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## PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION REPORT

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Purpose of this Report

- 1.1.1 Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (the Applicant), operating and known as Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (SSEN Transmission), own, operate and develop the high voltage electricity transmission system in the north of Scotland and remote islands. SSEN Transmission holds a licence under the Electricity Act 1989 to develop and maintain an efficient, coordinated and economical system of electricity transmission.
- 1.1.2 The Applicant is seeking consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) and Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) to construct and operate approximately 105.2 kilometres (km) of new double circuit 400 kilovolts (kV) overhead transmission line (OHL) between Kintore and Tealing (hereafter referred to as the 'Proposed Development'). A full description of the Proposed Development and its ancillary works is set out within **Volume 1, Chapter 3: Project Description** of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) that accompanies the Section 37 application.
- 1.1.3 There is no statutory requirement to undertake formal pre-application consultation (PAC) for applications made under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989, however, for all Section 37 applications that require Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit (ECU) requests, through its Good Practice Guidance<sup>1</sup>, that applicants adopt a voluntary approach to PAC that generally aligns with the compulsory process prescribed for national and major development applications under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.
- 1.1.4 Prior to the PAC process, SSEN Transmission carried out public consultation for the corridor, route and refined route stages and alignment stage as part of its development process. The purpose of this document is to describe the PAC process SSEN Transmission has undertaken for the Alignment Development stage, with reference to the content requirements of PAC Reports as described in Table 1 of Section 3.2 of the ECU Good Practice Guidance<sup>2</sup> and provided below in **Table 1.1: PAC Report Requirements**. In doing so, it is demonstrated that SSEN Transmission has met the expectations of the Guidance in carrying out meaningful engagement at the earliest possible stage with communities and groups potentially affected by the development proposals.
- 1.1.5 The requirements of PAC Reports are listed in **Table 1.1: PAC Report Requirements** below, along with commentary of where in this Report confirmation of that information can be found.

**Table 1.1: PAC Report Requirements**

PAC Report requirement	Brief Summary / Location of information in this Report / Appendix
the dates on which and places where public events were held;	Appendix A & Appendix B
a description of any additional steps taken by the applicant to consult with members of the public regarding the development;	See Section 3.2
a list of bodies, groups and organisations who were consulted by the applicant and a description of how they were consulted;	Appendix I
a description of any materials sent to consultees and materials provided to those attending public events;	Appendix D
copies of any visual presentation shown or displayed at a public event, and photographs of any display boards or models at public events;	Appendix C
confirmation as to whether consultees and attendees at public events were informed that pre-application consultation does	Appendix A, Appendix H

<sup>1</sup> See Section 3.2 of Scottish Government: [Energy Consents Unit: Good Practice Guidance for Applications under Section 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 - February 2022](#) (updated July 2022)

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

PAC Report requirement	Brief Summary / Location of information in this Report / Appendix
not remove the right or the potential need to comment on the final application once it is made to the Scottish Ministers;	
a summary of the written responses to consultations and views raised at public events, including an indication of the number of written responses received and the number of persons who attended the public events;	Appendix F
an explanation of how the applicant took account of views raised during the pre-application consultation process;	Appendix F
an explanation of how members of the public were given feedback on the applicant's consideration of the views raised during the pre-application consultation process.	Appendix F

## 1.2 Structure of this Report

1.2.1 The PAC Report is comprised of six parts:

1. *Introduction*: sets out the purpose of the PAC Report;
2. *Alignment 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. *Pre application consultation PAC 1: Consultation Responses, Key Issues and How the Project Responded* – describes how the comments and issues raised during PAC 1 events were addressed by the project;
5. *Pre application consultation PAC 2: Consultation Responses, Key Issues and How the Project Responded* – describes how the comments and issues raised during PAC 2 events were addressed by the project; and
6. *Conclusions*: provides a summary of the conclusions reached.

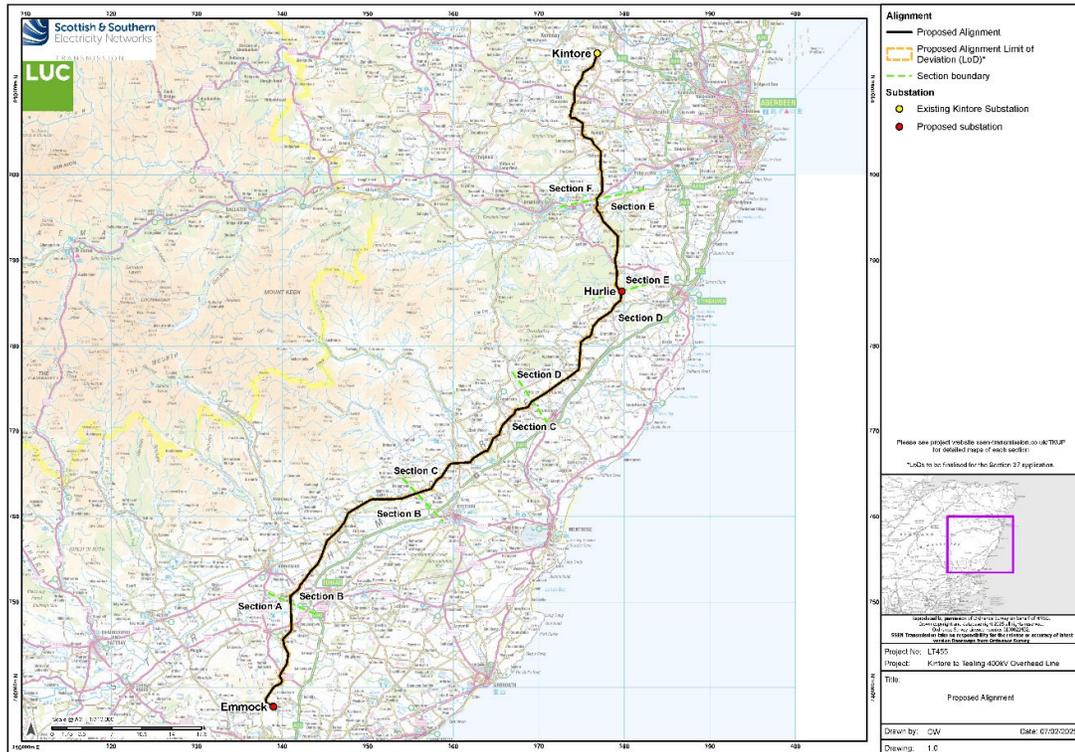
1.2.2 Appendices are attached to provide evidence of consultation and publicity carried out.

## 2. ALIGNMENT DEVELOPMENT

### 2.1 Project Background

- 2.1.1 The Applicant is applying for consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the Alignment Development, as shown in **Figure 1 – The Proposed Development** below.

**Figure 1 – The Proposed Development**



- 2.1.2 The Applicant is seeking consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 and Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for the Proposed Development, a new approximately 105.2 km 400 kV OHL between the current Kintore Substation, proposed new Hurlie substation in Fetteresso Forest and the proposed new Emmock substation near Tealing. The development falls within the administrative areas of Aberdeenshire and Angus Councils.

### 2.2 Background to Alignment Development

- 2.2.1 In July 2022, the National Energy System Operator (NESO), published the 'Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design' (HND). This set out the blueprint for the onshore and offshore transmission infrastructure required to support the forecasted growth in the UK's renewable electricity.
- 2.2.2 Studies informing the NESO's Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design confirmed the requirement to reinforce the onshore corridor between Kintore and Tealing.
- 2.2.3 Providing a 400kV overhead line connection between these sites provides the significant capacity required to take power from large-scale onshore and offshore renewable generation connecting into the north of Scotland before transporting power to areas of demand. These projects have been highlighted as critical to enable the delivery of the UK and Scottish Governments' 2030 offshore wind targets respectively.
- 2.2.4 2030 net zero targets, with a requirement for accelerated development and delivery.

### SSEN Transmission Route Selection Process

- 2.2.5 The approach to the route selection was informed by SSEN Transmission's guidance 'Procedures for Routeing Overhead Lines and Underground Cables of 132 kV and above', hereafter referred to as the 'Routeing Guidance'. The Routeing Guidance sets out SSEN Transmission's approach to selecting a route for an overhead line or underground cable development. Further details of the routeing process for the Alignment Development can be found in **Volume 1, Chapter 4: Alternatives and the Routeing Process, Section 4.7** of the EIAR submitted to the ECU alongside the Section 37 application. This document helps SSEN Transmission to meet its obligations under Schedule 9 of the Electricity Act 1989, which requires transmission license holders:
- to have a regard to the desirability of preserving natural beauty, of conserving flora, fauna and geological or physiographical features of special interest and of protecting sites, buildings and objects of architectural, historic or archaeological interests; and
  - to do what they reasonably can to mitigate any effect that the proposals would have on the natural beauty of the countryside or on any such flora, fauna, features, sites, buildings or objects.
- 2.2.6 The Routeing Guidance aims to balance environmental, technical and economic considerations throughout the route options process.
- 2.2.7 The guidance splits a project into the following stages:
- Pre-Routeing Activities: Selection of proposed connection option;
  - Stage 0: Routeing Strategy Development;
  - Stage 1: Corridor Selection;
  - Stage 2: Route Selection; and
  - Stage 3: Alignment Selection.
- 2.2.8 The following consultation was undertaken as part of the project development process for the Alignment Development:
- Corridor and Route Consultation (Routeing Guidance Stages 1 and 2);
  - Alignment Consultation PAC 1 (Routeing Guidance Stage 3); and
  - Alignment Consultation PAC 2.
- 2.2.9 The stages that are carried out can vary depending on the type, nature and size of a project and consultation is carried out at each stage of the process as appropriate. It is important to note that the Applicant undertook a combined Corridor and Route Consultation for the Kintore to Tealing 400 kV OHL in May 2023 due to the accelerated delivery programme that is required to achieve the UK and Scottish Government 2030 offshore wind targets respectively. As per the standard practise for routeing, the feedback on the preferred corridor consultation exercise was assessed independently. Concurrently the project had progressed to the routeing stage. If the corridor had been changed as a result of the corridor consultation exercise, then the route selection process would have needed re-evaluated which was clearly stated in early public project documentation. Thus, two 'rounds' of PAC events regarding the alignment were held (the first in September/October 2024 and the second in February/March 2025), with the second held in part to provide feedback from the first round.

### 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 engagements held with stakeholders in order to obtain feedback and help inform the project development. As described in Section 2.3, corridor, route and alignment stage consultations were undertaken. Further details of these consultations are set out in the following sections.
- 3.1.2 The Scottish Government's Good Practice Guidance states the expectation that applicants "*hold at least two public consultation events prior to submitting the application. The final public event taking place at least 14 days after the first public event. The public events are to give members of the public the opportunity to make comments to the applicant as regards the proposed development. At the final public event, the applicant should provide feedback to members of the public in respect of comments received by the applicant regarding the proposed development.*"
- 3.1.3 In this report, the two pre-application consultation events are described, respectively, as PAC 1 and PAC 2 consultation. The sections below detail the activities undertaken in respect of each stage.
- 3.1.4 It should be noted that the corridor and routeing consultation events held prior to the PAC events discussed in this report were used to display information and allow feedback relative to the East Coast 400kV Phase 2 projects, being the new Kintore – Fiddes - Tealing 400 kV OHL connection, new Tealing 400kV substation, new Fiddes 400kV substation, existing Alyth to Tealing OHL 400kV upgrade and existing Tealing to Westfield OHL 400kV upgrade.
- 3.1.5 At new routeing stage, events were used to display information and allow feedback relative to the new Kintore to Tealing 400 kV OHL as discussed within this PAC Report. The event locations chosen ensured that events would be held within the local authorities in which the projects are proposed; the Aberdeenshire Council and Angus Council areas. To avoid confusion, project-specific information was produced in respect of each prospective submission, and there was clear separation of project information at each event.

#### 3.2 Corridor and Route Consultations

- 3.2.1 As a stakeholder-led business, SSEN Transmission understands the importance of involving communities and other key stakeholders throughout each stage of the project development process. Relevant and insightful stakeholder feedback collected during consultations is critical to ensuring that decision making is informed, and stakeholder concerns are taken into consideration at each stage of the project's development. As such, prior to Pre-Application Consultation, the following public consultation events were undertaken:
- Corridor and Route options (May – July 2023)
  - New Route options and refined Routes (March – April 2024)
- 3.2.2 Consultation at the Corridor, New Route and Refined Route stages, ensured that stakeholder feedback could be addressed during project development prior to further refinement. The Report on Consultation<sup>3</sup> (ROC) published following the Corridor and Route consultations in August 2024 outlines the consultation process undertaken, alongside summaries of feedback received, the Applicant's response and next steps. Feedback from New Route and Refined Route consultations was incorporated into the Alignment Report on Consultation<sup>4</sup> following PAC 1 consultation events in January 2025.
- 3.2.3 All consultation materials related to the Corridor and Route consultation events are available to download from the project webpage<sup>5</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/globalassets/projects/rocs/tkup-ohl-august-24/report-on-consultation-august-2024.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/globalassets/projects/kintore---tealing-400kv-ohl-downloads/alignment-report-on-consultation/kintore-tealing-report-on-consultation-january-2025.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> [www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/tkup](http://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/tkup)

### 3.3 Pre application Consultation - PAC 1

- 3.3.1 The purpose of the PAC Stage 1 consultation events was to present our approach to developing the project, including changes made since we last engaged (ie at the New Route stage) and to seek feedback on our potential alignments alongside any considered alternatives.
- 3.3.2 To support initial PAC 1 consultation events, a Consultation Booklet, was prepared and published in September 2024 and uploaded to the project website<sup>6</sup>. The Consultation Booklet provided project context and project details and sought comments from stakeholders and members of the public on the alignment development (see Appendix D).
- 3.3.3 A Consultation Document<sup>7</sup> was also prepared and published in September 2024 and uploaded to the project website. This Consultation Document presents information on the design development for an OHL alignment which has been progressed in Sections A to F of the Proposed Route (a route taken forward following stakeholder consultation to the alignment selection stage of the OHL routeing process. The Proposed Route is the approximately 1 km wide route) including describing where alternative alignments have been identified, reviewed and appraised in arriving at a Potential Alignment. The design has been developed through a process of multidisciplinary design workshops, site visits, consideration of consultation feedback and analysis of environmental and technical constraints (see Appendix E).
- 3.3.4 The consultation events took place at the following venues and dates/times.

**Table 3.1: Pre-application consultation (PAC) 1 events**

Venue	Date and Time
<b>Tealing Village Hall</b> , Hall Road, Inveraldie, Tealing, DD4 0QW	Monday 23 September, 1.30 - 6.30pm
<b>Wallace Suite</b> , Royal Hotel, 33 Castle Street, Forfar, DD8 3AE	Tuesday 24 September, 2 - 7pm
<b>Memus Community Hall</b> , Memus, Forfar, DD8 3TY	Wednesday 25 September, 2 - 7pm
<b>Brechin City Hall</b> , 9 Swan Street, Brechin, DD9 6EE	Thursday 26 September, 2 - 7pm
<b>Menmuir Hall</b> , Brechin, DD9 7RN	Monday 30 September, 2 - 7pm
<b>Kintore Public Hall</b> , 12 School Road, Kintore, AB51 0UX	Tuesday 1 October, 1.30 - 6.30pm
<b>Echt Hall</b> , Echt, Westhill, AB32 6UL	Wednesday 2 October, 2 - 7pm
<b>Drumoak, Durris &amp; Crathes Bowling Club</b> , Sunnyside Avenue, Drumoak, AB31 5EF	Thursday 3 October, 2 - 7pm
<b>Drumlithie Village Hall</b> , Station Road, Drumlithie, AB39 3YT	Monday 7 October, 2 - 7pm
<b>Stonehaven Town Hall</b> , Allardice Street, Stonehaven, AB39 2BU	Tuesday 8 October, 2 - 7pm
<b>Dickson Memorial Hall</b> , Station Road, Laurencekirk, AB30 1BE	Wednesday 9 October, 2 - 7pm
<b>Durris Kirkton Hall</b> , Kirkton of Durris, Banchory, AB31 6BP	Thursday 10 October, 2 - 7pm

- 3.3.5 At the entrance of each venue, project team staff were stationed to welcome and note attendee numbers. Attendees were also invited to have their names and contact details recorded so that the project team could provide email updates on project information and upcoming events.
- 3.3.6 SSEN Transmission has prepared a suite of online information leaflets and collated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Pathway to 2030 FAQ's web page<sup>8</sup>. Hard copies of Information leaflets were available

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/project-map/kintore-tealing-400kv-ohl-connection/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/globalassets/projects/kintore---tealing-400kv-ohl-downloads/september-2024-consultation-docs/september-october-2024-alignment-consultation-document.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> [www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/2030-projects/2030-faqs/](http://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/2030-projects/2030-faqs/)

at the events for attendees to read and take home, elaborating on the contents of the Consultation Document and Consultation Booklet. These covered topics such as:

- Applications under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989
- Electric and Magnetic Fields
- Protecting Private Water Supplies
- Pathway to 2030: Why are these projects needed?
- Biodiversity Net Gain

3.3.7 All of these were published in May 2024 and copies made available to members of the public at consultation events.

3.3.8 The printed Consultation Booklets (see Appendix D) were also available at all consultation events, and information boards and maps were available for attendees to learn more about the project at that stage of development.

3.3.9 A 3D interactive model of the alignment options depicting the OHL infrastructure was also available at the PAC 1 events. The 3D model allowed attendees to view the OHL in relation to their property or from a viewpoint they specified, to give an indication of how the infrastructure would look and to assist in their consultation feedback.

3.3.10 Screenshots from the 3D model are included below:

#### Section A – Proposed Emmock Substation looking West



#### Section D – Near Monbuddo looking West



#### Section F – Entry to Kintore Substation looking South West



3.3.11 Specialist company 3DW have designed the following video to allow viewers to see what the proposed Kintore to Tealing 400 kV OHL will look like when complete: <https://vimeo.com/1011307961?share=copy>

3.3.12 Members from multiple disciplines within the project team were available to answer questions and attendees were invited to provide feedback to a set of questions via an online feedback form or a printed consultation

feedback form at the rear of the Consultation Booklet. In addition, feedback was sought via email to a dedicated inbox ([tkup@sse.com](mailto:tkup@sse.com)) or by post to the Community Liaison Manager.

- 3.3.13 Printed copies of the Consultation Document (describing the process of OHL design development of the Potential Alignment<sup>9</sup> (see Appendix E)) and Report on Consultation<sup>10</sup> published in August 2024 (documents the proposed Kintore to Tealing 400 kV OHL route selection consultation process, and where appropriate, shows how the routes that are being taken forward to the next stage of project development have been informed by this process) were available to view at events along with hard copies of maps to take away (see Appendix K).
- 3.3.14 The feedback period in relation to the PAC 1 events was open from 9 September until 21 November 2024. In addition, local Community Councils (see Appendix I) were invited to a briefing call on the Report on Consultation and next steps for project development which was held via Microsoft Teams on 28 August 2024.

**Stakeholder engagement**

- 3.3.15 Engagement with statutory stakeholders was undertaken details of which can be found in the following table.

**Table 3.2: Statutory consultee meetings**

Date	Meeting Type	Stakeholder in Attendance
5 December 2022	Meeting	SSEN Transmission 1 <sup>st</sup> Environmental Statutory Stakeholder Meeting
12 January 2023	Meeting	NatureScot
18 January 2023	Meeting	SSEN Transmission 2 <sup>nd</sup> Environmental Statutory Stakeholder Meeting
16 March 2023	Meeting	Historic Environment Scotland (HES)
21 March 2023	Meeting	NatureScot
28 March 2023	Meeting	SSEN Transmission 3 <sup>rd</sup> Environmental Statutory Stakeholder Meeting
18 August 2023	Meeting	HES
7 September 2023	Meeting	SSEN Transmission 4 <sup>th</sup> Environmental Statutory Stakeholder Meeting
8 November 2023	Meeting	SSEN Transmission 5 <sup>th</sup> Environmental Statutory Stakeholder Meeting
17 November 2023	Meeting	HES
22 February 2024	Meeting	SSEN Transmission 6 <sup>th</sup> Environmental Statutory Stakeholder Meeting
8 August 2024	Meeting	Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
13 August 2024	Meeting	SSEN Transmission 7 <sup>th</sup> Environmental Statutory Stakeholder Meeting
15 August 2024	Meeting	NatureScot
10 September 2024	Site Visit	Aberdeenshire Council, HES, NatureScot
30 October 2024	Meeting	NatureScot and Aberdeenshire Council
27 November 2024	Meeting	Aberdeenshire Council/Aberdeen Council Archaeology Service (ACAS) and HES
12 December 2024	Meeting	SSEN Transmission 8 <sup>th</sup> Environmental Statutory Stakeholder Meeting
18 December 2024	Meeting	Angus Council
14 January 2025	Meeting	ACAS and HES
21 January 2025	Meeting	NatureScot
4 February 2025	Meeting	SEPA
9 July 2025	Meeting	SEPA

<sup>9</sup> Potential Alignment - The option which the Applicant has identified as the best balance of technical and environmental impact considerations identified through initial appraisal. This is then subject to consultation with stakeholders, where local and previously unknown considerations may confirm or alter the initial preference. Once confirmed, this becomes the Proposed Alignment to take forward to the next stage of project development.

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/globalassets/projects/rocs/tkup-ohl-august-24/report-on-consultation-august-2024.pdf>

### Online and virtual consultation

- 3.3.16 The project website<sup>11</sup> for the Kintore to Tealing 400 kV OHL (Alignment Development) contained links to all published materials and the feedback form as well as project updates, responses to FAQs, and notifications of upcoming consultation events.
- 3.3.17 During the consultation and subsequent feedback period, an online exhibition room was hosted on a virtual platform designed to look and feel like a consultation in a community hall, featuring the same information boards that were presented at the in-person events. The feedback form was provided on the portal, and all visitors were invited to complete this.
- [Interactive consultation portal](#)<sup>12</sup>
  - [Flythrough video](#)

### Publicity

- 3.3.18 PAC events were advertised in The Angus Country Press on 12 and 19 September 2024, The Courier on 9, 11, 13, 16, 18 and 20 September 2024 and The Press and Journal on 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27 and 30 September 2024 as well as 2 and 4 October 2024.
- 3.3.19 Dates and venues of consultation events were also publicised on the project website, alongside a link to the online consultation portal<sup>13</sup>. In addition, SSEN Transmission's social media channels LinkedIn, X, Facebook and Instagram were also used to advertise the consultation events (see Appendix B).
- 3.3.20 Letters informing of the events were also sent out to 56,091 homes and businesses within a 5km radius of the Alignment Development on 4 September 2024 (see Appendix B).
- 3.3.21 Furthermore, emails were sent to 1,873 individuals registered to receive project updates and posters were placed on community notice boards.

### Advice on making comments to the Applicant

- 3.3.22 Consultees were made aware that providing comments through the pre-application process would be to the Applicant (SSEN Transmission), and that an opportunity to provide formal representations to the ECU of the Scottish Government would be available once the Section 37 application was submitted and before Scottish Ministers make a decision on the application. Examples of where this has been advised can be found in the PAC 1 poster in Appendix B and PAC 1 Consultation Booklet in Appendix D.

### Report on Consultation

- 3.3.23 The Alignment Report on Consultation<sup>14</sup> (RoC) was published in January 2025 and documented the refined route and alignment selection consultation process for the proposals. It outlined the number of people who attended consultation events, as well as the volume and nature of consultation responses received from members of the public, statutory and non-statutory consultees and other stakeholders. It presented summaries of feedback across common themes such as project need, environmental impacts and technology choice, and SSEN Transmission's responses to that feedback.
- 3.3.24 It also presented key decisions resulting from route and alignment specific feedback, including how the alignments taken forward had been informed by this process and, where alternative options had been

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<sup>11</sup> <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/TKUP>

<sup>12</sup> To help provide an indication of what the overhead line may look like within the local setting, we've created a 3D visualisation portal. The portal can be accessed via the link below, where you can view various viewpoints from across the Proposed Development.

<sup>13</sup> <https://3dwebtech.co.uk/dashboard/ssen/tkup/portal-en/>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/globalassets/projects/kintore---tealing-400kv-ohl-downloads/alignment-report-on-consultation/kintore-tealing-report-on-consultation-january-2025.pdf>

presented, why they were not taken forward as the Potential Alignment<sup>15</sup>. The report concludes by confirming the key decisions and any resulting adjustments made to the Potential Alignment, which were presented at PAC 1 consultations, confirming the Proposed Alignment to be progressed.

3.3.25 Please see Appendix F for the Report on Consultation.

#### 3.4 Pre application Consultation – PAC 2

3.4.1 The purpose of the PAC 2 consultation events was to present further detail on the Proposed Alignment and provide feedback to stakeholders in respect of comments they provided on the proposals at PAC 1 stage.

3.4.2 To support the PAC 2 consultation events, a new Consultation Booklet was prepared and published in February 2025 and uploaded to the project website. The PAC 2 Consultation Booklet provided project context and project details, summarising the feedback received from PAC 1 events, and sought final comments from stakeholders and members of the public on the Proposed Development (See Appendix H).

3.4.3 The consultation events took place at the venues and dates/times shown in **Table 3.3: Pre-application consultation (PAC) 2 events** below.

**Table 3.3: Pre-application consultation (PAC) 2 events**

Venue	Date and Time
<b>Kintore Public Hall</b> , 12 School Road, Kintore, AB51 0UX	Monday 24 February, 2-7pm
<b>Echt Hall</b> , Echt, Westhill, AB32 6UL	Tuesday 25 February, 2-7pm
<b>Drumoak, Durris &amp; Crathes Bowling Club</b> , Sunnyside Avenue, Drumoak, AB31 5EF	Wednesday 26 February, 2-7pm
<b>Durris Kirkton Hall</b> , Kirkton of Durris, Banchory, AB31 6BP	Thursday 27 February, 2-7pm
<b>Drumlithie Village Hall</b> , Station Road, Drumlithie, AB39 3YT	Monday 3 March, 2-7pm
<b>Inglis Memorial Hall</b> , High St, Edzell, Brechin DD9 7TF	Tuesday 4 March, 1-6pm
<b>Dickson Memorial Hall</b> , Station Road, Laurencekirk, AB30 1BE	Wednesday 5 March, 2-7pm
<b>Menmuir Hall</b> , Brechin, DD9 7RN	Monday 10 March, 2-7pm
<b>Memus Community Hall</b> , Memus, Forfar, DD8 3TY	Tuesday 11 March, 2-7pm
<b>Forfar Reid Hall</b> , Castle Street, Forfar, DD8 3HX	Wednesday 12 March, 2-7pm
<b>Tealing Village Hall</b> , Hall Road, Inveraldie, Tealing, DD4 0QW	Thursday 13 March, 2-7pm

3.4.4 At the entrance of each venue, project team staff were stationed to greet attendees and note numbers. Attendees were also invited to have their names and contact details recorded so that the project team could provide email updates on project updates and upcoming events.

3.4.5 The printed Consultation Booklets (See Appendix H) were also available at all consultation events, and information boards and maps were available for attendees to learn more about the project at that stage of development. A revised 3D model depicting any updates following the PAC 1 events was produced and available at the events, alongside flythrough videos and a visualisation portal<sup>16</sup>. Members from multiple disciplines within the project team were available to answer questions and attendees were invited to provide feedback to a set of defined questions via an online feedback form or printed consultation feedback form at the rear of the Consultation Booklet. In addition, feedback was sought via email to a dedicated inbox or by post to the Community Liaison Manager.

<sup>15</sup> The option which the Applicant has identified as the best balance of technical and environmental impact considerations identified through initial appraisal. This is then subject to consultation with stakeholders, where local and previously unknown considerations may confirm or alter the initial preference. Once confirmed, this becomes the Proposed Alignment to take forward to the next stage of project development.

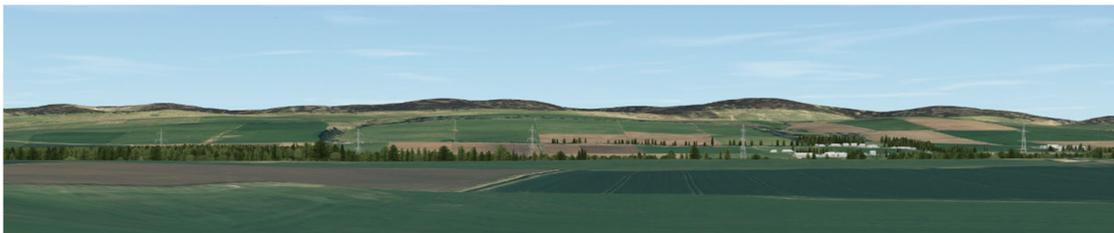
<sup>16</sup> <https://3dwebtech.co.uk/dashboard/ssen/tkup/portal-en/>

3.4.6 Screenshots from the 3D model as well as a link to the flythrough video are included below.



**Section A – Hayston Hill looking North**

**Section C – Careston looking North West**



**Section E – West of Drumoak**



3.4.7 [Link to flythrough video of the entire proposed alignment.](#)

3.4.8 Information leaflets<sup>17</sup> were again available on specific issues for attendees to read and take home, elaborating on the contents of the Consultation Booklet. Updates were made to the leaflets published in May 2024 and copies were available to members of the public at consultation events thereafter. Based on feedback received during PAC 1 consultations, additional leaflets were created, namely:

- What to expect during the delivery of our projects
- Why do SSEN Transmission propose to use onshore underground cabling as part of their offshore connection projects but not for all projects?
- Early careers

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/2030-projects/2030-faqs/>

- 3.4.9 Printed copies of the Alignment Report on Consultation<sup>18</sup> (which documents the consultation responses received as part of our alignment selection consultation and shows how the alignment development being taken forward to the next stage has been informed by this process) were available at events.
- 3.4.10 The main purpose of the PAC 2 events was to present feedback on views obtained in response to the earlier round of consultation and provide the opportunity to receive further feedback. The feedback period was open for five weeks after the first event on 24 February until 28 March 2025. In addition, local Community Councils were encouraged to contact the Applicant if they wished to discuss the RoC or any other matters ahead of the PAC 2 events.

#### Stakeholder engagement

- 3.4.11 Engagement with statutory stakeholders during the PAC 2 stage was undertaken via statutory consultee pre-application consultation meetings, details of which can be found in **Table 3.4: PAC 2 statutory consultee meetings**.

**Table 3.4: PAC 2 statutory consultee meetings**

Attendees	Date	Purpose
Aberdeenshire Council / Aberdeen City Council Archaeology Service & HES	27 November 2024	Cultural Heritage assessment viewpoints
Local authorities (Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Angus Councils), SEPA, NatureScot, HES and Scottish Forestry	12 December 2024	8 <sup>th</sup> Statutory Stakeholder meeting – Presentation providing an update on the routing process outlining the alignment design development stage
Angus Council	18 December 2024	Alignment design development and alternative alignments in Section B, Location 3 Justinhaugh
Aberdeenshire Council / Aberdeen Council Archaeology Service & HES	14 January 2025	Follow up to meeting held on 27 November to review the Cultural Heritage assessment viewpoints
NatureScot	21 January 2025	Discuss Scoping Opinion

#### Online and virtual consultation

- 3.4.12 The project website<sup>19</sup> for the Kintore to Tealing 400 kV OHL contained links to all published materials and the feedback form as well as project updates, responses to FAQs, and notifications of upcoming consultation events.
- 3.4.13 During the consultation and subsequent feedback period, an interactive 3d visualisation portal was hosted on a virtual platform. This enabled visitors to view project information and photospheres of multiple locations up and down the proposed OHL. It also included information on the two new proposed substations. The feedback form was also provided on the portal, and all visitors were invited to complete this.

- [Interactive 3d Visualisation Portal](#)
- [Flythrough video](#)

#### Publicity

- 3.4.14 Pre application consultation events were advertised in The Angus Country Press on 13, 20 and 27 February 2025, The Courier on 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26 and 28 February 2025 and The Press and Journal on 10, 12, 14, 17, 19 and 21 February 2025.

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/globalassets/projects/kintore---tealing-400kv-ohl-downloads/alignment-report-on-consultation/kintore-tealing-report-on-consultation-january-2025.pdf>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/TKUP>

- 3.4.15 Dates and venues of consultation events were also publicised on the project website, alongside a link to the online consultation portal. In addition, SSEN Transmission's social media channels LinkedIn, X, Facebook and Instagram were also used to advertise the consultation events (See Appendix B).
- 3.4.16 Letters informing of the events were also sent out to 56,091 homes and businesses within a 5km radius of the Alignment Development on 24 February 2025 (See Appendix B).
- 3.4.17 Furthermore, emails were sent to 1,873 individuals registered to receive project updates.

*Advice on making comments to the Applicant*

- 3.4.18 Consultees were made aware that making a comment through the pre-application process was to the Applicant (SSEN Transmission), and that an opportunity to provide formal representations to the ECU of the Scottish Government would be available once the Section 37 application was submitted. Examples of where this has been advised can be found in the PAC 2 Consultation Booklet in Appendix H.

## 4. PRE APPLICATION CONSULTATION PAC 1 RESPONSES, KEY ISSUES AND HOW THE PROJECT RESPONDED

### 4.1 Overview

4.1.1 This section summarises the pre application consultation PAC 1 responses, and how the project responded to them.

4.1.2 **Table 4.1: PAC 1 consultation event details and number of attendees** sets out the consultation events and shows the number of attendees at each event. In total there were 1,444 attendees across all of the PAC 1 events. A total of 872 responses were received from residents, homeowners, community members, local organisations, including local elected members as well as landowners and occupiers. These were received in the form of the feedback form, or written responses received in the project inbox or by mail. A total of 19 responses were received from statutory and non-statutory consultees.

**Table 4.1: PAC 1 consultation event details and number of attendees**

Venue	Date	Number of attendees
<b>Tealing</b> – Tealing Village Hall	23 September 2024	40
<b>Forfar</b> – Royal Hotel	24 September 2024	87
<b>Memus</b> – Memus Community Hall	25 September 2024	101
<b>Brechin</b> – Brechin City Hall	26 September 2024	103
<b>Menmuir</b> – Menmuir Hall	30 September 2024	141
<b>Kintore</b> – Kintore Public Hall	1 October 2024	66
<b>Echt</b> – Echt Hall	2 October 2024	111
<b>Drumoak</b> – Drumoak, Durris and Crathes Bowling Club	3 October 2024	320
<b>Drumlithie</b> – Drumlithie Village Hall	7 October 2024	135
<b>Stonehaven</b> – Stonehaven Town Hall	8 October 2024	71
<b>Laurencekirk</b> – Dickson Memorial Hall	9 October 2024	104
<b>Durris</b> – Durris Kirkton Hall	10 October 2024	165
		<b>Total 1,144*</b>

\* Attendance figures reflect the number of people who registered their attendance at the consultation events on the day. For busier events, the number of attendees was often considerably higher than recorded.

### 4.2 Pre application Consultation PAC 1 Responses

4.2.1 A summary of the feedback received from all stakeholders (statutory and non-statutory consultees, Elected Members<sup>20</sup>, local communities, and members of the general public) in response to the PAC 1 consultations during the consultation period which ran from 9 September to 21 November 2024, were documented in the Alignment Report on Consultation published in January 2025. This can be viewed in Appendix F. Within this document, feedback from statutory consultees can be viewed in Appendix C and from non-statutory consultees in Appendix D.

<sup>20</sup> An elected member is an individual chosen by the public through an election to represent them in a legislative or governing body. This could be a Member of Parliament (MP) in the UK Parliament, a Member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP), or a local councillor on a city or county council.

## 5. PRE APPLICATION CONSULTATION PAC 2 RESPONSES, KEY ISSUES AND HOW THE PROJECT RESPONDED

### 5.1 Overview

5.1.1 This section summarises the pre application consultation PAC 2 responses, and how the project responded to them.

5.1.2 **Table 5.1: PAC 2 consultation event details and number of attendees** sets out the consultation events and shows the number of attendees at each event. In total there were 1,180 attendees across all of the PAC 2 events. A total of 175 responses were received from statutory and non-statutory consultees. These were received in the form of the feedback form, or written responses received in the project inbox or by mail.

**Table 5.1: PAC 2 consultation event details and number of attendees**

Venue	Date	Number of attendees
<b>Kintore</b> – Kintore Public Hall	24 February 2025	129
<b>Echt</b> – Echt Hall	25 February 2025	105
<b>Drumoak</b> – Drumoack, Durris & Crathes Bowling Club	26 February 2025	211
<b>Durris</b> – Durris Kirkton Hall	27 February 2025	104
<b>Drumlithie</b> – Drumlithie Village Hall	3 March 2025	84
<b>Edzell</b> – Inglis Memorial Hall	4 March 2025	116
<b>Laurencekirk</b> – Dickson Memorial Hall	5 March 2025	93
<b>Menmuir</b> – Menmuir Hall	10 March 2025	102
<b>Memus</b> – Memus Community Hall	11 March 2025	74
<b>Forfar</b> – Forfar Reid Hall	12 March 2025	125
<b>Tealing</b> – Tealing Village Hall	13 March 2025	37
		<b>Total 1,180*</b>

\* Attendance figures reflect the number of people who registered their attendance at the consultation events on the day. For busier events, the number of attendees was often considerably higher than recorded.

### 5.2 Pre application Consultation PAC 2 Responses

5.2.1 A summary of the feedback received from statutory and non-statutory consultees, the local community and general public following the consultation period which ran from 10 February to 2 March 2025, alongside SSEN Transmission project responses to this feedback, is set in the table below.

**Table 5.2: Summary of feedback received from statutory and non-statutory consultees following PAC 2 events**

Theme	Response
<b>Community Engagement and Consultation Process</b>  Stakeholders are unhappy with SSEN Transmission's consultation process, citing poor engagement, transparency, and responsiveness. They feel community feedback was overlooked, consultations were rushed, information was misleading, and events were poorly advertised. Stakeholders call for better justifications for decisions, improved engagement practices, and fairer treatment of community concerns.	The Applicant held a number of public consultation events, public meetings and group engagements, using a range of methods to promote its consultations to stakeholders. Throughout the consultation process the Applicant has listened closely to identify areas of concern relevant to the Proposed Development's design, allowing it to consider its next steps prior to refining proposals. This has involved amending the proposals and considering and investigating alternative routes or sites in some areas.  The Applicant recognises there is always room for improvement in the way it consults local communities, and it will continue to welcome feedback on how it can further improve how it consults with stakeholders.
<b>Transparency and Information Accuracy</b>	Having comprehensively reviewed all feedback provided through the consultation processes undertaken to date, the Applicant fully

Theme	Response
<p>Feedback reveals concerns about the accuracy and depth of information in consultations, such as low-resolution maps, incorrect pylon heights, and incomplete road and access details. Stakeholders also criticize the lack of agricultural expertise, inaccuracies in visualizations, and missing detailed environmental impact assessments. There are calls for more accurate, comprehensive, and accessible information.</p>	<p>appreciates the strength of feeling within the community surrounding the project and acknowledge its importance to everyone impacted.</p> <p>A full EIA has been undertaken to objectively assess all potential significant environmental effects, including an assessment on the overall permanent loss of prime agricultural land as a result of the project in a regional context. The Applicant has prepared an EIAR and standalone socio-economic report to accompany the Section 37 application to the Scottish Ministers.</p>
<p><b>Environmental Impact and Biodiversity</b></p> <p>Stakeholders are worried about the environmental impact of proposed overhead line projects, including the destruction of ancient woodlands, harm to local wildlife and biodiversity, and the visual impact of pylons. They suggest considering less impactful alternatives like underground cabling or subsea transmission systems and implementing measures to reduce environmental damage.</p>	<p>Wildlife and natural heritage criteria have formed a key component in the OHL alignment design and appraisal process. The large number and variety of natural heritage designations are noted. Wherever possible, the alignment has avoided designated sites (such as Special Protection Areas (SPA) or Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)) and ensured that buffers and clearance areas are left between the project and designated sites to reduce impacts where they cannot be completely avoided.</p> <p>The full EIAR includes specific chapters reporting on the predicted ecological and ornithological impacts of the proposals setting out any likely significant effects and mitigation measures.</p> <p>There was the requirement for an Appropriate Assessment (under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017) where there is a predicted likely significant effect on qualifying interests of an SAC or SPA. As such a shadow HRA (Habitat Regulations Assessment) will be an appendix to the EIAR</p> <p>Species Protection Plans (SPPs) will be agreed with NatureScot for all protected species which have the potential to be adversely affected by the proposals.</p> <p>For projects of this scale, the Applicant will prepare a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) prior to construction commencing. Implementation of the CEMP will ensure that best practice measures are employed during construction to prevent pollution including preventing the spread of invasive species.</p> <p>The Applicant is aware of the four new local landscape areas LLAs that have been approved by Angus Council, and these have been fully considered as part of the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) at <b>Volume 2, Chapter 9: Landscape and Visual Amenity</b> of the EIAR.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that with new transmission infrastructure there will be a change to the landscape setting in the vicinity of the OHL. As such, consideration of the landscape was undertaken at the outset of the potential alignment design and appraisal process. The development of the OHL alignment design has sought to carefully consider key elements of landscape setting and visual impacts on key views and receptors to integrate the project into the overall landscape and to minimise its prominence as far as possible</p> <p>Please see the row below in regard to comment on underground cabling or subsea transmission.</p>
<p><b>Underground and Subsea Cabling</b></p> <p>Many stakeholders advocate for underground or subsea cabling instead of overhead pylons, due to concerns about environmental impact, visual pollution, and community disruption. They question SSEN Transmission's cost and feasibility assessments and demand a more thorough investigation into these alternatives.</p>	<p>The environmental, technical, and operational constraints associated with underground cabling at 400 kV make this option extremely challenging to deliver in many areas of Scotland.</p> <p>Even if technically feasible, underground cables over a significant length, or the entirety, of a project would not be a reasonable alternative to the OHL as it would be contrary to the Applicant's licence obligations to be economical and efficient in respect of additional costs to the end consumer, while presenting an additional risk to the electricity transmission network in the event of cable failure and consequent outages. Given these constraints and the</p>

Theme	Response
	<p>Applicant's responsibility to develop and maintain an economical and efficient transmission network, OHLs are our preferred option for the Kintore to Tealing 400 kV OHL.</p> <p>OHLs can carry roughly three times more power than subsea cables, making them more efficient and cost effective for energy bill payers. Technical challenges and constraints limit the use of subsea cables as a single solution. Moreover, onshore reinforcements help support local electricity needs and improve the network's reliability across northern Scotland.</p>
<p><b>Health Concerns and Safety</b></p> <p>Stakeholders are worried about the health implications of living near overhead power lines, including stress, noise pollution, and mental health impacts. They question the safety of construction activities, biosecurity measures, and potential risks to humans and animals. Stakeholders urge SSEN Transmission to prioritise health and safety in its planning and to consider alternatives that minimize health risks.</p>	<p>The Applicant has prepared the following leaflet to explain the Electromagnetic Field (EMF) and the separation distances which are applied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">EMF Leaflet</a></li> </ul> <p>Noise issues were considered during the alignment design development and in OHL routeing work prior to the alignment stage. This has been considered in detail as part of the EIA, and any significant impacts and required mitigation will be reported in the EIAR.</p> <p>A construction traffic management plan CTMP will be prepared for the project which will set out how the Applicant will endeavour to minimise impacts on local traffic and transport during construction especially during peak commuting hours.</p> <p>The Applicant's business operates with health and safety as a core focus of its operations from project design through to operation and maintenance of its infrastructure. The Applicant's equipment design and installation will be fully risk assessed on a site-by-site basis to ensure that it can be constructed, operated and maintained safely and in the weather conditions experienced in Scotland. SSEN Transmission also has robust processes and procedures in place to ensure compliance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015. This includes competency assessed duty holders, coordinating health and safety and managing risk through the project and asset lifecycle.</p> <p>The Applicant's appointed construction contractors will be required to comply with all relevant waste management legislation and with requirements in the CEMP relating to the management of materials in an environmentally responsible manner.</p> <p>SSEN Transmission appreciates the concerns that its project's route and alignment consultations can create among people in impacted communities. It takes the route and alignment identification process very seriously; following its required process thoroughly and making every attempt to inform communities of its plans, options being considered, and decisions made at each stage to ensure it ultimately settles on the overall most appropriate proposed alignment for the project.</p>
<p><b>Route Adjustments and Alternative Alignments</b></p> <p>Stakeholders strongly oppose specific route selections, suggesting alternative alignments to reduce impacts on communities, the environment, and cultural heritage sites. They express concerns about the selection process, the disregard for community-led alternatives, and call for a more flexible approach to route planning.</p>	<p>The Applicant's approach to the alignment of the Proposed Development is to seek to minimise the impacts of new infrastructure on both the environment (including on a range of natural and cultural heritage features) and on communities who live, work and spend time in these areas. The Applicant seeks to find the best balance between the range of constraints considered whilst also ensuring the proposal is technically feasible, economically viable and capable of achieving consent.</p> <p>The Applicant follows SSEN Transmission's Guidance 'Procedures for Routeing Overhead Lines and Underground Cables of 132 kV and above' (referred to as SSEN Transmission's 'Routeing Guidance'), which is informed by the Holford Rules, and enables the Applicant to consistently and rigorously select corridors, routes and alignments.</p>

Theme	Response
	<p>As well as technical and environmental appraisals, consultation is also undertaken with the public, landowners, consenting authorities and statutory and other consultees. Feedback from this consultation helps to inform which options achieve the best balance and least overall constraint across environmental, technical and cost considerations. The selected option is then taken forward to the next stage of development.</p>
<p><b>Community Benefit Fund and Compensation</b></p> <p>Stakeholders are sceptical about the Community Benefit Fund, seeing it as inadequate compensation for potential property value reductions and community impacts. They call for more substantial measures, including full compensation for property losses, and suggest community benefits that address specific local needs.</p>	<p>The Applicant understands that there are concerns about the potential impact on properties and businesses within the vicinity of its proposed OHL. It has sought to work closely with communities and engage with property owners and seek to mitigate impacts.</p> <p>As a regulated business, the Applicant is obliged to follow the statutory legal framework under the Electricity Act 1989 and Land Compensation (Scotland) Act 1963. If property owners are entitled to compensation under the legal framework, the Applicant will assess any claim on a case-by-case basis under the direction of this legal framework.</p> <p>The community benefit fund will provide a direct opportunity for SSEN Transmission to work with local communities that will be affected by the proposal on a variety of local initiatives. These will directly support communities across the north of Scotland and will be community-led.</p> <p>The Applicant is actively committed to maximising opportunities to support local businesses and the economy throughout the construction phase and work with the main contractors to use local supply chains where possible. Project specific opportunities will be developed, and local partners identified as the project moves towards construction.</p> <p>The Applicant is grateful to all respondents that have suggested opportunities that might be useful for the area. It continues to encourage suggestions to be made and is looking for opportunities to provide support to local groups and organisations. It will carefully consider how to ensure that the local community benefits from the proposed project. The Applicant also intends to support local community initiatives through job creation, career opportunities, its housing strategy and through environmental enhancement.</p>
<p><b>Project Updates and Communication Preferences</b></p> <p>Stakeholders prefer receiving project updates through multiple channels, such as email, text messages, public meetings, and website updates. They stress the importance of timely and accessible communication to keep the community informed about project developments and decisions.</p>	<p>The Applicant held a number of public consultation events, public meetings and group engagements, using a range of methods to promote its consultations to its stakeholders.</p> <p>The Applicant recognises there is always room for improvement in the way it consults local communities, and will continue to welcome feedback on how it can further improve how it consults with stakeholders.</p>

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1.1 This PAC Report documents the consultation undertaken with statutory and non-statutory consultees as well as the public across the two consultation event stages (PAC 1 and PAC 2) of the Alignment Development (Kintore to Tealing 400 kV OHL). This PAC Report has been submitted to the Scottish Government ECU as part of an application under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989.
- 6.1.2 Pre-application consultation was planned with reference to the expectations of pre-application consultation described in the Scottish Government's Good Practice Guidance.
- 6.1.3 PAC 1 consultations were carried out at 12 locations in September and October 2024, and via an online platform, following extensive publicity in local press, social media, direct email communications, mailouts, and the project website. A feedback period was then open for 11 weeks, following which, feedback was collated and analysed in the lead up to PAC 2 consultation events, which took place in February and March 2025.
- 6.1.4 Information in respect of both events was published by the project team and made available at the events themselves and online via the project website, including two Consultation Booklets, a consultation document, information banners, large format plans and maps, 3D visualisations, and information leaflets on various topics.
- 6.1.5 The consultation was designed to facilitate engagement with the local community, community councils, statutory authorities and local Elected Members to invite feedback on the proposals, and latterly to provide summaries of feedback with a response from SSEN Transmission. A feedback period of seven weeks was open following PAC 2 consultations, to capture any additional feedback.
- 6.1.6 The approach to public consultation has ensured that stakeholders and consultees have been given the opportunity to comment on the proposals and understand how feedback has been taken on. This has enabled locally important issues and concerns to be identified and subsequently considered in the preparation of the Alignment Development (Kintore to Tealing 400 kV OHL) Section 37 application.
- 6.1.7 As demonstrated in Table 5.2, the project team have ensured that feedback received during consultations has been taken into account within the project design.

## **APPENDICES**

## Appendix A – Public Consultation Newspaper Advertisements

## NEWS

### Property prices

House prices dropped slightly, by 0.2 per cent in Angus in July, new figures show.

But the drop does not reverse the longer-term trend, which has seen property prices in the area grow by 3.3 per cent over the last year.

The average Angus house price in July was £171,277. Registers of Scotland figures show a 0.2 per cent decrease on June.

Over the month, the picture was different to that across Scotland, where prices increased 3.1 per cent. Over the last year, the average sale price of property in Angus rose by £5,400 – putting the area 22nd among Scotland's 32 local authorities with price data for annual growth.

The highest annual growth was in the Shetland Islands, where prices increased on average by 18.1 per cent, to £211,000.



(Pic: Jeff J Mitchell/Getty Images)

#### CLIMATE CHANGE

Tackling the climate emergency is another issue high on the new incoming leader's list of priorities.

The biggest climate challenge facing Angus Council is on the new leader's doorstep with Montrose Beach

and its famous golf links disappearing at an alarming rate due to coastal erosion.

At the moment the council is spending half of its £120m five-year capital plan on the building of the new Monifieth learning campus, but councillor Duff has warned that more of the council's budget going forward will be spent on climate change mitigation.

"Now as we go forward I think the percentage of the capital plan that will need to be spent on mitigating climate change – that's going to take a larger and larger proportion of our budget going forward," said Mr Duff

"We will have to spend more of the capital on things more related to climate change and less on other things.

"This is something that's going to be a fact of life and we're going to have to accept that.

"Perhaps on things like schools, sports centres, all that sort of thing, it will be

difficult to spend as much money on that going forward given the pressure of dealing with climate change."

#### COUNCIL TAX

Stepping into the top role Mr Duff has to steer a council that is wrestling with a £37.5m funding gap in the next three years.

However, the councillor has warned with fewer money-saving options on the table to fill the gap Angus locals can expect to face a significant council tax increase.

"We have done a lot of cost saving, it's now getting increasingly difficult because all the easy stuff has been done," said Mr Duff.

"The amount of money we can save from the conventional cost saving is getting less and less.

"We are going to have to increase council tax, and we flagged up some ago that it's likely to be a double-digit increase.

"There was an estimate

of 10 per cent, but there was still a deficit so that 10 per cent wasn't enough on that basis. We've got to be honest with people, it's going to be that level of magnitude."

#### STABILISING THE COUNCIL

Mr Duff also wants to unify the council chamber after what he said was a "turbulent summer" for the authority.

Beth Whiteside stood down as leader. SNP councillor Linda Clark also replaced former Angus Provost Brian Boyd, who resigned after an outburst during a council meeting left a fellow councillor Lois Speed in tears.

"It's been quite a turbulent summer, I think an element of stability is needed," said Mr Duff.

"We need to all work together and I think that goes beyond just the administration group."

However, last week, Councillor Serena Cowie announced that she was quitting the SNP party over

Scottish Government cuts, resulting in the new leader inheriting a minority administration.

Mr Duff said: "It will be more challenging, we will have to negotiate and discuss with other groupings and getting things done will be a bit more difficult.

"We might have certain things we won't be able to do, inevitably we might lose some votes, we just have to accept that – that's life as a minority administration."

• *Serena Cowie will continue to represent her Arbroath ward as an independent councillor following her decision to leave the SNP.*

*Explaining her decision, Cllr Cowie said: "I believe the party and I are now in different places on too many issues, particularly with regard to the environmental agenda."*

*She added: "It is a huge privilege to serve my constituents, and please be assured I will continue to do so to the very best of my ability."*

## Kintore to Tealing 400kV Connection Project



TRANSMISSION

### Overhead line alignment consultation events

We are hosting a series of public events across the project route from 23 September until 10 October 2024. These events form part of the pre-application consultation process for the consent application that will be submitted under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989.

We will be sharing our potential alignment for the overhead line, with alternative alignment options in some locations, presented through maps and visualisations. Interested parties can attend our drop-in events to discuss our plans with the project team and share views.

Feedback can be provided through printed forms available at the events, the online form available from the project webpage or in email to the Community Liaison Manager.

The feedback period will be open until Thursday 21 November 2024.

Any comments made to us as the Applicant are not representations to Scottish Ministers as the decision makers. There will be opportunity to make formal representations to Scottish Ministers via the Energy Consents Unit following the submission of the section 37 application.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Community Liaison Manager:

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#### Find out more

Register for project updates, visit the project website by scanning the QR code, or use the following URL: [ssen-transmission.co.uk/tkup](https://ssen-transmission.co.uk/tkup)

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The events will be held at the following locations:

**Monday 23 September, 1.30-6.30pm**  
Tealing Village Hall, Hall Road, Inverdake, Tealing, DD4 0QW

**Tuesday 24 September, 2-7pm**  
Royal Hotel, Wallace Suite, 33 Castle Street, Forfar, DD8 3AE

**Wednesday 25 September, 2-7pm**  
Memus Community Hall, Memus, Forfar, DD8 3TY

**Thursday 26 September, 2-7pm**  
Brechin City Hall, 9 Swan Street, Brechin, DD9 6EE

**Monday 30 September, 2-7pm**  
Menmuir Hall, Brechin, DD9 7RN

**Tuesday 1 October, 1.30-6.30pm**  
Kintore Public Hall, 12 School Road, Kintore, AB51 0UX

**Wednesday 2 October, 2-7pm**  
Echt Hall, Echt, Westhill, AB32 6UL

**Thursday 3 October, 2-7pm**  
Drumoak, Durris & Crathes Bowling Club, Sunnyside Avenue, Drumoak, AB31 5EF

**Monday 7 October, 2-7pm**  
Drumlithie Village Hall, Station Road, Drumlithie, AB39 3YT

**Tuesday 8 October, 2-7pm**  
Stonehaven Town Hall, Allardice Street, Stonehaven, AB39 2BU

**Wednesday 9 October, 2-7pm**  
Dickson Memorial Hall, Station Road, Laurencekirk, AB30 1BE

**Thursday 10 October, 2-7pm**  
Durris Kirkton Hall, Kirkton of Durris, Banchory, AB31 6BP

# Family man signed up to build dream

BY ALEX BANKS

**A** Dunfermline man has told how he has kept his sign making business successful for 15 years.

John Young wanted to “create something different” and started Rosyth Signs in 2009. He answered our questions on his struggles, achievements and more.

**How and why did you start in business?**

I wanted to create something that reflected my vision and standards,

rather than working to build someone else’s dream.

Our company specialises in high-end signage and rebrands, including shop frontage, vehicle livery, and custom-made signage.

**How did you get to where you are today?**

Through hard work, learning from our mistakes, and strong family support.

Our growth has been bolstered by strategic networking.

**Who helped you?**

My wife, as a director, has been a constant

source of motivation, and guiding our business decisions.

My youngest son Matthew’s expertise in design and fitting has been instrumental in maintaining the quality of our products, while my oldest son Cameron’s role in marketing and networking has helped us build strong relationships with clients and partners.

We’ve also received tremendous support through fantastic members of staff, networking with



STANDARDS: John Young wanted to build his own vision. Picture by Steve Brown.

the FSB, Fife Chamber, Fore Business, and BNI.

**What’s the best piece of advice you’ve ever had?**

Never give up.

**What is your biggest mistake?**

Initially building our team more on heart than on strategic fit.

**What is your greatest achievement?**

Winning Fife Business of the Year through the

Fife Chamber of Commerce. It was a testament to our commitment to quality and our impact within the local business community.

**How are you managing rising costs?**

We’ve managed rising costs by carefully adjusting our pricing and improving efficiency without compromising on quality.

The government could

assist small businesses like ours by offering tax relief.

**What do you do to relax?**

I enjoy playing golf and I love taking weekend drives, which helps me recharge.

**What do you waste your money on?**

I have a passion for collecting whisky. I also spend on petrol for my V8 Mustang.

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# BBC stars gear up for special ramble

BY HANNAH ROBERTS

**T**he Countryfile Ramble, which raises money for BBC Children In Need, is to head to the Peak District for its 10th anniversary special.

Hosts Matt Baker, Anita Rani, Sean Fletcher, and Margherita Taylor will travel to Chatsworth Estate to embark on a joint ramble with four inspirational young people who have been supported by a BBC Children In Need project.

Baker, 46, who has been a regular presenter on the agricultural programme since 2009, will undertake his ramble with 13-year-old Lucas, who at the age of two months old was diagnosed with hydrocephalus, a

build-up of fluid in the brain.

His family was put in touch with funded project, Harry's Hydrocephalus Awareness Trust (Harry's HAT), which delivers support sessions and family activity days to young people with the condition.

Since then they have provided support and encouraged him to take part in outdoor activities with his family like playing football and rowing.

Rani, 46, will join nine-year-old Rubi, who has chronic kidney disease focal segmental glomerulosclerosis and a permanent feed point of her tummy, which had prevented her from having

sleepovers until she attended Over The Wall Camp, a charity offering camps and residential trips across the UK to disabled and seriously ill children.

Elsewhere, Fletcher, 50, will be teaming up with 15-year-old Jack, who was diagnosed at the age of five with a rare genetic hearing disorder and also has autism.

A teacher put his family in touch with funded project Talking Hands, which provides an environment where children and young people, like Jack, can learn sign language, are given advice and support.

The final presenter, Taylor, 52, will be joining

eight-year-old Sophie who has autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Due to a lack of support available to children on the autistic spectrum, her mother Kathryn set up a project called Sensory Kids in 2014 which provides sensory play, specialist rooms with equipment and support for children and young people with ASD.

Fellow Countryfile presenter John Craven will be joined by Pudsey Bear to challenge members of the public across the UK to hold their own sponsored rambles to raise funds.

The Countryfile Ramble for BBC Children In Need will air on BBC One on Sunday November 3.



CHILDREN IN NEED: John Craven with Pudsey Bear.

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## NEWS

# MP's backing for WASPI campaign

**Mark Dowie**  
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Arbroath and Broughty Ferry MP Stephen Gethins met local campaigner and Women Against State Pension Inequality's national membership director, Carole Archibald, to discuss the campaign's next steps.

Following the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's independent recommendation last March that women impacted by the increase in State Pension Age should be awarded compensation, UK Labour Government Ministers have reneged on the commitments to compensation that they gave to WASPI women during and before the General Election



Mr Gethins is pictured with Carole Archibald.

campaign.

The SNP forced a vote in the Commons on a 10 minute rule bill in the name of Westminster leader Stephen Flynn MP, which saw the Women's State Pension age (Ombudsman report and compensation scheme) bill pass its first

parliamentary hurdle by 105 votes to zero.

Despite MSPs uniting to demand the UK Government provides compensation, the overwhelming majority of Scottish Labour MPs failed to back this bill in Westminster. Mr Gethins said: "I will not

let this issue go away and will continue to raise this at every opportunity, working with Carole and her colleagues.

"The responsibility for putting this issue right lies firmly with the UK Government, and Labour has changed their tune since taking up office about working with WASPI women to get justice for those impacted.

"Now is their opportunity to do right by WASPI women and I will keep up the pressure on this in Westminster at every opportunity."

Carole added: "We fought long and hard over the years to get maladministration proved. Now that it has been proved, we think that we deserve to have justice and to get the compensation that the Parliamentary Ombudsman has said that we should have."

# A life in the decorating trade

President Mary Ogilvie welcomed Inverkeilor WRI members to their recent meeting and introduced guest speaker Bruce Middleton.

Bruce gave a humorous talk on his early life in the Inverkeilor area and his trade as a painter and decorator.

Diane Parry proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions - Beetroot Chutney - 1 Diane Parry; Tamari Ball - 1 Kim Raeper, 2 Kathy Powrie; Flower of the Month - 1 Diane Parry, 2 Barbara Baikie, 3 Lorna Keillor

### CAIRD HALL ORGAN RECITAL

The Friends of the Caird Hall Organ are presenting their six-hour fundraising Organathon between 10am and 4pm on Saturday, March 8.

This event will feature 17 organists from the local area and further afield, as well as instrumentalists and two choirs, all performing for 20 minutes each.

The organists are from a variety of backgrounds, students to well established players.

The final recital on the day will be given by international virtuoso organist Gordon Stewart, who has been Honorary President of FOCHO since it was established over 12 years ago.

You can expect a wide variety of styles of playing and music from across the centuries.

All the players will be collecting sponsorship to support the work of FOCHO to reach their fundraising goals.

This is an open event providing a fantastic opportunity to hear the Caird Hall organ in a more social setting and everyone is welcome.

There is no admission fee but a donation will be much appreciated.

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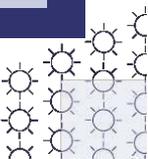
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# VE Day 80th set to honour WW2 veterans

BY ELLIE CRABBE

People are being urged to host celebrations for the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day in what might be “our last chance to thank surviving veterans”.

May 8 marks the date in 1945 when the allies accepted Germany's surrender in the Second World War, ending almost six years of conflict in Europe.

Community celebrations will be led by the Together Coalition, a group of businesses and individuals,

as part of the UK Government's national programme to commemorate the 80th anniversaries of both VE Day in May and Victory over Japan (VJ) Day on August 15.

Events will include the Great British Food Festival on May 5, when street parties, picnics and barbecues will take place across the country on the Monday bank holiday, reflecting the celebrations that broke out across the nation 80 years ago.

There will also be a VE Day Schools Challenge, where the Together Coalition and the Royal British Legion are asking pupils to learn about the significance of the anniversary.

Launching the countdown, TV presenter and actor Ross Kemp and Olympic gold medallist Dame Kelly Holmes visited Hermitage Primary School in Tower Hamlets, east London, where they shared food with the pupils and talked about the values



CELEBRATIONS: Ross Kemp and Dame Kelly Holmes at a VE Day school launch event.

that helped communities contribute to the war victory.

EastEnders star Kemp said: “VE Day marks a major moment in our history – when Britain helped defeat the forces of fascism and protect our democracy.

“Taking part is an opportunity for us all to honour those who

sacrificed so much, to reconnect with our neighbours and communities, and to remember the values that underpinned the victory.

“They matter as much today as they did then.

“This might be our last chance to thank the surviving veterans, so we should celebrate them in style.”

Dame Kelly said: “Moments like this matter; they bring us together as a country and remind us of the freedoms we sometimes take for granted.

“They also give us an opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the victory from the UK and across the Commonwealth.”

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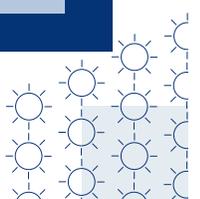
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# WhatsApp group is probed after sacking

BY HELEN CORBETT AND RACHEL VICKERS-PRICE

**A** WhatsApp group in which MP Andrew Gwynne posted “completely unacceptable” messages is being investigated, a minister has said.

Housing Minister Matthew Pennycook could not say if others in the chat, which reportedly included another Labour MP, will be suspended, but suggested the prime minister could take action based on what the investigation finds.

Mr Gwynne said the messages were “badly misjudged” after Sir Keir Starmer sacked him as health minister and suspended him from the Labour Party.

The MP for Gorton and Denton reportedly posted

sexist comments about Angela Rayner and racist remarks about Labour MP Diane Abbott, and was also said to have joked in the private group chat with Labour figures based around Manchester about an elderly woman’s death.

Mr Pennycook told the Sunday Morning With Trevor Phillips programme on Sky News: “I don’t know, personally, what other people on that WhatsApp conversation have said... I’ve been very clear, there’s an investigation taking place into the whole incident.

“What the public can take from the way the prime minister has acted decisively in this case to dismiss Andrew Gwynne, is that if any other

Labour MP or minister falls short he will act to uphold the highest standards in public office,” Mr Pennycook said.

The prime minister dismissed Mr Gwynne as a minister as soon as he became aware of the comments, it is understood.

The language the MP reportedly used in his messages is “completely unacceptable” and “in some instances, it’s deeply concerning”, Mr Pennycook added.

Mr Gwynne posted on X on Saturday apologising for any offence caused but did not suggest he would stand down as an MP.

“I deeply regret my badly misjudged comments and apologise for any offence I’ve

caused. I’ve served the Labour Party all my life and it was a huge honour to be appointed a minister by Keir Starmer.

“I entirely understand the decisions the PM and the party have taken and, while very sad to have been suspended, will support them in any way I can,” he wrote.

Mr Gwynne posted messages in a WhatsApp group called Trigger Me Timbers, the Mail on Sunday reported.

The newspaper said his comments included antisemitic slights and a joke about a constituent being “mown down” by a truck.

He also reportedly wrote he hoped a 72-year-old woman would soon have “croaked it” after she asked a councillor about her bins.



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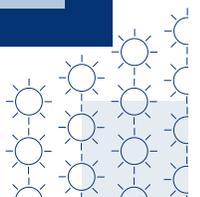
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**From:** TKUP (tkup@sse.com)

**Sent:** 15/01/2025 17:46:55

**To:** Tealing - Kintore 400kV OHL Email Distribution List

**Subject:** February / March 2025 Public Consultation Dates

**Body:**

Good afternoon,

I am emailing to advise of upcoming public engagement events for our [Kintore to Tealing 400kV overhead line connection project](#).

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Please see the attached poster for all dates, times and locations.

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Following the publication of the Report on Consultation, we will be hosting a stakeholder webinar on Tuesday 4 February between 2pm and 3.30pm, within which members of SSEN Transmission will provide:

- A recap on the history of the Pathway to 2030 overhead line projects to date
- An outline of the key highlights contained within the Report on Consultation
- Detail what can be expected from upcoming consultation events and submission of planning applications
- Advise of how we would approach moving from the development to delivery phase should planning consent be received.

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Kind regards,

Rob Whytock | Community Liaison Manager

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As a Community Council we will be again offering a briefing call on the Report on Consultation to discuss any questions you may have. We anticipate this would be in early February.

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Rob Whytock | Community Liaison Manager

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September 2024

Dear Resident,

**SSEN Transmission Kintore to Tealing 400kV Overhead Line (OHL) – Consultation Events, other Projects Consultation Events and Ground Investigation (GI) Works**

**Kintore to Tealing 400kV OHL Consultation Events**

The new Kintore - Tealing 400kV overhead line connection continues in the development stage with community consultations having taken place in May 2023 as well as March and April 2024 on the different route options for the overhead line (OHL).

Our most recent published report on the public consultation we undertook in March and April 2024 confirms the OHL routes that are now being taken forward to the next stage of development and includes community and landowner proposals around Careston, Drumoak and Echt. The full Report on Consultation (RoC) as well as a summary RoC can be found on the dedicated project website [ssen-transmission.co.uk/tkup](https://ssen-transmission.co.uk/tkup) under project documents.

These stakeholder-led proposals are now being progressed in parallel with other OHL route options that were consulted on in May 2023 and March and April 2024. The potential OHL alignment and alternative alignments along the full Kintore-Tealing route are being finalised ahead of the next round of public consultations.

Feedback on the alignment options will be sought by community members and all interested stakeholders at the next series of public consultation events for the project, which are scheduled to take place in September and October 2024. We'd therefore like to invite you to attend a suitable event at a convenient time to meet the project team, ask any questions and find out more about the proposals.

**Please find the details of the in person drop-in public consultation events on the enclosed flyers.**

**Other Project Consultation Events**

We have also enclosed information on upcoming public consultation events for the Glendye Wind Farm Connection project following community feedback requesting information on our events that are held locally being shared in a concise manner.

Thistle Wind Partners (TWP) are also holding consultation events in the area in October and although we are not facilitating these events, we are aware that details on these events are publicly available on their website [thistlewindpartners.scot/bowdun](https://thistlewindpartners.scot/bowdun)

If you are unable to attend any of the SSEN Transmission planned events all the material that will be on display will be available to be downloaded from the project documents section of the dedicated project websites, which you can access via the following URLs:

Kintore – Tealing OHL Connection [ssen-transmission.co.uk/tkup](https://ssen-transmission.co.uk/tkup)

Glendye Wind Farm Connection [ssen-transmission.co.uk/glendye](https://ssen-transmission.co.uk/glendye)

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### **Kintore to Tealing Ground Investigation (GI) Works**

**As well as providing the details on our upcoming public consultations we are writing to advise that from w/c 23 September 2024 our project teams and contractors will undertake walkover surveys and GI works for the Kintore to Tealing 400kV OHL project, to help inform the ongoing design of the alignment.**

Ground investigations typically involve drilling boreholes and/or digging trial pits, allowing engineers to understand the engineering properties of the soil and rock beneath potential tower locations and their ability to support the structures. They are a necessary step in any new developments, and the results will help determine the best designs for the alignment.

Local community members can expect to see more activity on the ground, and while most activities are expected to cause very little local disruption, we would like to thank you for your patience while they are carried out.

Where more intrusive activities are required, we will work to keep local disruption and environmental impacts to a minimum.

Our project teams will oversee the contractors' works, who may employ specialist supervision from ecologists and archaeologists to ensure the works do not impact on local wildlife or archaeological assets.

We would like to provide assurance that these ongoing surveys form part of our normal assessment and project development process and we are continuing to actively engage with local communities and stakeholders regarding our activities.

As the project moves into the next phase of development for the OHL alignments and future section 37 submission, I will be your new dedicated Community Liaison Manager point of contact. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the details below if you have any questions or queries pertaining to any of the above information or the project in general.

Yours faithfully



Rob Whytock  
Community Liaison Manager  
E: [tkup@sse.com](mailto:tkup@sse.com)



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👤 Our team will be on-hand at the event throughout the day. Come along, ask questions, find out more and let us know what you think.

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# Kintore - Tealing Overhead Line Project Durriss

Date: 10th October 2024

Time: 14:00 - 19:00

Location: Durriss Kirkton Hall, Kirkton of Durriss, Banchory, AB31 6BP



# Kintore - Tealing Overhead Line Project Durris

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## Kintore - Tealing Overhead Line Project Forfar

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## Kintore - Tealing Overhead Line Project Forfar

Date: 24th September 2024  
Time: 14:00 - 19:00  
Location: Wallace Suite, Royal Hotel,  
33 Castle Street, Forfar, DD8 3AE



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We're inviting community members to share their views on alignment options for the Kintore to Tealing 400kV project at our upcoming consultation event in Laurencekirk at the Dickson Memorial Hall on 9th October between 14:00 and 19:00.

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**Kintore - Tealing Overhead Line Project Laurencekirk**

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**Kintore - Tealing Overhead Line Project Laurencekirk**

Date: 9th October 2024  
Time: 14:00 - 19:00  
Location: Dickson Memorial Hall, Station Road, Laurencekirk, AB30 1BE

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➡ To find out more about this event, visit <https://lnkd.in/e/NZEcqnS>



## Kintore - Tealing Overhead Line Project Memus

Date: 25th September 2024

Time: 14:00 - 19:00

Location: Memus Community Hall, Memus,  
Forfar, DD8 3TY



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February 2025

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Our most recent published Alignment Selection Report on Consultation (RoC), following alignment consultation we undertook in September and October 2024 confirms the proposed OHL alignment that we intend to take forward to the Section 37 application in spring 2025. The RoC, as well as a summary RoC, can be found on the dedicated project website [ssen-transmission.co.uk/tkup](https://ssen-transmission.co.uk/tkup) under project documents.

Feedback on the final proposed alignment will be sought by community members and all interested stakeholders at the final series of public consultation events for the project, which are scheduled to take place in February and March 2025. We would therefore like to invite you to attend a suitable event at a convenient time to meet the project team, ask any questions and find out more about the proposals.

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### **Glendye Wind Farm Connection Consultation Events**

The Glendye Wind Farm Connection project will again be holding a joint event for their final alignment at Drumlithie on Monday 3 March alongside the Kintore to Tealing OHL project. The project team will be available to answer any questions. There will also be another consultation event at Strachan Village Hall on Wednesday 5 March solely for the Glendye Wind Farm Connection.

As the Glendye Wind Farm Connection project moves into the next phase of development for the OHL alignment and future Section 37 submission, Catherine Cowie will be your new dedicated Community Liaison Manager. Please do not hesitate to contact her directly using the details below if you have any questions or queries pertaining to any of the above information or the Glendye Wind Farm Connection project in general.

Catherine Cowie  
Community Liaison Manager  
E: [Glendye@sse.com](mailto:Glendye@sse.com)

### **If you are unable to attend any of the events**

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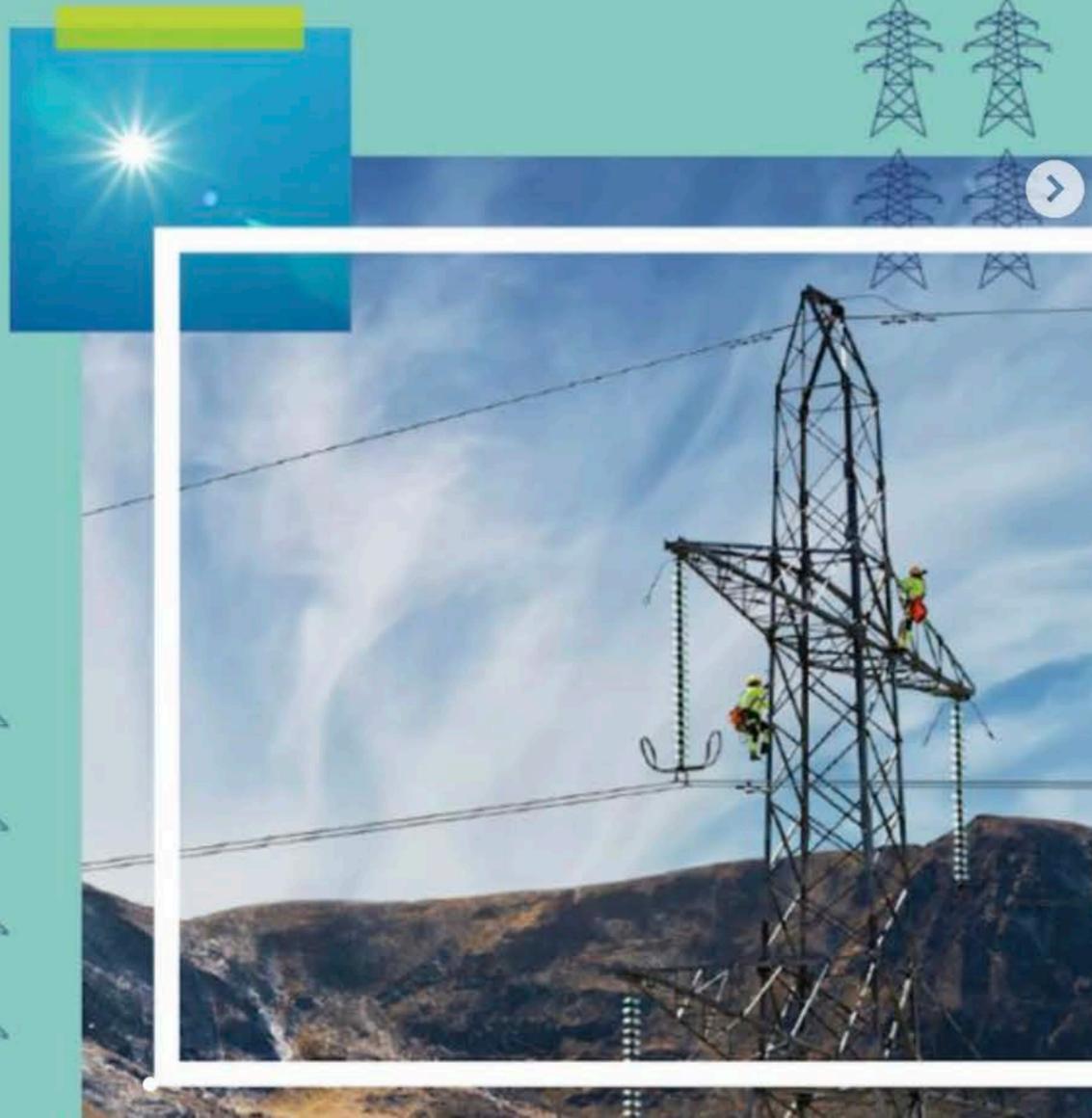
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Whytock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a capital 'R' and a capital 'W'.

Rob Whytock  
Community Liaison Manager  
E: [tkup@sse.com](mailto:tkup@sse.com)

# Kintore - Tealing (TKUP) Overhead Line Project

## Forfar

Date: 12 March  
Time: 2-7pm  
Location: Forfar Reid Hall,  
Castle Street, Forfar, DD8  
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🕒 2 - 7pm

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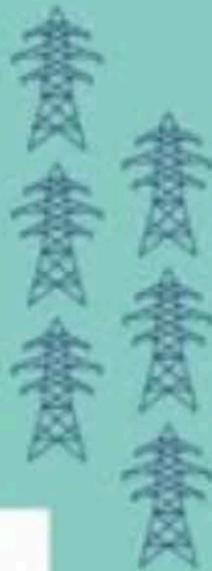
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- 📅 11 March
- 📍 Memus Community Hall, Memus, Forfar, DD8 3TY
- 🕒 2 - 7pm

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## Kintore - Tealing (TKUP) Overhead Line Project

Memus

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📅 10 March

📍 Menmuir Hall, Brechin, DD9 7RN

🕒 2 - 7pm

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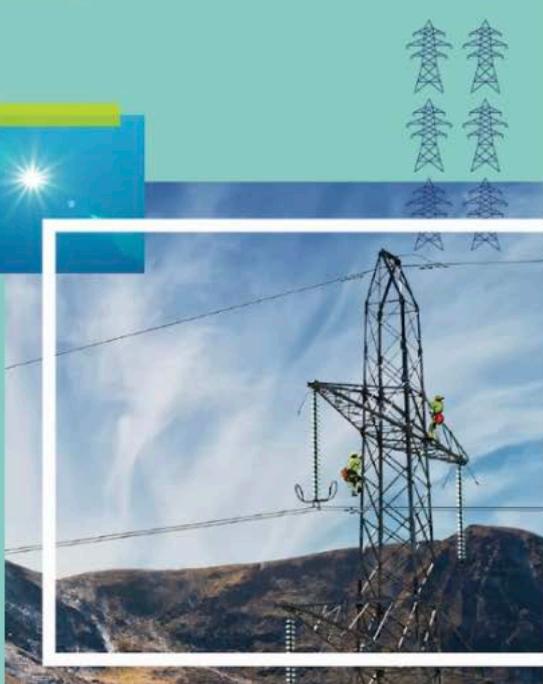


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## Kintore - Tealing (TKUP) Overhead Line Project

### Menmuir

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📅 13 March

📍 Tealing Village Hall, Hall Road, Inveraldie, Tealing, DD4 0QW

🕒 2 - 7pm

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## Kintore - Tealing (TKUP) Overhead Line Project

### Tealing

Date: 13 March  
Time: 2-7pm  
Location: Tealing Village Hall, Hall Road, Inveraldie, Tealing, DD4 0QW

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# Kintore to Tealing 400kV Connection Project



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## Overhead line alignment consultation events

We are hosting a series of public events across the project route from 23 September until 10 October 2024. These events form part of the pre-application consultation process for the consent application that will be submitted under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989.

We will be sharing our potential alignment for the overhead line, with alternative alignment options in some locations, presented through maps and visualisations. Interested parties can attend our drop-in events to discuss our plans with the project team and share views.

Feedback can be provided through printed forms available at the events, the online form available from the project webpage or in email to the Community Liaison Manager.

The feedback period will be open until Thursday 21 November 2024.

Any comments made to us as the Applicant are not representations to Scottish Ministers as the decision makers. There will be opportunity to make formal representations to Scottish Ministers via the Energy Consents Unit following the submission of the section 37 application.

### The events will be held at the following locations:

**Monday 23 September, 1.30-6.30pm**  
Tealing Village Hall, Hall Road,  
Inverdale, Tealing, DD4 0QW

**Tuesday 24 September, 2-7pm**  
Royal Hotel, Wallace Suite,  
33 Castle Street, Forfar, DD8 3AE

**Wednesday 25 September, 2-7pm**  
Memus Community Hall, Memus,  
Forfar, DD8 3TY

**Thursday 26 September, 2-7pm**  
Brechin City Hall, 9 Swan Street,  
Brechin, DD9 6EE

**Monday 30 September, 2-7pm**  
Menmuir Hall, Brechin,  
DD9 7RN

**Tuesday 1 October, 1.30-6.30pm**  
Kintore Public Hall, 12 School Road,  
Kintore, AB51 0UX

**Wednesday 2 October, 2-7pm**  
Echt Hall, Echt, Westhill, AB32 6UL

**Thursday 3 October, 2-7pm**  
Drumoak, Durris & Crathes  
Bowling Club, Sunnyside Avenue,  
Drumoak, AB31 5EF

**Monday 7 October, 2-7pm**  
Drumlithie Village Hall,  
Station Road, Drumlithie, AB39 3YT

**Tuesday 8 October, 2-7pm**  
Stonehaven Town Hall, Allardice Street,  
Stonehaven, AB39 2BU

**Wednesday 9 October, 2-7pm**  
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Laurencekirk, AB30 1BE

**Thursday 10 October, 2-7pm**  
Durris Kirkton Hall, Kirkton of Durris,  
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# Kintore to Tealing 400kV Overhead Line Project

Final overhead line alignment consultation events

**We are hosting a series of public events across the project route from 24 February until 13 March 2025. These events conclude the Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) process for the consent application that will be submitted under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989.**

To support the growth in renewable developments across the north of Scotland, investment in our network infrastructure is needed to connect this power and transport it to areas of demand. This includes a new 400kV overhead line between Kintore and Tealing connecting to two new substations in Fetteresso Forest (Hurlie) and Tealing (Emmock).

We will be sharing our proposed alignment of the overhead line, including details on how this decision was taken. This will be presented on maps and visualisations with booklets and handouts available for attendees and digital versions available to download on our project webpage.

Interested parties can attend our drop-in events to discuss our plans with the project team and share your thoughts on the final alignment ahead of submission of planning. Feedback can be provided through printed forms available at the events, the online form available on the project webpage or in email to the project inbox.



Find out more and register for project updates, visit the project website: [ssen-transmission.co.uk/TKUP](https://ssen-transmission.co.uk/TKUP)

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The events will be held at the following locations:

**Monday 24 February, 2–7pm**

Kintore Public Hall, 12 School Road, Kintore, AB51 0UX

**Tuesday 25 February, 2–7pm**

Echt Hall, Echt, Westhill, AB32 6UL

**Wednesday 26 February, 2–7pm**

Durris & Crathes Bowling Club, Sunnyside Avenue, Drumoak, AB31 5EF

**Thursday 27 February, 2–7pm**

Durris Kirkton Hall, Kirkton of Durris, Banchory, AB31 6BP

**Monday 3 March, 2–7pm**

Drumlithie Village Hall, Station Road, Drumlithie, AB39 3YT

**Tuesday 4 March, 1–6pm**

Inglis Memorial Hall and Library, High Street, Edzell, Brechin, DD9 7TF

**Wednesday 5 March, 2–7pm**

Dickson Memorial Hall, Station Road, Laurencekirk, AB30 1BE

**Monday 10 March, 2–7pm**

Menmuir Hall, Brechin, DD9 7RN

**Tuesday 11 March, 2–7pm**

Memus Community Hall, Memus, Forfar, DD8 3TY

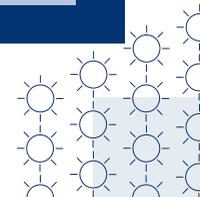
**Wednesday 12 March, 2–7pm**

Forfar Reid Hall, Castle Street, Forfar, DD8 3HX

**Thursday 13 March, 2–7pm**

Tealing Village Hall, Hall Road, Inveraldie, Tealing, DD4 0QW

We invite all interested parties to attend our drop-in exhibitions to discuss our plans with the project team and share your views.



## Appendix C – Consultation Banners PAC 1

# The Pathway to 2030

**Building the energy system of the future will require a delivery of significant infrastructure over the next few years. In partnership with the UK and Scottish Governments, we're committed to meeting our obligation of connecting new, renewable energy to where it's needed by 2030.**

## Achieving net zero

By 2030, both the UK and Scottish governments are targeting a big expansion in offshore wind generation of 50GW and 11GW respectively. The Scottish Government has also set ambitious targets for an additional 12GW of onshore wind by 2030.

Across Great Britain, including the north of Scotland, there needs to be a significant increase in the capacity of the onshore electricity transmission infrastructure to deliver these 2030 targets and a pathway to net zero.

## Securing our energy future

And it's not just about net zero. It's also about building a homegrown energy system, so that geopolitical turmoil around the world doesn't severely impact the UK and push up energy prices.

The UK Government's British Energy Security Strategy further underlines the need for this infrastructure, setting out plans to accelerate homegrown power for greater energy independence. The strategy aims to reduce the UK's dependence on and price exposure to global gas wholesale markets through the deployment of homegrown low carbon electricity generation supported by robust electricity network infrastructure.

## Meeting our 2030 targets

In July 2022, National Grid, the Electricity System Operator (ESO), published the Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design (HND). This set out the blueprint for the onshore and offshore transmission infrastructure that's required to support the forecasted growth in the UK's renewable electricity. It's an ambitious plan that will help the UK achieve net zero.

## What does this mean for you?

The East of Scotland will play a key role in meeting these goals. The extensive studies that informed the ESO's Pathway to 2030 HND confirmed the requirement to increase the power transfer capacity of the onshore corridor from Kintore to Tealing.

This requires a 400kV connection between these sites to enable the significant capability needed to take power from onshore and large scale offshore renewable generation, connecting on the East Coast of Scotland before transporting power to areas of demand.

As part of these plans, we're proposing to build a new 400kV OHL between Kintore and Tealing.

This also requires two new 400kV substations to be constructed in Fetteresso Forest (Hurlie) and Tealing (Emmock) to enable future connections and export routes to areas of demand.

In addition, two of the existing 275kV OHLs out of the existing Tealing substation to Alyth and Westfield require upgrades to 400kV operation and to be connected to the proposed new Emmock 400kV site.

These five projects, collectively are called the Kintore to Tealing 400kV projects, and are seen as critical to enable the delivery of the UK and Scottish Government's targets.

## Future network investment requirements

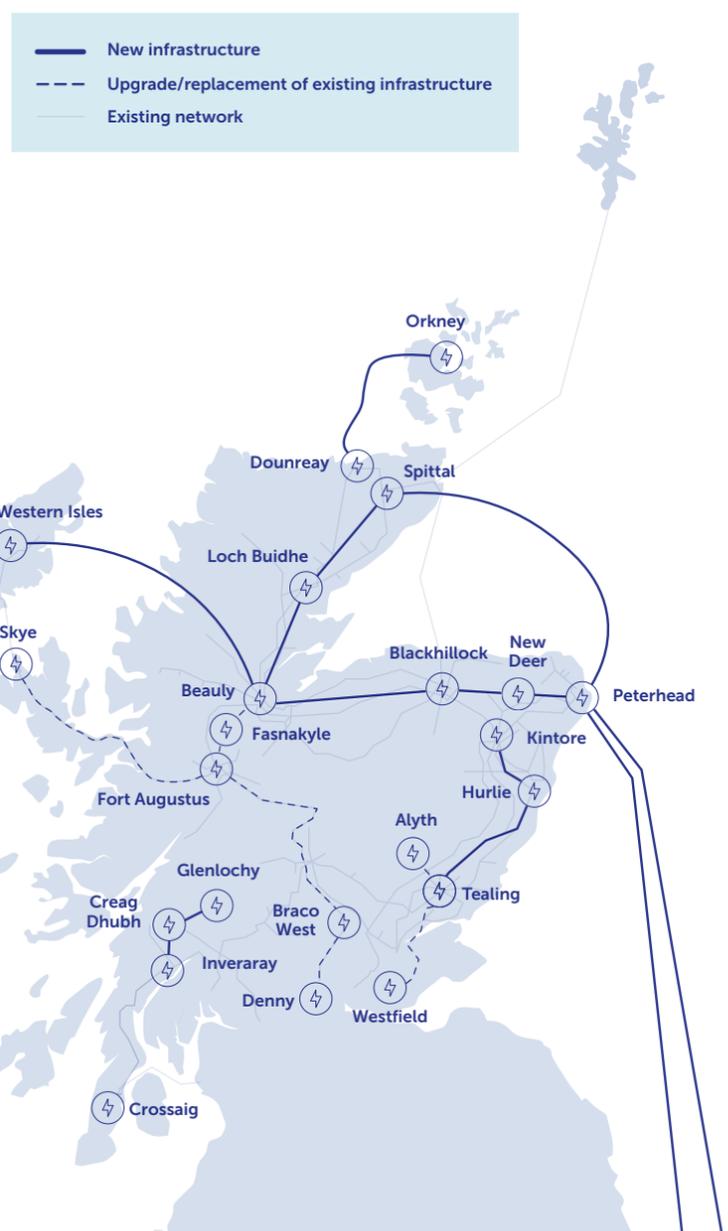
Our 2030 targets are the first step on the transition to net zero. The UK Government has a target to decarbonise our electricity system by 2035 and fully decarbonise our economy by becoming net zero by 2050, with the Scottish Government committing to net zero five years earlier, by 2045.

To achieve these targets, further investment in new low carbon electricity generation and the enabling electricity transmission network infrastructure will be required.

The next stage of strategic network planning across Great Britain has now been outlined in the independent Electricity System Operator, National Grid ESO's, 'Beyond 2030' report, published in March this year.

For the north of Scotland, the ESO's plan recommends several new and upgraded onshore and offshore reinforcements that the ESO has assessed are required to help deliver net zero targets.

These projects, which will be subject to extensive public consultation, are at the very early stages of development and further details will be set out in due course.



# About the Kintore - Tealing 400kV projects

The Kintore - Tealing 400kV project consists of five key onshore projects comprising of works to develop new infrastructure and upgrade existing infrastructure in both SSEN Transmission and Scottish Power Transmission's areas.

Due to the criticality of these works, there is a requirement for accelerated development and delivery to meet the 2030 connection dates.

## Kintore - Tealing 400kV OHL connection

This requires the construction of a new 400kV OHL approximately 107km in length. This is split into two sections:

- Approximately 35km between the 400kV substation currently under construction at Kintore and the proposed new 400kV Hurlie substation.
- Approximately 72km between Hurlie and the proposed new 400kV Emmock substation.

## Emmock 400kV substation

A new 400kV substation is essential to enable the connection of the proposed Kintore - Tealing 400kV OHL as well as allowing the upgraded Alyth - Tealing and Tealing - Westfield OHLs to connect at 400kV.

Tealing has been selected as the preferred area as it reuses existing infrastructure via Westfield and Alyth down to Kincardine that can be upgraded to 400kV operation.

A new substation site near Tealing, close to the existing Tealing substation, minimises the requirement for new infrastructure.

## Hurlie 400kV substation

A new 400kV substation, known as Hurlie, is located near the existing 132kV substation in Fetteresso Forest to provide a connection for the new proposed Kintore - Tealing 400kV OHL.

Hurlie also provides an onshore landing point for the proposed co-ordinated Offshore Network currently being developed which is intended to deliver offshore connections more efficiently.

## Upgrade to 400kV for Alyth - Tealing and Tealing - Westfield OHL

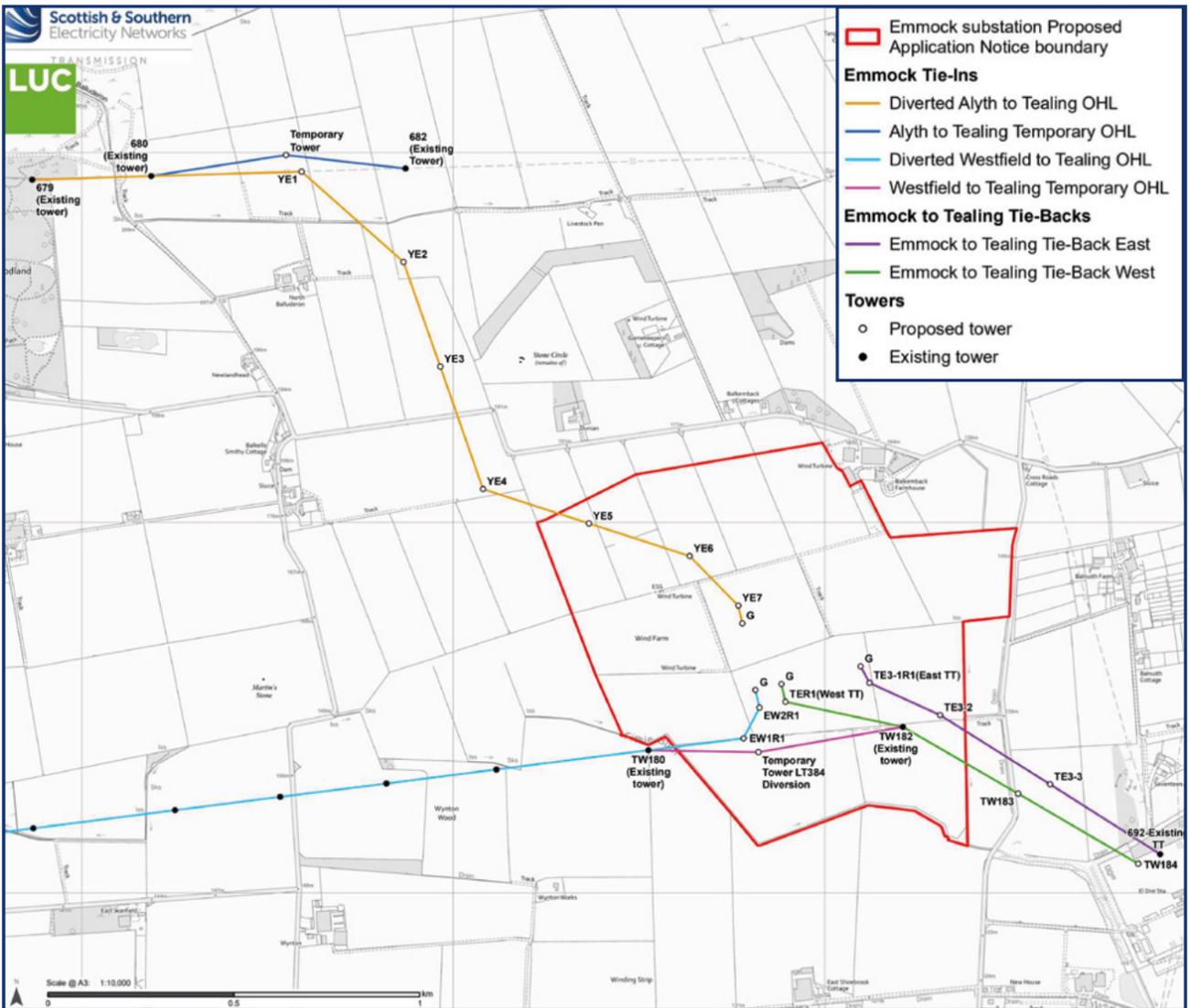
To support the increased capacity from the proposed Kintore - Tealing 400kV OHL, the export routes to areas of demand must be upgraded to 400kV.

This means the existing Alyth - Tealing and Tealing - Westfield OHLs, which currently operate at 275kV need to be upgraded to operate at 400kV.

This is known as 'reconductoring' and is achieved by replacing the existing conductors with larger capacity conductors. Once upgraded these lines will connect into the proposed new 400kV substation at Tealing (Emmock).



# Emmock and Tealing section 37 tie-ins



## Consult our maps

We've split our maps into sections so that you can refer to the areas of most interest to you in clearer detail.

Copies will be available at the consultation to take away with you, or alternatively you can download the copies you need from our project webpage.

The Emmock and Tealing tie-ins comprises the diversion of short sections of the Alyth to Tealing (A-T OHL) and Westfield to Tealing (W-T OHL) 275kV OHLs, which currently connect at their eastern extent with the existing Tealing 275kV substation, to connect with the proposed Emmock 400kV substation.

Consent for this work will be applied for via a standalone section 37 application under the Electricity Act 1989 to Scottish Ministers. Consent is also sought under the same application for the installation of two short sections of parallel 275kV OHL 'tiebacks' between Emmock substation (assuming it is consented) and Tealing substation.

The project is being planned in parallel with separate SSEN Transmission projects to reconductor both of the above-mentioned 275kV OHLs to 400kV for tie-in to Emmock substation.

The key issues arising from this project are likely to be landscape and visual and cumulative impacts arising from the other proposed electrical infrastructure in the area.

The project is essential to the completion of the Kintore to Tealing projects, as it would provide the tie-ins for the reconducted A-T OHL and W-T OHL to the proposed Emmock substation as part of the upgraded 400kV transmission infrastructure. This would allow power to keep flowing whilst the wider upgrade works are undertaken.

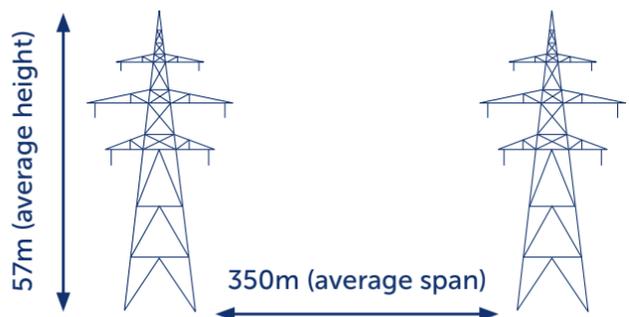
An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Request was submitted in August 2024, and an Environmental Appraisal of the project is due to be undertaken in the coming months to support a section 37 application to Scottish Ministers, this is expected to be submitted in early 2025. It is anticipated a decision will be made later that year and we expect to commence construction in 2026.

# About the overhead line

## 400kV double circuit overhead line

The required technology for the new 400kV link between Kintore - Hurlie - Emmock has been determined to be a new double circuit 400kV HVAC (High Voltage Alternating Current) overhead line.

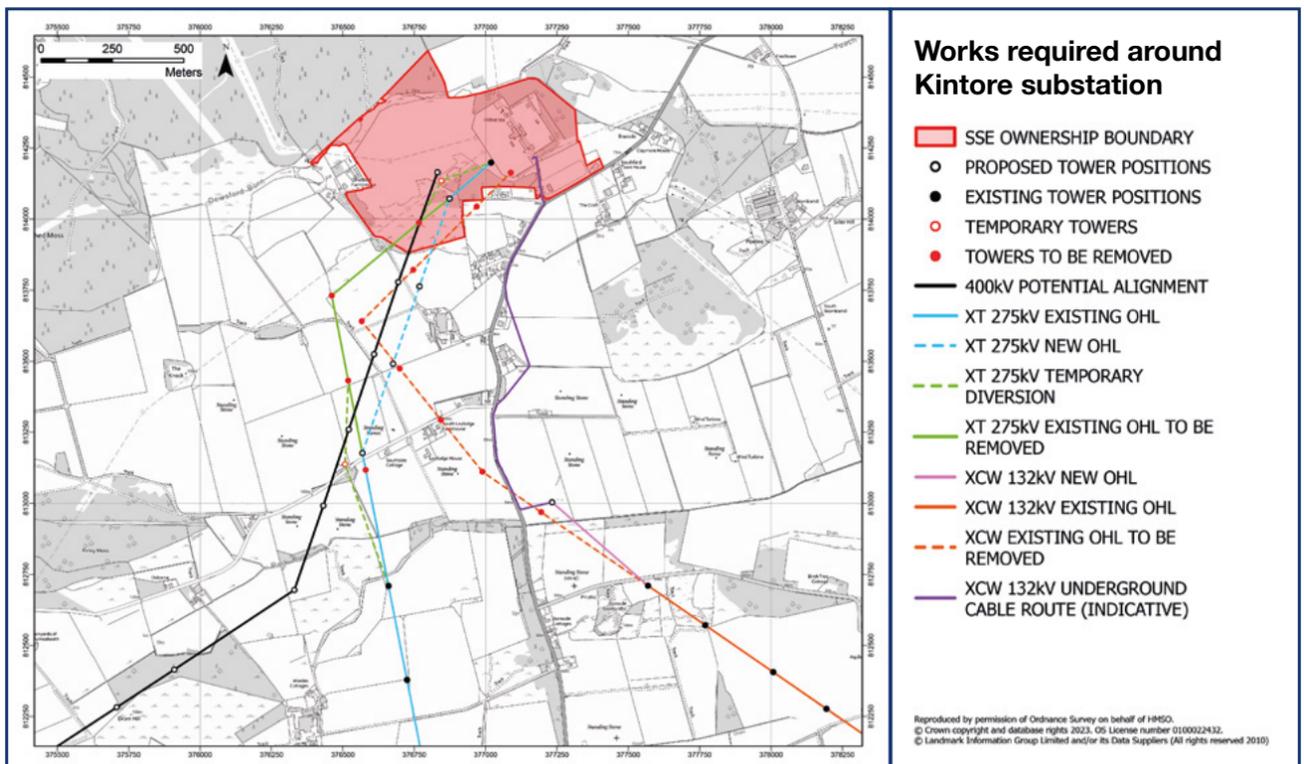
The overhead line would consist of steel lattice towers with an average height of approximately 57m which would support six conductor bundles on six cross arms and an earth wire between the peaks for lightning protection. The average distance between towers is expected to be 350m. Tower height and the distance between them will vary dependent on several factors such as altitude, climatic conditions and topography. This is similar to our Beaulieu–Denny line, where 80% of its 600-plus towers are below 57m, ranging from 42m to 65m in height.



## Additional works

In addition to the new double circuit overhead line and towers, the project will require a number of additional works. These are currently expected to include:

- Temporary overhead line diversions at a number of locations including near Emmock substation, south of Echt, south and west of Kirkton of Durris (should the Potential Alignment be taken forward) and near Kintore.
- Sections of 132kV underground cabling near Kintore substation and potentially south of Echt (depending on arrangement of existing 132kV overhead crossing).
- New overhead line arrangements at Emmock substation to tie in the new Kintore to Tealing overhead line, the overhead lines to Alyth and Westfield and the connection between the new Emmock and existing Tealing substations. Modification of existing lines will be undertaken where possible but new structures will also be required. Any redundant structures will be removed. Please see more information on the tie-ins required at Emmock and Tealing on page 7 of the consultation booklet.
- Modification of existing circuits at Kintore to allow space for the new OHL connection and removal of redundant towers. This will involve realignment of one circuit and undergrounding of another. See figure below.
- A crossing of the existing 132kV overhead line south of Echt and removal of redundant towers near Tealing substation. For more information on OHL crossings please see **Tower Crossings**.
- Permanent realignment of the existing OHL between Kintore and Fetteresso, near Kirkton of Durris, to allow provision for the new proposed 400kV OHL (should the Potential Alignment be taken forward).



# Selecting an alignment

The consideration of alignment options and design solutions brings together work by four main disciplines:

## Engineering Team

Who identify engineering constraints and where overhead lines and cables can be installed from a construction and operational perspective.

**Key considerations include:**

- Infrastructure crossings
- Environmental design
- Ground conditions
- Accessibility
- Proximity to existing infrastructure and properties



## Environmental Team

Who identify key environmental constraints along the routes which the new infrastructure could impact upon.

**Key considerations include:**

- Engagement with statutory consultees and planning authorities
- Results of specialist environmental archaeology, ornithology, ecology, geology and hydrology surveys
- Local environmental aspects like visual amenity and landscape character, Scheduled Monuments, Special Protected Areas, Specials Areas of Conservation and Sites of Special Scientific Interest
- Peat, ground conditions and the water environment
- Land use, including agriculture, forestry and recreation
- Proximity to residential properties and other sensitive receptors

## Communities Team

Who work with communities and make sure that their feedback during the consultation process is closely considered during project refinement.

**Key considerations include:**

- Community engagement
- Consultation responses review
- Recreational areas and areas of local interest



## Land Team

Who engage with landowners to identify key land use constraints.

**Key considerations include:**

- Landowner engagement
- Mitigating effects of infrastructure on land and properties
- Reaching land agreements

## Striking a balance

When selecting an alignment, we need to carefully balance key considerations relating to engineering, environment and cost, in each section of the overhead line route.

We then consider the likely effect and level of impact of each consideration, which will vary from section to section.

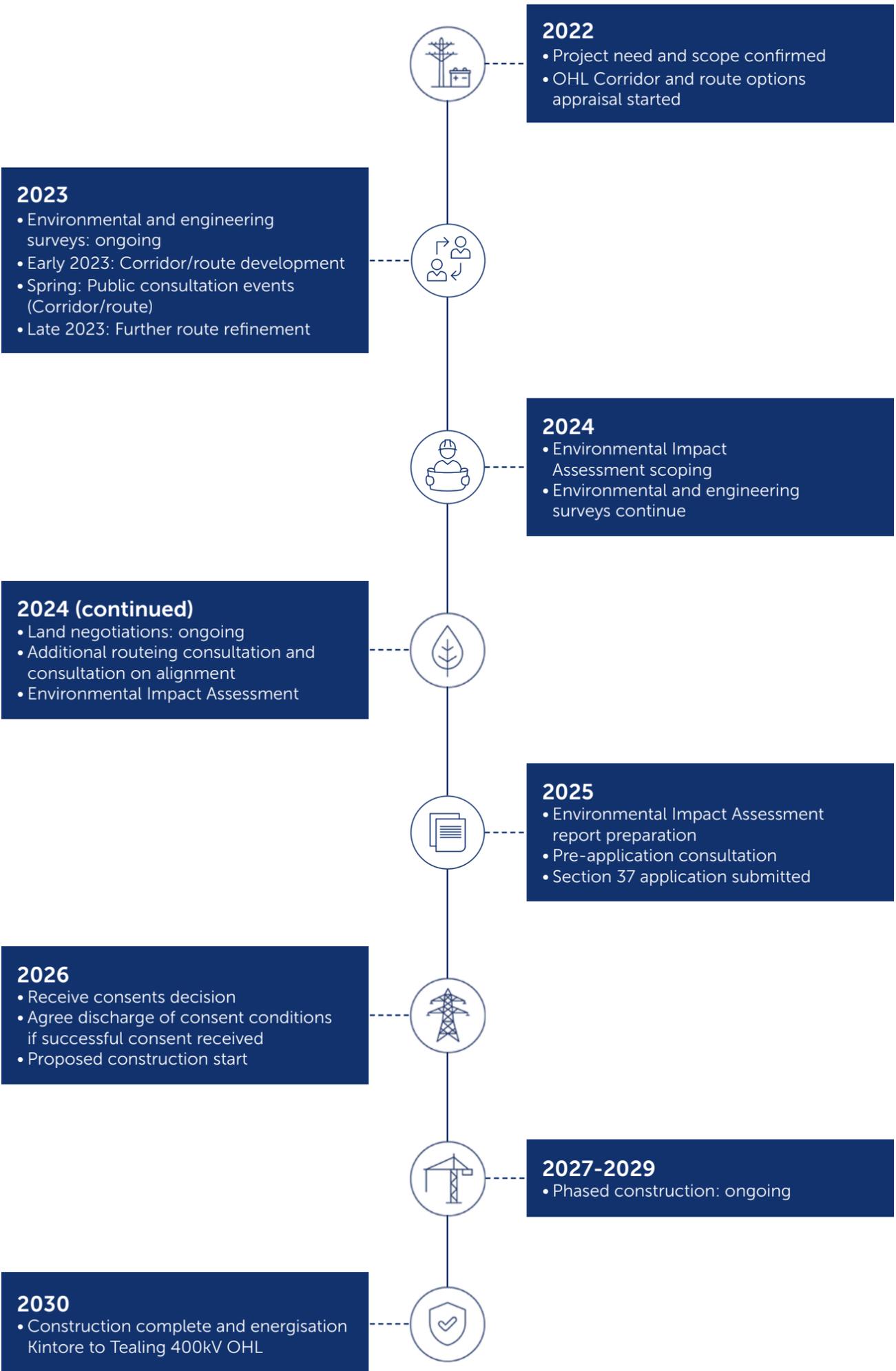
This can be based on how populated the area is, the outcomes of environmental and engineering surveys, stakeholder and community feedback, the presence of peat, the local water environment, if there is existing infrastructure we need to avoid, if the effects on land and property can be mitigated and if a constructable alignment can be identified.

Ultimately, we need to balance a range of factors and present the solution we consider most viable, to then put forward for consultation. We have now identified a Potential Alignment alongside indicative tower locations which we are seeking your views on.

Our Alignment Selection Consultation Document describes the alignment options and comparative appraisal of each option in detail, and this can be downloaded from the project webpage or viewed during the consultation events.

You can download our Alignment Maps, Alignment Consultation Document and Routeing Process from our website: [ssen-transmission.co.uk/TKUP](https://ssen-transmission.co.uk/TKUP)

# Project timeline



# Have your say

We value community and stakeholder feedback. Without this, we would be unable to progress projects and reach a balanced proposal.

## The feedback period

We will accept feedback from now until **21 November 2024**.

## How to provide feedback

Submit your feedback online by:

- Scanning the QR code on this page or via the form on our project webpage at: [ssen-transmission.co.uk/TKUP](https://ssen-transmission.co.uk/TKUP)
- Emailing the feedback form to the Community Liaison Manager, or;
- Write to us enclosing the feedback form in the consultation booklet.

## Our Community Liaison Team

Each project has a dedicated Community Liaison Manager who works closely with community members to make sure they are well informed of our proposals and that their views, concerns, questions, or suggestions are put to our project teams.

Throughout the life of our projects, you will hear from us regularly. We aim to establish strong working relationships by being accessible to key local stakeholders such as community councils, residents' associations, and development trusts, and regularly engage with interested individuals.



To support everyone online, we provide accessibility and language options on our website through 'Recite Me'. The accessibility and language support options provided by 'Recite Me' include text-to-speech functionality, fully customisable styling features, reading aids, and a translation tool with over 100 languages, including 35 text-to-speech.

Please select "Accessibility" on our website to try out our inclusive toolbar."

## What we're seeking views on

Now that we have presented a Potential Alignment, we want you to share your thoughts and opinions on our plans, where you think we can make improvements, concerns about the impact of our work and what you think of any changes and refinements we've made. We particularly want to hear from you if you live close to the Potential Alignment.

We are actively looking to avoid and mitigate the impacts of the overhead line as much as possible over the coming months. It would be helpful to understand what you believe we should be doing to help minimise these impacts and if there are any opportunities to deliver local community benefits you would like us to consider.

During previous consultations we have received feedback on the need for the project and the alternative technology options. Whilst we acknowledge this feedback, we are keen to receive comments on the Potential Alignment and alternative alignment options.

We encourage all interested community members to fill in a feedback form when submitting feedback, however if you prefer, you can email us to provide your feedback or ask any questions. Comments made to the applicant during this consultation are not representations to the Scottish Ministers and if the applicant submits a section 37 application there will be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the Scottish Ministers.

## Community Liaison Manager

The best way to contact us regarding this project is through our Community Liaison Team.

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