

Spittal to Peterhead Subsea Cable Link

Essential survey works along Caithness alignment

SSEN Transmission is conducting some surveys in Caithness over the next month in connection with the Spittal to Peterhead Subsea Cable Link project.

Project overview

The Spittal to Peterhead Subsea Cable Link is a proposed high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission link between Banniskirk Hub in Caithness and Netherton Hub near Longside, Peterhead. The cable will span approximately 210km, predominantly under the Moray Firth and North Sea. As part of this project, we are proposing to construct approx. 22km of underground HVDC cable between the proposed Banniskirk Hub and the landfall at Sinclair's Bay in Caithness. In Aberdeenshire, the subsea cable will come onshore at Rattray Head near St Fergus, and an underground cable will connect the subsea cable from the coastal landfall site to Netherton Hub.

Ground investigation works

Our contractors Zetica and BAM are carrying out additional ground investigation works along some sections of the proposed alignment which will require the construction of boreholes and trial holes. These ground investigations will involve digging and drilling trial pits and boreholes to obtain a detailed picture of ground conditions and geology.

If you are an impacted landowner, a member of our Land Team will contact you to discuss access to your land in advance of any works being undertaken.

Utilities location survey

We are conducting surveys at several locations along the proposed cable route to determine the location and depth of existing underground utility infrastructure. Our local contactor Gunns will carry out the work on our behalf. Digging will predominantly be carried out at the roadside and be done by hand, but there may be some locations where excavators or access to adjacent land is required. Relevant landowners are being contacted prior to the works starting.

These investigations are necessary to ensure accurate planning and coordination of future works.

Drone surveys

We are also conducting drone surveys along the proposed cable alignment in Caithness. Experienced drone operators will conduct the surveys on our behalf according to all relevant guidelines and procedures.

These surveys will contribute to our understanding and mitigation of potential environmental impacts of the project, and we would like to thank residents and landowners for their cooperation.

How these survey works may impact you

Our Land Team are contacting residents whose land or property we need to access. Our ground investigation works may require some localised short-term traffic management to ensure the safety of our contractors and the general public. We don't anticipate that the wider community will be inconvenienced.

Thank you

We will carry out all surveys with least disruption possible, and we thank you for your patience as we prepare to deliver this critical national infrastructure project.

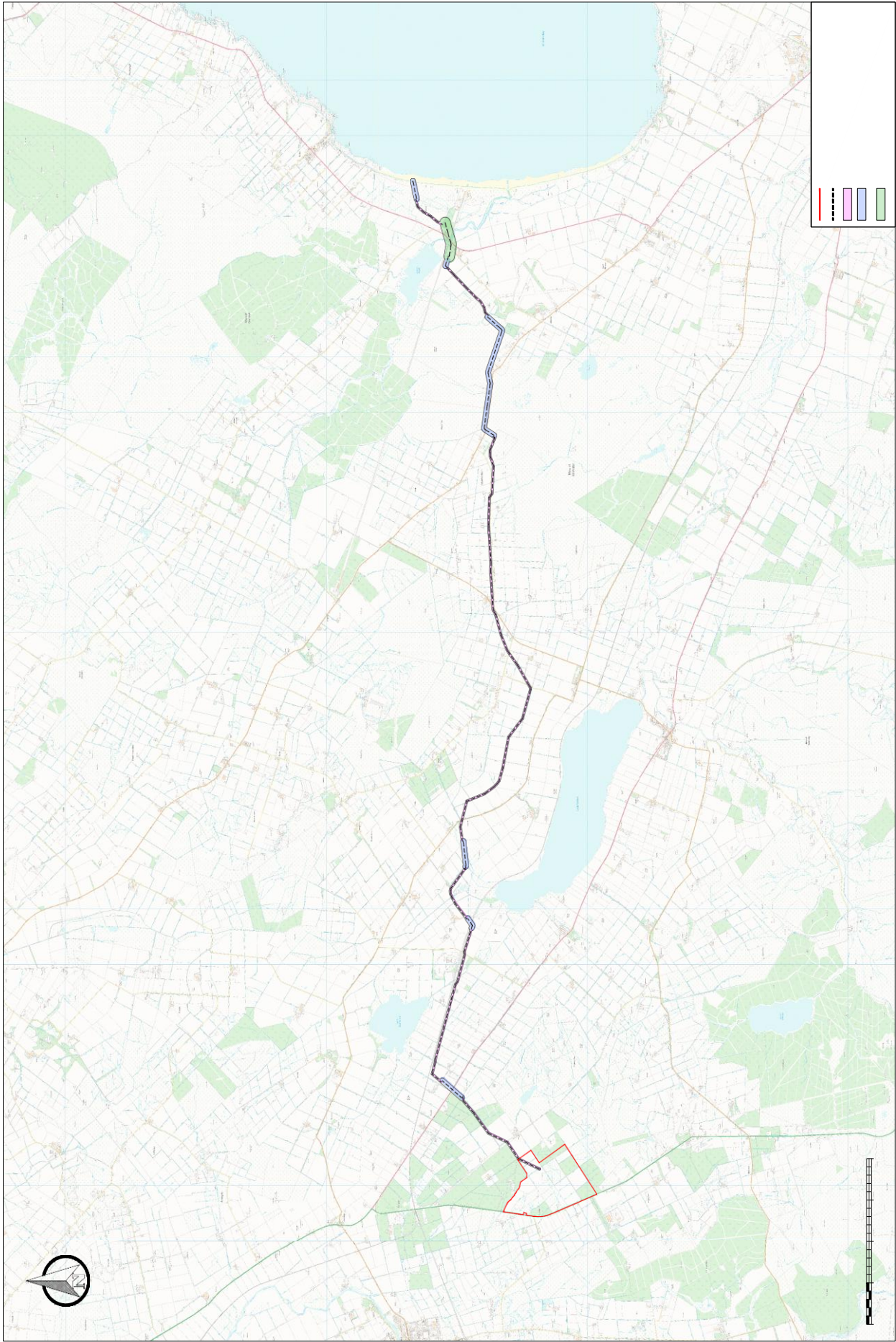
For more information

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact our Community Liaison Manager:

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Refer to alignment map overleaf. Larger format maps are available on our project webpage.



Proposed underground cable alignment in Caithness between the proposed Banniskirk Hub and Sinclairs Bay.