



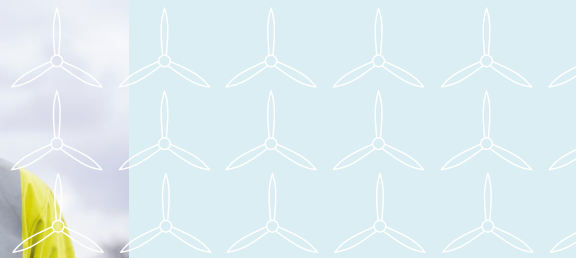
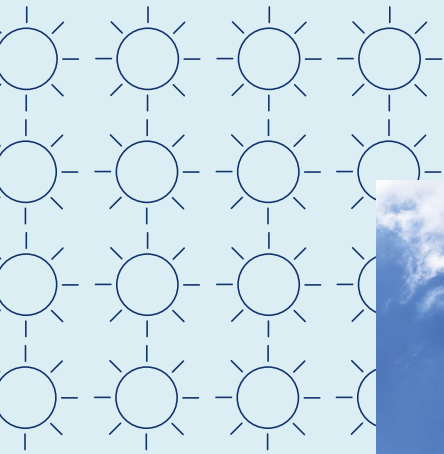
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Loch Buidhe area 400kV substation

Pre-Application Consultation

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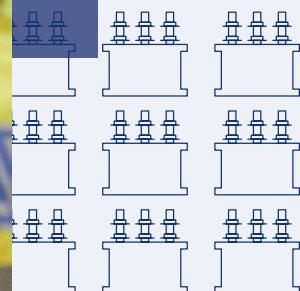


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The consultation event will be taking place on:

18 March 2024 - Bonar Bridge Community Hall - 3:30pm-8:30pm



Powering change together



The time has come to further enhance Scotland's energy infrastructure, providing power for future generations as we move towards net zero.

The shift to a cleaner, more sustainable future is about more than climate change. It's about ensuring future generations have the same opportunities to thrive as we have all had.

Countries around the world are investing in their energy infrastructure to support the demands of modern economies and meet net zero targets. The UK is leading the way in building a modern, sustainable energy system for the future.

We all have a part to play

When it comes to net zero, we have to be in it together. The UK and Scottish Governments have ambitious net zero targets, and we're playing our part in meeting them.

We work closely with National Grid Electricity System Operator to connect vast renewable energy resources – harnessed by solar, wind, hydro and marine generation – to areas of demand across the country. Scotland is playing a big role in meeting this demand, exporting two thirds of power generated in our network.

But there's more to be done. By 2050, the north of Scotland is predicted to contribute over 50GW of low carbon energy to help deliver net zero. Today, our region has around 9GW of renewable generation connected to the network.

At SSEN Transmission, it is our role to build the energy system of the future.

We're investing £20 billion into our region's energy infrastructure this decade, powering more than ten million UK homes and 20,000 jobs, 9,000 of which will be here in Scotland.



Find out more

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to find out more about how these policies have been assessed and determined. bit.ly/3SYgNFs

Who we are

We're responsible for maintaining and investing in the electricity transmission network in the north of Scotland. We're part of SSE plc, one of the world's leading energy companies with a rich heritage in Scotland that dates back more than 80 years. We are also closely regulated by the GB energy regulator Ofgem, who determines how much revenue we are allowed to earn for constructing, maintaining and renovating our transmission network.

What we do

We manage the electricity network across our region which covers a quarter of the UK's land mass, crossing some of the country's most challenging terrain. We connect renewable energy sources to our network in the north of Scotland and then transport it to where it needs to be. From underground/subsea cables, and overhead lines (OHL) to electricity substations, our network keeps your lights on all year round.

Working with you

We understand that the work we do can have an impact on our host communities. So we're committed to minimising our impacts and maximising all the benefits that our developments can bring to your area.

We're regularly assessed by global sustainability consultancy AccountAbility for how we engage with communities. That means we provide all the information you need to know about our plans and how they will impact communities like yours. We want to hear people's views, concerns, or ideas and harness local knowledge so that our work benefits their communities: today and long into the future. You can share your views with us at: ssen-transmission.co.uk/talk-to-us/contact-us

The Pathway to 2030

Building the energy system of the future will require 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?

Extensive studies informing the ESO's Pathway to the 2030 HND confirmed the need to reinforce the onshore corridors between Spittal and Beaully, Beaully to Peterhead and the subsea connection between Spittal and Peterhead.

Providing new higher voltage connections between these sites will deliver the significant increased capacity needed to transport energy from new large scale onshore and offshore renewable generation (mainly wind farms) to demand centres via onshore and HVDC subsea links.

To enable these new connections, new 400kV substations are required at key locations as shown on the adjacent map. At Spittal, Beaully and Peterhead, converter stations are required to convert electricity from the subsea cables that transport electricity from the Western Isles, between Spittal and Peterhead and Peterhead south.

These key locations will also allow offshore and onshore renewable generation to connect to the reinforced electricity network.

These projects have been highlighted as critical to delivering the UK and Scottish Government's targets, with the development of them accelerated to meet the target dates of Energisation by 2030.

Future network investment requirements

Our 2030 targets will only get us so far 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 is underway and we expect the independent Electricity System Operator, National Grid ESO, to publish details of this in March this year. It is expected this will include a combination of new onshore and offshore network requirements.

Help shape our plans

The work we have planned is significant and has the potential to deliver massive benefits in your community, Scotland, and beyond. Yet we know that achieving our goals will require a lot of work that will impact your lives. That's why we want to work with you every step of the way throughout the planning and delivery stages of these essential and ambitious works.

We're committed to delivering a meaningful consultation process that actively seeks the views of everyone affected by our plans. That means making our plans clear and easily accessible, so that you can give us input throughout each stage of the development process.

Throughout the consultation, we'll present our approach to developing the project, including changes made since we last consulted with you.

We will also provide some visualisations and maps to show you where everything will be located.

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.

By telling us what you think, you will help shape our proposals. We want to harness your local knowledge so that we spot any unforeseen challenges early and maximise the potential benefits and opportunities for your communities.

Because, ultimately, we want you to work with us to ensure that the energy infrastructure we build will be the best it can possibly be.

Who we are consulting with

As well as communities, we are keen to hear feedback from a broad range of other stakeholders including but not limited to landowners, businesses, non-statutory consultees and statutory consultees such as local authorities, NatureScot, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and Scottish Forestry (SF).



Project overview

We're leading some exciting projects to power change in the UK and Scotland. To support the delivery of 2030 offshore wind targets set by the UK and Scottish Governments, and to power local communities, we need to upgrade our existing network. In some key areas, we need to develop entirely new infrastructure.

Loch Buidhe area 400kV substation

This consultation is focused on our Loch Buidhe area substation that is located approximately 9.5km northeast of Bonar Bridge. The project will involve construction of a new outdoor, 400kV Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) substation located adjacent to the existing Loch Buidhe substation. The current proposed substation footprint is approximately 600m by 320m.

The proposed development will consist of:

- Construction of a new outdoor, AIS, 400kV substation complete with 400kV double busbar arrangement and all associated ancillary works
- Installation of new super grid transformers (SGT) and reactive compensation equipment
- A new substation control building
- Access roads and areas for drainage, landscaping/screening and habitat enhancement
- Temporary areas will also be required during construction for laydown and welfare.

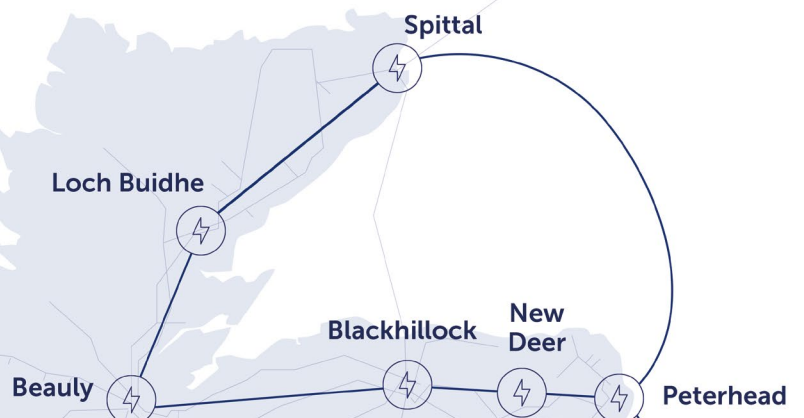
With provision to enable future renewable energy generation to connect to the transmission network, Loch Buidhe area 400kV substation will connect to the Spittal to Beaully 400kV overhead line (OHL) and to the existing Loch Buidhe substation via approximately 600m of underground cable (UGC).

Naming the substation

To avoid confusion with the nearby Loch Buidhe 275kV substation, the name chosen for this new 400kV substation is Carnaig 400kV substation.

This name recognises it's location within Strath Carnaig.

Going forward, for the next consultation and submission of our planning application, the name will be formally changed to Carnaig 400kV substation.



How we've selected the substation site

Our site selection process makes sure the design, consenting, construction and operation of our projects are undertaken in a manner, which on balance, causes the least disturbance to the environment and the local community, while ensuring the solution taken forward is economically and technically practical.

To do this we follow an internal process supported by third party environmental and technical experts. This has many key stages, each increasing in detail and definition and bringing technical, environmental, people, and cost considerations together to find a balanced outcome.

Our proposed site: Option 3 Loch Buidhe area 400kV substation

Following our last consultation on the proposed Loch Buidhe area 400kV substation in February 2023, where we asked for your views regarding shortlisted sites, in December 2023 we confirmed that the site we were proposing to progress with was option 3.

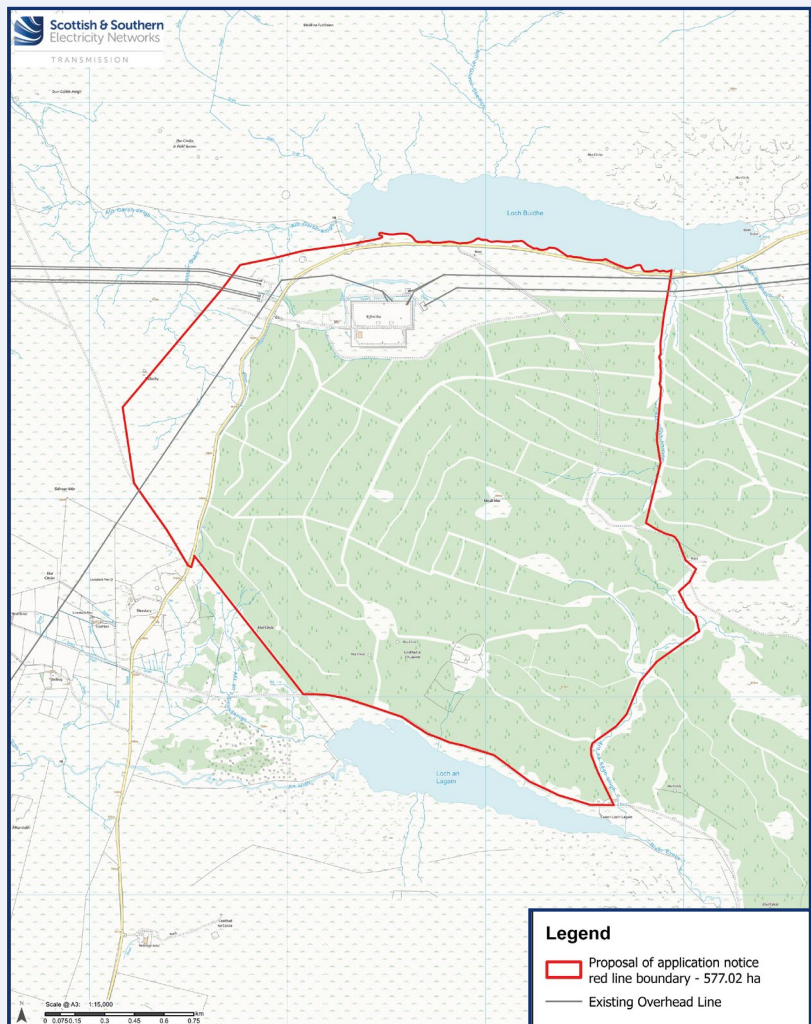
The Report on Consultation documents the consultation process which was undertaken between 20 February 2023 and 14 April 2023 for the project. This report can be found on our project document page of our website at: ssen-transmission.co.uk/carnaig

This report describes the consultation events, summarises the key consultation responses received and provides detail on our responses to the point raised.

Having reviewed and considered the stakeholder feedback, in conjunction with the results from our detailed site selection process, there have been no issues raised that we believe would be of such a scale to reconsider the preferred site for the proposed Loch Buidhe area 400kV substation.

What next?

We are now at the Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) stage of our site selection process and following this consultation, we will engage again in June 2024, to share feedback from this consultation event and any subsequent changes to design prior to submitting a planning application to the Local Planning Authority.



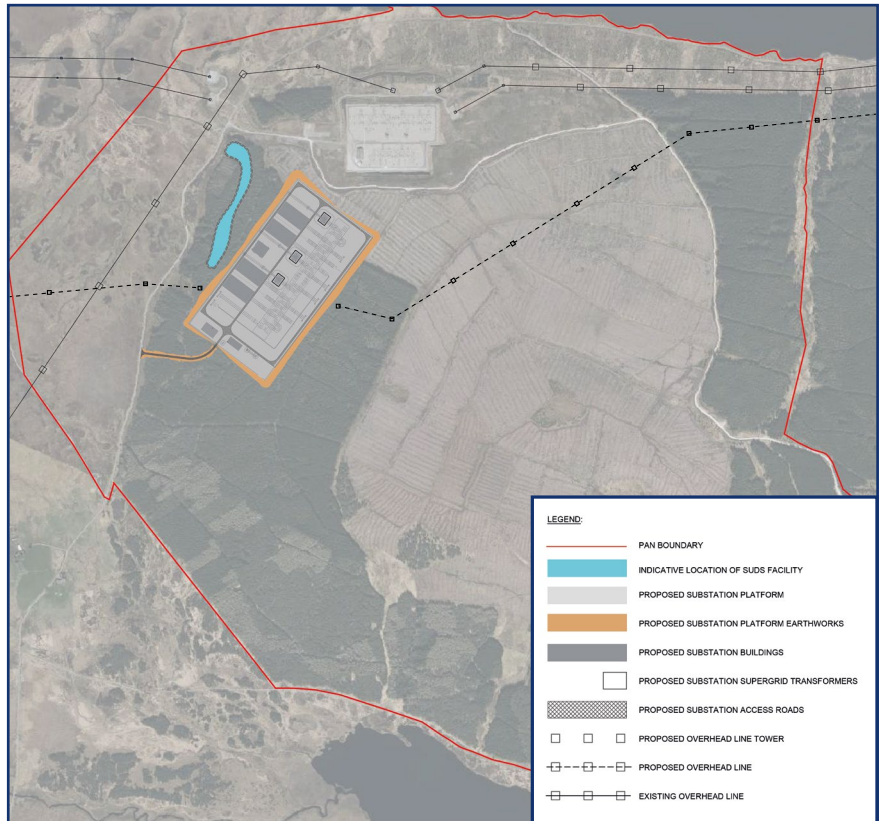
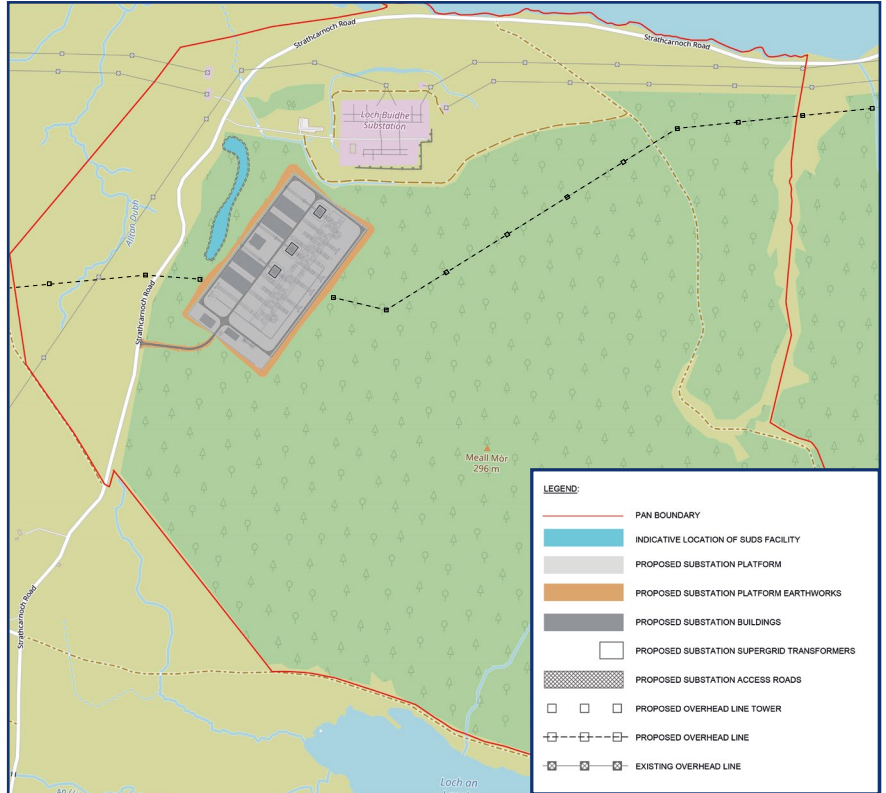
Why this site?

Option 3 is considered the environmentally and technically preferred option.

Clustering development adjacent to the existing substation limits the potential for landscape and visual impact in the wider area. In addition, habitat is of lower value and the site is further from the proposed Gavary wind farm.

Although within the Strath Carnaig and Strath Fleet Moors SPA and SSSI, historical bird surveys suggest this area is not heavily favoured by nesting hen harrier due to the closed canopy location so this may not present a significant constraint.

Bird surveys will be undertaken and a Habitat Regulations Appraisal undertaken to assess this risk. Option 3 would require the shortest connection to the existing substation and can make use of the access road for the existing Loch Buidhe substation.



Proposed overhead lines are indicative and subject to separate S37 consent.

The Town and Country Planning process

The legislation that enables the planning of projects like Loch Buidhe area 400kV substation, is the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

Engaging the right people

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

To accompany the Town and Country Planning application, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will be completed under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. This will identify, predict and assess the likely significant environmental impacts of the proposed development and set out mitigation measures designed to reduce the potential impacts.

A request for an EIA Scoping Opinion was submitted to The Highland Council in January 2024. The request for a Scoping Opinion is made to identify the scope of impacts to be addressed and the method of assessment to be applied in the EIA Report which is prepared and submitted with the Planning Application.

The Carnaig (Loch Buidhe area) 400kV substation project is classed as "National Development" under the Town and Country Planning process; therefore, pre-application consultation is required with the public and interested parties.

The pre-application process

The plans we are consulting on at this event might change between now and the submission of a planning application. The red line boundary that has been submitted

with the PAN represents the maximum extent of the land potentially included in the application site, but this area may be reduced or rationalised as the development proposal becomes finalised.

There is a requirement to hold at least two events to provide the opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposals. This public event is the first event. A second event will be held in June 2024 at which feedback will be given on the views obtained at the first event. There will also be a short opportunity for comment during this second event and comments will be included in a Pre-application Consultation Report.

Submitting a planning application

The planning application is due to be submitted to The Highland Council in Q3 2024. A Pre-application Consultation Report will accompany the planning application providing details of the consultation undertaken and communicating how the consultation process has influenced the proposed development.

Where comments are received that cannot be addressed in the final proposal, an explanation will also be given why this is the case.

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



Finding common ground with landowners

We recognise that landowners and occupiers are key stakeholders in the development of our projects. At all levels, we will be transparent about our proposals and keep the conversation open and constructive when it comes to those affected and reaching effective compromise.

From the outset of the project, our land team have been identifying and contacting landowners and occupiers who may be affected by our proposals.

If you are a landowner who is affected by the proposals and have not yet had contact from us, please get in touch via the contact details for the dedicated project Land Managers found on the relevant webpages: ssen-transmission.co.uk/carnaig

We work with landowners and occupiers to mitigate the effects of our infrastructure on their properties and our team of Land Managers will be on hand to answer queries and address concerns throughout this process.

As part of this, we need to carry out various engineering and environmental surveys to inform what we design and how we build it.

We will always seek consent from affected landowners and occupiers in advance for these surveys.

Once we have finalised the design, we will be required to secure the appropriate land rights from landowners and occupiers in order to secure planning consent.

Our Land Managers will endeavour to reach a voluntary agreement with landowners and occupiers, however, as a statutory undertaker, we might need to underpin voluntary discussions with an application to Scottish Ministers for a Necessary Wayleave or Compulsory Purchase Order.

Ultimately this is to ensure nationally significant infrastructure projects are delivered on time and in line with our licence obligations. We also have a duty to protect the interests of the UK bill payer.

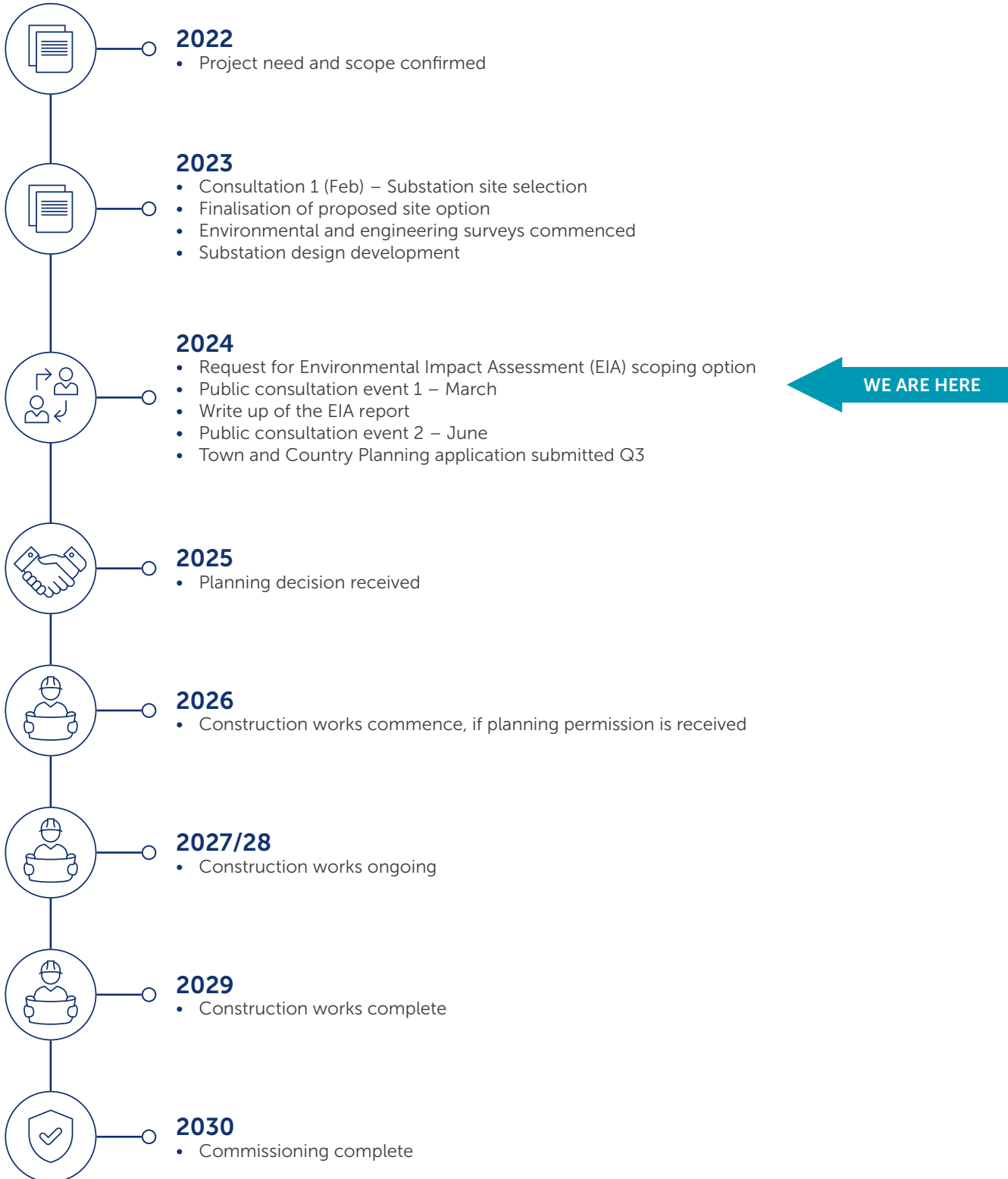
Statutory powers are not used lightly as we aim to work with landowners and occupiers to secure the necessary land rights voluntarily.

All potentially affected landowners and occupiers have the opportunity to provide feedback at our in-person consultation events and by submitting a feedback form.

We would encourage all those with an interest to submit their views through this consultation.



Project timeline



Other projects in the local area

As the transmission operator in the north of Scotland, we need to maintain and invest in the high voltage electricity transmission network in our area to provide a safe and reliable electricity supply to our communities.

We also need to offer terms for connections to the transmission network for new generation such as wind farms and pumped storage schemes and for new sources of electricity demand.

Spittal to Loch Buidhe to Beauly 400kV Overhead Line (OHL)

Extensive studies have confirmed the need for a new 400kV transmission connection between Spittal and Beauly, connecting into substation sites near Loch Buidhe. This connection will be provided via an overhead line (OHL), approximately 167km in length and consisting of steel lattice towers (commonly referred to as pylons) likely to average around 57m in height.

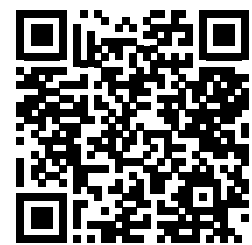
Local renewable developments

We know that local stakeholders are keen to understand the full extent of renewable developments being proposed in their local area.

Applications from the likes of wind farms to connect to the transmission network are made to National Grid ESO and undergo a lengthy process before we begin to develop a network connection for developments applying in our license area.

We aim to be transparent about the renewable developments looking to connect to our network but are not permitted to disclose any details of these developments until they are in the public domain.

A list of projects that hold contracts for Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC) with National Grid, the Electricity System Owner is available from their website: nationalgrideso.com/data-portal/transmission-entry-capacity-tec-register



Find out more

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to find out more about our other projects.

ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects

3D visualisations

We understand that local stakeholders need to be able to visualise what the development may look like in their local area.

We've commissioned 3D visualisations which model the substation into the local landscape to help understanding of the proposals in terms of the visual impact, distance and height.

The following are some images taken from the 3D model created for the Loch Buidhe area 400kV substation. A flythrough video is also available to view from the project webpage via the QR code at the bottom of this page.

The layout and colour of our proposals may change based on feedback and further refinement of the design, if that happens, we'll update our model and video and share this on our webpage and with you at the next event.

Photomontages

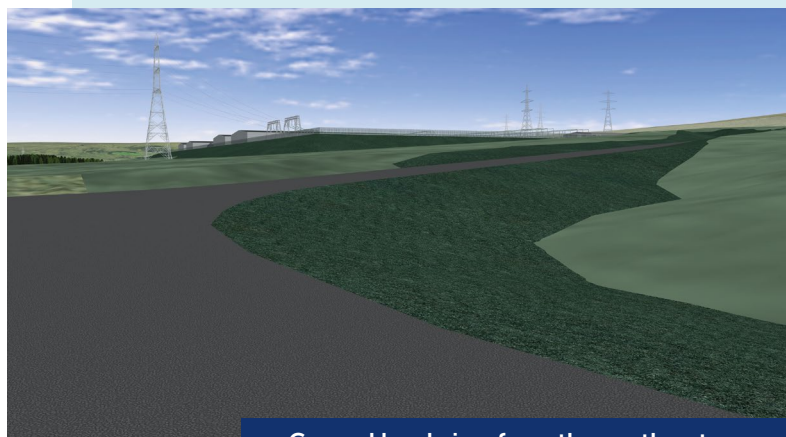
Photomontage visualisations will also be produced as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Once the EIA is completed, we'll ensure these photomontages are easily available to view.



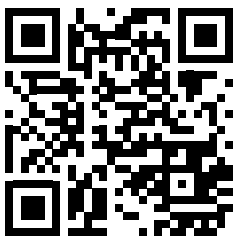
Overhead view including indicative location of SuDS



View from Loch Buidhe Road including local property



Ground level view from the south entrance



Find out more

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to watch a flythrough video.

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Delivering a positive environmental legacy

On every project we deliver, we always need to consider how we impact the environment in that area. As we enhance the transmission network in the north of Scotland, we have a responsibility to design and build our projects to protect and enhance the environment.

We will always look to minimise the potential impacts from our activities and achieve Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). As the first developer to consult upon and implement an award-winning approach to deliver Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) on all new sites, we're committed to delivering a "greener grid", focusing on habitat restoration and creating biodiversity growth as we invest in our network.

We are committed to delivering 10% Biodiversity Net Gain on all sites gaining consent going forward. This ensures that we don't just restore our natural habitats but actively improve them for the benefit of local communities, wildlife, flora and fauna. During the development, construction and operation of our projects, we will leave the environment in

a measurably better state than before development started, ensuring a positive environmental legacy at all our sites.

As this project progresses through the development process, we will actively seek ways to avoid and minimise impacts on biodiversity, through careful routing and site design to avoid impacting areas of highest biodiversity value. Where avoidance is not possible, we will offset this by introducing new habitats along with restoration efforts. These can be achieved within the boundary of the development site, or by providing support to local groups involved with habitat restoration or creation projects, within the locale of the development site.

If there are biodiversity improvement projects in your local area that we could get involved with, please contact the Community Liaison Manager.

Example projects

Argyll Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT)

Argyll's rainforest is a unique and rare habitat of ancient and native woodland. This collaboration with ACT will help deliver SSEN Transmission's compensatory tree planting and BNG commitments in Argyll. It also aligns with ACT's woodland planting ambitions, supporting its charitable objectives including biodiversity gain, health and wellbeing, improvement for local people, outdoor learning opportunities and climate change workshops.



Argyll Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT)

Thurso South substation and The Bumblebee Conservation Trust

SSEN created approximately 10 hectares of bee-friendly habitat to support the pollination of the rare endemic great yellow bumblebee.

This contributed to wider conservation efforts for this bee species. A collaboration with The Bumblebee Conservation Trust facilitated research on food availability for bumblebees, identifying the need for a diverse seed mix containing key flowering species to enhance early, main and late food supply to support the full lifecycle of bumblebees.



Thurso South substation and The Bumblebee Conservation Trust

Development considerations

During our last consultation, we outlined many of the engineering, environmental and social considerations we take account of when establishing a practical site for the substation. Now that we have identified a proposed site, we are able to share further details regarding many of our development considerations.

Potential environmental impacts will be assessed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), which will be submitted as part of the planning application to The Highland Council in Q3 2024. The EIA Report will be available for members of the public to view and comment on as part of the planning application supporting information, following submission of the application.

Size

The layout of the substation has been developed as an Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) substation. The AIS equipment will be outdoors and consists of busbars and switchgear which is used to marshal and control the electricity supply. The substation platform size is approximately 600m x 320m and has been developed based on the number of bays required for the initial connections at the site and allowance made for future connections. A control building will be required on site which contains equipment required to operate the substation including control panels.

Connections

The location of Loch Buidhe area 400kV substation enables the Spittal to Beauly overhead line to connect into the substation. Loch Buidhe area 400kV substation will connect to the existing Loch Buidhe substation via approximately 600m of underground cable.

Noise

Construction noise is considered to be short term and intermittent and can be controlled through the implementation of a Noise Management Plan which would include working hours agreed with The Highland Council.

Noise monitoring surveys are scheduled to take place at noise sensitive receptors within the vicinity of the proposed development.

The purpose of these surveys is to establish a pre-development baseline prior to noise impact assessments being undertaken.

Appropriate operational mitigation measures will be considered dependent on the results of the survey, and subsequent noise assessment.

Landscape and visual

The appearance of the substation within the landscape and how it would be seen has been carefully considered.

The site selection process was guided by the effects on the landscape, with particular consideration of:

- Users of Lochbuie Road that adjoins the access road to the Site and passes through the glen
- Residential receptors
- Rounded Hills – Caithness and Sutherland 135.

Local wildlife

Several ecology surveys and assessments have been carried out or are planned to be carried out, covering:

- Habitats, including biodiversity
- Protected Species including red squirrel, badger, water vole and pine marten
- Ornithology, including breeding bird surveys, vantage point surveys and raptor surveys.

The proposed site is located within the Strath Carnaig and Strath Fleet Moors Special Protection Area (SPA) and site of special scientific interest (SSSI), which is designated for breeding Hen Harrier.

Forestry

The proposed site lies within an area of commercial forestry plantation dominated by Sitka spruce and Lodgepole pine of variable quality. Areas of native pinewood of commercial plantation nature are found on the Southern boundary of the proposed site. There are no ancient or native woodland within the project boundaries.

Felling areas of commercial plantation will be required as part of the development, loss of this woodland will be compensated for by planting an equivalent area of new woodland. The replanting/compensatory planting proposal will comply with UKFS and associated guidelines which may apply, or any other such replacement standard applied by the planning (consenting) authority. Planting will be supported by an approved replanting plan and shall identify, location, species and woodland design, timing, maintenance, monitoring, and reporting standards.

A woodland management plan will be produced to support the planning application.



Traffic and transport

Construction of the substation will require plant and machinery, along with vehicles to transport materials and workers to the site. We anticipate that normal construction traffic will utilise the existing road infrastructure. However, we are undertaking investigations to confirm if improvements are required. A construction traffic management plan shall be produced to outline and manage vehicle movements associated with the development. The largest plant item to be delivered to the substation will be a synchronous condenser. We are undertaking investigations along various routes to identify the most feasible Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) route.

Land use and recreation

The site of the proposed development is an area of commercial forestry. The area of search is within an area with a Land Capability for Agriculture (LCA) classification of 5.3 (land capable of supporting improved grassland). Land in this class has the potential for use as grassland and is largely unsuitable for cultivation.

The key sensitive receptors include:

- Local businesses
- Local areas of tourism
- Local community facilities
- Any land identified for development.

Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

There are no designated sites, such as World Heritage Sites, Inventory Garden & Designed Landscapes or Inventory Battlefields located within the vicinity of the substation, therefore it is unlikely any setting would be impacted.

There are no designated assets within the proposed development boundary. There are two scheduled monuments within 5km of the proposed development.

Water/water soils and drainage

The following hydrological aspects are being considered:

- Private water supplies
- Groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems (GWDTE's)
- Potential for flood risk.

Key sensitive receptors are likely to be:

- All waterbodies downstream of and in hydrological connection to the Site and construction works
- Hydrologically connected statutory designated receptors including Strath Carnaig and Strath Fleet Moors SPA, Strath Carnaig and Strath Fleet Moors SSSI, Mound Alderwoods SAC and SSSI and Torboll Woods SSSI
- Potential hydrologically connected private and public water supplies
- Potential hydrologically connected GWDTEs
- Peat
- The Northern Highlands Groundwater Body.

Earthworks

Building the substation platform will require significant volumes of graded stone. Our intention is to retain as much material on site as possible. This would mean there would be a mass balance of material on site to minimise vehicle movements in the local area, however local sources of stone will be required as part of our development works for the platform design.

The volume of stone required and vehicle movement numbers will be established during the detailed design stage.

Laydown and office

Temporary offices, welfare and storage facilities for the main work force will be established during the planned construction period. These will be located in close proximity to the platform.

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 28 April 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/carnaig

Email the feedback form to the Community Liaison Manager or write to us enclosing the feedback form at the back of this booklet.

What we're seeking views on

During our last public consultation event in Bonar Bridge, we wanted to know your thoughts on the substation sites under consideration and if you agreed with the one we'd identified as best.

Now that we have taken forward a proposed site, 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'll be actively looking to mitigate the impacts of the site as much as possible over the coming months, but 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 a local community benefit you would like us to consider. 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.

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.

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Additional information

The best way to keep up to date is to sign up to project updates via the project webpage: ssen-transmission.co.uk/carnaig



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Your feedback

Thank you for taking the time to read this consultation booklet. In order to record your views and improve the effectiveness of our consultation, please complete this short feedback form.

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS.

Q1. Now that we have shared updated design plans for this site, is there anything you would like to bring to our attention that you believe we may not have already considered during project development?

Comments:

Q2. Are there any environmental features, that you consider important and should be brought to the attention of the project team?

Comments:

Q3. What suggestions for social or environmental community benefit opportunities do you have that you would like us to consider or are there any local initiatives you would like us to support?

Comments:

Q4. Is there anything regarding the Loch Buidhe area (Carnaig) 400kV substation project that you require more information about? If so, please detail below.

Comments:

Full name

Address

Telephone

Email

If you would like your comments to remain anonymous please tick this box.

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