



# VISTA - Sloy and Glen Falloch Project Updates

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To play a part in conserving Scotland's designated landscapes, SSEN Transmission accessed a proportion of a £500m fund that is administered by the electricity industry regulator Ofgem. The Ofgem fund is available to mitigate the Visual Impacts of Transmission Assets (VISTA) in National Parks and National Scenic Areas (NSAs). SSEN Transmission identified Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park as an area where mitigation of the visualisation of transmission infrastructure was warranted.

SSEN Transmission and principal contractor Morgan Sindall Infrastructure started works on the Glen Falloch and Sloy Visual Impacts of Transmission Assets (VISTA) projects earlier this year and the works are progressing well.

Overall completion is planned for early 2022. In total 25 steel towers and 8km of 132kV overhead line will be removed and replaced with the installation of 132kV underground cable circuits at Sloy and Glen Falloch, significantly enhancing the visual amenity in these areas.

## Progress so far at Glen Falloch

- Cable route fencing and accesses – Temporary access points have been formed from the A82 and tracks to install the cable are being constructed.
- Trench and duct installation – The remaining duct installation is underway
- Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) – Commencing at the end of June

## What's Next?

- Cable installation and jointing – Due to commence later in the Summer.
- Overhead line dismantling and reinstatement to start later in the year through to early 2022.

## Progress so far at Sloy

- Cable route fencing and accesses were completed using temporary trackway panels
- Trench and duct installation are nearly complete
- Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) at the first location is complete and will soon commence at the second location.

## What's Next?

- Cable installation & jointing – Installation of the cables will start in the coming weeks with completion by the Autumn.
- Overhead line dismantling and reinstatement will commence from the Autumn onwards.

## Engaging with the Local Community

We are keen to engage and support the local communities around our projects and the project team are continuing with regular litter picking at the Glen Falloch lay-by and the entrances at Sloy. The Crianlarich Community Centre has been rented over the coming months for additional welfare purposes. If you would like further information about these projects, please contact our Community Liaison Manager:

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Project Updates can be found at:

<https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/vista-glen-falloch-sloy/>