

Bingally 400kV Substation Community Liaison Group

Inaugural Meeting – 19 May 2026 – Cannich Hall



Agenda:

Introductions

Purpose of this Community Liaison Group

Discussion and agreement of Terms of Reference

Project Update

Purpose of Community Liaison Group

Building Strong Connections with local communities

- The aim of the CLG will be to establish a platform for meaningful engagement between SSEN Transmission and representatives of the local community during construction, where updates can be provided, concerns raised, questions answered, and input provided.
- This engagement should work to minimise the impacts of our construction works by understanding and responding to local concerns whilst also maximising local opportunities and benefits.
- Allows for effective two-way communication between communities, developers and contractors.
- Is a forum to discuss Construction Traffic Management Plans and mitigation of traffic impacts.

Additional Communications Platforms

Building Strong Connections with local communities

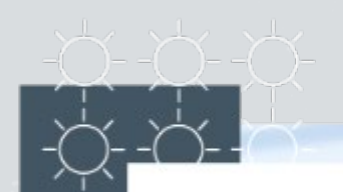
We will work collaboratively with communities to identify the most effective and meaningful communications approach which may include:

- Regular information provision
- Local resident meetings and attendance at Community Council meetings as requested
- Project newsletter & open information events
- Email updates (sign up option for update for specific community council area)
- Dedicated Community Liaison Manager, contact details publicly available
- Letter drops and door knocking

Bingally Project

Community Liaison Group

Terms of Reference (ToR)



Proposed Terms of Reference

Membership:

- Representatives from Community Councils
- Local Councillors (should they wish to and be able to attend)
- Local Residents
- Other community representatives(e.g. business or local organisation representatives)
- SSEN Transmission
- BAM

Meetings & Agenda:

- Frequency and scheduling agreed by members, suggested quarterly.
- Location and preferred time of day/week to be agreed by members
- Agendas issued in advance, focused on construction lookaheads, mitigation, and community benefits.
- Members can suggest agenda items in advance or raise issues during meetings.

Proposed Terms of Reference (continued)

Group Structure:

- Chair election instigated at first meeting; responsible for managing discussions and actions.
- Membership includes SSEN Transmission, local councillors, community councils, residents, business owners and relevant associations.
- Attendance may rotate based on agenda topics.
- Contractors and relevant SSEN Transmission project staff will join the meetings

Communications & Minutes:

- Circulation of minutes within two weeks for review prior to finalisation.
- Agendas and mutually agreed minutes are shared via email and minutes published online on SSEN Transmissions project website.
- SSEN Transmission will engage in further communication activities.

Questions for the Group:

- **Representation and size**

Do you feel this group fairly represents the local community, and is the size about right?

- **Meeting frequency**

Does meeting quarterly work for you, or would you prefer to meet more or less often?

Which days of the week are most convenient for you?

What time of day suits you best for meetings?

- **Online vs in-person and travel**

Would online meetings be helpful for you, either fully or as a mix? Also, how far do you typically travel to attend?

- **Venue**

For in-person meetings, are you content to continue using Cannich Village Hall?

- **Chairing arrangements**

Are you happy for SSEN Transmission to continue chairing, or would anyone else like to take on this role?

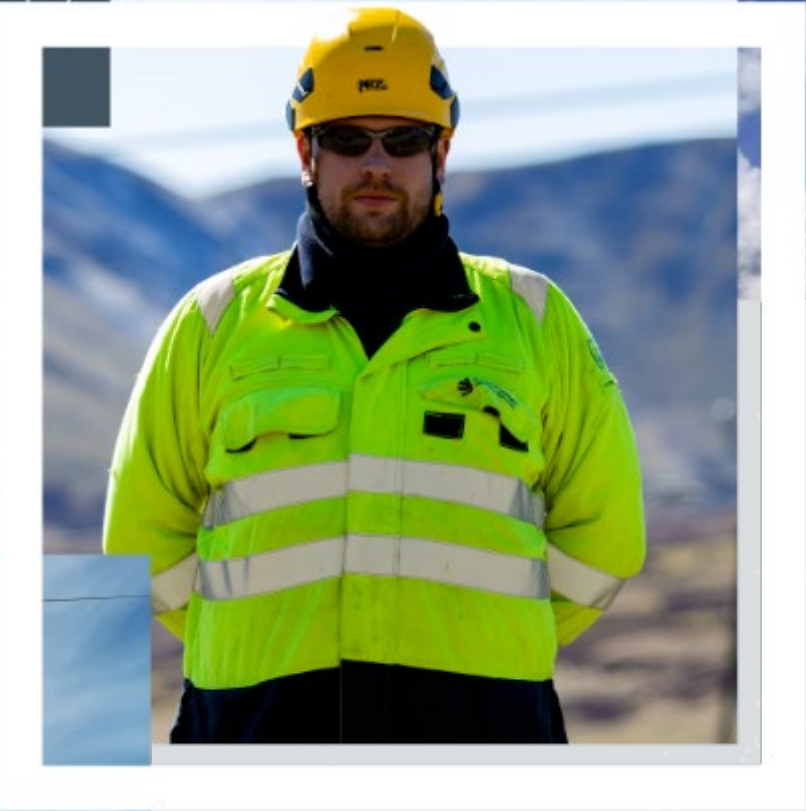
- **Note taking and distribution**

Are you comfortable with SSEN Transmission continuing to take the meeting notes?

What is the best way to share meeting minutes locally?

Should they be distributed through local channels as well as the Bingally webpage?

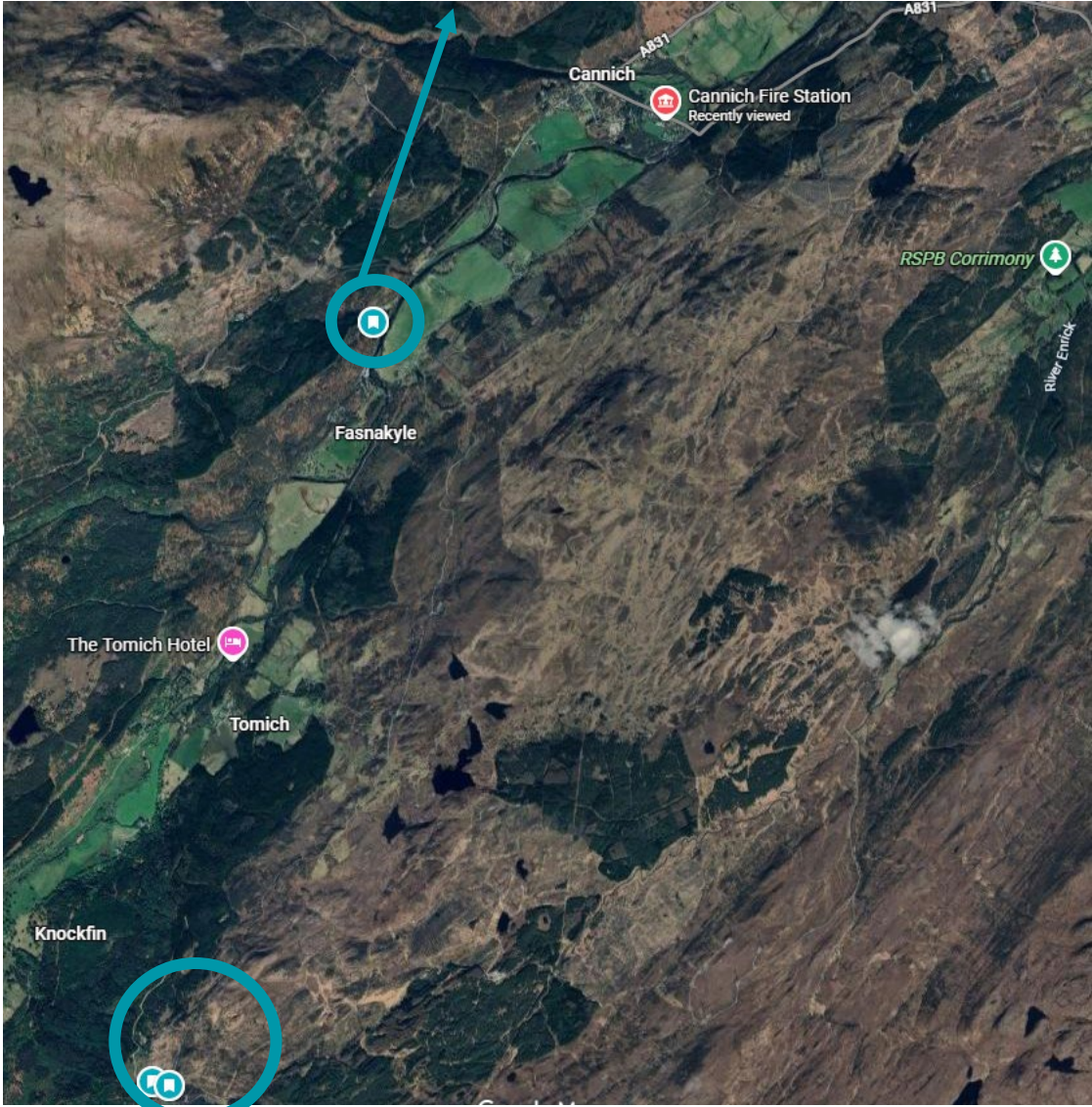
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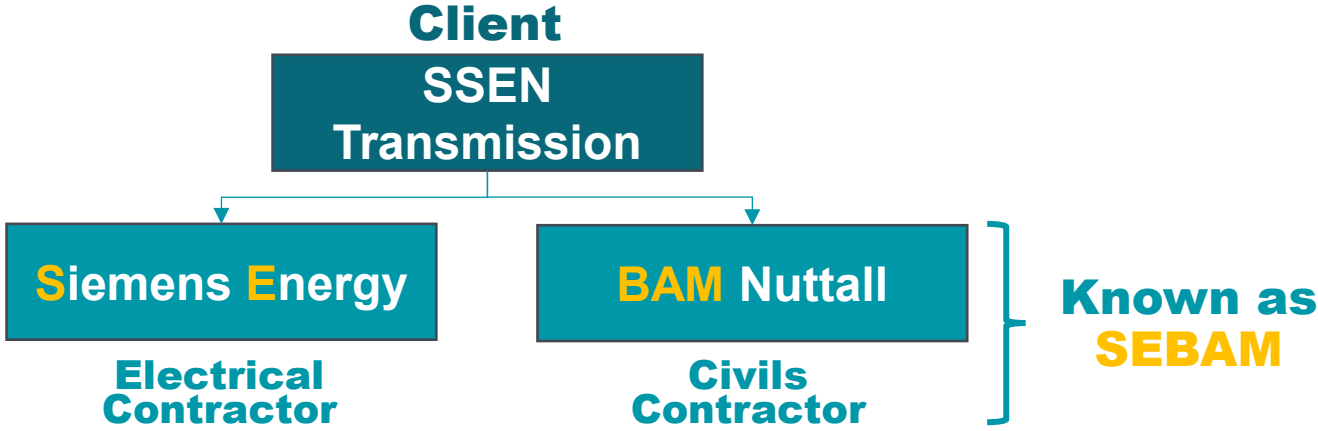
Bingally Substation Project Overview

- The National Energy System Operator identified Bingally substation in its Pathway to 2030 report as part of plans to upgrade the second Beauly - Denny circuit from 275kV to 400kV. This will ensure security of supply and support the connection of more renewable energy across the network.
- As part of this work, upgrades to Fasnakyle substation will be required. This upgrade will be delivered under Permitted Development.
- Bingally substation received consent (25/00592/FUL) from The Highland Council on 18 February 2026, subject to 28 planning conditions*, where 20 of the 21 pre-commencement conditions have been submitted.
- Aiming to Start on Site in **Summer 2026** after discharge of key planning conditions such as Construction Traffic Management Plan – still awaiting feedback from The Highland Council.
- The Overhead Line (OHL) works associated with this project are subject to a separate Section 37 application (ECU Reference: ECU00005145). Determination expected in Q3 2026.

Existing Fasnakyle 275kV Substation – Upgrades Required



Bingally 400kV Substation Location



* These planning conditions can be viewed in the Decision Notice on The Highland Council website by searching 25/00592/FUL.

Pre-Construction Activity

No construction will commence until planning conditions are satisfied. In the meantime, works will continue where these can be delivered under separate consent (e.g. permitted development), such as survey works, Fasnakyle works, or other SSEN Transmission projects at pre-planning stage.

Works to take place between now and construction start

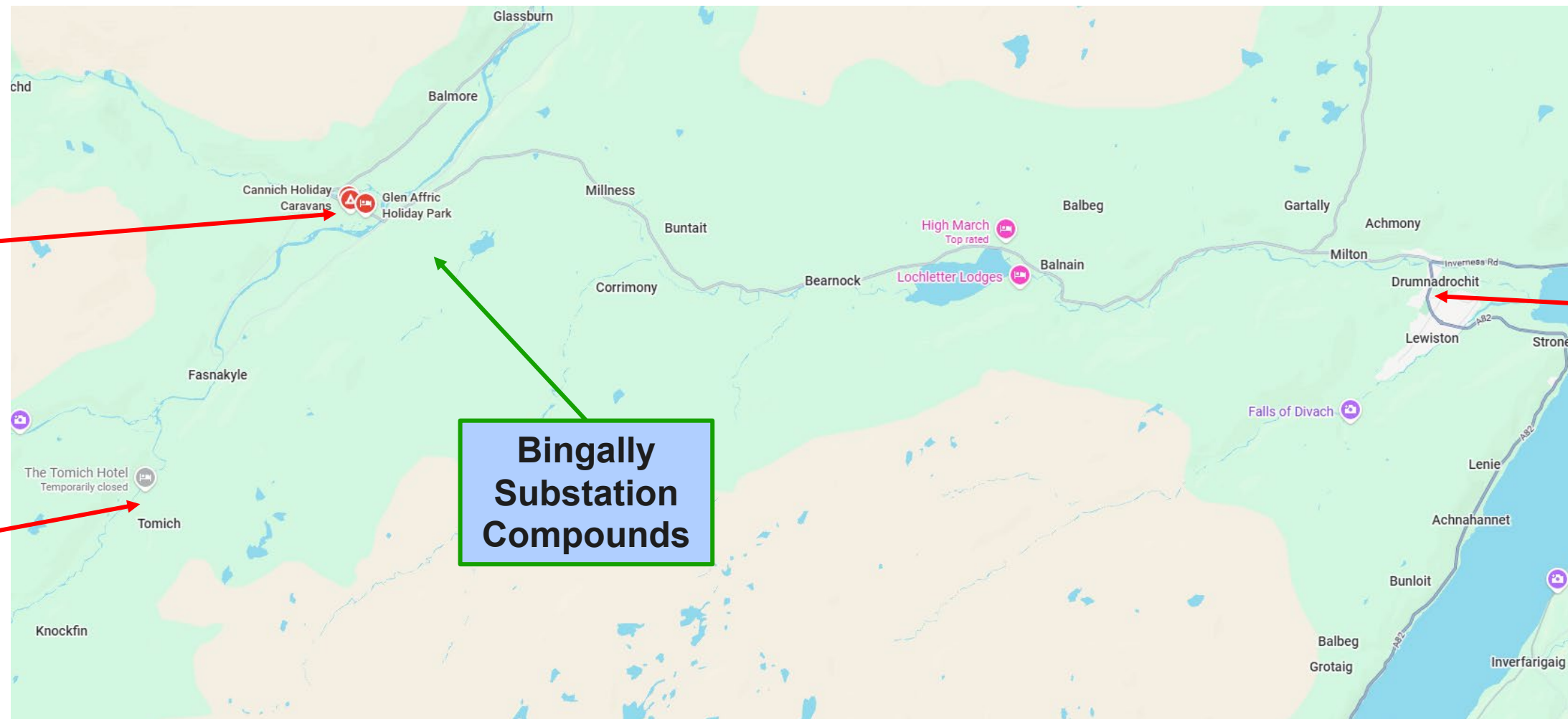
- Contractors will continue to work on detailed designs and delivery models.
- Pre-ecology surveys such as bat surveys.
- Pre-construction surveys such as road dilapidation surveys.

Key Contractors	Role
SEBAM	Principal Contractor. Responsible for Electrical, Mechanical and Civil works.
Future Forestry	Tree Felling
HED and EnviroCentre	Pre-Ecology Surveys
BAM and Duo Group	Pre-Construction Surveys

Planned Start on Site: Summer 2026, subject to planning condition discharge

Accommodation

- Peak number of workers on site: 150-200. Expected in mid-27, end-28, start-29.
- Minibuses will be utilised to minimise personal vehicle traffic to site compound.
- Safety and Consideration: Inductions which include how to get to site, rules around traffic in the villages, speed limits, car parking and expected behaviours on/off site. Daily toolbox talks. Code of Conduct specific to accommodation areas (Updated and briefed regularly).



**Glen Affric
Holiday Park**

13 Lodges

**Tomich
Holidays**

**6 Lodges +
Courtyard**

**Drumnadrochit
housing
development**

39 houses

**Bingally
Substation
Compounds**

The Project Team

SSEN Project Management:

Lead Project Manager: Alistair Muir

Project Manager: Irfan Ahmad

Assistant Project Manager: Abbie Mcilgorm

Principal Contractor: Siemens Energy + BAM Nuttall (SEBAM)

Project Director: Brian Walker

Project Manager: Keith Gibson

Community Engagement

Lead Community Liaison Manager (SSEN Transmission)* Kelly Scott

**We are currently in the process of recruiting a dedicated Community Liaison Manager for the project, with a view to them taking over from Kelly in Summer 2026.*

BAM Social Sustainability Coordinator: Heather Macgillivray

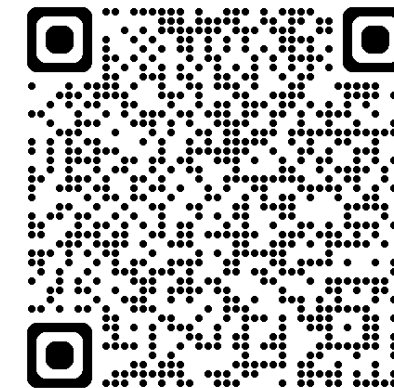
Keeping in touch

Project Contact Details:

bdup@sse.com

www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/bingally

Sign up for local and wider project updates on the project website:



Please note that whilst the CLG members will be emailed regarding any details related to the group, we cannot add members to our project updates distribution list without express permission

Questions