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Glossary and Abbreviations

132 kV 132 kilovolt (132,000 volt) operating voltage electrical circuit

The 1989 Act The Electricity Act 1989

AA Appropriate Assessment

AADT Annual Average Daily Traffic

AC Aberdeenshire Council

ACAS Aberdeenshire Council Archaeology Service

ACIfA Associate of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists

ACoW Archaeological Clerk of Works

AIL Abnormal Indivisible Load
AOD Above Ordnance Datum

Applicant Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc who, operating and known as Scottish

and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission, own, operate and develop the

high voltage electricity transmission system in the north of Scotland and

remote islands.

ASH ASH design + assessment Ltd.

ATC Automatic Traffic Counter

ATV All-Terrain Vehicle

AWI Ancient Woodland Inventory

BAP Biodiversity Action Plan

BCT Bat Conservation Trust

BESS Battery Energy Storage System

BEMP Biodiversity enhancement Management Plan

BGS British Geological Survey

BNG Biodiversity Net Gain is a process which leaves nature in a better state than it

started

BoCC Birds of Conservation Concern

BT British Telecom

BTO British Trust for Ornithology

BHS British Horse Society

BNG Biodiversity Net Gain

BSBI Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland

BU Biodiversity Units

CAR Controlled Activities Regulations, also known as The Water Environment

(Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (and amendments), apply

regulatory control over activities which may affect Scotland's water

environment.

CDM Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

CEMP Construction Environmental Management Plan

CFA CFA Archaeology Limited.

CIEEM Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management

CIRIA Construction Industry Research and Information Association

ClfA Chartered Institute for Archaeologists

CMLI Chartered Members of the Landscape Institute

CNP Cairngorms National Park

Conductor A metallic wire strung from structure to structure, to carry electric current.

CoWRP Control of Woodland Removal Policy

CP Core Path

CTMP Construction Traffic Management Plan

DDSFB (Dee) District Salmon Fisheries Board

DEFRA Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

DfT Department for Transport

DIA Drainage Impact Assessment

DMRB Design Manual for Roads and Bridges

DTM Digital Terrain Model

DWPA Drinking Water Protection Area

EC European Commission

ECoW Environmental Clerk of Works

ECU Energy Consents Unit

EIA Environmental Impact Assessment. A formal process set down in The

Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 used to systematically identify, predict and assess the likely significant

environmental impacts of a proposed project or development.

ECIA Ecological Impact Assessment

EEC European Economic Community

EMF Electric and Magnetic Fields

EMI Electromagnetic Interference

EPS European Protected Species

EPZ Equi-Potential Zones

ESQCR Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations

EU European Union

Ezol Ecological Zone of Influence

FCC Feughside Community Council

FLS Forest and Land Scotland

FRA Flood Risk Assessment

FWPM Fresh Water Pearl Mussel

GBRs General Binding Rules

GDL Garden and Designed Landscape, as listed on the Inventory of Gardens and

Designed Landscapes held by Historic Environment Scotland

GEMPs General Environmental Management Plans

GET Golden Eagle Topographical Model

GI Ground Investigation

GIS Geographic Information System

GLVIA3 Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment 3rd Edition

GPP Guidance for Pollution Prevention

GVA Gross Value Added

GWP Global Warming Potential

GWDTE Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems

Ha Hectare. An area measuring 10,000 square metres

HER Historic Environment Record

HES Historic Environment Scotland

HGV Heavy Goods Vehicle

HMP Habitat Management Plan

HRA Habitats Regulations Appraisal must be carried out by the 'competent

authority' if a plan or project (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) could affect a European designated site. The Applicant is required to submit scientific evidence to enable the competent authority to complete the HRA and this evidence is typically submitted in the form of a 'Shadow HRA'.

IEFs Important Ecological Features

IEMA Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (now ISEP)

INNS Invasive Non-Native Species

IOF Important Ornithological Feature

ISEP Institute of Sustainability of Environmental Professionals (formally IEMA)

IUCN International Union for Conservation of Nature

JRC Joint Radio Company

JNCC Joint Nature Conservation Committee

Km Kilometer kV Kilovolts

LB Listed Building

LBAP Local Biodiversity Action Plan

LCA Landscape Character Area

LCT Landscape Character Type

LEPO Long-Established (of plantation origin)

LGV Light Goods Vehicles

LI Landscape Institute

LLZ Local Landscape Zone

LNCS Local Nature Conservation Site

LoD Limit of Deviation

LSE Likely Significant Effect

LTFP Long Term Forest Plan

LVIA Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment

M Meter

MM Millimetre

MD – SEDD Marine Directorate – Science Evidence Data and Digital

MOD Ministry of Defence

Mitigation Term used to identify measures that are identified to prevent, reduce or

remedy any potentially significant adverse environmental effects.

mph miles per hour

MW Megawatts

NATS National Air Traffic Services

NBN National Biodiversity Network

NCI Nature Conservation Importance

NCR National Cycle Route

ND National Development

NESBREC North East Scotland Biological Records Centre

NESRSG North East Scotland

NGR National Grid Reference

NHZ Natural Heritage Zone

NNR National Nature Reserve

NPF4 Fourth National Planning Framework

NRTF National Road Traffic Forecast

NS NatureScot

NVC National Vegetation Classification

OC Operational Corridor

OHL Overhead Line. An electric line installed above ground, usually supported by

lattice steel towers, steel or wooden poles.

OAMP Outline Access Management Plan

OBEP Outline Biodiversity Enhancement Plan

OPGW Optical Ground Wire

OS Ordnance Survey

PAC Pre-Application Consultation Report

PAN Planning Advice Notice

PCA Peatland Condition Assessment

PLHRA Peat Landslide Hazard and Risk Assessment

PMP Peat Management Plan

PPG Pollution Prevention Guidance Notes

Proposed Development The Proposed Development is taken to be the description of the OHL

components, access arrangements and any associated construction activities

and land-use requirements.

PWS Private Water Supply

PRA Preliminary Roost Assessments

PRF Potential Roosting Features

PWSRA Private Water Supply Risk Assessment

RAG Red, Amber, Green Rating

Routeing The work undertaken which leads to the selection of a proposed alignment,

capable of being taken forward into the consenting process under Section 37

of the Electricity Act 1989

RSPB Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

SAC Special Area of Conservation – designated under Directive 92/42/EEC on the

Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (known as -

The Habitats Directive)

SBL Scottish Biodiversity List

Section 37 An application for development consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act

1989

SEPA Scottish Environment Protection Agency

SERAD Scottish Executive Rural Affairs Department

SLA Special Landscape Area

SLQ Special Landscape Qualities

SLR SLR Consulting Limited

SM Scheduled Monument

SNH Scottish Natural Heritage, former name of the public body NatureScot which

changed in August 2020



SPA Special Protection Area – designated under Directive 2009/147/EC on the

Conservation of Wild Birds (the Birds Directive)

SPP Species Protection Plans

SSEN Transmission Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission, operating under

licence as Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc – part of Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks, and the transmission licence holder for the

transmission of electricity in the north of Scotland

SSSI Site of Special Scientific Interest – designated by SNH under the Nature

Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004

SuDS Sustainable Drainage System

T5 DTM Terrain 5 Digital Terrain Model

TA Transport Assessment

TS Transport Scotland

UGC Underground Cable. An electric line installed below ground.

UKBAP United Kingdom Biodiversity Action Plan

VL Visualisation Location

WCA Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) (as amended)

WFD Water Framework Directive

WLA Wild Land Areas

WSI Written Scheme of Investigation

ZTV Zone of Theoretical Visibility – the computer-generated theoretical visibility of

an object in the landscape