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Proposed development description

Permitted Development:

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992 (GPDO) sets out our rights to undertake development without submitting a formal application for Planning Permission. The GPDO grants what is referred to as “Deemed Planning Permission” subject to the provisions and conditions of the Order. This project’s proposals for the installation of 132kV underground cables and enabling infrastructure such as temporary access tracks, benefit from these permitted development rights.

Town and Country Planning - Permanent access tracks and ancillary infrastructure

In order to facilitate the construction of the underground cable, permanent access tracks, temporary construction compounds and temporary bellmouth junctions are required. The alignment of the cable route has been developed considering existing access tracks where possible. Temporary works will be removed on completion of the works and the area reinstated to its previous condition.

Engaging the right people

Local Planning Authorities determine the outcome of any applications made under the Town and Country Planning Act and establish the planning pathway our projects must take, including which consents are required.

An environmental appraisal will be produced by us to support the consent application. This would be made publicly available once submitted.

The associated development works, including requirements for temporary and permanent access tracks, for the Kinardochy-Errochty underground cable is classed as “Major Development” under the Town and Country Planning process; therefore, pre-application consultation is required with the public and interested parties.



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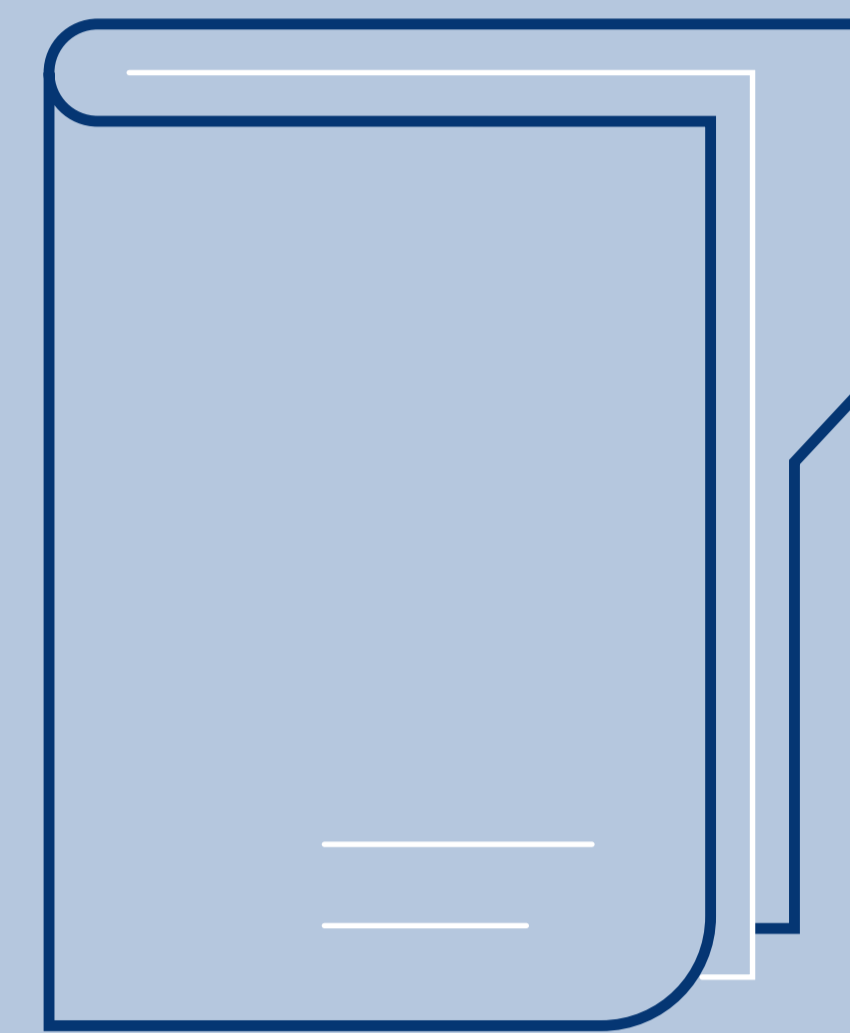
The pre-application consultation process

A Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) was submitted to Perth and Kinross Council on 22 October 2024. This is the first stage in the planning application process, and the beginning of a consultation period that must allow for at least 12 weeks between the start of the pre-application consultation and feedback, and submission of a planning application.

The red line boundary that has been submitted with the PAN represents the maximum extent of the land potentially included in the application site, but this area may be reduced or rationalised as the development proposal becomes finalised.

There is a requirement to hold at least two events to provide the opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposals. The first public event took place on 26 November 2024, with the second taking place on 28 April 2025 and this is the third, where feedback is given on the views obtained at the first event.

After this event, there will be the opportunity to submit any final comments or feedback ahead of submitting the planning application in summer 2025. Comments will be included in a Pre-application Consultation (PAC) Report.



Submitting the planning application

The planning application for the permanent access tracks and associated infrastructure required for the installation of the underground cable is due to be submitted to Perth and Kinross Council in summer 2025.

A Pre-application Consultation Report will accompany the planning application providing details of the consultation undertaken and communicating how the consultation process has influenced the proposed development. Where comments are received that cannot be addressed in the final proposal, an explanation will also be given as to why this is the case.

Comments made through the pre-application consultation process are not formal representations to Perth and Kinross Council. When the planning application is submitted there will be an opportunity to make formal representations to Perth and Kinross Council.



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