

Transport Infrastructure and Construction Methods

Access Tracks

Given the nature of the terrain over which the line will cross a variety of construction techniques may be employed including the use of cranes, derricks, which all have different access requirements.

Our first priority is to utilise existing access routes to minimise disruption with upgrades to existing tracks including the provision of passing places on all tracked routes.

Throughout the construction period the access tracks will be maintained by our contractor to ensure the quality of the access route is maintained.

Some new tracks will be required, as will ground improvements surrounding towers to create safe working platforms for erection works.

Additionally, areas of temporary metal trackway panels or specialist vehicles may be used depending on the specific ground conditions and bearing capacity.

Public Roads

The main access roads for the majority of the overhead line for delivery of material, plant, equipment and workforce will be taken from the A836 (Dalchork Substation and Achinduich), and the A839 (east of Balnadelson).

Traffic Management

A full review will be undertaken to ensure proposed routes are sufficient for the anticipated construction traffic. Strict timetables for road use by construction vehicles will be agreed and adhered to during construction.

Dalchork Substation land take 2015 and 2017

