

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 submitted additional information to the Scottish Ministers in relation to the application 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 Beaully, 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 Beaully 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 Beaully.

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 applied for 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.

The Company has now submitted additional information to Scottish Ministers, which includes information relating to:

- Private Water Supplies in Volume 5 Appendix 10.2: DWPA and PWS Assessment and Figure 10.6: Private Water Supplies. *This information is confidential and will be shared directly with relevant statutory consultees, but not available for public inspection.*
- Further “visual material” in relation to 24 Scheduled Monuments prepared in addition to Volume 5 Appendix 12.8: Cultural Heritage Visualisations.
- A Heritage Assessment of the direct impacts on the Fairburn Garden and Designed Landscape prepared in addition to Volume 2 Chapter 12 Cultural Heritage and Volume 5 Appendix 12.5 Heritage Impact Assessment Table.

Copies of the additional information are available for public inspection in person, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

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

A copy of the application, including plans showing the lands to which it relates and the EIA Report, together with the additional information, is available for public inspection, free of charge on the application website '<https://ssen-transmission.co.uk/SLBB>', or on the Scottish Government Energy Consents website at <https://www.energyconsents.scot> under application reference **ECU00006008**.

Copies of the additional information 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.

All previous representations received by Scottish Ministers in relation to the above application remain valid.

Any new representations on the application may be submitted via www.energyconsents.scot, using the relevant Project Name and/or ECU reference number. Please note that you must be in possession of a working email address to submit a representation virtually.

If you would prefer to submit your representation by post, please send 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 representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals) and full postal address of those making representations.

All representations should be received not later than: **22 April 2026**. If a written representation is received after this date, Ministers may still consider it during the determination process.

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

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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