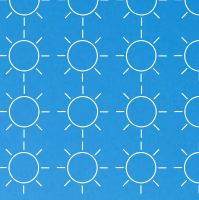




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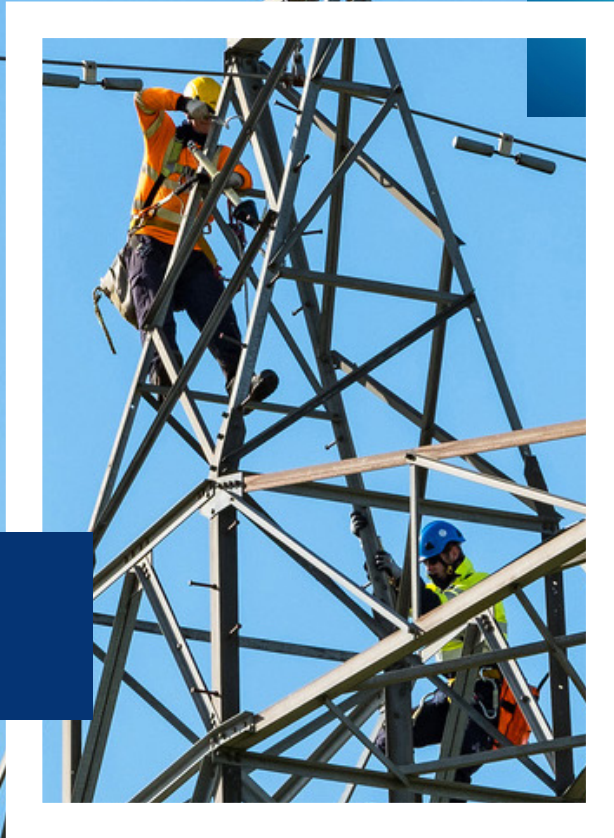
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# Spittal to Loch Buidhe to Beauly 400kV Overhead Line

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## The consultation events will be taking place on:

Substation PAC Consultation Event <b>Monday 3 June, 2–7pm,</b> Ross Institute, Halkirk, KW12 6XZ	<b>Tuesday 11 June, 3–7pm,</b> Ardross Community Hall, Ardross, IV17 0XW
<b>Tuesday 4 June, 10–12pm,</b> Spittal Village Hall, Spittal, KW1 5XR	<b>Wednesday 12 June, 10–1pm,</b> Contin Village Hall, Contin, IV14 9ES
<b>Tuesday 4 June, 3–7pm,</b> Helmsdale Community Centre, Helmsdale, KW8 6JA	<b>Wednesday 12 June, 3–7pm,</b> Fairburn Memorial Hall, Marybank, IV6 7UU
<b>Wednesday 5 June, 3–7pm,</b> Dunbeath Community Centre, Dunbeath, KW6 6JA	<b>Thursday 13 June, 10–1pm,</b> Garve Village Hall, Garve, IV23 2PR
<b>Thursday 6 June, 11–2pm,</b> Rogart Village Hall, Rogart, IV28 3XJ	<b>Thursday 13 June, 3–7pm,</b> Strathpeffer Pavilion, Strathpeffer, IV14 9DL
<b>Thursday 6 June, 4–7pm,</b> Brora Scout and Guide Hall, Brora, KW9 6PD	Substation PAC Consultation Event <b>Wednesday 19 June, 2–7pm,</b> Phipps Hall, Beauly, IV4 7EH
Substation PAC Consultation Event <b>Monday 10 June, 3.30–8.30pm,</b> Bonar Bridge Community Hall, Bonar Bridge, IV24 3EA	Substation PAC Consultation Event <b>Thursday 20 June, 2–7pm,</b> Kiltarlity Village Hall, Kiltarlity, IV4 7HH



# Powering change together



**The time has come to further enhance Scotland’s energy infrastructure, providing power for future generations as we move towards net zero.**

The shift to a cleaner, more sustainable future is about more than climate change. It’s about ensuring future generations have the same opportunities to thrive as we have all had.

Countries around the world are investing in their energy infrastructure to support the demands of modern economies and meet net zero targets. The UK is leading the way in building a modern, sustainable energy system for the future.

## We all have a part to play

When it comes to net zero, we have to be in it together. The UK and Scottish governments have ambitious net zero targets, and we’re playing our part in meeting them.

We work closely with the National Grid Electricity System Operator to connect vast renewable energy resources—harnessed by solar, wind, hydro and marine generation—to areas of demand across the country. Scotland is playing a big role in meeting this demand, exporting two thirds of power generated in our network.

**But there’s more to be done. By 2050, the north of Scotland is predicted to contribute over 50GW of low carbon energy to help deliver net zero. Today, our region has around 9GW of renewable generation connected to the network.**

At SSEN Transmission, it is our role to build the energy system of the future.

**We’re investing £20 billion into our region’s energy infrastructure this decade, powering more than ten million UK homes and 20,000 jobs, 9,000 of which will be here in Scotland.**



Scan the QR code with your smartphone to find out more about how these policies have been assessed and determined.

## Who we are

We’re responsible for maintaining and investing in the electricity transmission network in the north of Scotland. We’re part of SSE plc, one of the world’s leading energy companies with a rich heritage in Scotland that dates back more than 80 years. We are also closely regulated by the GB energy regulator Ofgem, who determines how much revenue we are allowed to earn for constructing, maintaining and renovating our transmission network.

## What we do

We manage the electricity network across our region which covers a quarter of the UK’s land mass, crossing some of the country’s most challenging terrain. We connect renewable energy sources to our network in the north of Scotland and then transport it to where it needs to be. From underground/subsea cables and overhead lines to electricity substations, our network keeps your lights on all year round.

## Working with you

We understand that the work we do can have an impact on communities. So we’re committed to minimising our impacts and maximising all the benefits that our developments can bring to your area. We’re regularly assessed by global sustainability consultancy AccountAbility for how we engage with communities. That means we provide all the information you need to know about our plans and how they will impact communities like yours. The way we consult is also a two-way street. We want to hear people’s views, concerns, or ideas and harness local knowledge so that our work benefits their communities: today and long into the future. You can share your views with us at: [ssen-transmission.co.uk/talk-to-us/contact-us](https://ssen-transmission.co.uk/talk-to-us/contact-us)

# The Pathway to 2030

**Building the energy system of the future will require delivery of significant infrastructure over the next few years. In partnership with the UK and Scottish governments, we're committed to meeting our obligation of connecting new, renewable energy to where it's needed by 2030.**

## Achieving Net Zero

By 2030, both the UK and Scottish governments are targeting a big expansion in offshore wind generation of 50GW and 11GW respectively. The Scottish Government has also set ambitious targets for an additional 12GW of onshore wind by 2030.

Across Great Britain, including the north of Scotland, there needs to be a significant increase in the capacity of the onshore electricity transmission infrastructure to deliver these 2030 targets and a pathway to net zero.

## Securing our energy future

And it's not just about net zero. It's also about building a homegrown energy system, so that geopolitical turmoil around the world doesn't severely impact the UK and push up energy prices.

The UK Government's British Energy Security Strategy further underlines the need for this infrastructure, setting out plans to accelerate homegrown power for greater energy independence. The strategy aims to reduce the UK's dependence on and price exposure to global gas wholesale markets through the deployment of homegrown low carbon electricity generation supported by robust electricity network infrastructure.

## Meeting our 2030 targets

In July 2022, National Grid, the Electricity System Operator (ESO), published the Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design (HND). This set out the blueprint for the onshore and offshore transmission infrastructure that's required to support the forecasted growth in the UK's renewable electricity. It's an ambitious plan that will help the UK achieve net zero.

## What does this mean for the North of Scotland?

The north of Scotland will play a key role in meeting these goals. The extensive studies that informed the ESO's Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design confirmed the requirement to reinforce the onshore corridor between Spittal and Beauly, and an offshore subsea cable link between Spittal and Peterhead.

Providing a 400kV overhead line and high voltage subsea cable (HVDC) connection between these sites provides the significant capacity required to take power from large-scale onshore and offshore renewable generation (mainly wind farms), connecting into the north of Scotland before transporting power to areas of demand.

As part of these plans, we're proposing to build a new 400kV overhead line (OHL) between Spittal and Beauly via Loch Buidhe. This requires three new 400kV substations to be constructed at Spittal, Loch Buidhe and Beauly to enable future connections and export routes to areas of demand. In addition, high voltage converter stations are also required to convert AC electricity to DC (and vice versa), from the offshore subsea connection from between Spittal and Peterhead. These connections will also allow offshore and onshore renewable generation to connect to the reinforced electricity network.

As such, these projects have been highlighted as critical to enable the delivery of the UK and Scottish governments' 2030 net zero targets, with a requirement for accelerated development and delivery.

## Future network investment requirements

Our 2030 targets are the first step in the transition to net zero. The UK Government has a target to decarbonise our electricity system by 2035 and fully decarbonise our economy by becoming net zero by 2050, with the Scottish Government committing to net zero five years earlier, by 2045.

To achieve these targets, further investment in new low carbon electricity generation and the enabling electricity transmission network infrastructure will be required. The next stage of strategic network planning across

Great Britain has now been outlined in the independent Electricity System Operator, National Grid ESO's, 'Beyond 2030' report, published in March this year. For the north of Scotland, the ESO's plan recommends several new and upgraded onshore and offshore reinforcements that the ESO has assessed are required to help deliver net zero targets.

These projects, which will be subject to extensive public consultation, are at the very early stages of development and further details will be set out in due course.



# Project overview

We're leading some exciting projects to power change in the UK and Scotland. To support the delivery of 2030 offshore wind targets set by the UK and Scottish Governments, and to power local communities, we need to upgrade our existing network. In some key areas, we need to develop entirely new infrastructure.

## Spittal to Loch Buidhe to Beaully 400kV Overhead Line

This project spans a significant length of the north of Scotland and will involve the construction of a new 400kV overhead line between new proposed substations near Spittal, Loch Buidhe and Beaully.

The connection will be delivered via an overhead line of steel lattice towers (commonly referred to as pylons) likely to average around 57m in height, with the overhead line spanning a total length of approx. 170km.

Since the project was first consulted upon in February/ March 2023, our project team has been working to refine our proposals, considering feedback from local stakeholders and we are now able to share our potential alignment.

We believe the potential alignment offers the best balance of technical and environmental impact considerations identified through initial assessment. This is then subject to consultation with stakeholders, where local and previously unknown considerations may confirm or alter the initial preference. Once the initial preference is confirmed, this becomes the Proposed Alignment to take forward to consent application.

## Project location

Our overhead line project spans around 170km and throughout the development of the project we have presented the project within five sections, to allow you to focus and comment on the areas of most interest to you.

The 5 sections are as follows:

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| <b>Section A</b><br>Spittal to Brora            | <b>Section B</b><br>Brora to Loch Buidhe         | <b>Section C</b><br>Loch Buidhe to Dounie |
| <b>Section D</b><br>Dounie to near Strathpeffer | <b>Section E</b><br>Near Strathpeffer to Beaully |   |

### New 400kV substations and HVDC converter stations

Alongside the new overhead line, new 400kV substations and HVDC converter stations required to facilitate the project are as follows:

- A new 400kV substation and HVDC converter station located near Spittal called Banniskirk Hub.
- A new 400kV substation near Loch Buidhe, called Carnaig.
- A new 400kV substation and HVDC converter station located near Beaully called Fanellan.



### Consult our maps

We've split our maps into Sections so that you can refer to the areas of most interest to you in clearer detail. Copies will be available at the consultation to take away with you, or alternatively, you can download the copies you need from our project webpage.



# The story so far

**Feb 23**



We introduced this project in February 2023, consulting on approx. 1km wide route options for the overhead line.

**April 23**



The consultation closed on 14 April 2023, with over 1000 written responses received.

**Mid 23**



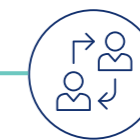
Throughout spring and summer, we carried out a range of stakeholder meetings, listening to concerns and ideas and answering any further questions.

**Dec 23**



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

**Early 24**



Throughout March this year, we held local community engagement events, sharing further refined overhead line routes for information and comment, and consulted on additional routes under consideration in Section D/E.

## Help shape our plans

The work we have planned is significant and has the potential to deliver massive benefits in your community, Scotland, and beyond. Yet we know that achieving our goals will require a lot of work that will impact your lives. That's why we want to work with you every step of the way throughout the planning and delivery stages of these essential and ambitious works.

We're committed to delivering a meaningful consultation process that actively seeks the views of everyone affected by our plans. That means making our plans clear and easily accessible, so that you can give us input throughout each stage of the development process.

Throughout the consultation, we'll present our approach to developing the project, including changes made since we last engaged with you. We will be sharing maps with our potential alignment for the overhead line, with alternative alignment options in some locations. Visualisations will be presented which will show indicative tower positions.

These will also be available to view and download from our project website.



## What we are seeking views on

We want you to share your thoughts and opinions on our plans, where you think we can make improvements, your concerns about the impact of our work, and what you think of the refinements or changes we've made.

If you live adjacent to the potential alignment, in particular, we want to work with you to discuss potential impacts and mitigation.

By telling us what you think, you can help shape our proposals. We want to harness your local knowledge so that we identify any unforeseen challenges early and maximise the potential benefits and opportunities for your communities.

Ultimately, we want to work with you to ensure that the energy infrastructure we build will be the best it can possibly be.

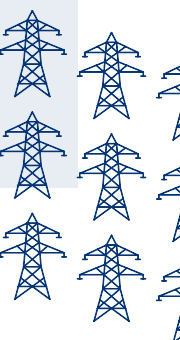
## Who we are consulting with

As well as from communities, we are keen to hear feedback from a broad range of other stakeholders, including but not limited to landowners, businesses, non-statutory consultees, and statutory consultees such as local authorities, NatureScot, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Historic Environment Scotland (HES), Scottish Forestry (SF) and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).

**Feedback form:**



**Project webpage:**



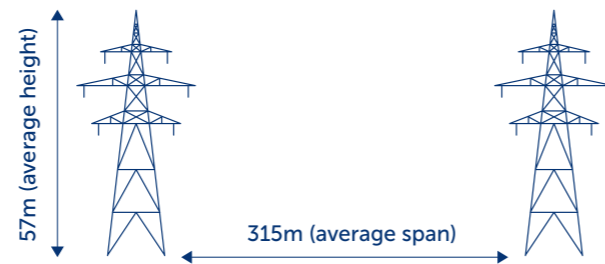
# About the overhead line

## 400kV double circuit overhead line

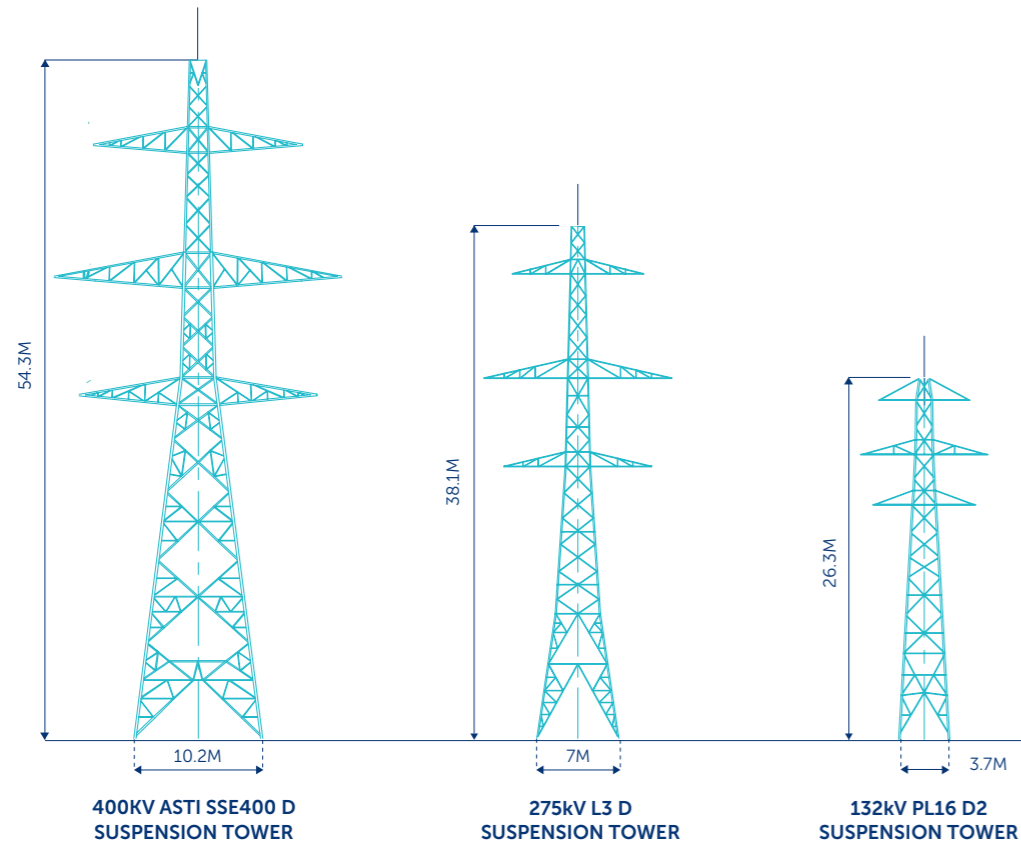
The required technology for the new 400kV link between Spittal to Loch Buidhe to Beaully has been determined to be a new double circuit 400kV HVAC (High Voltage Alternating Current) overhead line.

The overhead line would consist of steel lattice towers with an average height of approx. 57m. There will be six conductors (cables) on the six cross arms and an earth wire between the peaks for lightning protection. The average distance between towers is expected to be 315m. Tower height and the distance between them will vary depending on several factors such as altitude, climatic conditions and topography.

This is similar to our Beaully to Denny line, where 80% of its 600-plus towers are below 57m, ranging from 42m to 65m in height.



Please note, this graphic is an indicative representation of the standard height and not average height of each tower type. This is because the average height depends on the specific topography encountered by each overhead line.



## Managing construction impacts

We are committed to minimising the impact of construction through avoiding potential issues by designing them out, undertaking thorough environmental assessments and working closely with the local community.

During construction, expected short-term impacts may include noise and traffic disruptions. Before starting, we'll have a plan to manage these, including organising deliveries and travel to avoid busy times and sensitive areas.

Where we cannot avoid impact, our focus includes mitigating effects, for example to people, biodiversity, water, soil, and traffic disturbances. A Construction Environment Management Plan will be set up, to ensure mitigation is put in place and its effectiveness is monitored throughout the construction phase.

We'll work closely with community groups and contractors to ensure adherence to mitigation measures. Typically, most project components will take around four years to complete, however these works will be phased across the length of the overhead line with bursts of activity and quiet periods.

## The challenges with undergrounding at 400kV

The environmental, technical, and operational constraints associated with undergrounding at 400kV make it extremely challenging to deliver in many areas of Scotland. For underground cables longer than 1-2km, additional substation infrastructure would also be needed, enlarging the project's footprint.

To deliver the necessary capacity, up to 30 parallel cables will be required. To achieve the required spacing, a trench of over 40m wide would need to be excavated, typically between 1m and 7m deep. During construction, a working corridor of over 70m wide is required for cable installation. This can result in significant land use constraints, typically more so than overhead line construction activities, particularly for farming operations.

Underground cables at 400kV are estimated to be between 5 and 10 times more expensive than overhead lines, and since these costs are reflected in consumer bills, it's a factor that needs to be considered.

- Trench of **OVER 40M WIDE AND 1-7M DEEP** would need to be excavated
- UP TO 30** Parallel cables required
- BETWEEN 5-10x** More expensive than overhead lines
- OVER 70M WIDE** working corridor, which can result in significant land use constraints

## Why can't the development be placed offshore?

In its assessment of what is required to meet 2030 targets, National Grid ESO concluded there is a need for both onshore and offshore projects.

Moreover, onshore energy infrastructure helps support local electricity needs and improves the network's reliability across northern Scotland.

Overhead lines can carry roughly three times more power than subsea cables, making them more efficient and cost effective for energy bill payers, whilst technical challenges and constraints limit the use of only offshore solutions.

Visit our Frequently Asked Questions page to find out more about our engineering and technology considerations, including more details regarding underground and offshore cables: [ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/2030-projects/2030-faqs](https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/2030-projects/2030-faqs)

# About the overhead line

## Our access strategy

The construction of a new overhead line (OHL) approximately 170km in length is a major undertaking, presenting significant construction challenges not just in terms of scale but also remoteness, terrain and seasonal weather conditions.

We have commissioned an experienced OHL contractor, enabling construction access considerations to be at the forefront of this stage in the design process.

### Existing tracks and bellmouths

In general, proposed construction site access would be taken via the existing public road network and would make use of existing forest and estate tracks as far as practicable, upgraded as required. Existing bellmouths would be utilised where possible, subject to improvements. New bellmouths will however still be required at several locations.

### Access tracks

Where operational access is required, this would likely range from All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) routes with no formal track, to a stone road suitable for 4x4 and wagon access. The selection of the type of track required will consider

the proximity to a public road, environmental impacts, structure type and potential maintenance activities/ vehicles required in future to a given location (taking legal health and safety requirements into account). General access track details will be included in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) stage of the project and presented to illustrate where each access type will be deployed, and the rationale for that selection.

### Stone tracks

Typically, new temporary stone tracks are likely to be required to access each steel tower location, as well as the requirement for inline access between towers. Stone tracks are designed to suit the heavy plant loads required for construction works for steel towers, and to suit the varied ground conditions along the route. On completion of construction, unless required for operational access, the stone tracks would be removed

and the original material reinstated. Where access to tower positions is difficult due to steep terrain, alternative methods would be proposed such as using smaller items of plant, specialist tracked plant, and in some cases using helicopters for moving materials.

### Temporary trackways

Temporary trackways are an alternative method of providing access, dependent on ground conditions. Although there may be localised areas where trackways may be suitable, it is not considered an appropriate solution for the construction of steel lattice towers on this project in its entirety, due to the length of time they are required to be in place and the weight and size of construction plant that would be required to track over them. Stone tracks generally afford greater reliability and stability compared to trackway solutions. Similarly, the extensive use of wide tracked excavators and other

plant without prior ground preparation are unlikely to be a viable solution for this project in its entirety, although they may be used for certain tasks during construction.

### Helicopters

The use of helicopters for construction of steel lattice towers is feasible, however, the operational restrictions (e.g. weather, proximity to public roads and environmental factors), and the significant cost implications, for a project of this scale are key considerations. The use of helicopters is likely to be required in more remote sections of the project, and where particular environmental or geographical constraints necessitate their use.

Where helicopters are used, construction plant would still require access to each tower location to facilitate construction and erection of towers. Helicopter landing zones would also require to be identified.



# Selecting an alignment

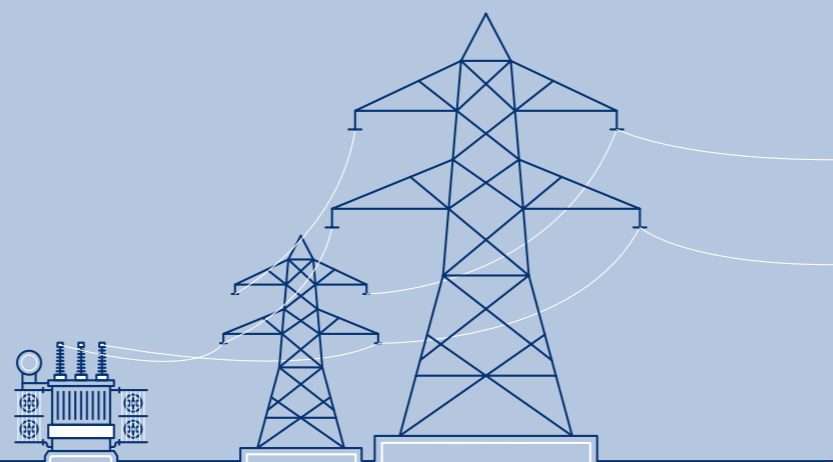
The consideration of alignment options and design solutions brings together work by four main disciplines:

## Engineering Team

Who identify engineering constraints and where overhead lines and cables can be installed from a construction and operational perspective.

Key considerations include:

- Infrastructure crossings
- Environmental design
- Ground conditions
- Accessibility
- Proximity to existing infrastructure and properties



## Communities Team

Who work with communities and make sure that their feedback during the consultation process is closely considered during project refinement.

Key considerations include:

- Community engagement
- Consultation responses review
- Recreational areas and areas of local interest



## Environmental Team

Who identify key environmental, community and social constraints along the routes which the new infrastructure could impact upon.

Key considerations include:

- Engagement with statutory consultees and planning authorities
- Results of specialist environmental surveys including archaeology, ornithology, ecology, geology and hydrology
- International environmental designations including Special Areas of Conservation (SACs - designated for habitats), Special Protected Areas (SPAs - designated for bird species), Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance identified under the terms of the Ramsar Convention) and World Heritage Sites
- National designations including Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, National Scenic areas, National Nature Reserves, Gardens and Designed Landscapes
- Regional environmental sensitivities including Wild Land Areas and Special Landscape Areas
- Local environmental aspects including visual amenity, local and RSPB nature reserves, recreation uses



## Land Team

Who engage with landowners to identify key land use constraints.

Key considerations include:

- Landowner engagement
- Mitigating effects of infrastructure on land and properties
- Reaching land agreements



## Striking a balance

When selecting an alignment, we need to carefully balance key considerations relating to engineering, environment, cost and social aspects, in each section of the overhead line route. We then consider the likely effect and level of impact of each consideration, which will vary from section to section. This can be based on how populated the area is, the outcomes of environmental and engineering surveys, the presence of peat, the local water environment, if there is existing infrastructure we need to avoid, if the effects on land and property can be mitigated and if a constructable alignment can be identified.

Ultimately, we need to balance a range of factors and present the solution we consider most viable, to then put forward for consultation.

We have now identified a potential alignment alongside indicative tower locations which we are seeking your views on.

Our Alignment Selection Consultation Document describes the alignment options and comparative appraisal of each section in detail, and this can be downloaded from the project webpage or viewed during the consultation events.

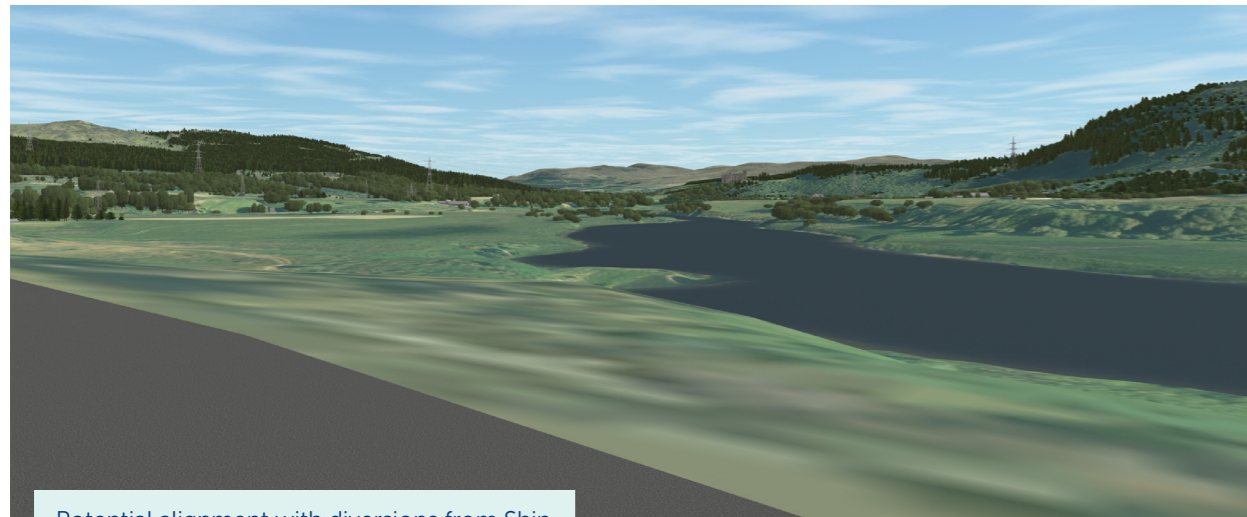
You can download our Alignment Maps, Alignment Consultation Document from our website: [ssen-transmission.co.uk/SLBB](https://ssen-transmission.co.uk/SLBB)



# 3D visualisations

We understand that local stakeholders need to be able to visualise what the development may look like in their local area. We've provided 3D visualisations which provides an illustration of the potential alignment into the local landscape to help understanding of the proposals in terms of the visual impact, distance and height.

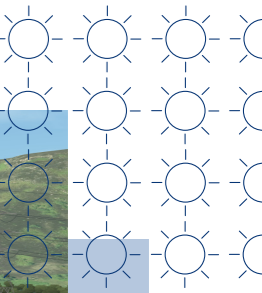
The following are some images taken from the 3D visualisation created for the overhead line from a range of different angles.



Potential alignment with diversions from Shin



Potential alignment with diversions towards Fairburn House



Potential alignment option at Carrol Rock



Potential alignment option south of Dunbeath



Potential alignment option near Rogart Hall

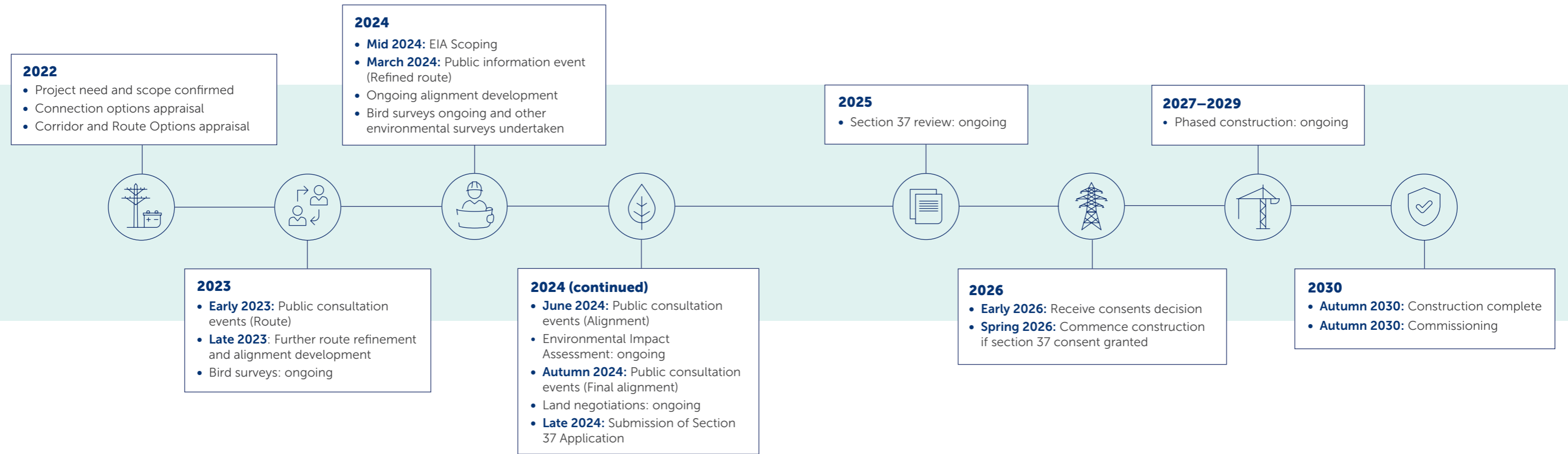
To get a better sense of the proposals in full, a portal containing visualisations is also available to view from the project webpage and our consultants, 3D Webtech, will be assisting us at our consultation events with copies of the illustrative visualisations that attendees can interact with during the events.

The 3D model has been developed using indicative tower locations, identified by our contractor following walkover surveys of the potential alignment, and extensive design workshops with the project team and environmental specialists. The exact location, design and height of each individual tower may change based on feedback and further refinement of the design. If that happens, we'll update our visualisations and videos and share these on our webpage.

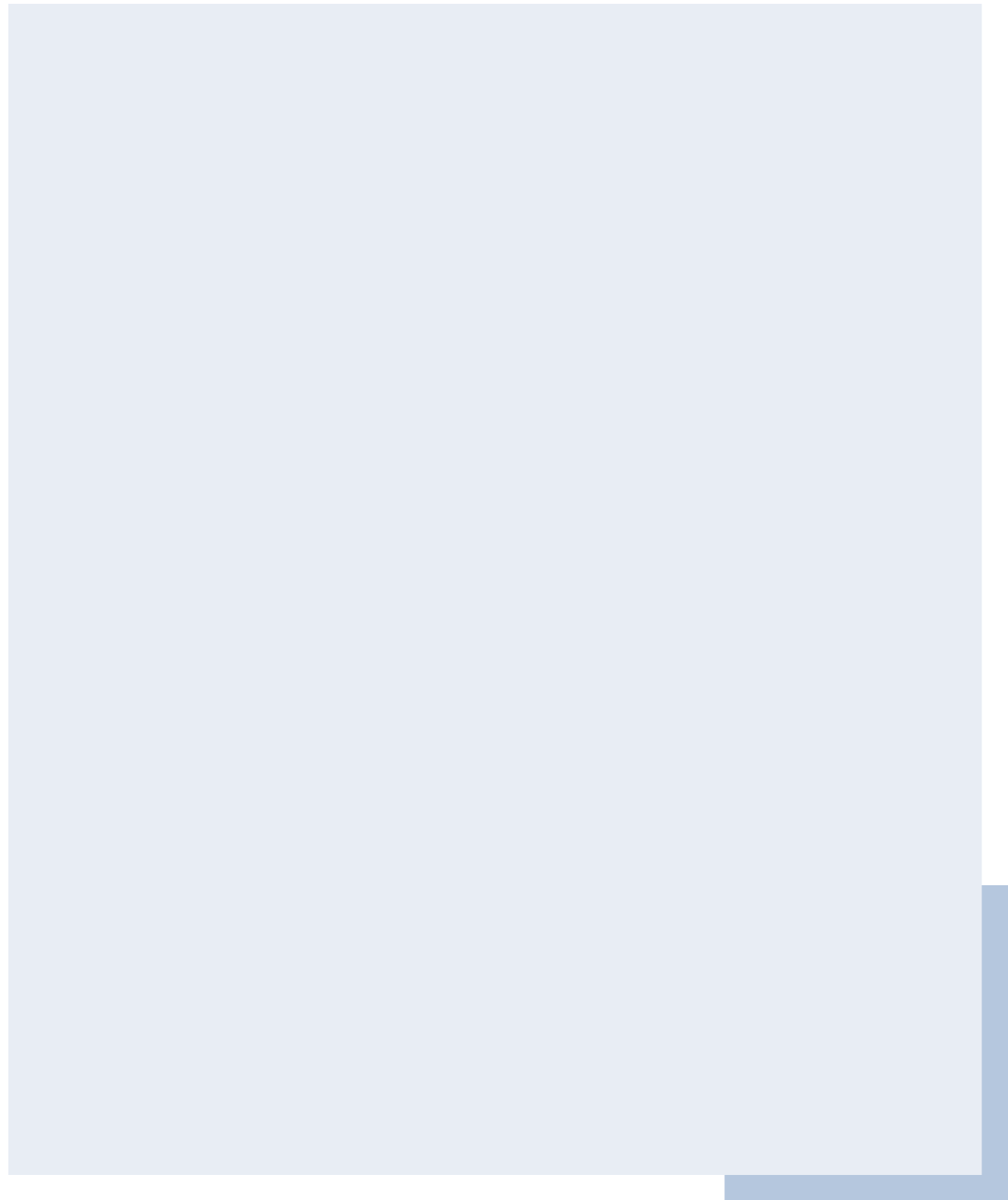
## Photomontages

Photomontage visualisations will also be produced as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Once the EIA is completed, we'll ensure these photomontages are available to view.

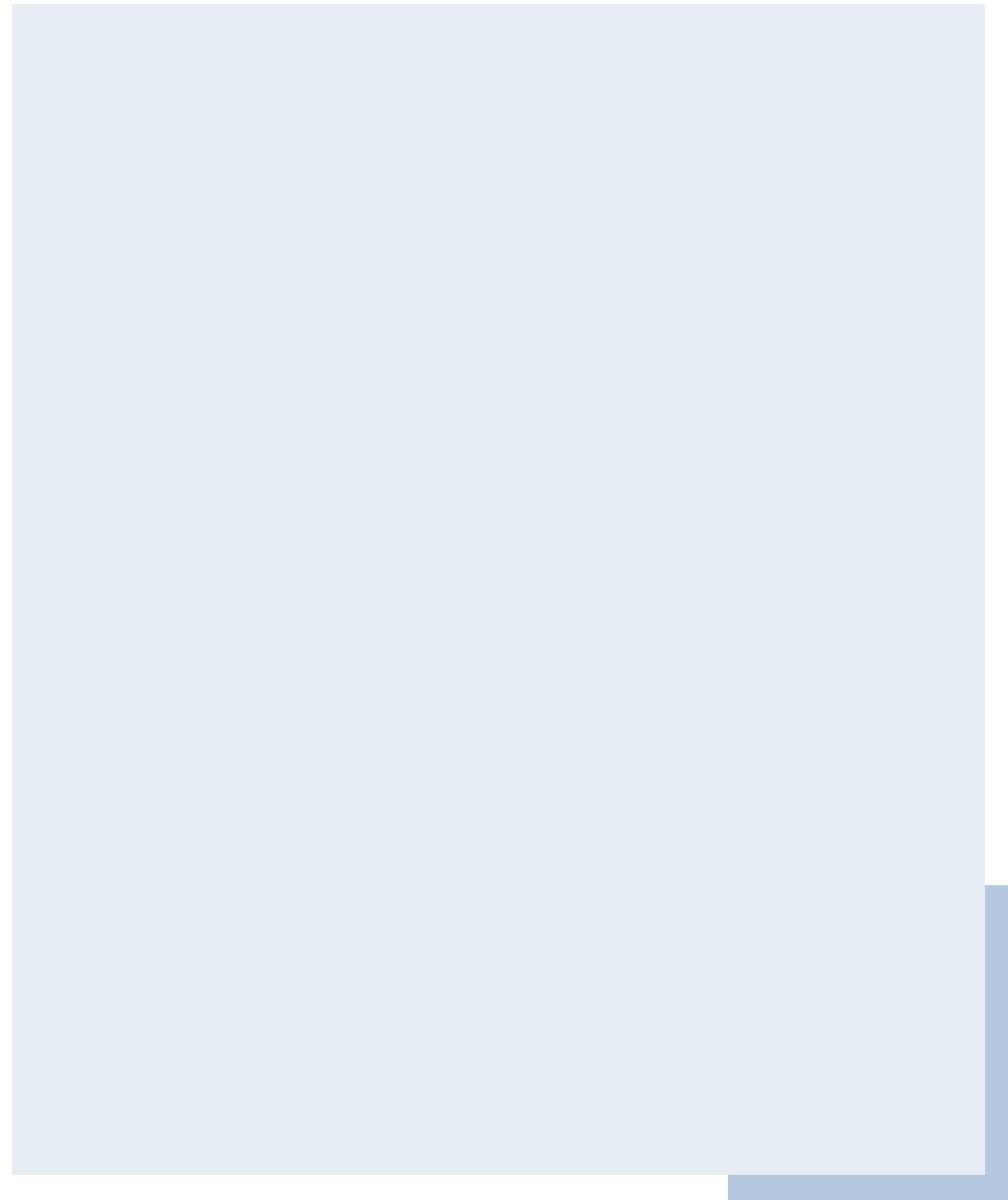
# Project timeline



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# Have your say

We value community and stakeholder feedback. Without this, we would be unable to progress projects and reach a balanced proposal.

## The feedback period

We will accept feedback from now until **22 July 2024**.

## How to provide feedback

Submit your feedback online by scanning the QR code on this page or via the form on our project webpage at: [ssen-transmission.co.uk/SLBB](https://ssen-transmission.co.uk/SLBB)

Email the feedback form to the Community Liaison Manager, or write to us enclosing the feedback form at the back of this booklet.

## Our Community Liaison team

Each project has a dedicated Community Liaison Manager who works closely with community members to make sure they are well informed of our proposals and that their views, concerns, questions, or suggestions are put to our project teams.

Throughout the life of our projects, you will hear from us regularly. We aim to establish strong working relationships by being accessible to key local stakeholders such as community councils, residents' associations, and development trusts, and regularly engage with interested individuals.

## What we're seeking views on

Now that we have presented a potential alignment, we want you to share your thoughts and opinions on our plans, where you think we can make improvements, concerns about the impact of our work and what you think of any changes and refinements we've made. We particularly want to hear from you if you live close to the potential alignment.

We are actively looking to avoid and mitigate the impacts of the overhead line as much as possible over the coming months. It would be helpful to understand what you believe we should be doing to help minimise these impacts and if there are any opportunities to deliver local community benefits you would like us to consider.

We encourage all interested community members to fill in a feedback form when submitting feedback, however if you prefer, you can email us to provide your feedback or ask any questions.

## Community Liaison Manager

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

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## Additional information:



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# Your feedback

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.

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS. (Please tick one box per question only)

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Garve                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Strathpeffer | <input type="checkbox"/> Beauly    | <input type="checkbox"/> Kiltarlity |                                   |
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## Q2. Is there a specific section of the overhead line alignment that you are interested in? (Please detail name of section(s) or closest settlement)

Comments:

## Q3. Has the approach taken to select the potential alignment(s) in your section of interest been clearly explained?

- Yes  No  Unsure

Comments:

## Q4. Do you have any specific concerns relating to the alignment options within your section of interest? If so, is there anything we could do to mitigate the impact of this?

Comments:

## Q5. Is there anything you'd like to bring to our attention regarding the potential alignment(s) that you believe we may not have already considered such as environmental designations, water courses, local recreational areas etc.?

Comments:



**Q6. Do you feel, on balance, that the potential alignment selected is the most appropriate for further consideration at the Environmental Impact Assessment stage?**

Yes  No  Unsure

Comments:

**Q7. SSEN Transmission are currently developing a Community Benefit Fund to support communities in areas with new infrastructure. 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?**

Comments:

**Q8. Do you have any questions that were not answered within our materials or by the project team on the day?**

Comments:

**Full name:** ..... **Email:** .....

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**Thank you for taking the time to complete this feedback form.**

**Please submit your completed form by one of the methods below:**

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