

Mid Argyll Community Liaison Group

Inveraray – Crossaig Project

Inaugural Meeting

23rd June 2020



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Welcome and Introductions

SSEN Transmission

- Keith Inglis (Project Director)
- Ian Clark (Lead Project Manager)
- David Fraser (Project Manager)
- Kelly Scott (Community Liaison Manager)

Balfour Beatty

- John Rennie (Project Director)

Local Ward Councillors

- Cllr Dougie Philand
- Cllr Sandy Taylor

Local Community Councils

- Linda Divers (Inveraray CC)
- Fred Bruce (West Loch Fyne CC)
- Lynda Syed (Furnace CC)
- Andy Buntin (Lochgilphead CC)
- Ken McVicar (Ardrishaig CC)
- Jim Malcolm (Dunadd CC)

Residents Associations

- Julie Young (Brenchollie RA)

Agenda

1. Purpose of the CLG
2. Overview of project and current status
3. Temporary accommodation for workers
4. COVID 19 Update
5. Questions
6. Future meetings:
 - Elect chairman
 - Formalise ongoing agenda
 - Date of next meeting



Purpose of the CLG

- **Help to effectively identify and address any continued concerns with appropriate actions**
- **Establish a platform for meaningful engagement between SSEN Transmission and nominated members of the local community where updates can be provided, concerns raised, questions answered, and input provided**
- **Keep the community well informed of the project progression and encourage meaningful engagement**

Why are SSEN working in the area?

The aim of the Inveraray – Crossaig project is to reinforce the existing transmission network in Argyll and Kintyre by replacing the overhead electricity transmission power line that runs between Inveraray and Crossaig.

This line was installed in the 1950s and is reaching the end of its operational life. This asset is defined by Government as critical national infrastructure, with its replacement deemed essential in line with the latest Government coronavirus guidance.

It is therefore essential that the timely replacement of this ageing asset continues in order to maintain security of supply for Argyll and Kintyre communities.

The main elements of the project are as follows:

- Construction of a new 80km 275kV overhead line, initially operating at 132kV between Inveraray and Crossaig
- Extend the existing connection from Port Ann to the new overhead line
- Decommissioning and removal of the existing 132kV transmission line between Inveraray and Crossaig

Construction of the project will take place in 2 phases:

- Phase 1 – Inveraray – Port Ann – 2019 – 2021
- Phase 2 – Port Ann – Crossaig – 2021 – 2024

Full Inveraray – Crossaig Overhead Line Route

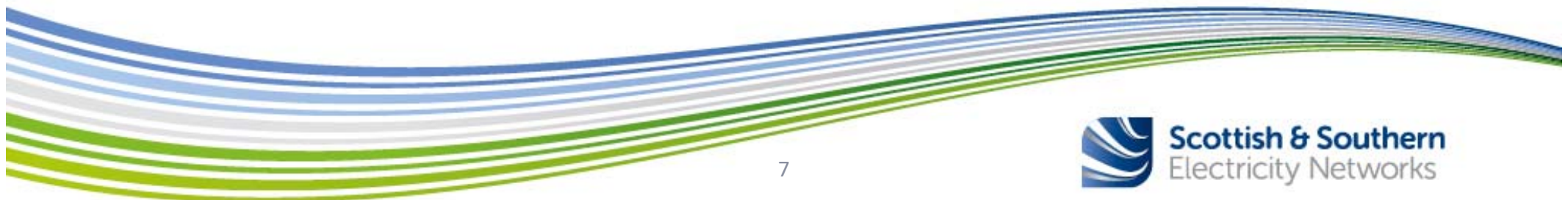


Phase 1 - Overhead line route

New line



Existing line



Key Programme Milestones and Development – Phase 1

Project construction commenced – October 2019

Construction paused - March 2019

Phased return to work – From Mid April 2020

Forestry works substantially complete

Foundations – over one third complete

Tower assembly – underway near Inveraray and Garvachy

Upcoming Key Milestones – Phase 1

Access track completion - Late Summer 2020

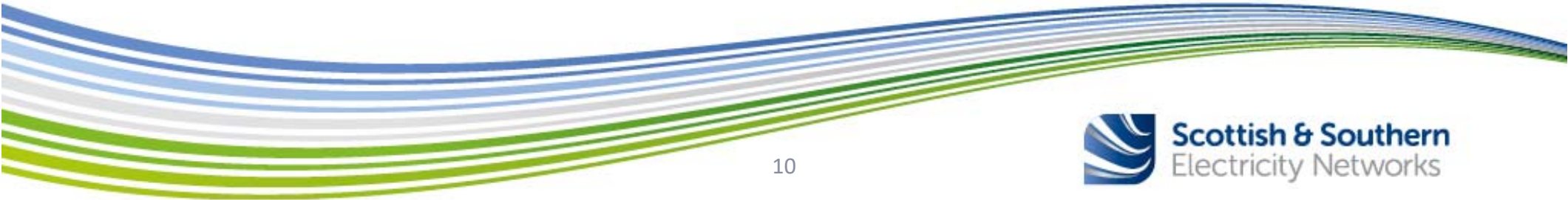
Foundations and tower assembly will be substantially completed this year

Wiring of new towers end of summer through to spring/summer 2021

New overhead line energised in 2021

Dismantling and decommissioning Autumn/Winter 2021/22

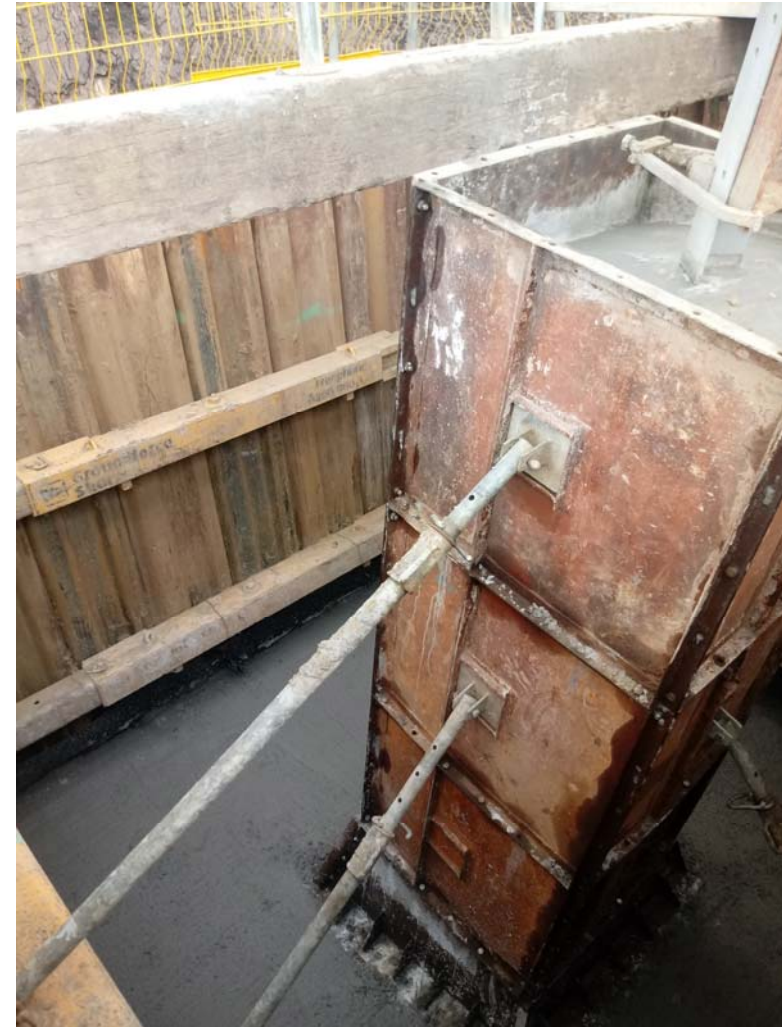
Access Installation



Access Installation



Foundation Installation



Foundation Installation



Tower Assembly & Erection



Future Activity

Piloting



Wiring



Wiring



Workforce accommodation

- Enquiries commenced at start of 2020 to source potential locations for temporary worker accommodation as mitigation for expected tourist peak in Summer
- Planning applications were lodged relating to potential temporary accommodation sites
- SSEN acknowledge missed opportunity to adequately liaise in advance of these planning submissions which coincided with ongoing pandemic
- Key lesson learned for project teams
- Project is currently reviewing alternative locations for these sites and we are committed to keeping the community updated as this progresses

COVID 19

What steps have been taken to reduce public interface?

- Work paused March to mid April 2020 to review Government guidance, update work methods and procedures
- Workforce fully briefed on these new methods and procedures
- Alternative arrangements made for fuelling project vehicles
- Site catering including temporary provision of meals
- On site laundry facility
- Increased number of temporary accommodation pods to house workers
- Appropriate face coverings provided to workers for use in the local community
- Operatives sharing accommodation classed as 'Family Units' identified on site with same coloured hard hat covering
- Perspex screens in vans
- Additional site vehicles

Opportunity for discussion relating to COVID 19

General discussion /Questions?



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Future Meetings:

- Chairman
- Future agenda items
- Date of next meeting