary in width along its length; in unconstrained areas it may be many kilometres wide
CTMP	Construction Traffic Management Plan
Cumulative Effects	Effects arising from the additional or combination of developments which are in construction, have been consented or are reasonably foreseeable. May be experienced in combination, concurrently or sequentially.
dB	Decibel. A unit of level derived from the logarithm of the ratio between a value and a reference value typically used to describe acoustic quantities. The scale used is the decibel (dB) scale which extends from 0 to 140 decibels corresponding to the intensity of the sound level.
dB(A)	A-weighted decibel. A frequency weighting applied to noise levels to mimic the human ear's response to sound.
Designated Landscape	Areas of landscape identified as being of importance at international, national or local levels, either defined by statute or identified in development plans or other documents.
DTM	Digital Terrain Model
DWPA	Drinking Water Protected Area
EA	Environmental Appraisal
EcIA	Ecological Impact Assessment
ECow	Ecological Clerk of Works
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIA Regulations	Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017
EIA Report	Environmental Impact Assessment Report
EMF	Electric Magnetic Field
EMP	Environmental Management Plan

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ENVFOR	The Scottish Government's Environment and Forestry Department
FCS	Forestry Commission Scotland
FoS	Factors of Safety
GEMP	General Environmental Management Plan
GDL	Gardens and Designed Landscapes are defined within Historic Scotland Inventory of Designed Landscapes in Scotland (2012) as "grounds that are consciously laid out for artistic effect"
GIS	Gas Insulated Switchgear
GIS mapping	Geographical Information System
GLVIA	Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, Third Edition, published jointly by the Landscape Institute and Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment.
GPP	Guidance for Pollution Prevention
GSP	Grid Supply Point
GWDTE	Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystem
ha	Hectare
HER	Historical Environment Record
Heritage Asset	Those parts of the historic environment that have significance and are worthy of consideration in planning matters are referred to as heritage assets. Heritage assets include standing, buried or submerged remains, buildings, parks and gardens and areas, sites and landscapes including designated sites and those identified by the local planning authority. World Heritage Sites, Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, protected wreck sites, Inventory Gardens and Designed Landscapes, Inventory Battlefields and Conservation Areas are all heritage assets
HES	Historic Environment Scotland
HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle
HPA	Health Protection Agency
Hz	Hertz. Standard unit of measurement used for measuring frequency. Sound frequency refers to how quickly the air vibrates, or how close the sound waves are to each other (in cycles per second, or Hertz (Hz)).
IBA	Important Bird Area
IEF	Important Ecological Feature
IEMA	Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment
Indicative Proposed Alignment	An alignment for the overhead line identified following public consultation that is taken forward to EIA and detailed design

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Invasive non-native plant species	Species listed in Part 2 of Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 ¹ .
km	Kilometre
kV	Kilovolt – one thousand volts
Landscape	Human perception of the land conditioned by knowledge and identity with a place.
LCA	Landscape Character Assessment
LCT	Landscape Character Type; A landscape type will have broadly similar patterns of geology, landform, soils, vegetation land use, settlement and field pattern discernible in maps and field survey records.
Landscape Sensitivity (to a specific type of change)	The extent to which a landscape can accept change of a particular type and scale.
LGV	Light Goods Vehicles
LOD	Limit of Deviation - Limits of Deviation, an area which defines the practical limits within which micro-siting of the OHL infrastructure can occur within the terms of the s37 consent which is to be sought. The purpose of Limits of Deviation is to allow flexibility within a s37 consent for the final micro-siting of individual towers to respond to localised ground conditions, topography, engineering, and environmental constraints
LTFPs	Long Term Felling Plans
LVA	Landscape and Visual Appraisal
m	metre
Magnitude (of change)	A term that combines judgements about the size and scale of the effect, the extent of the area over which occurs, whether it is reversible or irreversible and whether it is short or long term in duration.
MCIEEM	Member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management
Methodology	The specific approach and techniques used for a given study.
Micro-siting	The process of positioning individual structures to avoid localised environmental or technical constraints
Mitigation Measures	Measures including any process, activity or design process to avoid, reduce, remedy or compensate for adverse impacts of a development.
mm	Millimetre
Mph	Miles per hour
MW	Megawatt
NETS SQSS	National Electricity Transmission System Security and Quality of Supply Standard

¹ The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended): <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/schedule/9/part/II> [22nd November 2021]

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NGR	National Grid Reference
NHRE	National Record of Historic Environment
NHZ	Natural Heritage Zone
NS	NatureScot - Formerly known as Scottish Natural Heritage, is the public body responsible for Scotland's natural heritage, especially its natural, genetic, and scenic diversity. It advises the Scottish Government and acts as a government agent in the delivery of conservation designations, i.e. national nature reserves, local nature reserves, national parks, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas, and the national scenic areas
NSR	Noise Sensitive Receptor
NSR	Non-Statutory Register
NVC	National Vegetation Classification
NVZ	Nitrate Vulnerable Zones
OHL	Overhead Line
OMP	Operation Management Plan
Operational Corridor	The area needed for operational maintenance
OPGW	Optical Fibre Ground Wire
OS	Ordnance Survey
PAN	Proposal of Application Notice
PLHRA	Peat Landslide Hazard Risk Assessment
Planning application	An application for planning permission under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended by the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006. It should be noted that consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 usually carries with it deemed planning permission from the Scottish Ministers under Section 57 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
PMP	Peat Management Plan
Preferred Route	The route option which is considered to represent the optimum balance between the various environmental considerations
Proposed Route	The final route taken forward following stakeholder consultation within which alternative OHL route alignments will be defined and appraised
Proposed Alignment	An alignment taken forward to consent application. It comprises a defined centre line for the overhead line and includes an indicative support structure (tower or pole) schedule, also specifying access arrangements and any associated construction facilities
Proposed Development	The construction and operation of a 13.3 kilometre (km) double circuit 275 kV overhead line (OHL), supported by lattice steel towers between a proposed new substation at

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	Creag Dhubh and to the existing Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) 275 kV OHL that runs from Dalmally to Inverarnan, near Succoth Glen, via a Tie-In connection
PWS	Private Water Supply
RAMS	Risk Assessment and Method Statement
RAMSAR Site	Wetlands of International Importance designated under the Ramsar Convention.
RBMP	River Basin Management Plan
Residual Effects	Effect of development after mitigation/embedded mitigation or design proposals are taken into account.
RLB	Redline Boundary
RLB Site	Redline boundary site; the redline boundary site for the purpose of this planning application, comprising the Substation Site and additional land take to accommodate ancillary works.
RO	Registered Organisation
Route	A linear area of approximately 1 km width (although this may be narrower/wider in specific locations in response to identified pinch points / constraints), which provides a continuous connection between defined connection points
Routing Study	The study undertaken to assess the potential environmental impacts of the route options and to identify a preferred route based upon the potential environmental impacts identified
SAC	Special Area of Conservation - designated under Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (known as - The Habitats Directive)
SAM	Scheduled Ancient Monument - monuments of national importance which have been afforded legal protection under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979
Section 37 (s37) application	An application for development consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989
SEPA	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Setting	Setting is more than the immediate surroundings of a site or building, and may be related to the function or use of a place, or how it was intended to fit into the landscape of townscape, the view from it or how it is seen from areas round about, or areas that are important to the protection of the place, site or building (SPP 2014).
SF6	Sulphur Hexa-Fluoride
SGT	Super Grid Transformer
Shieling Hut	Temporary hut associated with summer grazing in upland areas.
Significance	A measure of importance or gravity of the environmental effect defined by significance criteria specific to the environmental topic.

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Skylining	The Proposed Development (or aspects of it) would be seen on the skyline. The contrast between the Proposed Development and the sky would generally render the Proposed Development more visible/ prominent in views than if it were backclothed by topography.
SM	Scheduled Monument
SNH	Scottish Natural Heritage (now known as NatureScot)
SPA	Special Protection Area – designated under Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds (the Birds Directive)
SPEN	Scottish Power Energy Networks
SPP	Species Protection Plan
SSEN Transmission	Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission plc
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
Stakeholders	Organisations and individuals who can affect or are affected by SSEN Transmission works
Substation Platform	The level platform to be constructed within the Substation Site.
Substation Site	The Creag Dhubh Substation Site
SuDS	Sustainable Drainage Systems
TMP	Transport Management Plan
TN	Target Note
UKFSG	UK Forestry Standards Guidelines
UN	United Nations
Visual Amenity	A particular composition of landscape elements that contribute to a view, or views.
Visualisation	A computer simulation, photomontage or other techniques illustrating the predicted appearance of a development from a known location.
VDN	Vibration Dynamics and Noise
VP	Viewpoint (relating to Landscape and Visual)
VP	Vantage Point (relating to Ornithology)
Volts	The international unit of electric potential and electromotive force
Wayleave	A voluntary agreement entered between a landowner upon whose land an overhead line is to be constructed and SSEN Transmission.
Wireline	A computer-generated line drawing of the DTM (digital terrain model) and the Proposed Development from a known location.
Windthrow	Windthrow refers to trees uprooted by wind.

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WLA	Wild Land Areas - Those areas comprising the greatest and most extensive areas of wild characteristics within Scotland, as classified by SNH (2014)
WoSAS	West of Scotland Archaeology Service
ZTV	Zone of Theoretical Visibility. A map, usually digitally produced, showing areas of land within which a development is theoretically visible. Also known as a Viewshed.
WSI	Written Scheme of Investigation



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