



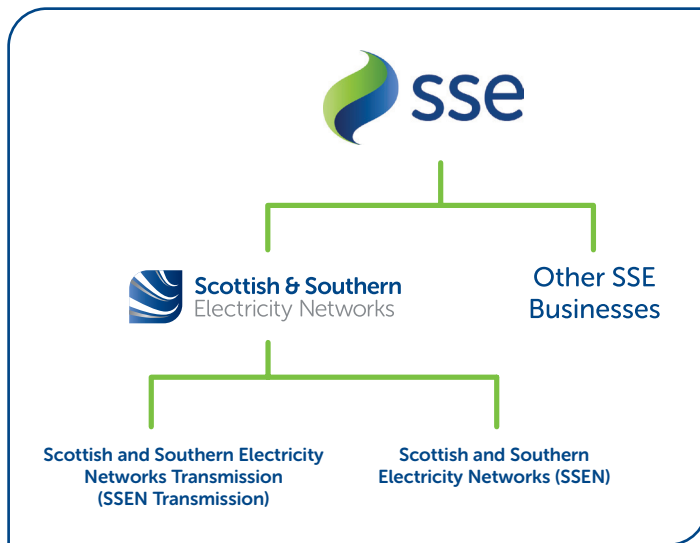
Inveraray to Crossaig reinforcement project

Project newsletter | November 2022

Who are SSEN Transmission?

We own, operate and develop the high voltage electricity transmission network in the north of Scotland. The network consists of underground and subsea cables, overhead lines on wooden poles and steel towers, and electricity substations, extending over a quarter of the UK's land mass crossing some of its most challenging terrain.

We power the communities we serve by providing a safe and reliable supply of electricity, taking the electricity from generators and transporting it at high voltages over long distances through the transmission network for onwards distribution to homes and businesses in villages, towns and cities.



What is the difference between Transmission and Distribution?

Electricity Transmission is the transportation of electricity from generating plants to where it is required at centres of demand. The Electricity Transmission network, or grid, transports electricity at very high voltages through overhead lines, underground cables and subsea cables. Our transmission network connects large scale generation, primarily renewables, to central and southern Scotland and the rest of Great Britain. It also helps secure supply by providing reliable connection to the wider network of generation plans.

The Electricity Distribution network is connected into the Transmission network but the voltage is lowered by transformers at electricity substations, and the power is then distributed to homes and businesses through overhead lines or underground cables.

About this newsletter

As we start constructing the second phase of the Inveraray to Crossaig project, we have created a newsletter to keep you updated on the current and upcoming work we will be undertaking. We will continue to provide these updates as the project progresses throughout construction.

Keeping in touch

We will be sharing regular updates on the project website, where you can also register for updates and find contact details to get in touch our team.

www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/project-map/inveraray---crossaig/



Project update

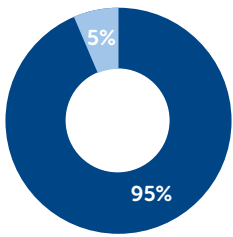
The Inveraray to Crossaig project is going through a period of intense construction. A helicopter is being brought in to help with the next phase of work in the ongoing development of SSEN Transmission's multi-million-pound powerline construction. This is led by the principal contractor Balfour Beatty, the helicopter is being used to install over 270km of overhead line cables between the 148 steel lattice towers between Lochgilphead and Crossaig. This marks a major milestone in the ongoing delivery of the project.

Over the next four months, the helicopter will make regular flights to help manoeuvre the new OHL cables into position onto the new towers, which will then be installed and fixed in place by teams of engineers harnessed into the 46m tall towers.

Our Community Liaison Team will be the interface between the local community and our onsite project teams.

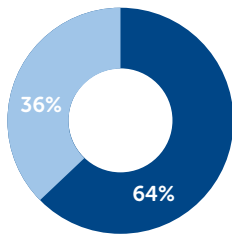
The project is working on several aspects which include, foundations, assembly and erection. Progress to date in these area of the project are detailed in the pie charts below.

Access tracks



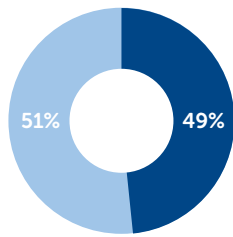
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Foundations



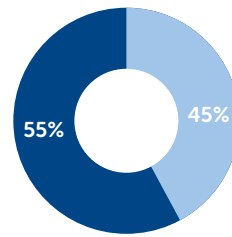
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Tower assembly



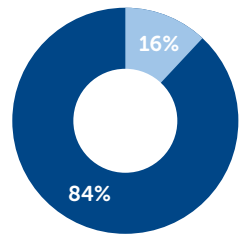
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Erection



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Wiring



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Community engagement

Three foodbanks in Argyll; Kintyre Foodbank, Tarbert Soup Group and Moving On Argyll have each received a donation from the Inveraray to Crossaig project team. The donations are part of an initiative to support community groups in the area, and follow suggestions from the project’s community liaison group. Representatives from the project team visited the foodbanks earlier this year to present the cheques on behalf of SSEN Transmission.

SSEN Transmission Project Manager David Auld said: “As guests in the area, supporting the community in which we work is really important to us, and what better way than to help out these three organisations which do such incredible work here in Argyll. We know that the foodbanks provide a vital lifeline to families most in need, and we hope that our donations will help to provide some extra items and comforts to people who need it most.”

Key dates for the project & Planned works



Access track construction will complete in November 2022.



Compensatory planting is scheduled for 2023.



Visual impact mitigation planting scheduled for 2023.



Foundation, assembly and tower erection will complete in March 2023.



Outage wiring will commence May 2023 and the new line will fully energise by June 2023.



Decommissioning will complete November 2023.



Project close out January 2024.



What meetings/groups have happened?

Community Liaison Group (CLG)

We meet on a quarterly basis with our CLG. Our group is made up of representatives from SSEN Transmission and Balfour Beatty, local elected members as well as local elected officials. We are very grateful to the local members who give up their free time to attend these meetings for the benefit of their wider community. The CLG allows us to collaborate effectively with local representatives of the community, ensuring there is a route for any issues or queries to be raised directly with the Project Management Team. The regular meetings are also key in helping us shape communications and community engagement plans so that communications are relevant and tailored to the targeted community. It is very important to us that we work effectively alongside local communities to ensure we have a collaborative relationship in safely delivering our project with minimal impact.

Community Enhancement Plan Group

Community Liaison Manager, Caitlin Quinn alongside Environmental Consultant, Bob Bainsfair from Ramboll and representatives from Tarbert have been meeting on a monthly basis virtually over Microsoft Teams alongside the CLG group. The idea behind creating this group is to look at ways that we can make a positive impact on the local community that will leave a legacy after construction. After various discussions and monthly meetings we have instructed a local consultant to conduct a business case for the benefits to the community of retaining some of our access tracks. This is an ongoing project.

How do I keep up to date with project development?

We will keep the community updated by sharing quarterly newsletters, these, along with any other updates, will be published on the Inveraray – Crossaig Project webpage:

www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/project-map/inveraray---crossaig/

Tailored communications will be sent out in relation to any activities that may impact the community. If you would like to receive subsequent issues of this newsletter in printed format, please request this from Caitlin. A digital copy of the newsletter will be sent to all individuals who have registered for updates on the project webpage. As a responsible developer it is important that we work closely with the communities in which we work.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact Caitlin via email or phone:

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