

# Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park

## East of Drymen



The 275 kV overhead line seen from the Rob Roy Way/NCR7

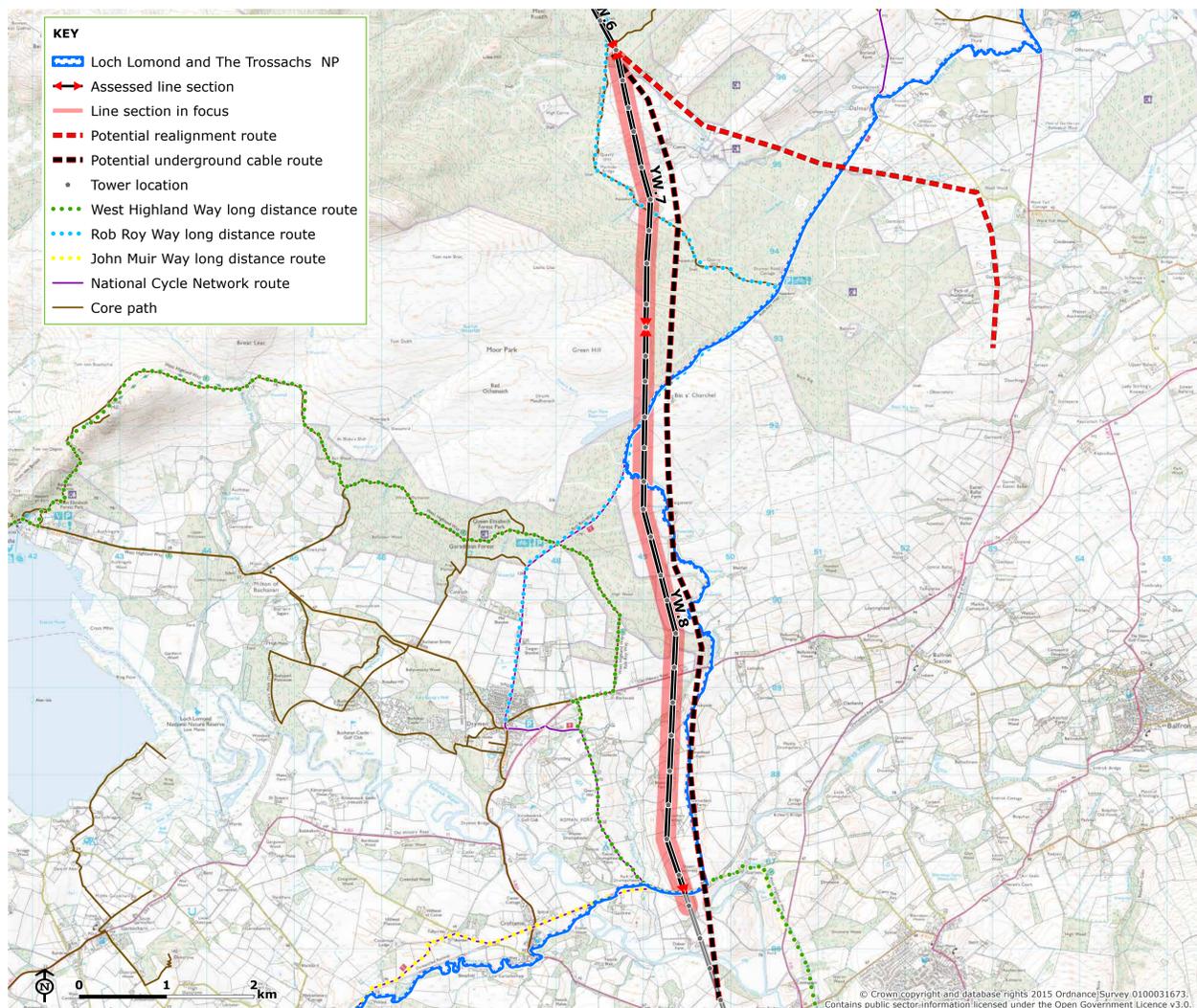
### Landscape and visual context

This most southerly section of the 275 kV line starts west of Upper Gartness where the line crosses a minor road (part of the West Highland Way and John Muir Way) into the National Park boundary. The line runs parallel with the National Park boundary across rolling farmland and narrow wooded valleys for approximately 2 km, before it crosses the A811. From here the line crosses through farmland on the edge of coniferous forestry (some recently felled). The line crosses briefly out of the National Park south of Muir Park Reservoir, before passing over a minor road (part of the Rob Roy Way / National Cycle Route 7). The overhead line crosses the ridge line between Green Hill (270 m AOD) and Bàt a' Charchel (230 m AOD) before descending into the forest around Corrie.

### Landscape and visual impacts

The open plateau landscape north of the A811 is better able to accommodate the line than the smaller scale, farmed landscape to the south, and the smaller scale farmed landscape around Corrie. The line is generally in keeping with the scale of the landscape, except where the pylons cross the Parallel Ridges LCT and appear to dominate the landscape. Overall the landscape impact is **Medium**.

This section of line has a widespread visual influence, with the network of roads providing some very close views, including from the West Highland Way, Rob Roy Way and John Muir Way. The area is a gateway to the National Park from the east, and the line is also visible from the A811, the main route into the park. Overall the visual impact is **High**.



### Mitigation proposals



#### Undergrounding **A**

Undergrounding of approximately 9 km of 275 kV overhead line from the south east corner of the National Park eastwards towards Flanders Moss and the B835, reducing visibility from the West Highland Way, Rob Roy Way, John Muir Way and the NCR7.

#### Re-routeing **B**

Minor re-route of approximately 8 km of 275 kV overhead line from the south east corner of the National Park eastwards towards Flanders Moss and the B835, reducing visibility from the West Highland Way, Rob Roy Way, John Muir Way and the NCR7.

#### Landscape enhancement **C**

Landscape improvements to improve the integration of the overhead line in the area of the West Highland Way/John Muir Way/Rob Roy Way/NCR7.  
  
Development of forest management strategy/ community woodland project which responds to the presence of the overhead line in providing long term permanent screening and recreation opportunities.

#### New installation **D**

Art installation on the West Highland Way/John Muir Way/ Rob Roy Way/NCR7, located to distract viewers from the presence of the overhead line.