

Pre-Application Consultation Report

Creag Dhubh Substation

November 2021



Indicative Substation Layout



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of Document

- 1.1.1 Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) Transmission is applying for consent under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) to construct and operate a 132 / 275 kilovolt (kV) substation and associated infrastructure (the 'Proposed Development'). The Proposed Development would be located at Creag Dhubh, approximately 10.5 km southwest of Dalmally, Argyll and Bute (the 'site').
- 1.1.2 The Proposed Development falls within the category of 'National Development' under the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Development) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (the Hierarchy Regulations). Therefore, there is a statutory requirement to undertake public consultation in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/155).
- 1.1.3 This Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report documents the consultation process for the project which has been undertaken in accordance with the Hierarchy Regulations and Development Management Procedures prior to submission of the application. The programme of consultation was designed to engage with Argyll and Bute Council, statutory and non-statutory consultees, local communities, landowners, and individual residents to invite feedback on the proposals.
- 1.1.4 The PAC Report describes the key responses received and details the actions taken in response to the issues raised.

1.2 Document Structure

- 1.2.1 This PAC Report is comprised of six parts as follows:
 - 1: Introduction – sets out the purpose of the Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report.
 - 2: Proposed Development – outlines the background to the project and provides a description of the key elements.
 - 3: The Consultation Process – describes the framework for consultation and methods which have been employed.
 - 4: Public Responses and Key Issues – summarises the range of responses and key comments and issues arising through the consultation process.
 - 5: Conclusions and Next Steps – provides a summary of the conclusions reached and actions going forward.
- 1.2.2 The main body of this PAC Report is supported by a series of appendices and figures.



2. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

2.1 Project Background

- 2.1.1 SSEN Transmission is a wholly owned subsidiary of the SSE plc group of companies. SSEN Transmission owns and maintains the electricity transmission network across the north of Scotland and holds a license under the Electricity Act 1989 to develop and maintain an efficient, co-ordinated, and economical system of electricity transmission.
- 2.1.2 SSEN Transmission is applying for consent to construct and operate a 132 / 275 kilovolt (kV) substation and associated infrastructure. The substation would comprise:
- Gas insulated switchgear (GIS).
 - Two buildings. One side of the substation will comprise a 275kV double busbar GIS, housed in the larger of the two main buildings and will include connection of two 275kV overhead line bays. The other side will comprise a 132kV double busbar GIS, housed in the smaller of the buildings and will include four 132kV overhead line bays and a possible grid transformer bay.
 - Both sets of GIS will have two bays to connect to the centrally located supergrid transformers which sit between the two buildings. The 275/132kV supergrid transformers (SGT) will be rated at 480 MVA.
 - The substation footprint is approximately 190m by 200m. This gives a substation size of 3.8 hectares. Additional land take will be required for cut and fill to tie the platform into the existing ground levels, the adjacent overhead line towers, an access track to enter the site and any landscaping. Some land take will also be required during construction for temporary laydown, welfare and processing of material during earthworks.

2.2 The Proposed Development Need and Planning History

- 2.2.1 There is a requirement for SSEN Transmission to increase its network capability in Argyll and Kintyre, beyond that already under current construction and public development, to enable the connection of further renewable generation and to export to the wider national electricity transmission network. This group of works, designed to deliver the required increase in network capacity, has been named the 'Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Strategy'.
- 2.2.2 The Proposed Development forms part of the Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Strategy and aims to reinforce the existing transmission network connections in the Argyll region.
- 2.2.3 The proposed substation will connect the existing 132 kV overhead line between Inveraray to Taynuilt. It will also connect to the existing Dalmally to Inveraran 275 kV overhead line via the proposed Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL, to allow connection to the wider electricity network. To link the existing 132 kV overhead line to the existing 275 kV overhead line, the Creag Dhubh substation includes both 132 kV and 275 kV switchgear and 132/275 kV transformers to enable the two existing overhead lines to be linked.
- 2.2.4 A formal request for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Opinion under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 was submitted to Argyll & Bute Council in March 2018.

Since 2018, minor revisions to the site location have been made, comprising moving the substation by approximately 30 m to the north and amending the red line boundary to encompass an area of additional land take. In discussion with Argyll and Bute Council, a new Screening Opinion Request was submitted in September 2021, based on the new proposed substation location and red line boundary (see **Plate 1** and **Plate 2**). The submission also included updated survey data expanding on the baseline conditions along with potential impacts and mitigation measures that were identified in the 2018 Screening Letter.

2.2.5 A Planning Statement is being prepared to accompany the application for consent, providing further detail on the planning history of the site.

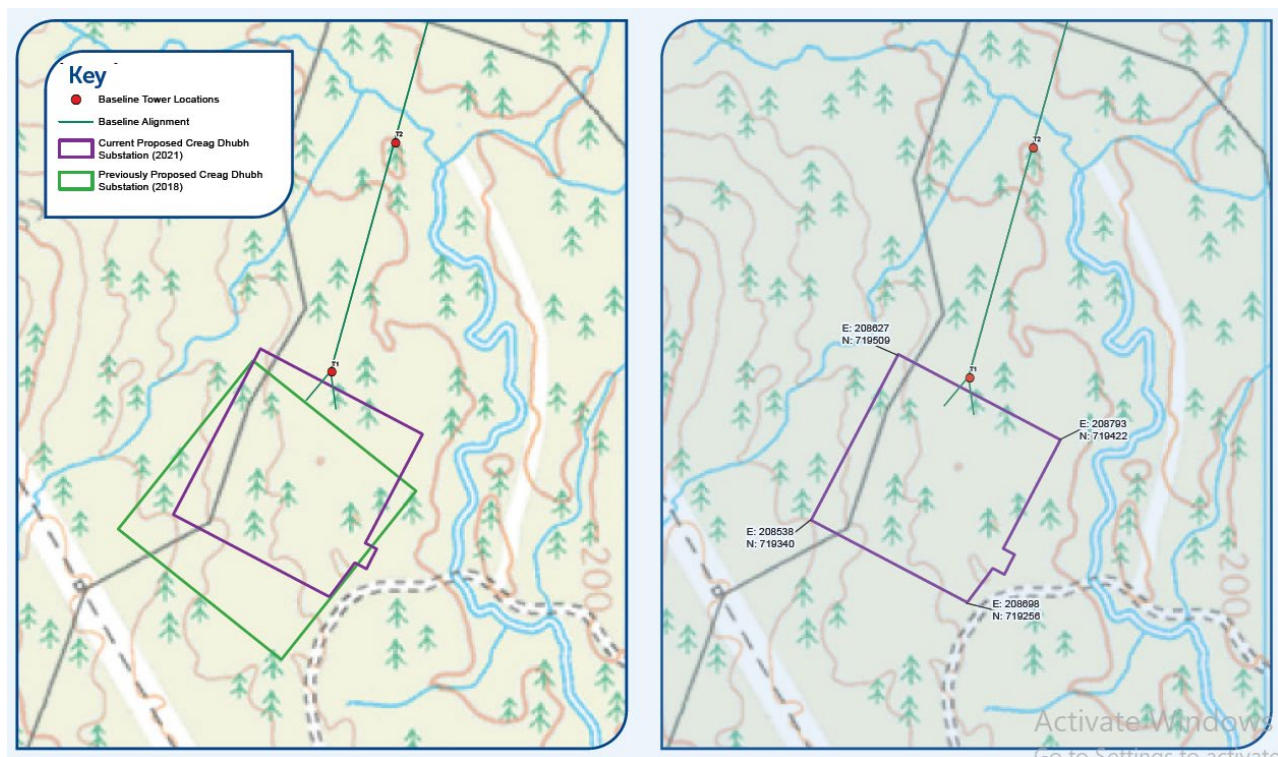


Plate 1: Creag Dhuhb Substation Design Change

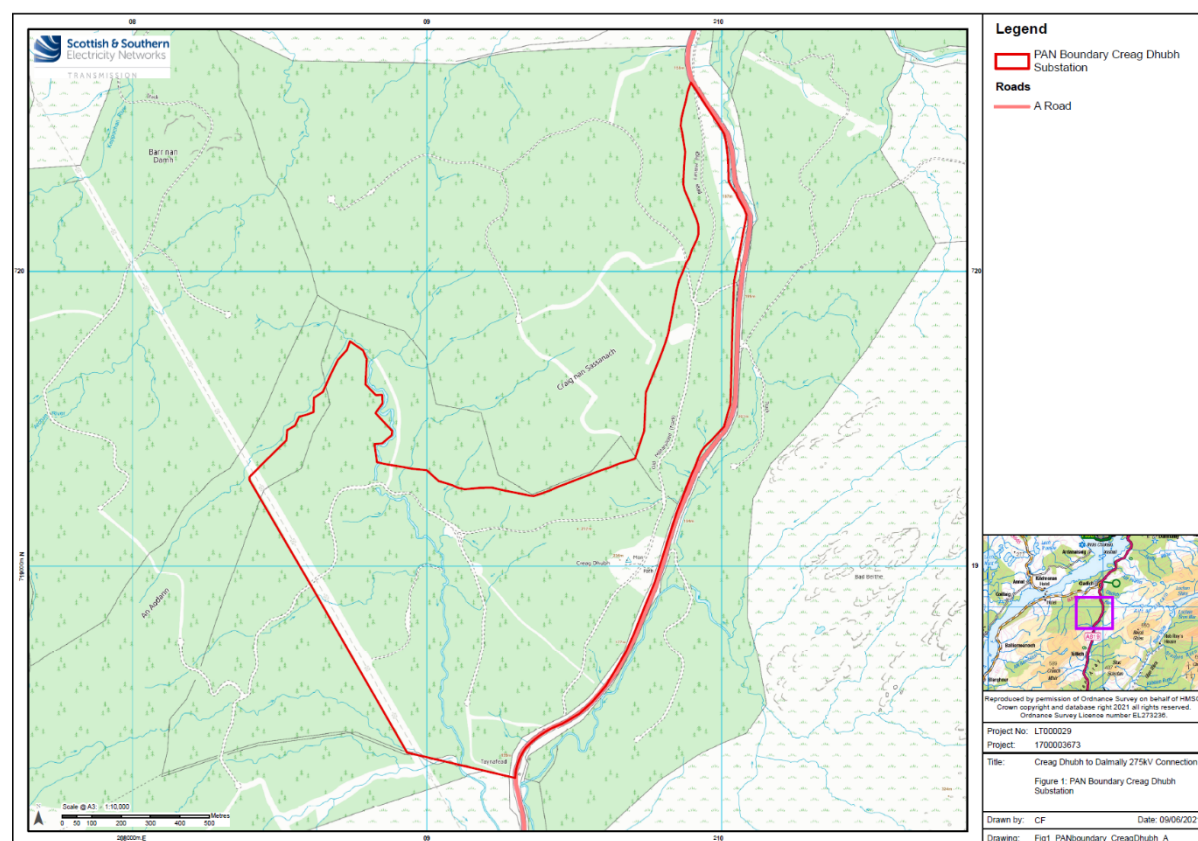


Plate 2: Creag Dhuhb Substation Red Line Boundary



3. THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

3.1 Overview

- 3.1.1 This section describes the methods employed during the consultation process and provides information on meetings and consultation held with stakeholders to obtain feedback on the application prior to submission.

3.2 Proposal of Application Notice

- 3.2.1 A Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) was submitted to Argyll and Bute Council on 10th June 2021, triggering a consultation period. The PAN provided the Council with an outline of the application details, and confirmation of the site location and application boundary. A copy of the PAN is provided in **Appendix 1**.

3.3 Discussion with Statutory Consultees

- 3.3.1 SSEN Transmission has undertaken discussions with Argyll and Bute Council, prior to, and during the PAN notice period. This has involved telephone and email communication to discuss the proposals and provide updates about submission timescales. Email communication was undertaken in advance of the public consultation to all relevant Statutory Consultees, who were provided with the Consultation Document¹ containing information on the PAN for Creag Dhubh Substation.

3.4 History of Public Consultation Events

The first public consultation events concerning Creag Dhubh Substation were held in March 2016 and October 2016. Local community members were invited to comment on proposals during the development process. Further consultations were held in March 2018, September 2020, and July/August 2021.

Due to the restrictions in place around social gatherings because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the public consultation in September 2020 and the PAN event in July/August 2021 were held virtually. A bespoke online consultation platform was developed, which allowed stakeholders to visit a virtual consultation room and view the project information. The virtual platform was designed to enable stakeholders to experience the full exhibition from home on a computer, tablet, or mobile device. It was designed to look and feel like a face-to-face consultation in a community hall, with exhibition boards, maps, interactive videos, and the opportunity to share views on the proposals. As an alternative to face-to-face events which we would normally hold, a live chat function was available at advertised times to allow attendees to ask questions and get responses from the project team.

A brief overview of the project progress and consultation undertaken since March 2016 is illustrated in **Plate 3**. This overview provides a summary for Creag Dhubh substation as well as the Creag Dhubh to Dalmally Overhead Line Connection project as the consultation process has historically included both project elements.

¹ https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/media/5542/tt29-creag-dhubh-to-dalmally_consultation-document_june-2021_issue.pdf



Plate 3 – Consultation and Project History



3.5 Public Consultation Event

3.5.1 The PAN virtual consultation event commenced on 12th July 2021 and finished on 13th August 2021.

3.5.2 The consultation was communicated in the following ways:

- The consultation events were advertised in the Argyllshire Advertiser and The Oban Times (**Appendix 2**).
- Leaflets were sent out to over 5,000 properties in proximity of the proposals notifying them of the consultation event (**Appendix 3**).
- A Consultation Brochure was produced providing information on the proposed development, Creag Dhubh Substation is detailed on pages 15 and 16, with the Feedback Form provided on page 37. The Brochure is available here: <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/media/5535/argyll-and-kintyre-275kv-strategy-consultation-brochure-2021.pdf>.
- An email was sent to all those who had signed up for project updates for each element within the Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Strategy.
- A press release was issued to local publications and published to the SSEN Transmission website and LinkedIn page <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/creag-dhubh-dalmally-275kv-connection/> and <https://uk.linkedin.com/company/ssen-transmission> (**Appendix 4**).
- Advance notification ahead of the consultation events was provided to local elected members including Community Councils.
- Emails were issued to affected Landowners and Statutory Consultees informing them of the PAN event and including a copy of the Consultation Document².

3.5.3 The virtual event provided an opportunity for members of the public, local stakeholders, and statutory authorities to view information about the project, ask questions (on the live chat function) and provide feedback.

3.5.4 The Creag Dhubh Substation display board presented in the virtual exhibition, is provided in **Appendix 5**.

3.5.5 A 3D model providing visualisations of the Proposed Development were available at the exhibition.

3.5.6 Attendees were invited to ask questions and give comments at the event, as well as give feedback via comments forms and / or via the project website.

² https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/media/5542/t29-creag-dhubh-to-dalmally_consultation-document_june-2021_issue.pdf



3.6 Any additional steps taken to consultation

3.6.1 Additional stakeholder face to face opportunities to engage with SSEN prior to planning submission were undertaken and are planned. These events (listed below) were in response to a general request for face-to-face engagement regarding the Creag Dhubh to Dalmally Overhead Line Connection project and whilst including information on the Creag Dhubh Substation, they were not specifically related to the substation proposal.

- 4th October 2021 – Round Table meeting with representatives from the Glenorchy & Innishail Community Council, Jenny Minto MSP, Drax.
- 4th October 2021 – Public Meeting – Dalmally Community Hall SSEN and local stakeholders.
- 23rd November 2021 – Pre-application Information event being held at Dalmally Community Centre. Provision of printed visualisations, access to the 3D visualisation model, further information on the removal of the Glen Lochy (Succoth Glen) switching station from our proposals and the SPEN Tie-In. Opportunity to speak with members of the team about the current proposals.

Update: this event has been postponed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in Dalmally. SSEN Transmission are seeking to identify a new date in early 2022.

4. PUBLIC RESPONSES AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 Public Consultation Event

4.1.1 The PAN consultation ran for five weeks, starting Monday 12th July 2021 and closing on Friday 13th August 2021.

4.1.2 Section 3.5.2 provides a summary of how the event was advertised to ensure stakeholders were aware it was taking place.

4.1.3 We asked stakeholders to respond to the following questions:

- Have we adequately explained the approach taken to select the preferred site for the Creag Dhubh substation?
- Do you have any concerns about our preferred site for the Creag Dhubh Substation?
- Are there any factors, or important points that should be brought to the attention of the Project Development Team regarding the Creag Dhubh substation site?

4.1.4 We have received 16 articles of feedback concerning Creag Dhubh Substation via online feedback forms and a formal response to the PAN from Argyll and Bute Council. From the 16 responses, 6 comments directly reference the substation with the other 10 comments directed at the Creag Dhubh to Dalmally Overhead Line project. We have included these responses within our Report on Consultation <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/media/6073/creag-dhubh-dalmally-275kv-connection-roc-with-figures-november-2021.pdf>.

4.1.5 Table 4.1 summarises the comments received. Feedback can be grouped into the following four themes: Impact on Tourism and Local Industry, Health Implications, Visual Impacts and Consultation.

Table 4.1: Consultation Feedback

Topic	Who	Comments Raised	SSEN Transmission's Response
Impact on Tourism and Local Industry	Community	Concerns that this project would have an adverse effect on Tourism and Farming.	Reinforcing the network will ensure future security of supply. It will also increase the capacity of the network to accommodate renewable generation. These infrastructure projects can provide local employment and use local services and suppliers. SSEN transmission work directly with affected landowners and their agents to agree compensation for any impacts to their land holdings.
Health Implications from Project	Community	Concerns on the impact the project will have on the health of the community.	Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMFs). SSEN Transmission are obliged as part of our transmission licence obligations, to ensure that our assets operate within the limits specified in guidance from the UK Government. These limits are based on the advice of the Government's independent scientific advisers - Health Protection Scotland and Public Health England (formerly Health Protection Agency, Formally NRPD) - who ensure the appropriate level of protection for the public from these fields. Health Protection Scotland and Public Health England are appointed by the Secretary of State to protect the public



Topic	Who	Comments Raised	SSEN Transmission's Response
			<p>from dangers to health. These organisations conduct and review relevant research and ensure that the guidelines for limiting exposure are based on the most appropriate available scientific information. Further information on the guidance can be accessed on the UK Government website.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/electromagnetic-fields</p> <p>Information on the research into a possible link between EMFs generated from electricity transmission infrastructure and human health is documented in the Energy Networks Association (2017) publication "Electric and Magnetic Fields: The Facts"</p> <p>https://www.energynetworks.org/industry-hub/resource-library/electric-and-magnetic-fields-facts.pdf</p>
Visual Impacts	Community	<p>Concerned that the size and location will be detrimental aesthetically, photomontages and 3D visuals would be useful.</p> <p>Concerned the design isn't sensitive to the natural beauty of the local area and that it will be landscaped into the hillside.</p>	<p>During the site selection process SSEN Transmission seek to develop a project that will avoid significant visual impacts and as part of the EA a landscape mitigation plan will be produced to help mitigate any adverse landscape and visual effects.</p> <p>A Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) is being completed as part of the Environmental Appraisal (EA) to assess potential landscape and visual effects as a result of the Proposed Development, both during construction and operation.</p> <p>Visualisations are produced as part of the EA and will be available to view on 23rd November (see Section 3.6).</p>
Consultation	Argyll and Bute Council	<p>To consider holding face to face public consultation meetings if regulations allow and to consider extending the period of consultation to enable these meetings to take place.</p>	<p>These events (listed below) were in response to a general request for face-to-face engagement regarding the Creag Dhubh to Dalmally Overhead Line Connection project and whilst including information on the Creag Dhubh Substation, they were not specifically related to the substation proposal.</p> <p>(1) 4th October 2021 – Round Table meeting with representatives from the Glenorchy & Innishail Community Council, Jenny Minto MSP, Drax.</p> <p>(2) 4th October 2021 – Public Meeting – Dalmally Community Hall SSEN and local stakeholders. Resulted in the publication of a FAQ's document, refer to Section 5.2.</p> <p>(3) Information event being held on 23rd November 2021, Dalmally Community Centre. Provision of printed</p>



Topic	Who	Comments Raised	SSEN Transmission's Response
		Please see full response here: https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?MId=14287&x=1	visualisations, access to the 3D visualisation model, further information on the removal of the Glen Lochy (Succoth Glen) switching station from our proposals and the SPEN Tie-In. Opportunity to speak with members of the team about the current proposals.



5. CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

5.1 Conclusions

- 5.1.1 The PAN was submitted to Argyll and Bute Council on the 10th June 2021 (**Appendix 1**).
- 5.1.2 This PAC Report documents the consultation which ran for five weeks, starting Monday 12th July 2021 and closing on Friday 13th August 2021.
- 5.1.3 The consultation was designed to engage with stakeholders, primarily the local community, landowners, and individual residents, to invite feedback on the Proposed Development. The common themes from the feedback forms were:
- Impact on Tourism and Local Industry
 - Health Implications
 - Visual Impacts
 - Consultation
- 5.1.4 The approach to public consultation has ensured that the local community have been given the opportunity to comment on the proposals. This has enabled locally important issues and concerns to be identified and subsequently considered in the preparation of the Creag Dhubh Substation planning application.

5.2 Next Steps

- 5.2.1 SSEN will continue to engage with key stakeholders and the local community as the project progresses. Members of the public will also have opportunity to comment on the planning application, once it has been submitted, directly to Argyll and Bute Council. Full instructions on how to comment and the timescales for doing so will be advertised in the local press when the application is submitted. Information will be posted on the SSEN project website at: <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/creag-dhubh-dalmally-275kv-connection/>.

Argyll & Bute Council

via email only

Pippa Gardner
Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc
Inveralmond House
200 Dunkeld Road
Perth PH1 3AQ
07807 528686

10th June 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Our ref: LT29/ Creag Dhubh Substation/PAN

National Development: National Development – Erection of electricity substation comprising platform area, control building, associated plant and infrastructure, ancillary facilities, access track(s), laydown area(s) and landscape works.

The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended)

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHE Transmission) is pleased to submit a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) and associated site location plan relating a proposal for a new substation at Creag Dhubh. The proposed development is classified as National Development as defined in Annex A of the National Planning Framework 3 (NPF3), by virtue of it forming part of the high voltage electricity transmission network. The Proposed Development falls under the class of development noted as: *“new and/or upgraded onshore substations directly linked to electricity transmission cabling of or in excess of 132 kilovolts”*.

The redline PAN boundary seeks to include all land required to complete the construction and operation of the substation and site access. This redline will be refined prior to submission of a formal application.

Further details on the proposed development will be provided to interested parties at a series of public consultation events to be held prior to a planned formal submission for planning permission in October 2021. Due to ongoing uncertainty on COVID 19 pandemic restrictions the events will be held virtually.

Details of the primary events are provided below:

14th July 2021: 10am – 1pm and 5pm – 7pm

Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ 

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Electricity Networks

15th July 2021: 10am-1pm and 5pm-7pm

29th July 2021: 10am-1pm and 5pm-7pm.

The events will be advertised 14 days prior to the dates in the Oban Times (1st July 2021). A copy of the advert text is attached for information. Comments on the events will be accepted from the date of the advert and for 14 days after the events (to 13th August 2021). The ability to engage with the project via the website or other means will be open throughout the 12-week pre-application period.

A postcard drop providing more information on the proposals, and the ways in which to participate in consultation on the project has been prepared for issue to all residents within a 5km radius of the site. Information on how to obtain physical copies of the exhibition information or a more detailed information leaflet will be provided at this time. This will be issued circa 10 days prior to the first event via postal service. More information on the project will be provided on the project website and also on SSEN Transmission social media outlets. This approach hopes to ensure that all those with an interest in engaging on the project are provided with an opportunity to review the project information, regardless of accessibility to the internet, or ability to attend any of the live events.

A copy of the PAN will be provided to the Community Councils and other parties as listed in the PAN notice, and should they wish to engage directly on the project via a meeting or other means this will be encouraged.

We trust that the attached and above is sufficient for the purposes of completing the PAN process and look forward to your confirmation thereof. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Pippa Gardner

Town Planning Specialist
Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks

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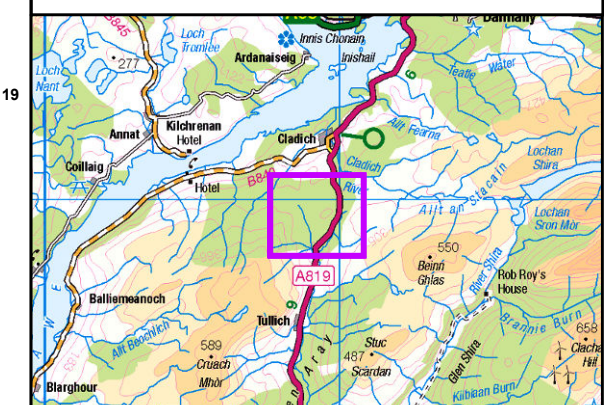
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Legend

PAN Boundary Creag Dhubh Substation

Roads

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Form provided by



This form should be used by prospective applicants to serve notice to both the Planning Authority and other relevant persons/community groups/agencies that 'PAC' is to be undertaken in respect of a prospective planning application.

For Official Use Only

Date Received:

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Ref:

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Pre-Application Consultation ('PAC') - Proposal of Application Notice

Requisite Notice under Section 35B(2) & (5) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended by the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

TAKE NOTICE:

- 1) **That pre-application consultation is to be undertaken by:** (insert name and contact details of prospective applicant – see note 1)

Name: **Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc**.....,

Address: **Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth PH1 3AQ**,

Telephone: **..07807 528686**.....E-mail: **pipppa@progresspc.co.uk**.....,

- 2) **represented in this matter by:** (if applicable, insert name and contact details of agent – see note 2)

Name: **N/A**

,Address: ,

Telephone: . E-mail

for a prospective planning application for: (insert general description of development – see note 3)

National Development – Erection of electricity substation comprising platform area, control building, associated plant and infrastructure, ancillary facilities, access track(s), laydown area(s) and landscape works.

- 3) **at:** (insert address of prospective development – see note 4)

Creag Dhubh Substation – land east of Creag Dhubh, grid reference: E208663 N719380

as identified on the accompanying scale location plan. (see note 5)

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS TO PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION:

- 4) If you wish to make comments about the prospective development these should **be submitted to the prospective applicant at:** (insert postal/e-mail address/telephone to which consultation comments should be submitted to the prospective applicant or their representative in this matter – see note 6):

Name **Helen Batey,**

Address: Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ

Telephone: T: 01925 800833 M: +44(0)7778 453 993 E-mail **helen.batey@sse.com,**

- 5) **no later than:** (insert closing date for receipt of comments to 'PAC' – see note 7)

13th August 2021

Note: PAC is undertaken by prospective applicants in advance of the submission of a formal planning application to Argyll and Bute Council. Comments in respect of a PAC exercise must be submitted to the PROSPECTIVE APPLICANT and should not be submitted to the planning authority at this time. Any correspondence received by Argyll and Bute Council's Planning Services in respect of a PAC exercise will be returned to the sender. Comments submitted to a prospective applicant at this time are not representations to the Planning Authority; in the event that the prospective applicant submits an application for planning permission then there would be an opportunity to make representations on that application following its submission to the Planning Authority.

SUMMARY OF PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE PROSPECTIVE APPLICANT:

- 6) **Having regard to the requirements of Section 35B(2) of the Act, this notice has been served upon Argyll and Bute Council, Planning and Regulatory Services, Major Applications Unit, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, PA31 8ST on:** (enter date noticeserved upon planning authority – see note 8)

10th June 2021

from which a minimum of 12 weeks must elapse prior to the submission of a formal application for planning permission.

- 7) **Those notified in terms of Regulation 7(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 are:** (insert details of relevant Community Council consultation – see note 9 – continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Community Council	Address	Date Notified
Glenorchy & Innishail Community Council	c/o gandiccouncil@gmail.com	10/6/21
Avich & Kilchrenan Community Council	c/o finlay@mcfee.co.uk	10/6/21

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- 8) **In addition to the requirements of Regulation 7(1), the following community stakeholders and other community interests have also been served notice:** (insert details of other relevant individuals/property/community organisations/consultees to be notified during 'PAC' – continue on a separate sheet if necessary – see note 10)

Other Community Interests	Address	Date Notified
MSP - Jenni Minto	Jenni.Minto.msp@parliament.scot	10/6/21
MP - Brendan O'Hara	brendan.ohara.mp@parliament.uk	10/6/21
Councillors (Oban North and Lorn)		
Kieron Green	Kieron.Green@argyll-bute.gov.uk	10/6/21
Elaine Robertson	Elaine.Robertson@argyll-bute.gov.uk	10/6/21
Andrew Vennard	Andrew.Vennard@argyll-bute.gov.uk	10/6/21
Julie McKenzie	julie.mckenzie@argyll-bute.gov.uk	10/6/21

- 9) **Having regard to the requirements of Regulation 7(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 a public event where members of the public may make comments to the prospective applicant/agent as regards the proposed development will be held at:**

(insert details of public event location(s)/venue(s) – see note 11)

Public Event	V e n u e	Time(s) & Date(s)
Virtual Village Hall Consultation	Virtual Village Hall, Link to be provided via project website.	14 th July 2021 10am-1pm & 5-7pm 15 th July 2021 10am-1pm & 5-7pm 29 th July 2021 10am-1pm & 5-7pm
Note: The PAN event will be held in conjunction with stakeholder public consultation events for the associated overhead line project (Creagh Dubh to Dalmally) and other Argyll Region Transmission projects being progressed by SHET plc at this time. The PAN event for Creagh Dubh will be clearly identified and separate comment and feedback forms / mechanisms clearly provided.		

- 10) the full details of which shall be published a minimum of 7 days in advance in:**
(insert name of publication local to development site/location of public event(s) – see note 12)

Publication	Date Published
Oban Times	1/7/2021

- 11) In addition to the above it is also proposed to undertake the following additional forms and types of consultations:** (insert details of who is to be consulted, form of consultation, date and time consultation will be undertaken – continue on another sheet if necessary - see note 13)

The event will be advertised two weeks in advance and a postcard drop containing full details of the event and access information, alongside details of how to obtain copies of the event boards/project proposals will be delivered to all addresses within 5km of the site.

Information will be made available on the project website and on SSE social media channels throughout the consultation period.

The PAN event will run in conjunction with wider non-statutory consultation on associated projects throughout the Argyll area to enable a wider understanding of the overall proposals. Links to project websites for each of these elements will also be made available on request.

Direct contact with Community Councils will be made to offer attendance to meetings to provide more information if appropriate.

SSEN Transmission social media sites will be utilised and a press release will be issued in advance of events.

12) DECLARATION

I hereby certify that I, the prospective applicant/agent, have given correct and complete information and given the requisite notice to all parties listed above in respect of the requirements of S35B of the Act.

SIGNATURE OF PROSPECTIVE APPLICANT/AGENT: Pippa J. Gardner

PRINT NAME: Pippa Gardner

DATED: 10/6/21

Proposal of Application Notice

Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure (Scotland)) Regulations 2008 &

The Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020

Public Exhibition to be held in respect of proposed Creag Dhubh Substation.

National Development – Erection of electricity substation comprising platform area, control building, associated plant and infrastructure, ancillary facilities, access track(s), laydown area(s) and landscape works.

A proposal of application notice (PAN) has been submitted to Argyll & Bute Council. In light of COVID-19 restrictions consultation is required to be undertaken virtually. The following event and information sources have been set up:

- Virtual Village Hall Consultation: 14th July 2021 10am-1pm & 5-7pm
15th July 2021 10am-1pm & 5-7pm
29th July 2021 10am-1pm & 5-7pm
- Join and find more information on the project website:
- Interested parties are invited to participate in these events. These will enable a real time opportunity to replace the usual face to face public event, and also enable offline communication if preferred. Comments and queries can be made for 14 days after the events.

The project website and information postcards to be provided to the community will provide more information on the project, comments on these are also encouraged and can be made throughout the consultation period.

Comments **should not** be submitted to the Council at this time as they will not be taken into consideration. Statements made to the prospective applicant and their representatives are not representations to Argyll & Bute Council. If a planning application is subsequently submitted, then there will be an opportunity to make a direct representation to the Council at that time.

Further information or queries can be requested by contacting: helen.batey@sse.com



Virtual
Event

Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Strategy Virtual Public Consultation

SSEN Transmission invites you to share your views with us

What is being consulted on?

We would like to invite you to join our virtual consultation exhibitions to share your views and feedback on our proposals for our Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Strategy which aims to enable the connection of new renewable generation to support the transition to net zero emissions. This strategy is comprised of three elements:

1

Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275kV Connection

Following previous rounds of consultation on this project, we are now looking to hear your views on our Preferred Alignment for the overhead line within the selected route (Route Option 3). This event will also be the first formal public consultation for the Creag Dhubh substation Pre-application Notice (PAN).

2

Creag Dhubh to Inveraray 275kV Overhead Line

This is a new project which would involve between 8-12 km of new 275kV overhead line constructed between the proposed new substation at Creag Dhubh, and a connection point on the Inveraray to Crossaig overhead line. We are inviting views as to our Preferred Route Option, within which the replacement overhead line will be located.

3

Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Substations

To complete the Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Strategy all the connected substations require upgrade to 275kV capability, as a result we are progressing with a new project which would involve construction and operation of four new 275kV electricity substations, south of Inveraray. We are inviting views regarding preferred Site Options identified for each of these substations.

The team will be available for live instant message chat sessions on:

Wednesday 14th July 2021
10am-1pm & 5-7pm

Thursday 15th July 2021
10am-1pm & 5-7pm

Thursday 29th July 2021
10am-1pm & 5-7pm

How can I get involved?

The virtual consultation exhibitions are part of a 5 week long consultation and have been designed to be fully interactive, allowing for presentation of key project information and plans, as well as providing an opportunity to engage directly with the project team via the chat sessions. The virtual consultation portal, the consultation brochure, other supporting documents and feedback forms can be accessed on the project webpage:
www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/argyll-and-kintyre-275kv-strategy/

Consultation starts on Monday 12th July 2021 and closes on Friday 13th August 2021. We kindly request that feedback forms are submitted by 13th August.

If you have any questions about the project or are unable to join the virtual consultations and you would like a paper copy of the consultation brochure please contact the Community Liaison Manager by email, phone or post:

Helen Batey
Community Liaison Manager
Scottish and Southern Electricity
Networks, Inveralmond House, 200
Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ
Helen.Batey@sse.com
01925 800 833 / 07778 453 993

We are inviting all interested stakeholders to join our virtual consultation exhibitions to share your views and feedback on our proposals for our Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Strategy.

We will be holding six interactive sessions where you will be able to speak to the project team via the text chat function.

To join the virtual consultation exhibitions please visit the consultation portal, available via the link below.

The interactive consultation sessions will be taking place on:

Wednesday 14th July 2021 – 10am-1pm & 5-7pm

Thursday 15th July 2021 – 10am-1pm & 5-7pm

Thursday 29th July 2021 – 10am-1pm & 5-7pm

3DW #webinar #consultation #feedback

<https://lnkd.in/dRWwbXp>



SSEN Transmission - Argyll and Kintyre 275kv Strategy

3dwtech.co.uk

How do I have my say?

We would appreciate your feedback on the project proposals. A feedback form for each project is included in the consultation booklet (which is available online or by post on request) and can also be viewed and completed online. We kindly request that feedback forms are submitted by 13th August.

The virtual consultation portal, the Consultation Brochure and other supporting documents can be accessed on the project webpage:

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Keep in touch

If you have any questions or require further information or assistance regarding SSEN Transmission's Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Strategy, please do not hesitate to contact the project Community Liaison Manager. You can contact us by email, phone or post:

Helen Batey, Community Liaison Manager
Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks,
Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road,
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SSEN Transmission is seeking your feedback

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Information on our proposals can also be found within our Consultation Booklet which is available to view on the project webpage.

If you are unable to attend the interactive sessions and would like further information, would like a paper copy of the Consultation Brochure, or have any other queries relating to the projects please call our Community Liaison Manager.

The consultation is open for 5 weeks, starting on 12th July and closing on 13th August. You can submit your feedback via the portal, via the online feedback form on the web page or in writing to the Community Liaison Manager.

The events also form the formal public consultation events for the PAN submitted to the Council for Creag Dhubh substation.

The interactive consultation sessions will be taking place on:

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Thursday 15th July 2021 – 10am-1pm & 5-7pm

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Project Webpage:

www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/argyll-and-kintyre-275kv-strategy/

The Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Strategy

This strategy is comprised of three elements; the previously consulted upon Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275kV Connection project, alongside the introduction of two new projects; Creag Dhubh to Inveraray 275kV Overhead Line and Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Substations.

Creag Dhubh - Dalmally 275kV Connection

1

Following previous rounds of consultation on this project, we are now looking to hear your views on our Preferred Alignment for the overhead line within the selected route (Route Option 3).

This event will be the first formal public consultation for the Creag Dhubh substation Pre-application Notice (PAN).

This element of the consultation is therefore a statutory consultation (within the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act regulations) seeking views on the proposed substation and associated works prior to finalising the design for submission in Autumn 2021.

Creag Dhubh - Inveraray 275kV Overhead Line

2

This is a new project which would involve between 8-12 km of new 275kV overhead line constructed between the proposed new substation at Creag Dhubh, and a connection point on the Inveraray to Crossaig overhead line.

We are inviting views as to our Preferred Route Option, within which the replacement overhead line will be located.

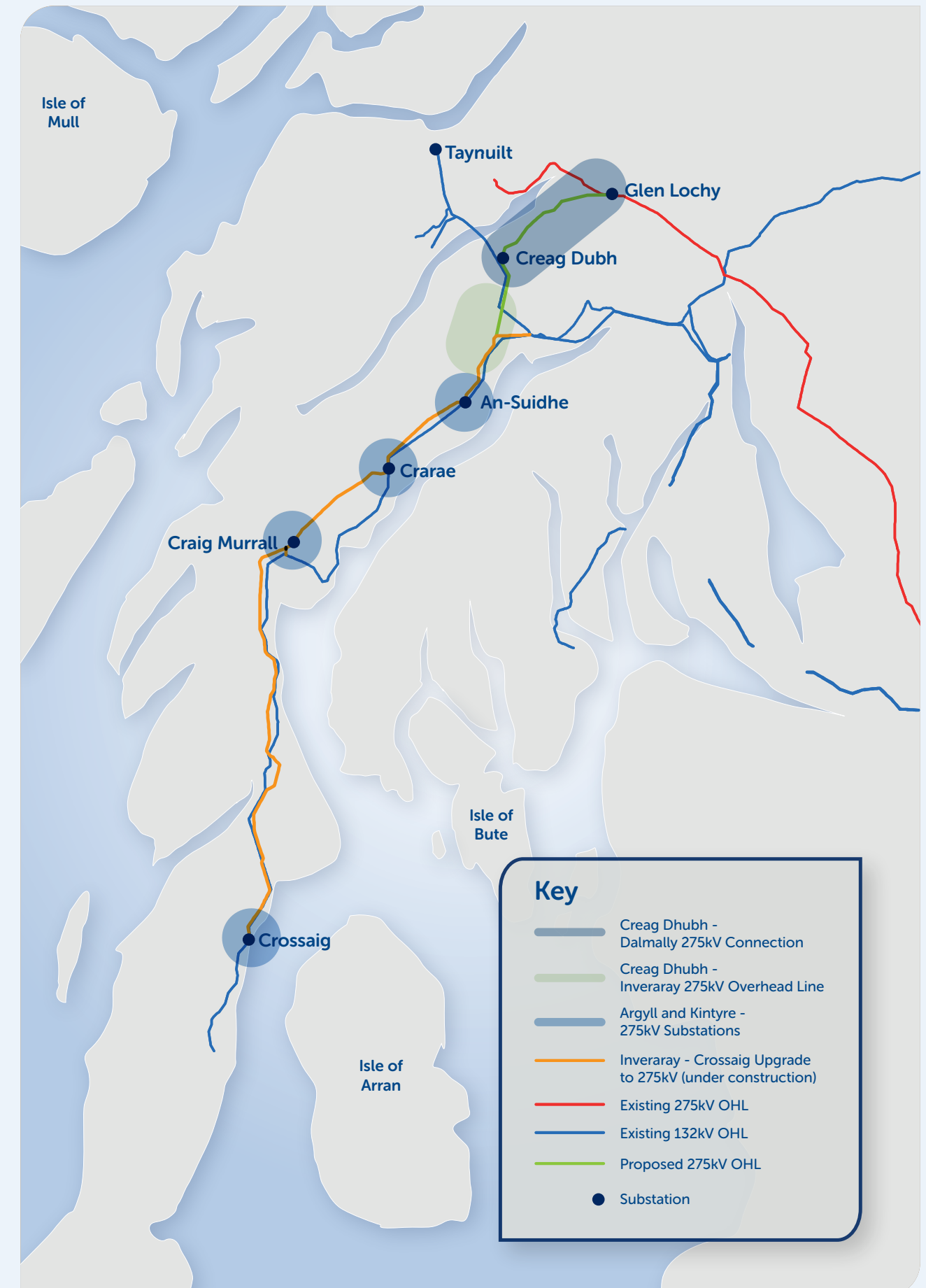
Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Substations

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To complete the Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Strategy all the connected substations require upgrade to 275kV capability, as a result we are progressing with a new project which would involve construction and operation of four new 275kV electricity substations, south of Inveraray.

We are inviting views regarding preferred Site Options identified for each of these substations.

The locations of the projects can be viewed on the map below.

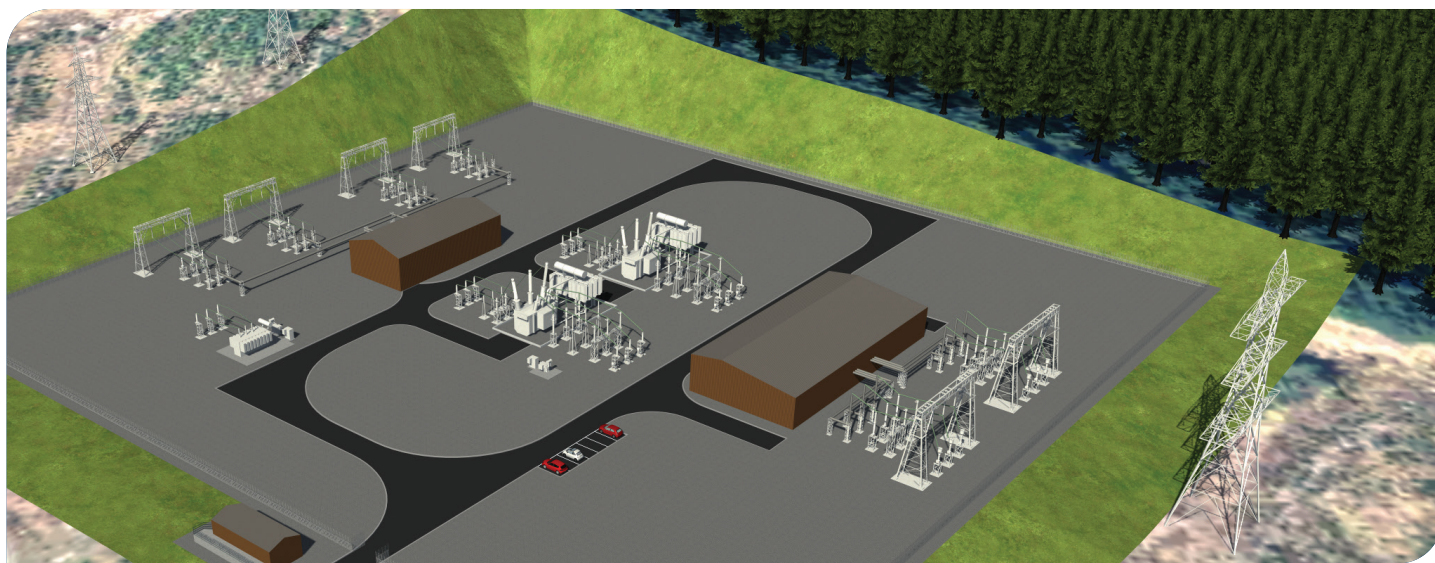


Creag Dhubh – Dalmally 275kV Connection

Substation Details

- To allow for a reduced substation surface area, gas insulated switchgear (GIS) has been chosen rather than air insulated switchgear (AIS).
- One side of the substation will consist of a 275kV double busbar GIS, housed in the larger of the two main buildings and will include connection of two 275kV overhead line bays. The other side will consist of 132kV double busbar GIS, housed in the smaller of the two main buildings and will include four 132kV overhead line bays and a possible grid transformer bay.
- Sufficient space has been allowed within the current design to allow the phased connection of the new 275kV overhead line between Creag Dhubh and Inveraray with the aim of minimising impact to customers.
- Both sets of GIS will have two bays to connect to the centrally located supergrid transformers which sit between the two buildings. The 275/132kV supergrid transformers (SGT) will be rated at 480 MVA.

At present, the current footprint stands at roughly 190m by 200m. This gives a substation size of 3.8 hectares. Additional land take will be required for cut and fill to tie the platform into the existing ground levels, the adjacent overhead line towers, an access track to enter the site and any landscaping. Some land take will also be required during construction for laydown, welfare and processing of material during earthworks.



Visualisation of the proposed Creag Dhubh substation

Planning Application

This site is now subject to formal pre-application consultation as part of the PAN process. The PAN was submitted to Argyll and Bute Council on 10th June. As part of the pre-application process we are required to hold a main public consultation event. Due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, the Government have directed that all such events must be held virtually until further notice. We have co-joined this PAN event with the stakeholder engagement for the wider project. It should be noted that the Creag Dhubh PAN consultation is a statutory event and feedback on the proposals for this element should be provided on the appropriate form (see Page 37).

Next Steps

We encourage you to make comment and provide feedback on the proposals for the new Creag Dhubh substation by Friday 13th August via the feedback form, which can be found on Page 37, via the project webpage, or via email to the Community Liaison Manager. The comments received will be reviewed and responded to and where appropriate changes to the proposed development will be made prior to submission of the formal planning application to Argyll & Bute Council in Autumn 2021. At that time, comments of support or objection can be made directly to the council as part of the statutory application process. At this time all comments should be directed to SSEN Transmission and not to the Council.