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18th February 2025

Our Reference: LT521 Bingally 400 / 132 kV Substation

E-planning Reference Number: **100695632**

Dear Sir / Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED) PROPOSAL: CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 400 / 132 KV OUTDOOR AIR INSULATED SWITCHGEAR (AIS) SUBSTATION COMPRISING PLATFORM, PLANT AND MACHINERY, CONTROL BUILDING, ACCESS, LAYDOWN/ WORK COMPOUND AREAS(S), DRAINAGE, LANDSCAPING AND OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS (NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT). LOCATION: LAND 2.9KM SOUTH OF TOMICH.

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (SSEN Transmission), operating under licence held by Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc, owns, operates, and develops the high voltage electricity transmission system in the north of Scotland and remote islands. SSEN Transmission, hereby submits a planning application for the proposed construction of a new Substation located approximately 2.9km South of Tomich.

The Proposed Development would consist of:

- Substation platform of approximately 376 m (length) x 271 m (width) with associated earthworks upon which an outdoor, air insulated switchgear (AIS), 400 / 132 kV substation complete with 400 / 132 kV double busbar arrangement will be installed;
- Installation of two 400 / 132 kV Super Grid Transformers, a 400 kV double busbar, space provision for three 400 kV bays for future connections, a 132 kV double busbar, space provision for four 132 kV bays for future connections, and ancillary equipment for all bars, bays and transformers;
- A new control building with dimensions 49 m (width) x 24 m (length) x 7 m (height);
- Establishment of approximately 9.5 km of access track, comprising upgrade of approximately 6.1 km of existing track and approximately 3.4 km of new track;
- Temporary construction compounds, laydown areas and car parking;
- Permanent drainage systems and SuDS basins;

- Erection of a 4m high palisade fence; and
- Peatland restoration, landscape works and biodiversity enhancement.

Prior SSEN Transmission consultation for this project was carried out in July 2024 where pre-application advice for major developments was sought (Reference 23/04672/PREMAJ).

A Proposal of Application Notice was submitted on the 4th March 2024 (Reference 24/00290/PAN). An Environmental Appraisal (EA) has been produced and submitted to support the application following the negative screening response.

The planning application is supported with:

- Environmental Appraisal, Appendices and Figures
- Planning Statement
- Design and Access Statement
- HRA Screening Letter
- PAC Report and Appendices
- EMF Compliance Statement;
- Socio-economic Report;
- Outline Access Management Plan;
- A series of technical design drawings and reports

The fee to be paid is £173,014.00 as agreed via e-mail between Laura May (THC) and Steph Wade (SSEN Transmission), which has been paid (Jan 2025) via BACS with the E-Planning reference number 100695632. The required advert fee has also been combined and paid within the same transaction.

Once the application has been received and validated, I would be happy to set up a planning processing agreement.

I look forward to receiving formal confirmation of receipt of this application. In the meantime, should you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details above.

Kind regards

Sarah Lashley
Consents and Environments Manager
Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks