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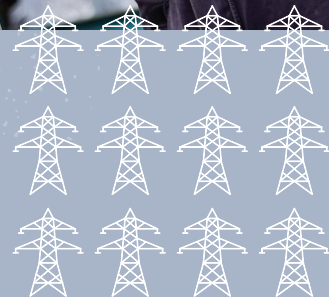
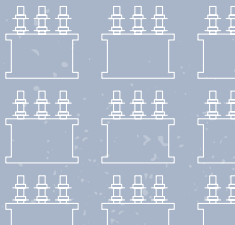
TRANSMISSION

Fort Augustus substation 400kV upgrade

Beauly–Denny 400kV upgrade

Feedback event

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The feedback events will be taking place on:

Thursday 22 February, 3.30–7pm
Fort Augustus Village Hall, Church Road, Fort Augustus, PH32 4DG



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.



Scan the QR code with your smartphone to find out more about how these policies have been assessed and determined.

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 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 our host 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 a significant acceleration of work 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

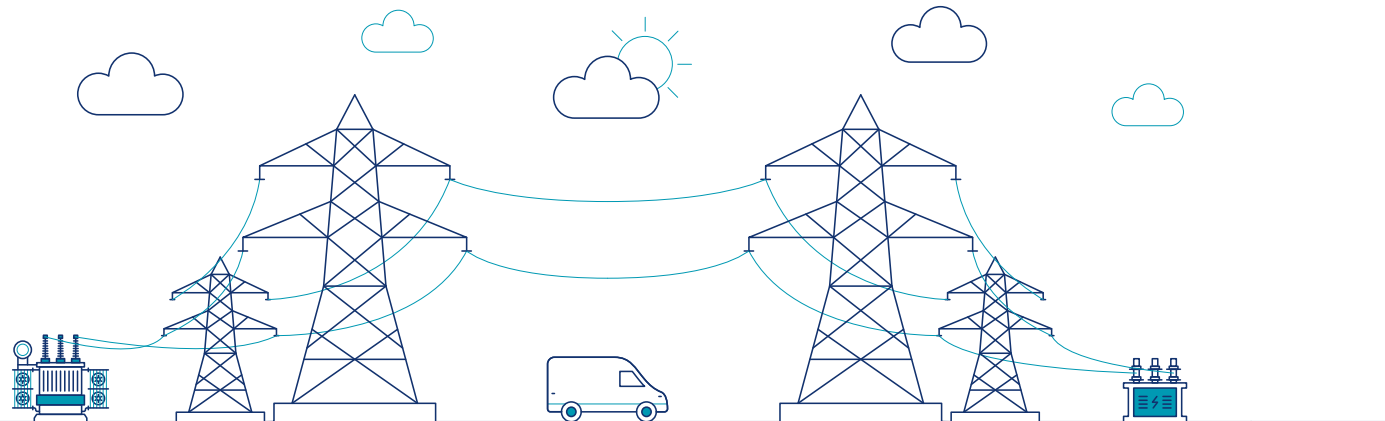
In July 2022, National Grid, the Electricity System Operator (ESO), published the Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design (HND). This set out the blueprint for the onshore and offshore transmission infrastructure that's required to support the forecasted growth in the UK's renewable electricity. It's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

What does this mean for you?

The central highlands will play a key role in meeting these goals. The extensive studies that informed the ESO's Pathway to 2030 HND confirmed the requirement to increase the power transfer capacity of existing Beauty-Denny overhead line (OHL).

Providing new higher voltage connections between these sites will deliver the significant increased capacity needed to take power from new large scale onshore and offshore renewable generation (mainly wind farms), connecting in the central highlands before transporting power to areas of demand.

These projects are seen as critical to deliver the UK and Scottish Government's targets, with the development of them accelerated to meet the target dates of energisation by 2030.



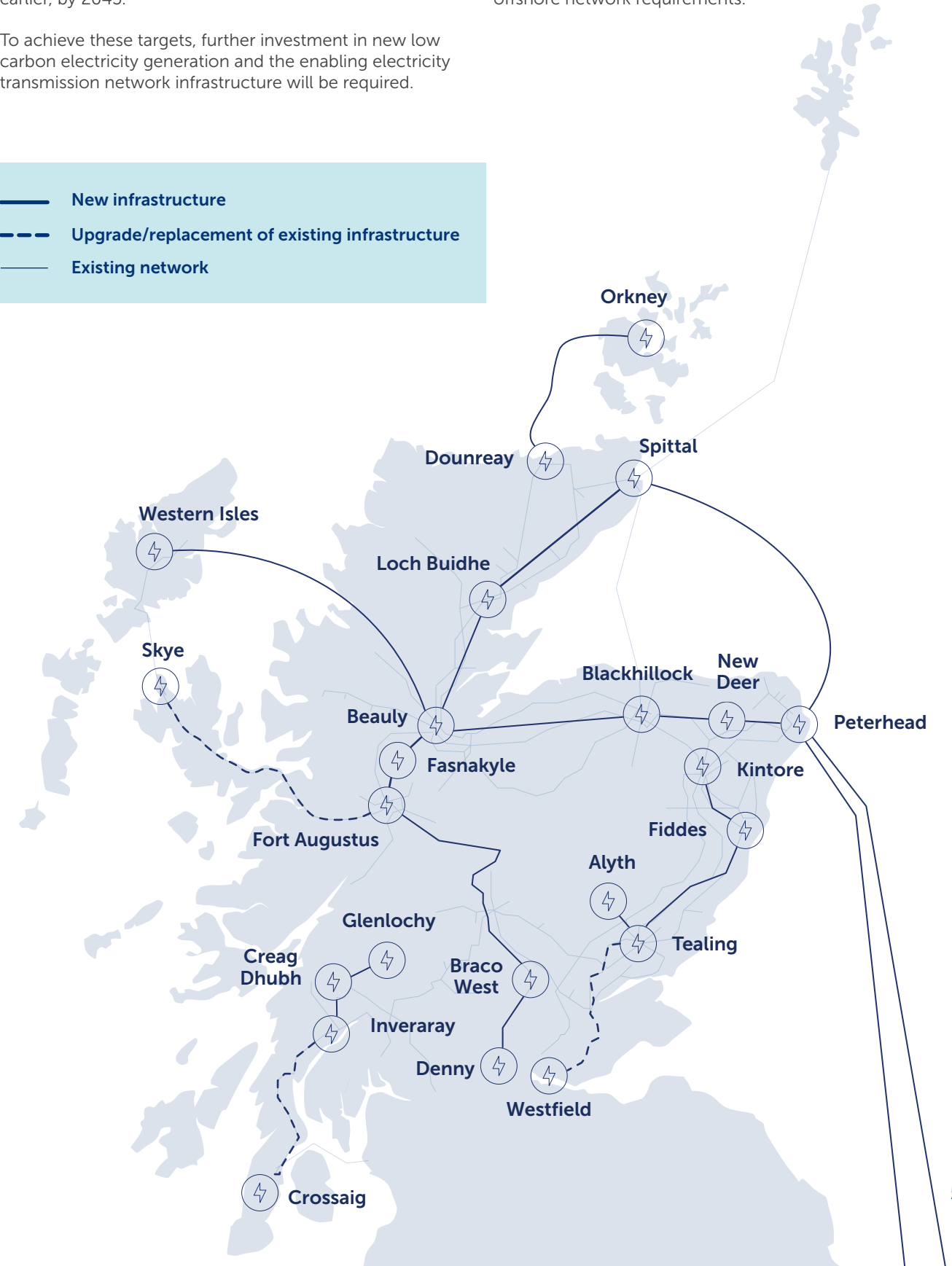
Future network investment requirements

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.

The next stage of strategic network planning across Great Britain is underway and we expect the independent Electricity System Operator, National Grid ESO, to publish details of this in March this year. It is expected this will include a combination of new onshore and offshore network requirements.

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

- 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, and quickly.

Fort Augustus substation 400kV upgrade

This project will supersede the existing planning consent for a 275kV extension, to include the upgrade of existing transformers, with the inclusion of two reactors to support blackstart requirements. This will also involve the removal of existing 275kV equipment.

New Fasnakyle 400kV substation

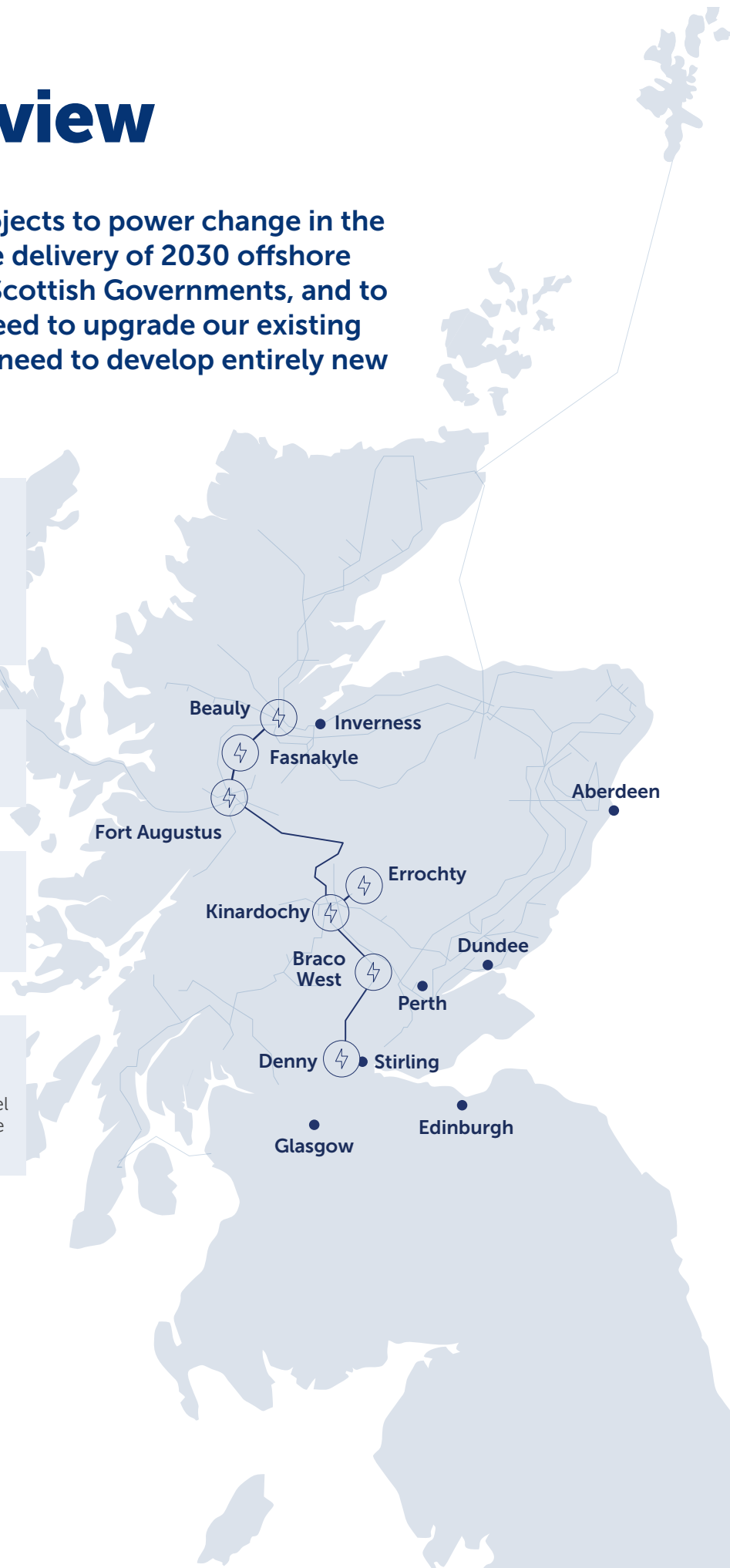
This project features a new 400kV outdoor AIS substation in the wider Fasnakyle area.

New Braco West 400kV substation

This project features a new 400kV outdoor Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) substation in the Braco area.

Kinadorchy–Errochty cable

This project features two new underground cables connecting at Errochty. It will also require the dismantle and removal of the existing Tummel substation. The existing Errochty intertrip scheme shall also be amended.



Help shape our plans

The work we have planned is significant and has the potential to deliver massive 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.

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 any changes and refinements we've made. 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 communities.

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

What we're consulting on today

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 extension design, which has been informed by stakeholder feedback, and have set out our responses to feedback received to date.

Engagement to date

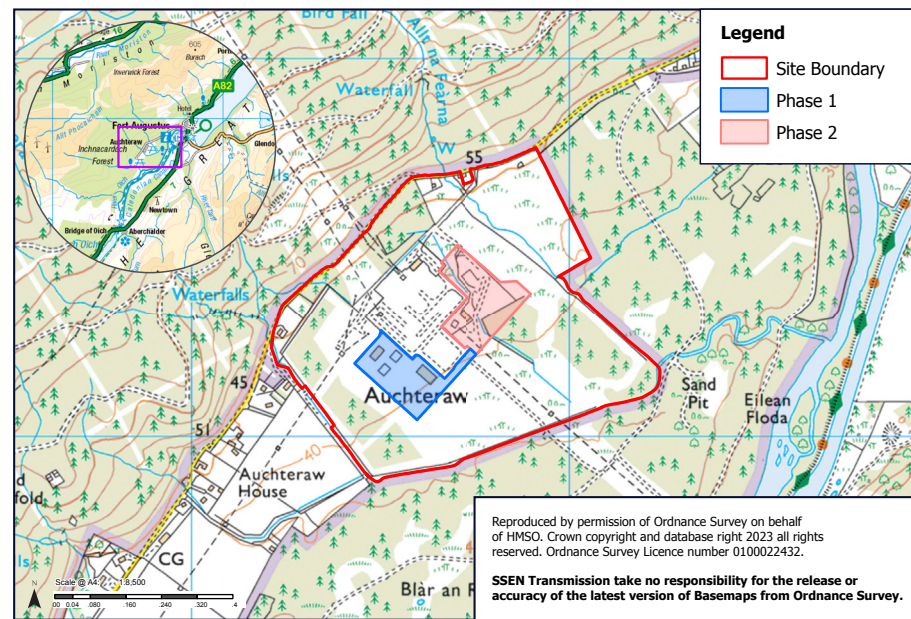
We have undertaken consultation as part of the planning stages for the previous Fort Augustus substation reinforcement works which included both Phase One (of which has recently completed construction) as well as Phase Two, which was consented and not built, and is superseded by this 400kV upgrade.

In November 2023 we consulted with our stakeholders in Fort Augustus Village Hall explaining the need and scope for the Fort Augustus 400kV upgrade, including our proposed layout for the 400kV upgrade, environmental considerations and maps to give stakeholders and community members a better visual representation of the work on the projects to date.

This period of engagement in the development phase is vital in shaping our proposals and to do this effectively, we need to capture feedback from stakeholders, harness local knowledge to identify key risks and explore potential community benefit opportunities.



History of Fort Augustus substation



Original substation

The original Fort Augustus substation was constructed at Auchterawe in 1955. Land in the area was dominated by commercial forestry.

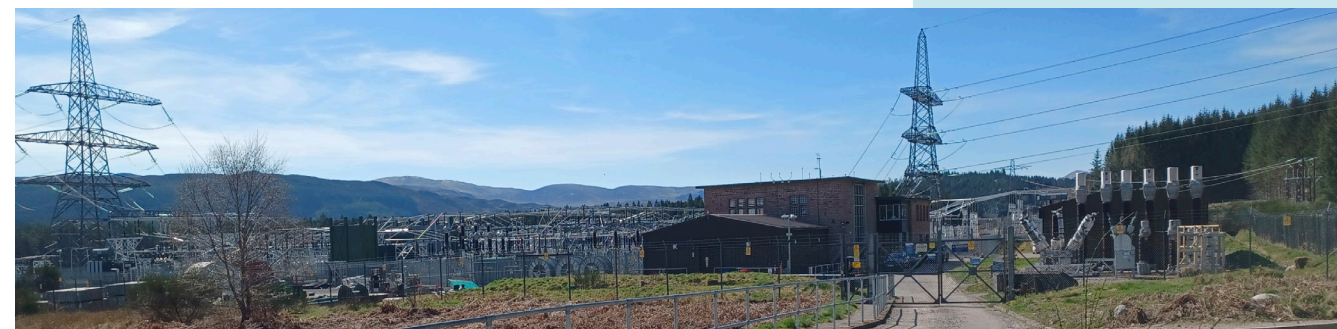
The overhead steel tower line which runs between Fort Augustus substation (Auchterawe) and Fort William substation (Achintee Road) was constructed in 1955 and is operated at 132kV.

The site was identified for substation reinforcement back in 2017, with two upgrades developed for the site in two phases.

Phase One comprised works to install equipment to allow for improved connections to the Bhlraidh and Beinneun wind farms. These transmission works are located primarily on the south-western boundaries of the existing substation.

The previous Phase Two proposals allowed for wider network benefits by interconnecting the 275kV and 400kV substation systems via two new transformers. These works are predominately on the north-eastern boundaries of the existing substation.

These proposals were submitted in 2018 to The Highland Council under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to extend the substation, create two platforms for gas insulated substation buildings, plant, access tracks, associated landscaping and other ancillary equipment. Planning permission was granted with Phase One construction starting on site in 2021 and completed in 2023. Phase Two has not commenced to date, this Fort Augustus 400kV upgrade project will supersede the existing 275kV extension (Phase Two).



Feedback

Following submission of the PAN in October 2023, the first of two pre-application consultation events were held at Fort Augustus Village Hall on Thursday 30 November 2023. A total of 11 attendees attended.

During the 8 week feedback period which closed on 11 January 2024, three responses were received. This is detailed below.

We have included both event feedback and statutory stakeholder feedback through the PAN and pre-app process, as well as design feedback, within the next three pages.

Event feedback	Response
Concerns about state of the road used to access to site and amount of traffic that will use it.	To date a construction traffic impact assessment has been carried out within our development phase activities. This confirms the requirement for the substation contractor to produce and implement a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP), with mitigation measures including timing of HGVs outside of peak flow times, appropriate warning signs, promotion of sustainable travel for site staff, identification of safe routes. An Abnormal Loads Assessment report will also be undertaken for larger equipment being delivered to site.
Positive support for the substation extension, considering the site's suitability for an extension and requirement to transition to net zero.	SSEN Transmission welcomes the acknowledgement of the requirement to meet net zero goals through support from the local community. More can be found on this in the earlier pages of this booklet and on our website.
Concerns about noise and disruption for residents, including any lighting at night.	A Noise Impact Assessment will be provided as part of the Environmental Appraisal. The current design includes for noise mitigation measures around the two super grid transformers (SGTs) and the blackstart reactors to reduce impact. The substation will not be permanently lit at night—it will be activated by operational staff only. Impacts from lighting to ecological receptors will be assessed as part of the environmental appraisal.
Properties close to the site are not marked on the maps.	SSEN Transmission uses the latest available mapping provided by the Ordnance Survey—the year and licence is detailed on the mapping. For any impact assessments, including landscape and visual surveys, walkovers are carried out to verify locations.

Feedback

We have included feedback from stakeholders received during the pre-application consultation process and summarised this by key themes below.

Stakeholder feedback	Response
<p>Woodlands and trees Presumption in favour of protecting existing woodland on site.</p>	<p>Any forestry loss will be compensated both on-site and off-site within the local authority area. Compensatory Planting Plans and a Woodland Management Plan will be prepared which will show how areas of woodland yet to be removed are to be replaced and areas of landscape screening required.</p>
<p>Natural heritage The project will need to offset any habitat loss.</p>	<p>The project will deliver 10% biodiversity net gain (BNG). A Landscape and Habitat Management Plan and BNG report will be produced which will demonstrate how an enhancement in biodiversity will be achieved. Protected species surveys have been carried out and any impact on protected species will be assessed as part of the Environmental Appraisal.</p>
<p>Traffic and transport Request for assessment of abnormal loads. Confirmation requested on project interaction with existing National Cycle Network (NCN 78) cycle route in the Fort Augustus area.</p>	<p>An Abnormal Loads Assessment report and Swept Path Analysis will be undertaken for larger equipment being delivered to site. Traffic studies to date have confirmed that both construction traffic and abnormal loads will access the site from the A82 either from the north or to the south, interacting with the cycle route at the crossing in Fort Augustus. Residual impacts are considered to be low. These studies are captured in a Transport Assessment which will support the planning application.</p>

Stakeholder feedback	Response
<p>Noise Recognition of previous complaints and importance of operational noise limits and construction working hours.</p>	<p>Communication with the Community Liaison Group is on-going and will continue through development and into construction. An Operational Noise Assessment will be prepared which will demonstrate that the project will not breach operational noise limits at the nearest properties. There will be compliance monitoring post completion of the works to ensure adherence to the Noise Impact Assessment.</p>
<p>Water environment Consider potential for impacts to Drinking Water Protected Areas. Updated Flood Risk Assessment must comply with new planning policy.</p>	<p>Impacts to the water environment will be considered within the Environmental Appraisal as part of the planning application, with any mitigation measures outlined in the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). An updated Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and Drainage Impact Assessment (DIA) will be provided with the planning application. The existing sustainable urban drainage scheme (SuDS) on the site will be regularised through this planning application and the small SuDS pond will be removed.</p>
<p>Cultural heritage Comments on relocation of the terminal tower within the substation site and potential for impacts on Torr Dhuin Scheduled Monument.</p>	<p>Consultation is ongoing with regards to the relocation of the terminal tower within the substation, in relation to non-significant impacts from the setting of the Scheduled Ancient Monument at Torr Dhuin Fort. The requirement for any supporting assessment will be agreed and provided as part of the notification to The Highland Council under the overhead line exemption regulations.</p>
<p>Landscape and visual Design should reflect existing substation and be nestled into the landscape.</p>	<p>As part of the project's detailed design, the earthworks, platform extension, new access roads and new building shall be designed to reflect the infrastructure which already exists at the site.</p>



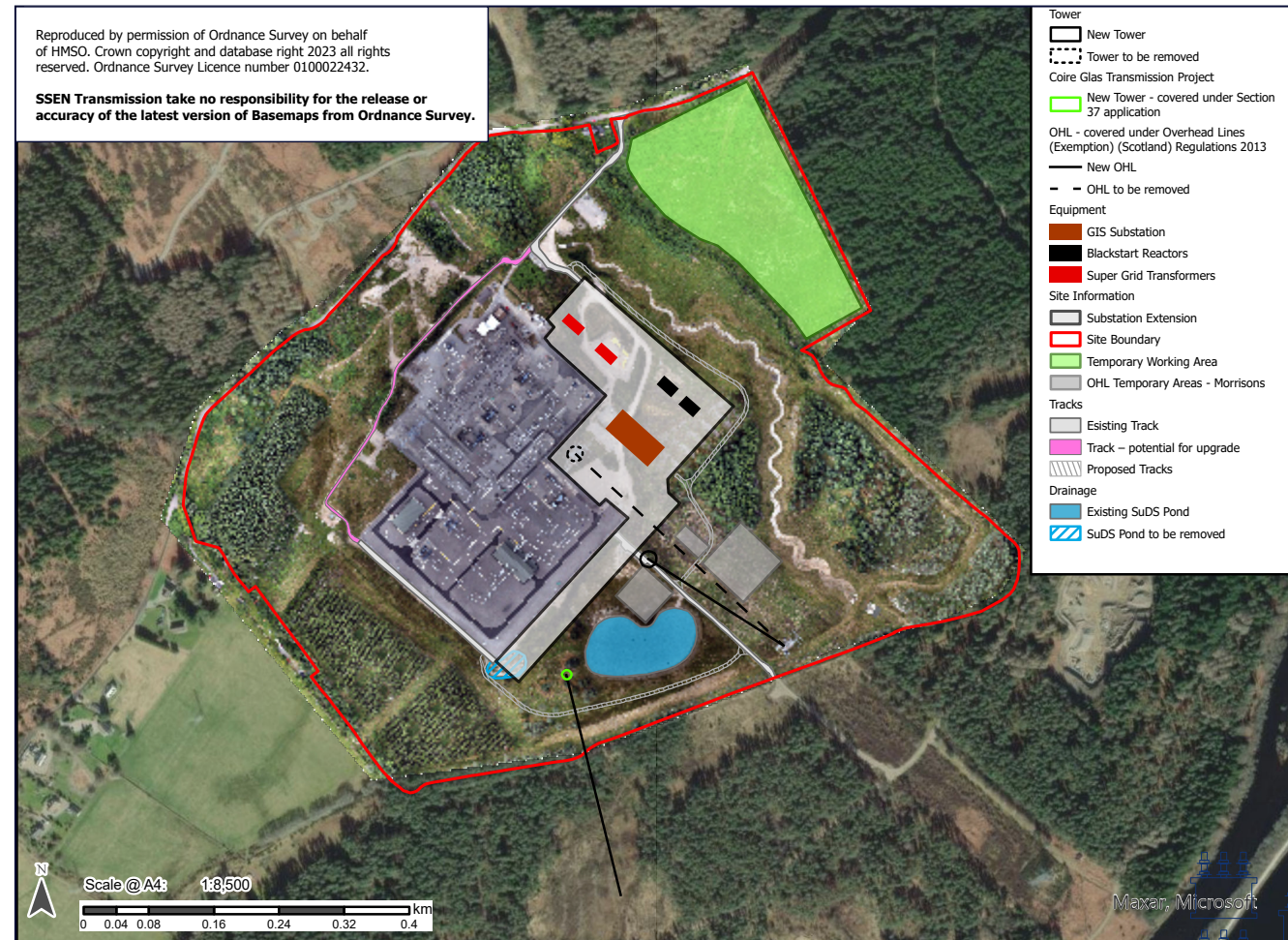
Proposed substation upgrade

The existing planning consent for the extension at Fort Augustus covered two projects in two phases—the first phase to install two additional 132kV/400kV transformers which has recently been completed, and a second phase for the interconnection of a 275kV/400kV busbar arrangement. Due to the network upgrades required, the second phase has now been superseded with requirements for a 400kV upgrade.

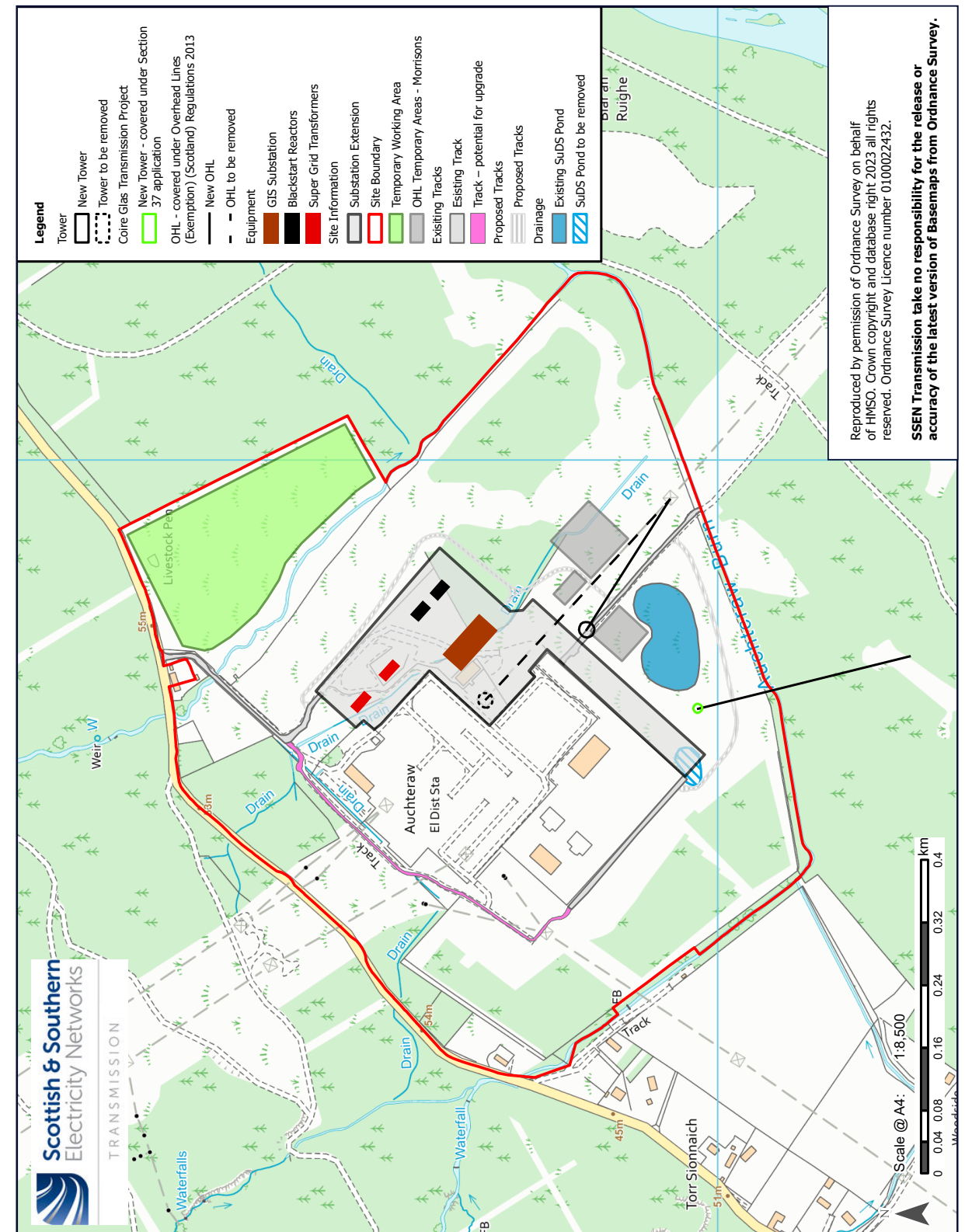
The 400kV upgrade proposal will replace the existing 275/132kV 240MVA transformers at Fort Augustus to 400/132kV 240MVA transformers. This includes space provision for two reactors (to support blackstart requirements) with the removal of some existing 275kV equipment. The building dimensions for the new GIS building are 14.5m in height, 70m in length and 32m wide. It also includes equipment to facilitate the new Coire Glas connection via the new Loch Lundie substation. We want to utilise the existing consented space in the north and east of the Fort Augustus site, building on our existing knowledge, data and surveys obtained as part of the earlier development phases. There are other SSEN Transmission and third party projects which are connecting into Fort Augustus substation, however, these schemes have their own consultation process. Further information is available in the 'Other projects in the local area' section of this booklet.

Recent changes to the design includes:

- Minor amendments to the access track layout
- Increase in the length of the Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) building from 63m to 70m in length
- Minor increase in platform area
- Inclusion of temporary working areas—the layouts of these are provisional and subject to change.



Proposed layout



The Town and Country Planning Process

The legislation that enables the planning of projects like Fort Augustus substation 400kV upgrade, these are the Electricity Act 1989 and the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

Engaging the right people

Local Planning Authorities determine the outcome of any applications made under the Town and Country Planning Act and establish the planning pathway our substation projects must take, including which consents are required. This involves confirming whether projects require Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) under the relevant legislation. If our project is deemed non-EIA (due to its scale or potential environmental impacts), a voluntary Environmental Appraisal (EA) may be produced by us to support the consent application. These assessments would be made publicly available once submitted.

The Fort Augustus substation 400kV upgrade project is classed as "National Development" under the Town and County Planning process; therefore, pre-application consultation is required with the public and interested parties.

The pre-application process

A Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) was submitted to The Highland Council on 30 October 2023. This is the first stage in the planning application process, and the beginning of a consultation period that must allow for at least 12 weeks between the start of the pre-application consultation and feedback, and submission of a planning application.

The plans we are consulting on at this event might change between now and the submission of a planning application. The red line boundary that has been

submitted with the PAN represents the maximum extent of the land potentially included in the application site, but this area may be reduced or rationalised as the development proposal becomes finalised.

There is a requirement to hold at least two events to provide the opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposals. The first public event was held in November 2023 and this is second event, at which feedback will be given on the views obtained at the first event. There will also be a short opportunity for comment after this second event and comments will be included in a Pre-application Consultation Report.

Submitting a planning application

The planning application is due to be submitted to The Highland Council in Summer 2024. A Pre-application Consultation Report will accompany the planning application providing details of the consultation undertaken and communicating how the consultation process has influenced the proposed development. Where comments are received that cannot be addressed in the final proposal, an explanation will also be given why this is the case.

Comments made through the pre-application consultation process are not formal representations to The Highland Council. When the planning application is submitted there will be an opportunity to make formal representations to The Highland Council.



Finding common ground with landowners

We recognise that landowners and occupiers are key stakeholders in the development of our projects. At all levels, we will be transparent about our proposals and keep the conversation open and constructive when it comes to those affected and reaching effective compromise.

From the outset of the project, our land team have been identifying and contacting landowners and occupiers who may be affected by our proposals. If you are a landowner who is affected by the proposals and have not yet had contact from us, please get in touch via the contact details for the dedicated project land managers found on the relevant webpages: ssen-transmission.co.uk/BDUP

We work with landowners and occupiers to mitigate the effects of our infrastructure on their properties.

As part of this, we need to carry out various engineering and environmental surveys to inform what we design and how we build it. We will always seek consent from affected landowners and occupiers in advance for these surveys. Once we have finalised the design, we will be required to secure the appropriate land rights from landowners and occupiers in order to secure planning consent.

Our land managers will endeavour to reach a voluntary agreement with landowners and occupiers, however, as a statutory undertaker, we might need to underpin voluntary discussions with an application to Scottish Ministers for a Necessary Wayleave or Compulsory Purchase Order. Ultimately this is to ensure nationally significant infrastructure projects are delivered on time and in line with our licence obligations. We also have a duty to protect the interests of the UK bill payer. Statutory powers are not used lightly as we aim to work with landowners and occupiers to secure the necessary land rights voluntarily.

All potentially affected landowners and occupiers have the opportunity to provide feedback at our in-person consultation events and by submitting a feedback form. We would encourage all those with an interest to submit their views through this consultation.



Other projects in the local area

As the transmission operator in the north of Scotland, we need to maintain and invest in the high voltage electricity transmission network in our area to provide a safe and reliable electricity supply to our communities.

We also need to offer terms for connections to the transmission network for new generation such as wind farms and pumped storage schemes and for new sources of electricity demand. Therefore, as well as the Fort Augustus substation upgrade, we have a number of other projects within the local area we are currently developing, described below.

Bhlaraidh wind farm extension connection

The existing Bhlaraidh wind farm is located to the west of Loch Ness, approximately 5km north of Invermoriston on a high rocky plateau. The consented extension to the existing wind farm is due east on this plateau. SSEN Transmission will be constructing a single circuit electricity line from the Bhlaraidh extension wind farm substation compound, for a distance of approximately 19.5km. The first 4.4km from the wind farm substation and last 2km to a termination at the Fort Augustus substation will be by a 132kV underground cable. The remaining 13.1km will be by overhead line subject to obtaining the necessary wayleave and consent approvals.

Skye reinforcement project

SSEN Transmission has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to install approximately 160km of new overhead line and underground cabling between the existing Ardmore substation located approximately 30km northwest of Portree, to the existing Fort Augustus substation. This includes 110km of new double circuit 132kV overhead line supported by steel lattice towers between Fort Augustus and Broadford, 27km of new single circuit 132kV overhead line supported by trident wood poles (H poles) between Broadford and Ardmore substation, and approximately 24km of double circuit 132kV underground cable.

Coire Glas connection project

This proposed overhead line transmission connection will facilitate the export of renewable energy from the Coire Glas pumped hydro scheme. The scheme is located southwest of Laggan Locks, near to Loch Lochy, Highland. This includes approximately 8.5km of 400kV overhead line between the proposed Loch Lundie substation to the existing Fort Augustus substation.

Fort Augustus substation: 400kV and 132kV development

The previous Phase One works at Fort Augustus, relating to the first part of the 400kV and 132kV substation upgrade to reinforce the network, has reached completion on site.

Local renewable developments

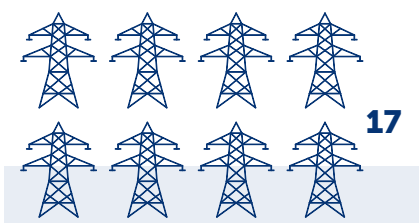
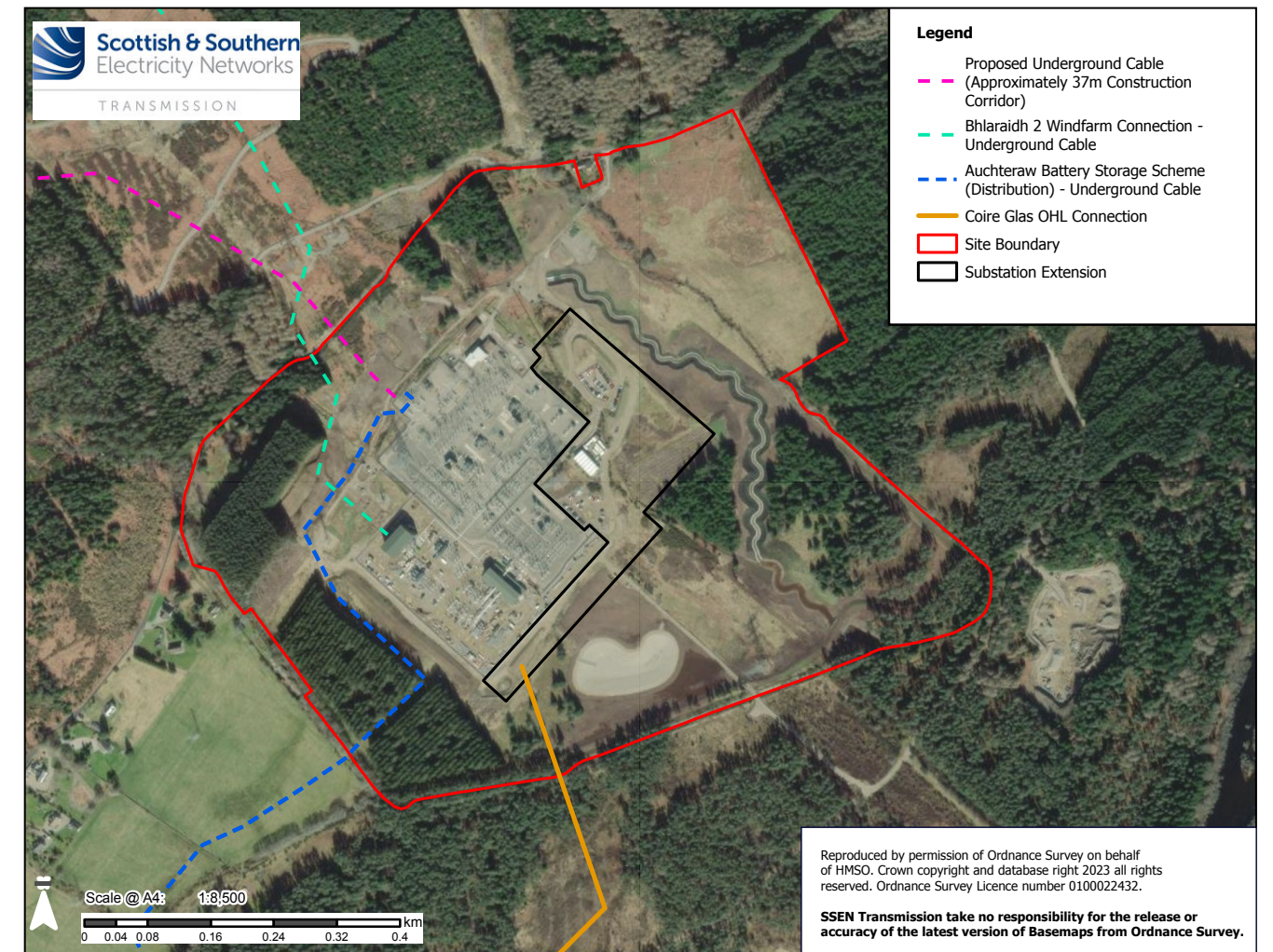
We know that local stakeholders are keen to understand the full extent of renewable developments being proposed in their local area.

Applications from the likes of wind farms to connect to the transmission network are made to National Grid ESO and undergo a lengthy process before we begin to develop a network connection for developments applying in our license area.

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.

A list of projects that hold contracts for Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC) with National Grid, the Electricity System Owner is available from their website: nationalgrideso.com

Other projects in the local area



Delivering a positive environmental legacy

On every project we deliver, we always need to consider how we impact the environment in that area. As we enhance the transmission network in the Central Highlands, we have a responsibility to design and build our projects to protect and enhance the environment. We will always look to minimise the potential impacts from our activities and achieve Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG).

As the first developer to consult upon and implement an award-winning approach to deliver Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) on all new sites, we're committed to delivering a "greener grid", focusing on habitat restoration and creating biodiversity growth as we invest in our network. We are committed to delivering 10% Biodiversity Net Gain on all sites gaining consent going forward. This ensures that we don't just restore our natural habitats but actively improve them for the benefit of local communities, wildlife, flora and fauna.

During the development, construction and operation of our projects, we will leave the environment in a measurably better state than before development started, ensuring a positive environmental legacy at all our sites.

As this project progresses through the development process, we will actively seek ways to avoid and minimise impacts on biodiversity, through careful routing and site design to avoid impacting areas of highest biodiversity value.

Where avoidance is not possible, we will offset this by introducing new habitats along with restoration efforts. These can be achieved within the boundary of the development site, or by providing support to local groups involved with habitat restoration or creation projects, within the locale of the development site.



If there are biodiversity improvement projects in your local area that we could get involved with, please get in touch. Contact details for the Community Liaison Manager can be found on page 20.

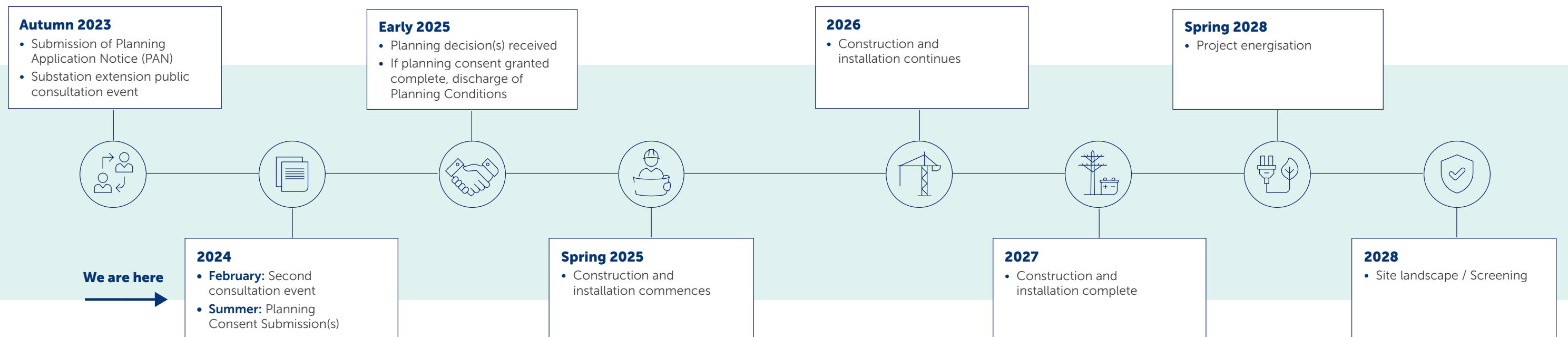
Example projects

Argyll Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT)

Argyll's rainforest is a unique and rare habitat of ancient and native woodland. This collaboration with ACT will help deliver our compensatory tree planting and BNG commitments in Argyll. It also aligns with ACT's woodland planting ambitions, supporting its charitable objectives including biodiversity gain, health and wellbeing, improvement for local people, outdoor learning opportunities and climate change workshops.

Thurso South substation and The Bumblebee Conservation Trust

We created approximately 10 hectares of bee-friendly habitat to support the pollination of the rare endemic great yellow bumblebee. This contributed to wider conservation efforts for this bee species. A collaboration with The Bumblebee Conservation Trust facilitated research on food availability for bumblebees, identifying the need for a diverse seed mix containing key flowering species to enhance early, main and late food supply to support the full lifecycle of bumblebees.





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 will be seeking final comments and feedback from members of the public, statutory consultees and other key stakeholders regarding our proposals until **29 February 2024**.

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.

What we're seeking views on


During our last public consultation event in November 2023, 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.



We are now asking for any final comments or feedback ahead of submitting planning applications for the Fort Augustus substation upgrade. It would be helpful to share any opportunities to deliver a local community benefit you would like us to consider.


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 a local community benefit you would like us to consider.

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