

**Netherton Hub 400kV OHL Connection to  
New Deer and Peterhead: Tie-In**

**Environmental Appraisal Report**

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Dear Mr Evans

## **ELECTRICITY ACT 1989**

### **THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017**

On 05 May 2025 the Scottish Ministers received a request under regulation 8(1) of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (“the EIA Regulations”) from Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc (“the Applicant”) for an EIA screening opinion for the proposed Netherton Hub 400kV OHL Connection to New Deer and Peterhead: Tie-In

The proposed Development would be located within the Aberdeenshire Council planning authority area.

Under regulation 9 of the EIA Regulations, the Scottish Ministers are required to adopt a screening opinion for the proposed Development. This letter contains such a screening opinion.

### **Information Requirements**

The EIA Regulations set out (at 8(2)) the information that must accompany any request for a screening opinion. The Applicant submitted a comprehensive description of the infrastructure to be installed and the works to be undertaken; a description of the location, surrounding area and of the area of land on which the proposed Development is proposed, and of environmental sensitivities of such areas; as well as a description of the aspects of the environment likely to be affected. A description of proposed mitigation measures were included in the scoping report and taken into account by the Applicant’s own conclusions regarding the potential for significant environmental effects. A plan was submitted outlining the route plan for the proposed Development, and plans were also submitted detailing landscape and nature designations, recreational routes, landscape character types and cultural heritage designations.

The proposed Development will comprise:

- Diversion of the existing 400kV overhead line (OHL) from a point approximately 8.6 km west of the Peterhead Substation into Netherton Hub via a new 400kV OHL approximately 3.3 km in length;
- Connection from Netherton Hub back out to a point on the existing OHL approximately 5.0 km west of Peterhead Substation via a new 400kV OHL approximately 2.0 km in length;
- New Steel Lattice towers between 57m and 70m of height;
- Removal of approximately 3.7 km of existing OHL between the diversion points into and out of Netherton Hub;
- Installation of a temporary OHL circuit to facilitate the transfer of the connection between the existing OHL and Netherton Hub; and
- Associated access tracks, construction compound and laydown areas.

## **Consultation**

Regulation 8(5) of the EIA Regulations sets out that the Scottish Ministers must consult the planning authority as to the planning authority's views on whether the proposed Development is EIA development, unless the planning authority's views have already been conveyed to the Scottish Ministers. The Scottish Ministers consulted Aberdeenshire Council on 20 May 2025. The planning authority responded 06 June 2025, stating its view that the proposed Development does not constitute EIA development. A copy of the planning authority's consultation response to the screening consultation is attached to this letter.

## **Scottish Ministers' Screening Opinion**

EIA development is defined in the EIA Regulations, in respect of an application for consent under the Electricity Act 1989, as Schedule 1 development or Schedule 2 development likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size or location.

The proposed Development falls under Schedule 2 development.

In adopting a screening opinion as to whether the proposed Development is EIA development, the Scottish Ministers must in all cases take into account such of the selection criteria in Schedule 3 of the EIA Regulations as are relevant to the proposed Development, and the available results of any relevant assessment.

The Scottish Ministers have taken into account the selection criteria, all of the information submitted in respect of the request for a screening opinion, and the views of Aberdeenshire Council, and adopt the opinion that **the proposed Development does not constitute EIA development and any forthcoming application for consent (under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989) does not require to be accompanied by a full Environmental Impact Assessment report.**

In accordance with Regulation 7(2), this screening opinion is accompanied by the following written statement with reference to the selection criteria within Schedule 3 of the EIA Regulations as are relevant to the proposed Development. In accordance with the EIA Regulations, a copy of the screening opinion has been issued to the planning authority.

## **Written Statement**

### **Characteristics of the Proposed Development**

The proposed Development is as described above, and includes a diversion of an existing 400kV OHL into Netherton Hub via a new 400kV OHL approximately 3.3 km in length. A new 400kV OHL approximately 2.0 km in length will provide a connection from Netherton Hub to a point on the existing OHL approximately 5.0 km west of Peterhead Substation. New steel lattice towers will be installed to divert the existing alignment connecting the Netherton Hub Substation with Peterhead 400kV Substation. These would likely comprise steel lattice towers from the SSEN Transmission ASTI SSE400 tower suite. The typical height for these towers is 57m, with a maximum standard height of up to 70m. In total, 5.3km of new 400kV OHL will be installed.

The proposed Development will include the removal of approximately 3.7 km of existing OHL between the diversion points and the installation of a temporary OHL circuit, required to facilitate the transfer of the connection between the existing OHL and Netherton Hub. The proposed Development will also involve ancillary development such as access tracks, construction compound and laydown areas.

### **Location of the Proposed Development**

The site of the proposed Development is located within a largely rural area west of Peterhead. The proposed Development sits within the Landscape Character Type 17: Coastal Agricultural Plain Landscape, which is characterised by low-lying and very gently undulating landform, arable farming and a well-settled landscape of dispersed farms. Agricultural land is not scarce in this area, and there is not considered to be a significant impact on natural resources.

A section of the proposed Development overlaps class 3.1 and 3.2 agricultural land. There are several residential receptors within the vicinity of the Proposed Development, as well as public roads and paths. Key sensitivities include landscape character and visual amenity relating to local residents and visitors using the minor roads located between Netherton Hub and Peterhead Substation.

The Aberdeenshire Council Special Landscape Area (SLA), the North East Aberdeenshire Coast, lies 5.9 km to the north east and 7.4 km to the south east of the tie-in alignments.

There are no World Heritage Sites, Gardens and Designed Landscapes, Conservation Areas, or Historic Battlefields within 2 km of the Proposed Development. There are no Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments, or Conservation Areas within the Proposed Development. Easterton of Lenabo Airship Station, a Scheduled Monument, lies approximately 1km to the South West of the proposed Development and the B listed St John's Episcopal Church lies 1.9km to north of the site.

Field surveys for protected species have not yet been undertaken, however existing data has been reviewed from surveys for the connected Netherton Hub project and nearby Eastern Green Link 3 underground cable project. Within the vicinity of the proposed Development, Badger, Bats, Otter, Water Vole, Barn Owl and Salmonids have been either recorded or suitable habitats exists. Further surveys will be undertaken along the preferred alignment and surrounding areas, and the results will inform any additional mitigation requirements.

## **Characteristics of the Potential Impact**

There is potential for significant effects on landscape and visual amenity, particularly when considered cumulatively with other potential developments within the area. These effects must be fully addressed within the application. The Scottish Ministers advise that the Developer engages with the Planning Authority to establish which developments should be incorporated into a cumulative assessment for the proposed Development.

The Proposed Development would not result in any significant natural resource use during construction. No borrow pits are likely to be needed, and soil arisings from excavations would be reused as the main backfill material in conjunction with the associated proposed OHL diversion works.

The applicant notes that no significant waste is anticipated to arise during the construction of the proposed Development. Litter and general construction waste would be managed in accordance with the current waste regulations, and no waste generation is anticipated during the operational phase.

The new OHLs and terminal towers would result in a change to the landscape character. There would be adverse effects due to the introduction of the new overhead line, however there will be beneficial effects due to the removal of existing the OHL, which sits on a ridgeline, while the siting of the new OHL would be at a lower elevation. The loss of some vegetation would alter the local character in some locations however the potential loss is considered to be minimal.

The introduction of the new OHL with the requirement for larger towers, including bulky terminal towers, has the potential to increase their visual prominence. Topography and vegetation would provide some screening of lower portions of the towers however the open landscape allows long distance views of tall structures. The new, taller and bulkier infrastructure will potentially be more prominent in wider views. As such, it is anticipated that there is potential for significant effects on visual amenity.

There are no woodlands within the Proposed Development which are listed on the Ancient Woodland Inventory (AWI). There appears to be one area of Class 1 peatland adjacent to the Proposed Development near Nether Kinmundy. The applicant has stated that if the area of Class 1 peatland is unavoidable and further surveys corroborate the land to be priority peatland, a Peat Management Plan would be prepared.

Significant effects on breeding birds, bats, otter, water vole and salmonids are considered unlikely. The applicant has noted that whilst there is moderate potential for impacts to badgers, the abundance of highly productive habitat in the surrounding area, high density of badgers in the North East region, and temporary and localised scale of construction works, significant effects on badgers are unlikely.

While the Hill of Longhaven designated site is within 1 km of the Proposed Development, impacts to the geology, the basis for the designation, are unlikely and therefore no likely significant adverse effects are anticipated for designated sites or geology.

There is the potential for adverse effects on both water quality and quantity on PWS during construction and as such there exists potential for significant effects. These effects would be mitigated prior to construction through careful tower placement and alignment design. Pollution prevention would be delivered through General Environmental Management Plans

(GEMPs), the Construction Environment Management Plan, and a PWS Protection Plan where any excavation falls within 250 m of a PWS.

There is potential for construction noise impacts. These would be temporary in nature and controlled through a Construction Environmental Management Plan and it is considered that significant effects are unlikely.

**Proposed Mitigation Measures to Avoid or Prevent Significant Adverse Effects:**

The applicant has proposed the following mitigation measures in order to prevent or avoid any significant adverse effects:

- Carefully considered tower placement and potentially tree and shrub planting to limit the prominence of the OHL;
- HRA screening to qualify that there is no potential for likely significant effects on European sites;
- Field-based habitat surveys to gain site-specific classification and condition data;
- GEMPs and Species Protection Plans;
- A Peat Management Plan If the area of Class 1 peatland is unavoidable and further surveys corroborate the land to be priority peatland;
- A Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) assessment;
- Surveys for protected species along the preferred alignment and surrounding areas;
- An Environmental Clerk of Works (EnvCoW) will be appointed;
- An Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) or Project Ecologist will also be appointed for specialist advice where required;
- General mitigation measures for wildlife welfare, e.g. ensuring lighting is aimed away from sensitive features, excavations left covered or with a means of egress for mammals;
- Vegetation clearance would be minimised as far as reasonably possible and undertaken outwith the nesting bird season wherever possible;
- In-channel works at watercourses and drainage ditches would be undertaken outside of the closed salmon season;
- A PWS Protection Plan where any excavation falls within 250 m of a PWS;
- Construction Traffic Management Plan; and
- The commissioned landscape architect to liaise with the design teams involved in the adjacent OHL developments to ensure a holistic approach to mitigation throughout.

This screening opinion does not constitute pre-application advice and is provided without prejudice to the assessment of any future application under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir/Madam

**EIA Screening Request for Consultation Request for Screening Opinion for 'Tie In' of Existing 400kV Overhead Line (OHL) to Proposed 400kV AC Substation at Land To The South Of Netherton, Peterhead**

I refer to your email of 20 May 2025, seeking views of the Planning Authority on whether the proposed development would be EIA development. The consultation relates to a Screening request made under The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 and seeks the views of Aberdeenshire Council (as Planning Authority) as to whether an Environmental Impact Assessment would be required.

After review of the submitted material, it is the view of the Planning Service that the development, whilst will have landscape and visual impacts that will required to be fully addressed, does not constitute an EIA development. The assessment of landscape and visual impact will need to address cumulative impacts, which are significant in this area of energy development pressure. The planning service would be happy to discuss developments that should be incorporated into a cumulative assessment.

Whilst the decision as to whether and EIA is required will ultimately lie with the determining authority (who will also be responsible for outlining the reasoning for such a decision), I have nonetheless attached the Schedule 3 assessment undertaken by the Planning Service for your information.

Should you wish to discuss any matters relating to this issue, please contact the above named officer.

Yours faithfully



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Head of Planning and Economy

### **EIA Screening – Schedule 3 Assessment**

Development/Project: ENQ/2025/0716 Consultation Request for Screening Opinion for 'Tie In' of Existing 400kV Overhead Line (OHL) to Proposed 400kV AC Substation, at Netherton Farm, Longside

| Selection Criteria                                                                                                            |                                            | Assessment Commentary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Significant Impact? |
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| Characteristics of Development<br>1. The characteristics of development must be considered having regard, in particular, to - |                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                     |
|                                                                                                                               | (a) the size and design of the development | <p>The proposal seeks to construct a total of 5.3km of OHL, consisting of a diversion of the existing OHL of 3.3km into the proposed Netherton Hub, and a connection back out of the Netherton hub measuring 2km. The proposal includes the removal of 3.7km of existing OHL between the two points. The OHL would consist of steel lattice towers of between 57m and 70m in height.</p> <p>A temporary diversion would also be required,</p> <p>The site is located approximately 2.6km south east of Longside, and 8.6km west of Peterhead.</p> | No                  |

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|  |                                                                            | <p>The proposal relates to a re-siting of existing overhead line (albeit an extended line with taller towers). The proposal is unlikely in isolation to give rise to significant effects based on size or scale.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |
|  | (b) cumulation with other existing development and/or approved development | <p>The development site lies within an area of development pressure, particularly energy and infrastructure developments</p> <p>The proposed Netherton hub is to the north of the proposed OHL. There is an additional screening opinion for an updated OHL to connect to Peterhead Substation (ENQ?2025/0715).</p> <p>There are other proposed Battery Energy Storage Developments and proposed substation developments relating to offshore wind grid connections in the vicinity (within 5km of the site). Whilst there are numerous proposals at pre-application stage, they are nonetheless at an advanced stage.</p> | Yes |

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|  |                                                                                    | <p>Cumulative impacts are likely to centre primarily upon noise; and landscape and visual impact. Time limited cumulative impacts on the road network, and construction impacts have the potential to be significant in this location.</p> <p>There is potential for a significant impact on the landscape and visual impact in cumulation with other proposals, which may significantly alter the character of the area.</p> |    |
|  | (c) the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity | <p>The site is currently agricultural land with a limited amount of woodland. Small part of the site is designated prime agricultural land (class 3.1)</p> <p>Agricultural land is not scarce in this area, and there is not considered to be a significant impact on natural resources.</p> <p>There are private water supplies (PWS) in the vicinity, and potential impact on any PWS would need to be considered.</p>      | No |

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|                                                                                                                                                                              | (d) the production of waste                                                                                                                                                     | Limited to construction period, but could be managed through appropriate conditions.                                                                                                                                        | No |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | (e) pollution and nuisances                                                                                                                                                     | Noise is likely to be the main issue (primarily from construction)                                                                                                                                                          | No |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | (f) the risk of major accidents and/or disasters which are relevant to the project concerned, including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge | <p>Potential risk of accidents during construction including the risk of spillages to local water courses.</p> <p>Risk can be reduced through the use of a Construction and Environment Management Plan (CEMP).</p>         | No |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | (g) the risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution)                                                                                         | <p>No emissions would be produced during the operational phase of the development. A CEMP would detail any adverse construction impacts on air quality.</p> <p>Potential impacts on any PWS would need to be addressed.</p> | No |
| Location of Development<br>2. The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by development must be considered having regard, in particular, to - |                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |    |

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|  | <p>(a) the existing approved land use</p> | <p>Currently agricultural use. There is not a scarcity of agricultural land in this area.</p> <p>There are existing overhead power lines in the vicinity.</p> <p>Residential properties within the vicinity of the site. Whilst the residential properties are likely to be subject to some degree of impact from the development, their presence does not automatically suggest a significant impact.</p> <p>The potential impact upon residential properties will need to be considered in detail (visual impact, noise impact, construction impact etc) as part of any submission.</p> <p>Given the presence of several other operational, proposed and pre-application energy developments in the area, the cumulative impact on the aforementioned receptors will need to be considered and may be significant.</p> | <p>No</p> |
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|  | (b) the relative abundance, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water and biodiversity) in the area and underground | Partly prime agricultural land on small part of site.<br><br>Whilst the total area involved would not necessarily be significant in a local or regional context, the relative scarcity of prime agricultural land in a national context should be considered. | No |
|  | (c) the absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas -                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |    |
|  | (i) wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths                                                                                                                                  | No designated wetland on site or the surrounding area.                                                                                                                                                                                                        | No |
|  | (ii) coastal zones and the marine environment                                                                                                                               | Outwith the coastal zone                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | No |
|  | (iii) mountain and forest areas                                                                                                                                             | Some woodland within the site.<br>Site is not within a mountainous area.                                                                                                                                                                                      | No |
|  | (iv) nature reserves and parks                                                                                                                                              | No sites nearby                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | No |
|  | (v) European sites and other areas classified or protected under national legislation                                                                                       | Hill of Longhaven SSSI & GCR around 1km from the site<br>No functional connectivity to any designated site.                                                                                                                                                   | No |
|  | (vi) areas in which there has already been a failure to meet environmental quality standards, laid down in Union                                                            | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                      | legislation and relevant to the project, or in which it is considered that there is such a failure |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                      | (vii) densely populated areas                                                                      | The site is not within a densely populated area. There are scattered dwellings in the surrounding area, and the site is around 2km from Longside & 5km from Peterhead.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | No |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                      | (viii) landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance                 | <p>No historical designations within the site.</p> <p>Scheduled monument - Easterton of Lenabo airship station is 1km to the south west of the site.</p> <p>B listed St John's Episcopal Church is 1.9km to north of the site.</p> <p>The site is located within the 'Coastal Agricultural Plan' Landscape Character Type area.</p> <p>There are no regional or national landscape designations within 5km of the site.</p> | No |
| <p>Characteristics of the potential impact</p> <p>3. The likely significant effects of the development on the environment must be considered in relation to criteria set out in paragraphs 1 and</p> |                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |    |

| 2 above, with regard to the impact of the development on the factors specified in regulation 4(3), taking into account - |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |     |
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|                                                                                                                          | (a) the magnitude and spatial extent of the impact (for example geographical area and size of population likely to be affected) | <p>Impacts related to landscape and visual effects of the development are likely to be cumulative in nature, and associated with other energy and infrastructure developments in the area. This effect would need to be considered up to beyond the immediate area. There is potential for a significant impact in this regard.</p> <p>The rural nature of the site means no sizeable population is affected, but there are several residential receptors in the vicinity which gives rise to potential impacts.</p> | No  |
|                                                                                                                          | (b) the nature of the impact                                                                                                    | <p>Visual and landscape impacts are most likely impacts.</p> <p>Cumulative/sequential impacts may be experienced by local residents given other energy developments within the area. Noise and LVIA assessments would be expected to consider cumulative impact.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes |

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|  |                                                | There is potential for significant impact given cumulative impacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |    |
|  | (c) the transboundary nature of the impact     | None – the development does not lie adjacent to or near to a border with another state.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | No |
|  | (d) the intensity and complexity of the impact | <p>Impacts likely to be most intense during the construction phase which is typically around 24 months. Impacts likely to be noise, air pollution and vehicle movements.</p> <p>Operational impacts are likely to be associated with landscape and visual; and noise impacts. These are likely to be long term in nature and cumulative with other developments.</p> | No |
|  | (e) the probability of the impact              | There will be a visual impact as a result of the proposed development. Increased noise is also likely to occur. Detailed proposals would be needed to determine the nature and extent of impacts, but if constructed then there is a potentially significant impact on landscape and visual impact.                                                                  | No |

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|  | (f) the expected onset, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact                    | Further details of the siting and design of the development required but there is potential for the impacts identified to be present throughout the operation of the proposal given the scale of the towers. Mitigation measures could minimise the impacts. | No  |
|  | (g) the cumulation of the impact with the impact of other existing and/or approved development | Cumulative impacts have been outlined in sections 1 and 2 and would apply. The area is subject to a significant scale of energy related developments.                                                                                                        | Yes |
|  | (h) the possibility of effectively reducing the impact                                         | <p>Impacts can be reduced though mitigation if necessary and should be informed by technical assessments.</p> <p>However, given the scale of the OHL towers, there is likely to be a visual and landscape impact that cannot be fully mitigated.</p>         | No  |