

## **Section 42 application – weekend working proposal**

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHE Transmission) sought to reach an agreement with the Community Liaison Group (CLG) prior to formally applying to The Highland Council for the amendment.

We recognised that there is a general resistance to any Sunday working on the Tomatin substation site. Our latest consultation with members of the Community Liaison Group indicated a strong resistance from the community for any earthworks or construction activity being carried out on a Sunday but there was a general compromise to a full working day on a Saturday and an increase to weekday working hours.

Following these comments, our revised proposal seeks to further limit any works which could cause any disturbance on a Sunday whilst still allowing for some progress to be made when the fitting and cabling/wiring of equipment is required (Electrical Works). Electrical works can be carried out with minimal impacts on the wider area in terms of construction noise.

We propose to carry out Electrical works on Sundays from circa May 2018 – February 2019. There would be no Civils works carried out on Sundays. The Electrical works do not require heavy vehicles and machinery and by its nature is a very quiet form of working with much of it taking place inside the building.

The proposal is as follows:

Week day working: 7.00am – 7.00pm –  
Summer months 8.00am – 6.00pm –  
Winter months Saturdays 7.00am – 5.00pm –  
Summer months 8.00am – 4.00pm –  
Winter months Sundays 8.00am – 4.00pm – for Electrical works only (from May 2018 – Feb 2019).

SHE Transmission and the Contractor will work closely with Dalarossie Church on the schedule of church services. The proposed Sunday electrical working (from May 2018 – February 2019) will not be noisy and with the Church being some distance from the site there should be no impact on the church or other services. Nevertheless, we will ensure ongoing liaison with the Church to ensure that there are no negative effects on the services.

Works at Tomatin substation are currently scheduled to be completed by March 2019 to allow the additional generation to connect to the National Grid.

This will see the construction of the substation take place over two winters, the first Winter will see groundworks, earthworks and concrete works. Due to the nature of these activities and the exposed nature of the site, it is highly likely that there will be delays in construction activities due to adverse weather conditions - high winds but also potentially heavy rain/flooding and snow/ice. The exposed nature of the access track is a further factor which may lead to lost construction time if the road is closed.

The Contractor has made some allowance of weather risk in the programme, however we are conscious that during the access road works in the summer months of 2017 we still lost 2 weeks of work due to adverse weather conditions (heavy rain).

The full application can be found at:  
<http://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=OVWZ08IH0G500>