

Dear Community Councillors,

We are writing to provide you with an update on upcoming engagement opportunities for the Beaully - Peterhead overhead line project and advise that our Alignment Selection Report on Consultation has now been published.

Publication of the Alignment Selection Report on Consultation

In May and June 2024, we presented our potential alignment for the overhead line, alongside potential alternatives, in a series of local events where we sought feedback on these proposals. The feedback period remained open until 2 August. The feedback provided from a range of different stakeholders led us to carry out further investigation in some areas and consider some changes to our proposals, delaying our intended publication date of late Autumn until now.

The Report on Consultation (ROC) provides a summary of the feedback received in response to proposals for the overhead line, how this has been considered, and confirmation of the final proposed overhead line route alignment (Proposed Development) intended to be taken forward for planning consent. A copy of both the ROC and the Summary can be downloaded from the project website or please click the links below for direct access:

- [Report on Consultation](#)
- [Summary Document](#)

Hard copies will be available during our upcoming public consultation events, and copies left accessible in local village halls where permitted.

Overhead Line Update Webinar

Following the publication of the Reports on Consultation for our Pathway to 2030 overhead line projects, we are holding a stakeholder webinar on **Tuesday 4 February between 2pm and 3.30pm**, within which members of SSEN Transmission will provide;

- A recap on the history of the Pathway to 2030 overhead line projects to date
- An outline of the key highlights contained within the Report on Consultation
- Detail what can be expected from upcoming consultation events and submission of planning applications
- Advise of how we would approach moving from the development to delivery phase should planning consent be received.

The webinar will be recorded and available on our website to view after the event.

To register attendance for the webinar and submit your questions for the Q&A, please click the following link: [Webinar - Pathway to 2030 Overhead Line Update Webinar](#)

Final Pre-Application (PAC) Alignment Consultation Events

We will also shortly be hosting a series of public consultation feedback events across the project route from 17 February until 6 March 2025. These events conclude the Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) process for the consent application that we aim to submit for the Proposed Development to the Energy Consents Unit of the Scottish Government in Spring 2025. The

application will be submitted in line with the requirements of section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989.

During the events we will be sharing our Proposed Alignment of the overhead line, including details on how this was developed. This will be presented on maps and visualisations with handouts available. Digital versions will also be available on our project webpage.

Interested parties can attend these drop-in events to discuss the plans and share final thoughts ahead of the consent application later in 2025. Feedback can be provided via forms available at the events, the online form on our project webpage or via email to the project inbox.

In the coming weeks we will advertise the events in full via a local mail drop, local posters, social media, emails to distribution lists and newspaper adverts. We'll also request elected representatives assistance in advertising the events.

In the interim, please see attached a list of venues and dates planned for the events:



Number/Area	Date	Time	Location
1. Dallas	17 Feb	10AM - 1PM	Dallas Houldsworth Institute
2. Fornightly	17 Feb	3PM - 7PM	Fornightly Hall
3. Cullooden	18 Feb	10AM - 1PM	Cullooden Visitor Centre
4. Inverness	18 Feb	3PM - 7PM	Kingsmill Hotel (Inverness)
5. Kiltarity	19 Feb	3PM - 7PM	Kiltarity Village Hall
6. Beaully	20 Feb	2.30PM - 6.30PM	Phillips Hall
7. Huntly	24 Feb	3PM - 7PM	Stewarts Hall
8. Strathpeffer	24 Feb	3PM - 7PM	Strathpeffer Pavilion
9. Kintore	24 Feb	2PM - 7PM	Kintore Public Hall
10. Cairnie	25 Feb	3PM - 7PM	Cairnie Memorial Hall
11. Contin	25 Feb	10AM - 1PM	Contin Village Hall
12. Marybank	25 Feb	3PM - 7PM	Fairburn Memorial Hall
13. Echt	25 Feb	2PM - 7PM	Echt Hall
14. Turnferr	26 Feb	3PM - 7PM	Baden Powell Centre
15. Ardross	26 Feb	3PM - 7PM	Ardross Community Hall
16. Drumoak	26 Feb	2PM - 7PM	Durris & Crathes Bowling Club
17. Inchberry	27 Feb	10AM - 1PM	Inchberry Hall
18. Keith	27 Feb	3PM - 7PM	Longmore Community Hall
19. Bonar Bridge	27 Feb	3PM - 7PM	Bonar Bridge Community Hall
20. Durris	27 Feb	2PM - 7PM	Durris Kirkton Hall
21. Spittal	3 Mar	3PM - 7PM	Spittal Village Hall
22. Drumlithie	3 Mar	2PM - 7PM	Drumlithie Village Hall
23. Maud	3 Mar	3PM - 7PM	Maud Village Hall
24. Helmsdale	4 Mar	3PM - 7PM	Helmsdale Community Centre
25. New Deer	TBC	TBC	TBC
26. Edzell	4 Mar	1PM - 6PM	Inglis Memorial Hall and Library
27. Longside	5 Mar	3PM - 7PM	Longside Parish Church Hall
28. Dunbeath	5 Mar	3PM - 7PM	Dunbeath Community Centre
29. Laurencekirk	5 Mar	2PM - 7PM	Dickson Memorial Hall
30. Cuminstown	6 Mar	3PM - 7PM	Cuminstown Community Hall
31. Rogart	6 Mar	10AM - 12PM	Rogart Village Hall
32. Brora	6 Mar	3PM - 7PM	Brora Scout and Guide Hall
33. Menmuir	10 Mar	2PM - 7PM	Menmuir Hall
34. Memus	11 Mar	2PM - 7PM	Memus Community Hall
35. Forfar	12 Mar	2PM - 7PM	Forfar Reid Hall
36. Tealing	15 Mar	2PM - 7PM	Tealing Village Hall

For more information visit the project webpages: www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/2030-projects

Keeping in touch

We appreciate the important role Community Councillors undertake, and that local large development projects can prove time consuming for local community councillors when approached by residents within their district.

Therefore, we want to work closely with you to ensure that the Community Council is fully informed about the latest developments regarding our projects and that any information or materials required are readily available.

Our Community Liaison Managers on this project are Ryan Davidson and Kirsty McNamara, both of whom can be contacted on the BBNP@sse.com email for further information or support.

Please let us know if you have any questions, would like to organise a meeting with Community Council members or would like us to consider a closed session for Community Councillors ahead of the upcoming consultation events.

We shall be in touch with a project specific poster regarding the upcoming engagement events in the next few weeks.

Kind regards,

Ryan Davidson & Kirsty McNamara
Community Liaison Manager