

SCOTTISH HYDRO ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION PLC

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

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

Notice is hereby given that Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc, “the Company”, (registered in Scotland under company registration number SC213461 at Inveralmond House 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ) has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989, to install, operate and keep installed approximately 173km of new 400 kV Overhead Line (OHL), supported on steel lattice tower structures including downleads, between proposed new substations at Banniskirk (ND 15905 56823) in the area of Spittal, and Fanellan (NH 48534 43208) in the area of Beauly, with a connection via a proposed new substation at Carnaig (NH 65053 97458) near to the existing substation at Loch Buidhe, in the area of Bonar Bridge. The Proposed Development also includes Permanent diversion works required to existing 132 kV and 275 kV OHLs, of approximately 18km in total, to enable the construction of the Proposed Development including the temporary diversion works required to construct the permanent diversion, and ancillary development and associated works.

In total, the Proposed Development would comprise approximately 191km of new OHL infrastructure.

The Proposed Development is known as the Spittal to Loch Buidhe to Beauly 400 kV OHL Connection.

Given the length of the proposed alignment for the new 400 kV OHL connection, and to describe more easily the baseline environmental factors, the OHL has been split into five defined geographical ‘Sections’. The Sections are Section A: Spittal to Brora, Section B: Brora to Loch Buidhe, Section C: Loch Buidhe to Dounie, Section D: Dounie to Near Strathpeffer, and Section E: Near Strathpeffer to Beauly.

The proposed development has been subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and an EIA Report and Habitats Regulation Appraisal have been produced to accompany the application for consent.

The Company has also requested a direction under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

A copy of the application with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the EIA Report and the Habitats Regulations Appraisal and Supporting Documents discussing the Company’s proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for public inspection in person, free of charge, at the locations and during the hours shown in the table below:

Location	Opening Hours	Address
The Highland Council – Thurso Office	Monday - 9:30am - 2:30pm Tuesday - 1.30pm - 4.30pm Wednesday - 9:30am - 12:30pm Thursday - 1.30pm - 4.30pm Friday - 9:30am - 12:30pm	The Highland Council Rotterdam Street Thurso KW14 8AB
The Highland Council – Dingwall Office	Monday - 9:30am - 12:30pm Tuesday - 9:30am - 12:30pm & 1:30pm - 4pm Wednesday - 9:30am - 12:30pm Thursday - 9:30am - 12:30pm & 1:30pm - 4pm Friday - 9:30am - 12:30pm	County Buildings 84 High Street Dingwall IV15 9QN

The Highland Council – Inverness Office	Monday - 10am - 12:30pm & 1:30pm to 4:30pm Tuesday - 10am - 12:30pm & 1:30pm - 4:30pm Wednesday - 10am - 12:30pm & 1:30pm - 4:30pm Thursday - 10am - 12:30pm & 1:30pm - 4:30pm Friday - 10am - 12:30pm & 1:30pm - 4:30pm	The Highland Council Headquarters Glenurquhart Road Inverness IV3 5NX
Helmsdale Community Centre	Monday - 10am – 12pm, 3pm – 5pm, & 6pm - 8pm Tuesday - 10am - 12:30pm Wednesday - 10am - 12:30pm Thursday - 10am - 12:30pm Friday - 10am - 12pm & 3pm - 5pm	Dunrobin St Helmsdale KW8 6JX
Strathpeffer Community Centre	Monday - 9am - 4pm Tuesday - 9am - 4pm Wednesday - 9am - 4pm	School Road Strathpeffer IV14 9AG

The EIA report can also be viewed on the application website '<https://ssen-transmission.co.uk/SLBB>' or on the Scottish Government Energy Consents website at www.energyconsents.scot under application reference **ECU00006008**.

Copies of the EIA Report may be obtained from the Company (email: slbb@sse.com) at a charge of £1,000 per hard copy or for free on a pen drive or CD. Copies of a short Non-Technical Summary are available free of charge.

Any representations in respect of the application may be submitted by email to the Scottish Government via representations@gov.scot or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals) and full postal address of those making representations. Emailed representations should also include the full return email address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@gov.scot will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than **12 October 2025**, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the developer will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

Where Scottish Ministers are required to, or decide to exercise their discretion to do so, they can cause a public inquiry to be held. Following examination of the environmental information, Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in one of two ways:

- consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- reject the proposal

General Data Protection Regulations

The Scottish Government processes representations under the Electricity Act 1989. To support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at www.energyconsents.scot.

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