

Newsletter

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Alyth substation planned works 2nd quarter of 2021

June 2021

- Having now completed the extensive PRI Works on Balendoch Road, the main substation works are now on course to move forward with the next phase of the works in the 2nd quarter of 2021.
- Bring the substation to sub-grade level by cut and fill exercise.
- Constructing drainage and foundations for permanent site accommodation
- Constructing car parks and stores
- Building Site accommodation and welfare

July 2021

- Capping platform with 6F5
- Starting construction of band drains
- Completion of permanent site compound

August 2021

- Filling platform in areas where band drains are completed

Looking after nature

The site teams have placed squirrel feeding boxes and bird boxes around the perimeter and within days all boxes are being well used.



Squirrel feeding box

Ospreys

Roy Dennis, Specialist Osprey Consultant visited site on 20 May to give specialist advice on the OHL tie-in procedures that are expected to commence from 14th June in relation to the osprey nest.

The ospreys are not impacted by activities such as moving machinery, and/or noise within the substation enclosure. The ospreys are not worried by the vehicles, they have become used to tractors and agricultural vehicles working in the field. The osprey nest has been recently occupied with the female incubating eggs and the young hatched at the end of May.

The most worrying time for the ospreys is when the young are newly hatched, when heavy rain could chill them. The female should be on the nest brooding them to keep them warm and dry, so disturbance in the area of the nest will be avoided. By 14th June the chicks will be growing and more capable of maintaining body heat.

The project team were pleased that Roy was able to approve our mitigation plans. Meaning that we can carry out the work without endangering the nesting activity.

Overhead line (OHL) update

As part of the Alyth substation development, there is a requirement for 3 new towers to be erected which will tie-in to the new substation.

Our contractor for the OHL works mobilised to site in May to begin their site compound set up. Works on the towers will commence in June.

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