



# Beauly to Blackhillock to New Deer to Peterhead

## 400kV OHL Project

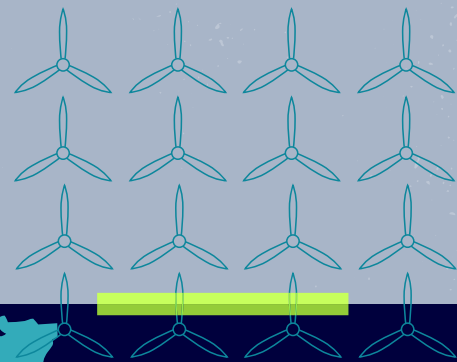
To support the continued growth in onshore and offshore renewables across the north of Scotland and the country's drive towards Net Zero, investment in our network infrastructure is needed to connect this renewable power and transport it from source to areas of demand across the country.

Extensive studies have confirmed the need for a new 400kV transmission connection between Beauly and Peterhead, connecting into substation sites near Blackhillock and New Deer.

This connection will be provided via an overhead line of steel lattice towers (commonly referred to as pylons) likely to average around 57m in height.

Our current programme includes a construction start date of Spring 2026, with construction anticipated to be completed by early 2030.

This overhead line is part of our wider set of projects we are calling our Pathway to 2030, and you can learn more about our role in delivering net zero by visiting our project webpage: [ssen-transmission.co.uk/bbnp](https://ssen-transmission.co.uk/bbnp)



# The story so far

**Sept 22**



We first introduced this project in September 2022, consulting on route corridors for the overhead line.

**April 23**



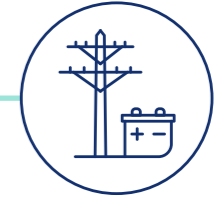
After refining our proposals, we held further public consultation events regarding potential approx. 1km wide routes for the overhead line, requesting feedback on these potential routes.

**June 23**



The consultation closed on 30 June 2023, with over **400** written responses received.

**Dec 23**



We published a Report on Consultation, confirming our proposed route and showing how the option taken forward to the next stage has been informed by this process.

## So what now?

### Why we're here today

The next stage of the process where we'd usually consult is the 'alignment' stage – this is when we'd have clear proposals for where the line is likely to go rather than the 'routes' previously presented which are typically between 500m - 1km wide.

We're working on identifying these alignments as we speak, carrying out further studies, engaging with landowners and stakeholders and seeking your thoughts and views during these events, but we won't be ready to consult on them until closer to Summer.

In the meantime, we wanted to take the opportunity to come and share with you our work in progress and where we are just now in the process now that we've narrowed down proposals a little further.

Since our last consultation there have also been some changes to what we called our 'preferred' routes and we believe it's important to seek your views on these changes.

This also means we can take your feedback and comments on the proposed routes and closely consider it whilst we work on creating alignments.



## What did our Report on Consultation Confirm?

The route options identified as Preferred during the consultation were selected to proceed to the next stage (Alignment) with some adjustments.

These options are detailed within the full Report on Consultation.

Sections 8 and 9 - were amended to incorporate the move of the proposed Blackhillock 2 (Coachford) substation.

Section 11 - In response to strong community feedback, the route between New Deer and Peterhead was expanded to provide more options for alignment in parallel with existing overhead line routes and to avoid areas of concern such as scheduled monuments and villages such as Maud and Stuartfield.

## What updates do we have to share?

Since publishing the Report on Consultation late last year, we've produced 'refined routes' between 200-500m wide, within which we aim to have identified an optimal alignment by the time we return to consult again in early Summer. You can view these on our project maps available at our events and on our project webpage.

In Sections 8, 9 and 11, we also have some changes to our previously preferred route proposals to share. You can find more information regarding these changes and how they have been considered in our Report on Consultation, and these changes are also reflected in our maps.

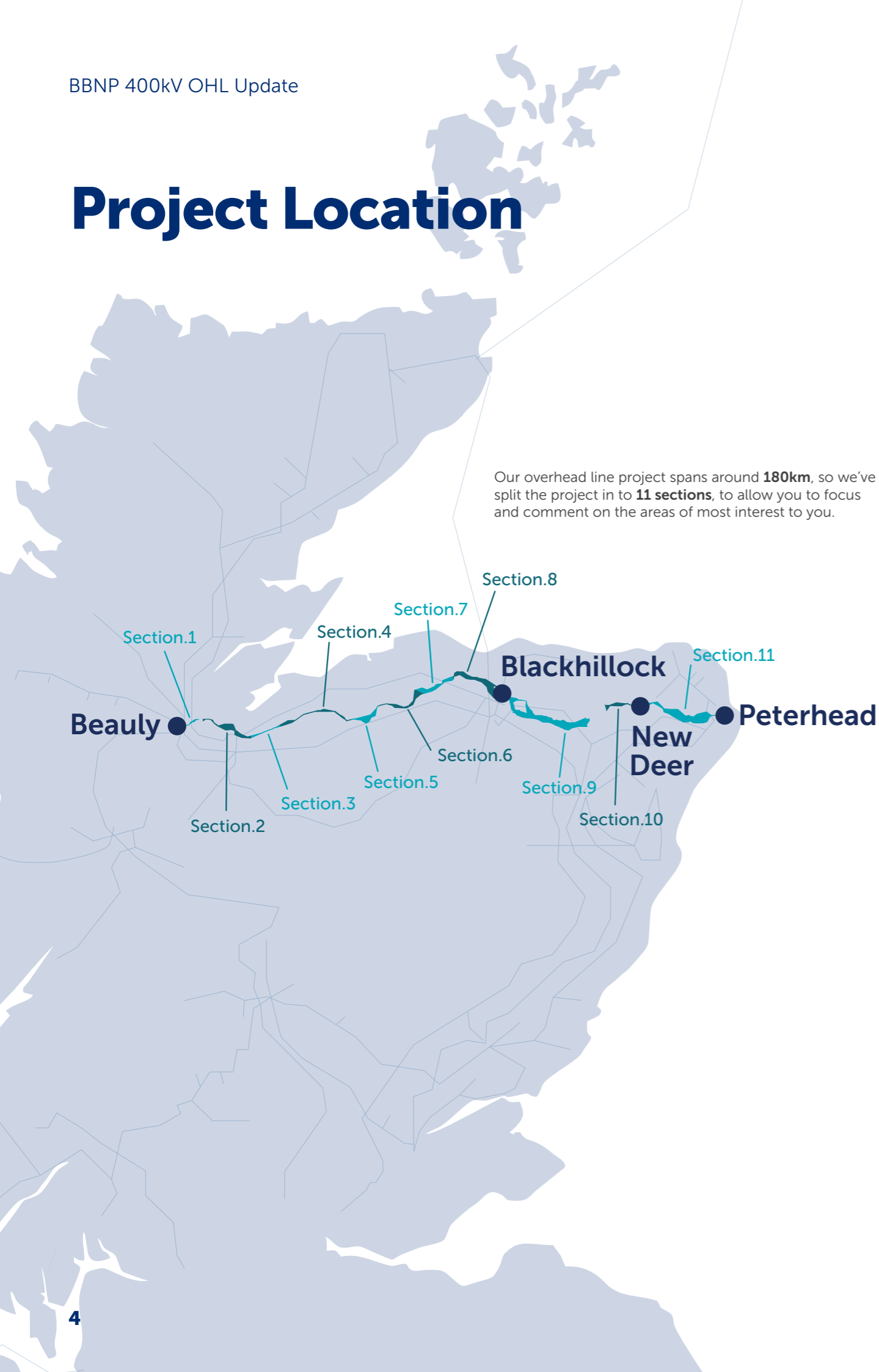
### Read our Report on Consultation:



### Download our project maps:



# Project Location



Our overhead line project spans around **180km**, so we've split the project in to **11 sections**, to allow you to focus and comment on the areas of most interest to you.

# They are as follows:

	<p><b>Section 1</b> Beaulieu Area substation to south of Beaulieu;</p>		<p><b>Section 5</b> Ferness to South of Forres;</p>		<p><b>Section 9</b> Keith to south of Turriff;</p>
	<p><b>Section 2</b> South of Beaulieu to south of Inverness;</p>		<p><b>Section 6</b> South of Forres to Kellas;</p>		<p><b>Section 10</b> South of Turriff to New Deer; and</p>
	<p><b>Section 3</b> A9 and River Nairn crossing;</p>		<p><b>Section 7</b> Kellas to Teindland;</p>		<p><b>Section 11</b> New Deer to Peterhead.</p>
	<p><b>Section 4</b> South of Culloden to Ferness;</p>		<p><b>Section 8</b> Teindland to Keith;</p>		

## Help shape our plans

We want to know if you have any thoughts regarding:

- The development of an alignment within our refined routes
- If you have any concerns regarding the changes made in Sections 8 and 9 to incorporate the move of the proposed Blackhillock 2 (Coachford) substation
- The expansion of the route around Section 11

## Your Feedback

We're going to keep this feedback period open ended right through to our alignment consultation, anticipated to take place in early Summer.

We might have some additional questions for you once we've been able to identify alignments, if so we'll share these at the next consultation where we'll also advise of the consultation close date.

Once we've formally closed the feedback period and assessed all comments received, we'll then produce an Alignment Report on Consultation and share this with you.

# Let us know your thoughts

Thank you for taking the time to read this consultation booklet. In order to record your views and improve the effectiveness of our consultation, please complete this short feedback form.

**Q1. Which consultation event did you attend?**  
(Select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Peterhead	<input type="checkbox"/> Turriff	<input type="checkbox"/> Huntly	<input type="checkbox"/> Cairnie	<input type="checkbox"/> Keith
<input type="checkbox"/> Nairn	<input type="checkbox"/> Longside	<input type="checkbox"/> New Deer	<input type="checkbox"/> Inverness	<input type="checkbox"/> Moray
<input type="checkbox"/> Forres	<input type="checkbox"/> Beaulieu	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Online portal	

**Q2. Is there a specific section of the overhead line refined route that you are interested in?**  
(Select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Section.1 – Beaulieu Area substation to south of Beaulieu;	<input type="checkbox"/> Section.7 – Kellas to Teindland
<input type="checkbox"/> Section.2 – South of Beaulieu to south of Inverness	<input type="checkbox"/> Section.8 – Teindland to Keith
<input type="checkbox"/> Section.3 – A9 and River Nairn crossing	<input type="checkbox"/> Section.9 – Keith to south of Turriff
<input type="checkbox"/> Section.4 – South of Culloden to Ferness	<input type="checkbox"/> Section.10 – South of Turriff to New Deer
<input type="checkbox"/> Section.5 – Ferness to South of Forres	<input type="checkbox"/> Section.11 – New Deer to Peterhead
<input type="checkbox"/> Section.6 – South of Forres to Kellas	

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**Q3. Now that we have shared refined routes, is there anything you'd like to bring to our attention regarding the proposed refined route that you believe we may not have already considered?**






**Q4. What suggestions for social or environmental community benefit opportunities do you have that you would like us to consider, or are there any local initiatives you would like us to support?**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>Address</b>	<b>If you would like to be kept informed of progress on the project, please tick this box</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

Please note that comments received may be included or referenced within our Pre-Application Consultation Report anonymously.

### Contact Us

The best way to contact us regarding this project is through our Community Liaison Team.

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