

Western Isles Connection Project Project update and cable route selection consultation

SSEN Transmission are holding a public event regarding the infrastructure required on Lewis as part of the Western Isles Connection Project.

The Western Isles is home to some of Scotland's greatestwind resources, however, the existing electricity network is at full capacity meaning no further energy generation can currently connect without significant reinforcements.

The Western Isles connection is therefore required to connect renewable electricity generators on the island to the GB transmission system, maximising the significant renewable potential of the Western Isles, adding capacity for new load connections, and reducing the island's reliance on diesel-powered electric generation.

Engaging on the Lewis HVDC converter station and substation site

This will be the third set of public engagement events regarding our proposed Lewis HVDC Converter Station and Substation site, where we intend to provide an update on the site selection process and confirm our selected site.

Consulting on the underground cable to Arnish Point

An onshore underground HVDC cable will transport the energy from the HVDC Converter Station to the landfall at Arnish Point. We have identified a cable route and are keen to receive feedback from local stakeholders regarding the route and if there are any additional external factors we must consider. Please share this invite with any potentially interested parties.

The event will be taking place on: Wednesday 8th November 2023, 3pm – 7pm Cabarfeidh Hotel, Manor Park Perceval Road South, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, Scotland, HS1 2EU Members of the local community and interested parties are warmly invited to attend this drop-in event to discuss our proposals with the project team and share their views with us to help shape proposals moving forward.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Community Liaison Manager:

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