

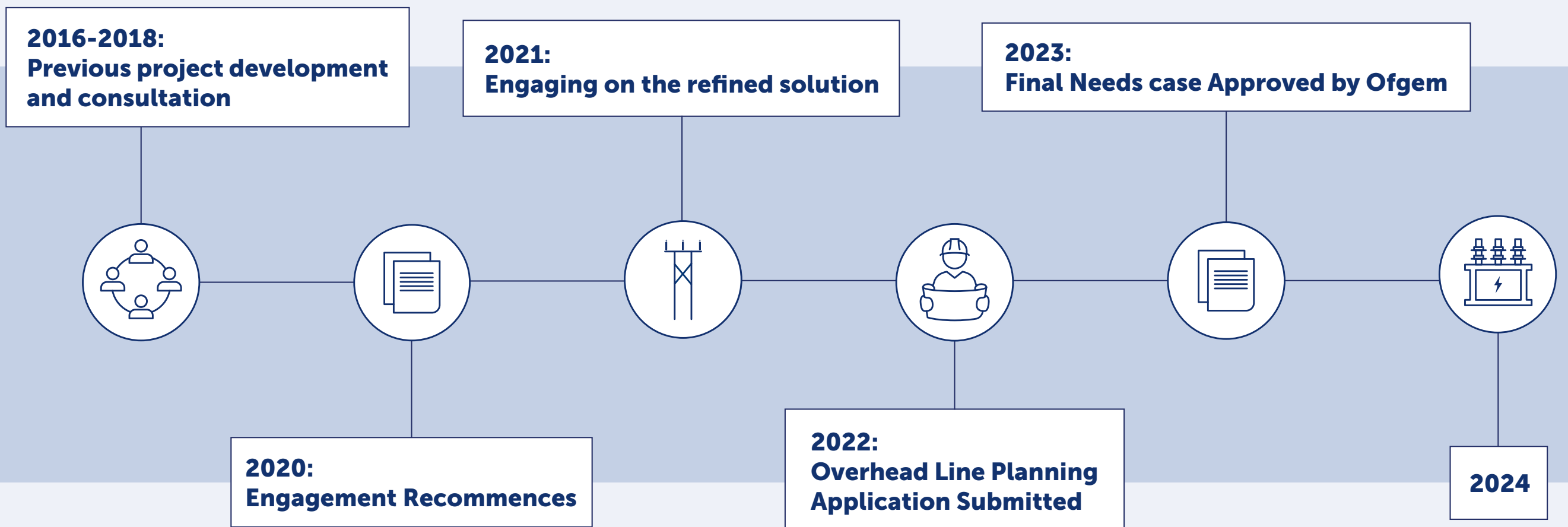
# Skye Reinforcement -Historical Timeline

The Skye Reinforcement project was first introduced to the public in **2016** and reintroduced in **2020** following changes to the initial scope.

Ahead of construction commencing (subject to a successful Section 37 determination), we wanted to recap on the project development process for those who might not be as familiar with the project's history.



# Project overview

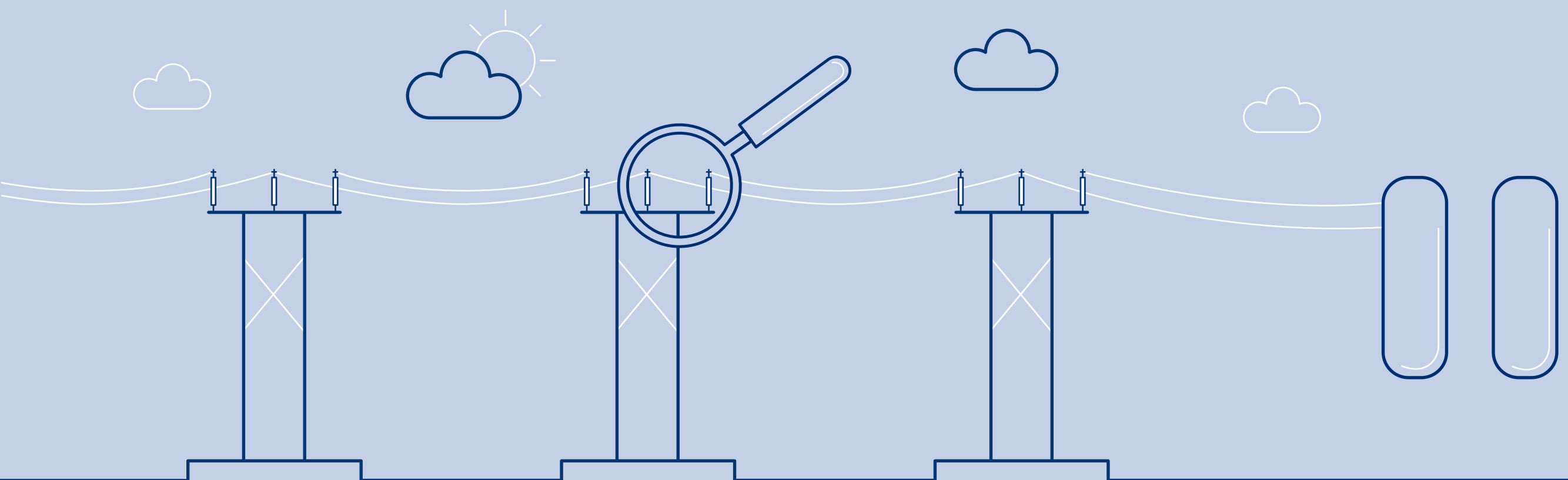


# 2016-2018: Previous project development and consultation

Development work and public and statutory consultation on a proposed additional overhead line between the Isle of Skye and Fort Augustus to enable renewable generation on Skye to connect to the transmission network was carried out between 2016 and 2018.

Following a review of the asset condition of the existing overhead line it was identified that this needed replacement to maintain security of supply.

The project was therefore paused in 2018 to allow for a more holistic and enduring approach to meet future security of supply needs, connect renewables and support the transition to net zero.

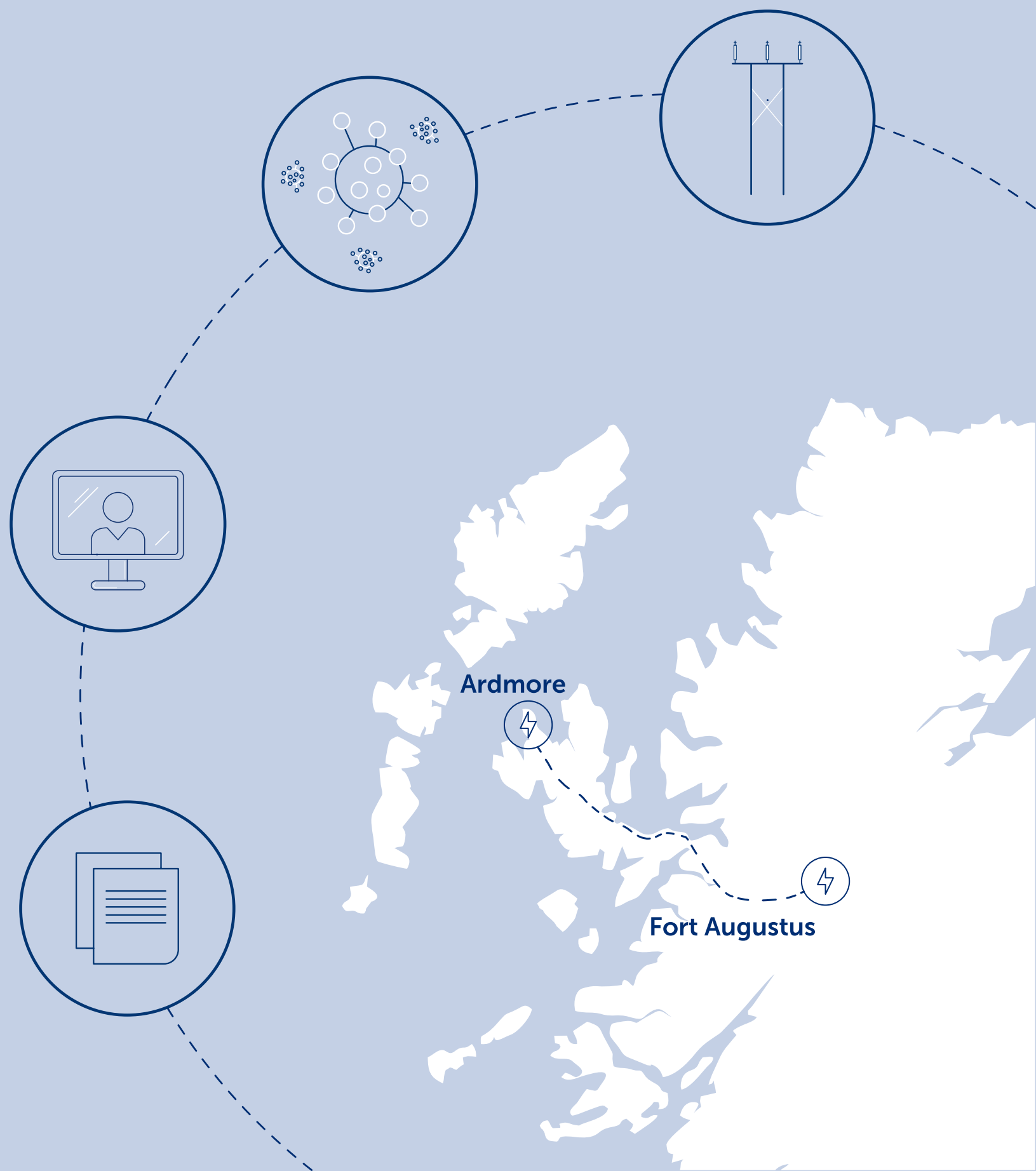


# 2020: Engagement Recommences

Following internal assessment, we consulted with key statutory bodies on initial proposals for the **new rebuild approach**. Route options were identified, an options appraisal undertaken and a preferred route selected.

Preferred route and design solutions in-person public consultation was due to take place in **March 2020** however required to be **paused due to the COVID 19 Pandemic**.

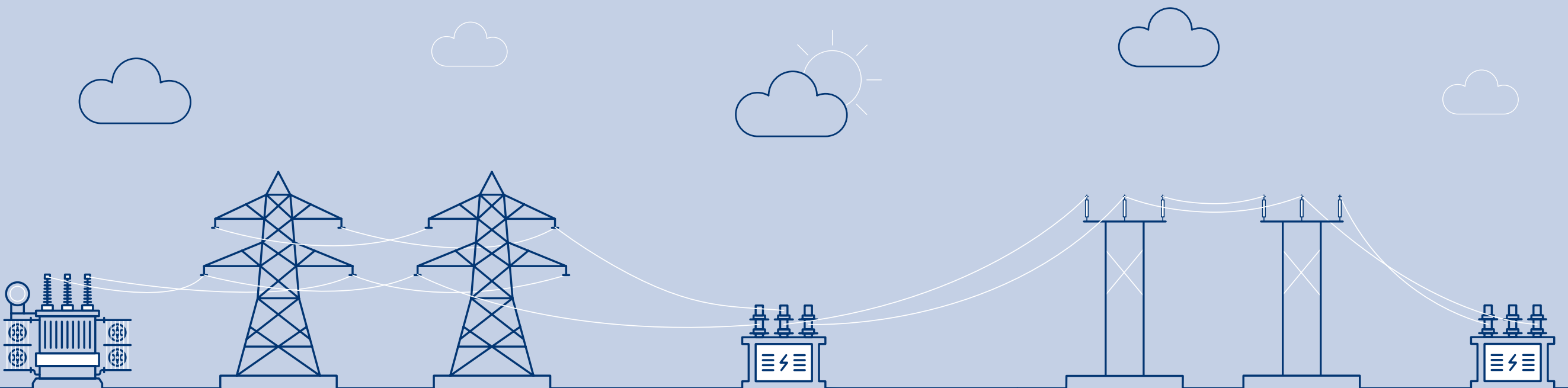
Virtual consultation events for route and design were carried out in the **Summer**. Click the following link to access our [Consultation Booklet](#)



# 2021: Engaging on the refined solution

In July 2021, Our Initial Needs Case for the project was submitted to Ofgem. Click the link to access the [Initial Needs Case](#).

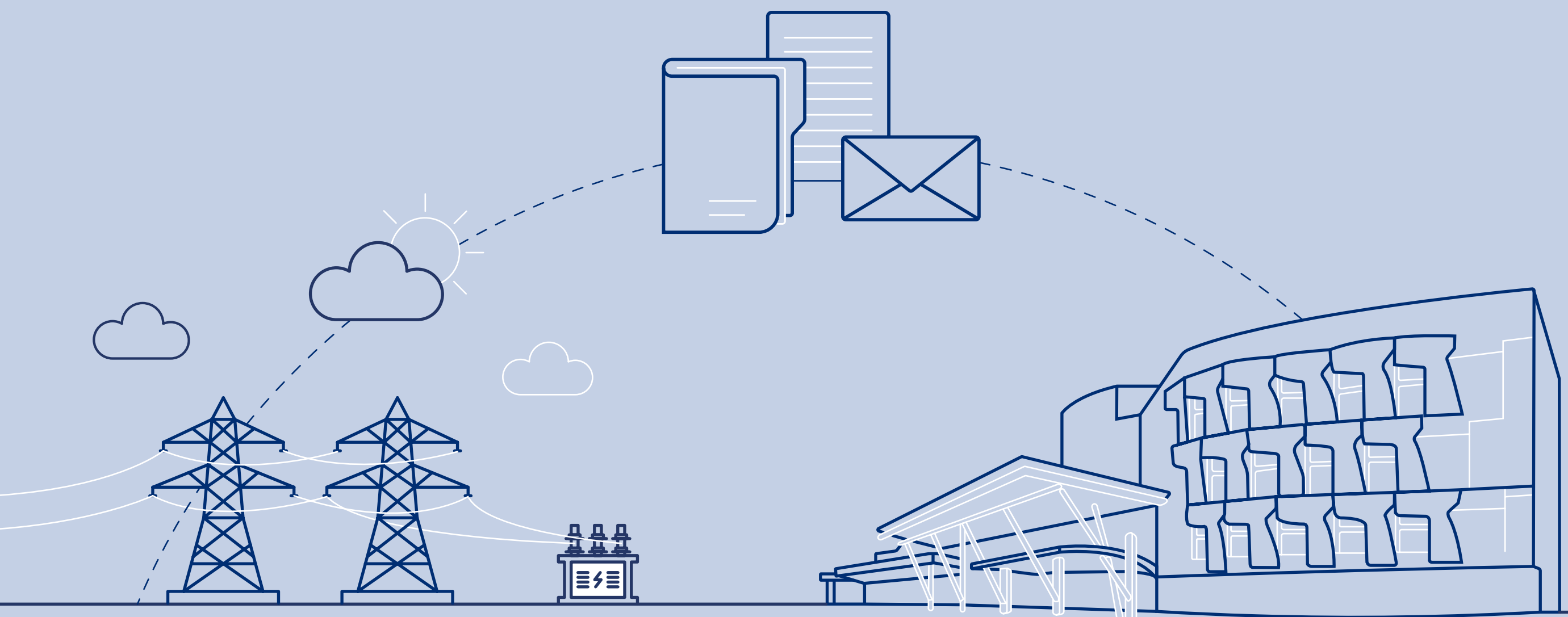
In September/October 2021, we held a series of in-person overhead line alignment events, alongside pre-application consultation events for Edinbane and Broadford substations. Click the following link to access our [Consultation Booklet - Alignment](#).



# 2022: Overhead Line Planning Application Submitted

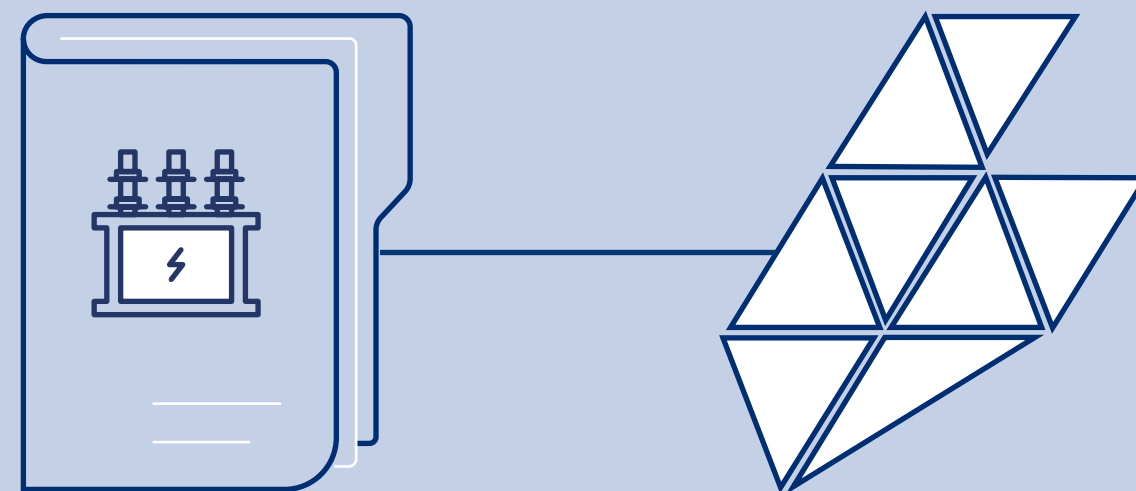
In September 2022, we held new pre-application consultation events for the substations, due to changes to their scope. Click the following link to access our [Consultation Booklet - Edinbane and Broadford.](#)

We submitted our **Section 37 application** for the overhead line in **Autumn 2022** to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit. Documents relating to the application are available on the [project webpage.](#)

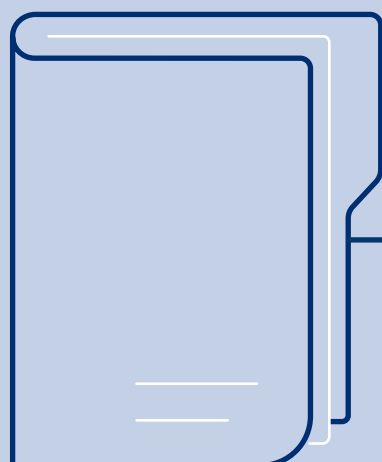


# 2023: Final Needs Case Approved by Ofgem

Town and Country planning applications for both **Broadford and Edinbane Substations** were submitted to The Highland Council in **January 2023**.



In **July 2023** we submitted our **Final Needs Case** for the project to Ofgem, which was then **approved in August**. Click the following link to access the **Final Needs Case**.



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**2024**

In **February 2024**, we received **planning permission for Edinbane substation**.

As access to the existing Skye overhead line is required to undertake more frequent detailed inspections of the ageing and failing asset (regardless of Section 37 decision), in **Spring 2024** a series of **Public Road Improvements works, access track maintenance and ground investigation works** commenced and continued throughout the year.

