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GLOSSARY AND ABBREVIATIONS

132 kV 132 kilovolt (132,000 volt) operating voltage electrical circuit

The 1989 Act The Electricity Act 1989

AA Appropriate Assessment

AADT Annual Average Daily Traffic

AIL Abnormal Indivisible Load

AM Amplitude Modulation (medium and long wave radio signals)

AOD Above Ordnance Datum

ATC Automatic Traffic Counter

AWI Ancient Woodland Inventory

BAP Biodiversity Action Plan

BGS British Geological Survey

BNG Biodiversity Net Gain

BoCC Birds of Conservation Concern

BPP Bird Protection Plan

BTO British Trust for Ornithology

CAR Controlled Activities Regulations

CasPlan Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan

CEMP Construction Environmental Management Plan

CIEEM Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management

CIRIA Construction Industry Research and Information Association

ClfA Chartered Institute for Archaeologists

CMLI Chartered Members of the Landscape Institute

CP Core Path

CSE Cable Sealing End

CTMP Construction Traffic Management Plan

DEFRA Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

DfT Department for Transport

DMRB Design Manual for Roads and Bridges

DTM Digital Terrain Model

DWPA Drinking Water Protection Area

EC European Commission

ECoW Ecological Clerk of Works

EnvCoW Environmental Clerk of Works

ECU Energy Consents Unit

EIA Environmental Impact Assessment

EMF Electric and Magnetic Fields

EMI Electromagnetic Interference

EPZ Equi-Potential Zones

ERLOB European Red List of Bird Species

ESQCR Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations

EU European Union

FWPM Fresh Water Pearl Mussel

GBRs General Binding Rules

GEMPs General Environmental Management Plans

GI Ground Investigation

GIS Geographic Information System

GPP Guidance for Pollution Prevention

GVLIA3 Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment 3rd Edition

GWP Global Warming Potential

GWDTE Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems

Ha Hectare. An area measuring 10,000 square metres

HabMos Habitat Map of Scotland

HBRG Highland Biological Recording Group

HDD Horizontal Directional Drilling

HER Historic Environment Record

HES Historic Environment Scotland

HGV Heavy Goods Vehicle

HMP Habitat Management Plan

HRA Habitats Regulations Appraisal

HwLDP Highland-wide Local Development Plan

ICNIRP International Commission on Non-Lonising Radiation Protection

IEFs Important Ecological Features

IEMA Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment

INNS Invasive Non-Native Species

IOF Important Ornithological Feature

IROPI Imperative reasons of overriding public interest

IUCN International Union for Conservation of Nature

JNCC Joint Nature Conservation Committee

LB Listed Building

LBAP Local Biodiversity Action Plan

LCA Landscape Character Area

LCT Landscape Character Type

LGV Light Goods Vehicles

LI Landscape Institute

LNR Local Nature Reserve

LoD Limit of Deviation

LSE Likely Significant Effect

LVIA Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment

MAFF Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

MD – SEDD Marine Directorate – Science Evidence Data and Digital

mph miles per hour

NBN National Biodiversity Network

NCN National Cycle Network

NDSFB Northern District Salmon Fishery Board

NGR National Grid Reference

NHZ National Heritage Zone

NNR National Nature Reserve

NPF4 Fourth National Planning Framework

NRTF National Road Traffic Forecast

NS NatureScot

NVC National Vegetation Classification

OC Operational Corridor

OHL Overhead Line. An electric line installed above ground, usually supported by

lattice steel towers or wooden poles.

OHMP Outline Habitat Management Plan

OIA Ornithological Impact Assessment

OPGW Optical Ground Wire

OS Ordnance Survey

OWESG Onshore Wind Energy Supplementary Guidance

PAN Planning Advice Notice

PLHRA Peat Landslide Hazard and Risk Assessment

PMP Peat Management Plan

PPG Pollution Prevention Guidance Notes



Principal Designer A Principal Designer is appointed by the Applicant to take the lead in the pre-

construction phase of a project and oversees health and safety.

Proposed Development. The Proposed Development is taken to be the description of: the OHL, cable

sealing end compound, access arrangements and any associated construction

activities and land-use requirements.

PWS Private Water Supply

RFI Radio Frequency Interference

RSA Road Safety Audits

RSPB Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

SAC Special Area of Conservation – designated under Directive 92/42/EEC on the

Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (known as -

The Habitats Directive)

SBL Scottish Biodiversity List

Section 37 An application for development consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act

1989

SEPA Scottish Environment Protection Agency

SHRA Shadow Habitats Regulations Appraisal

SLA Special Landscape Area

SLQ Special Landscape Qualities

SM Scheduled Monument

SNH Scottish National Heritage

SPA Special Protection Area – designated under Directive 2009/147/EC on the

Conservation of Wild Birds (the Birds Directive)

SPP Scottish Planning Policy

SPP Species Protection Plans

SSEN Transmission Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission, operating under

licence as Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc – part of Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks, and the transmission licence holder for the

transmission of electricity in the north of Scotland

SSSI Site of Special Scientific Interest – designated by SNH under the Nature

Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004

SuDS Sustainable Drainage System

T5 DTM Terrain 5 Digital Terrain Model

TA Transport Assessment

TBT Toolbox Talks

THC The Highland Council

TS Transport Scotland

UGC Underground Cable. An electric line installed below ground.



UKBAP

VL Visualisation Location

WANE Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011

WCA Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) (as amended)

WEWS Water Environment and Water Services

WFD Water Framework Directive

WHS World Heritage Site

WLA Wind Land Areas

WQFMP Water Quality and Fish Monitoring Plan

WSI Written Scheme of Investigation

ZTV Zone of Theoretical Visibility – the computer-generated theoretical visibility of

United Kingdom Biodiversity Action Plan

an object in the landscape