

Community Liaison Scheme

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Beauly – Denny



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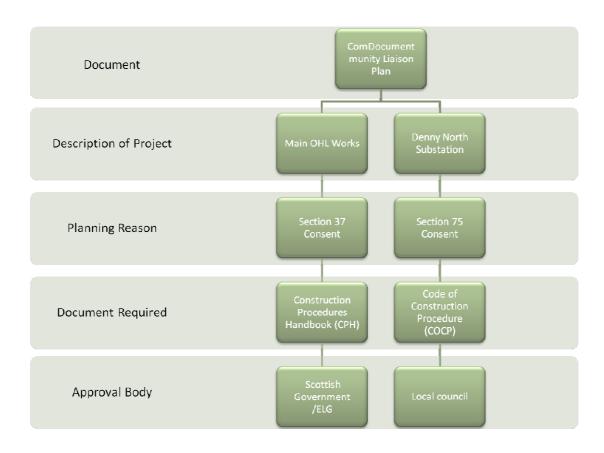


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Corporate Context

Company Overview

Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Ltd (SHETL) and SP Transmission Ltd (SPT) sought consent from the Scottish Ministers, under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989, to install and keep installed a 400 kilovolt (kV) overhead electricity transmission line from Beauly, west of Inverness in SHETL's licence area, to near Denny, South of Stirling, in SPT's licence area.

Scottish Ministers approved the 'Scheme' in January, 2010 to upgrade the high voltage transmission line between Beauly, near Inverness and Denny near Falkirk.

The project involves replacing the existing 132kV overhead transmission line with a 400kV transmission line. SHETL will carry out the upgrade within their licence boundary area from Beauly (200KM) to Wharryburn, Near Dunblane which is the boundary with SPT (20km).

SPT has been granted planning permission to upgrade the 20km section of the 220km line that lies within their company's network and to construct a new Substation at Dunipace near Denny along with an associated works programme which will include: temporary construction of compounds, temporary helicopter landings, public roads which would be used for construction vehicles to access the line. Upgrading of roads to incorporate passing places and to improve visibility and junctions and to strengthen roads and bridges to accommodate heavy goods vehicle traffic appropriate to the project.

This approval followed a lengthy planning process that started in 2005 and a public inquiry which was held throughout 2007 and creates one of the biggest construction projects to take place in the UK in recent years.

The construction programme for the project should take 3 to 4 years.

In granting SPT consent to the works; Scottish Government had a number of conditions attached including:

- Wirescape Rationalisation Schemes: At Stirling, involves removing or improving existing power lines, pylons and poles.
- Visual Impact Mitigation Schemes: In and around the Stirling area.
- Tourism, Cultural Heritage and Community Liaison Group: To ensure the impact of development on tourism and historic and cultural heritage sites are considered and mitigated as any development progress.

- Environmental Liaison Group: To provide advice on mitigation, restoration and habitat management. The five relevant planning authorities, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Historic Scotland and the Forestry Commission will be invited to join the group.
- Independent Environmental Contractor: To enforce compliance with a Construction Policy Handbook, a legal document agreed with Scottish Ministers on how the Project/development is to be sensitively constructed and managed.
- Community Liaison Scheme: For SPT and their contractors to maintain close liaison with community representatives, landowners and statutory consultees throughout construction and duration of the project. It will detail the community liaison's team proactive approach to providing good information /communication for the Beauly-Denny Project by establishing and maintaining strong relationships with the public, local communities, community groups, elected representatives, and the media, by ensuring everyone affected by the project is aware of what's happening in their area in advance of any works being carried out by receiving information by various forms e.g. letter drops, information sessions, newsletters, public advert, website, via community forums. Community support will be vital in ensuring the project runs smoothly and to the timescales proposed.
- Conditions to limit the Environmental effects of Construction: Including noise limitation, maintaining air quality, appropriate traffic management and protecting the water environment.
- Range of Conditions relating to:

The protection of sensitive ecological areas and species, including mitigation to protect the integrity of European protected sites: avoiding work in breeding seasons; a post construction bird monitoring programme in sensitive areas; and conditions relating to the protection of otters, bats, wildcats, pine martins, red squirrels, water voles and reptiles.

The Scottish Government's target is to meet 50 % of Electricity demand from renewables by 2020.

The Role of the Community Liaison Team

The Beauly-Denny Community Liaison Team is a dedicated full time resource supporting the project. They will manage and co-ordinate communications and engagement with the public, community bodies, elected representatives and any other groups affected by the project. In addition the Project Team will handle all statutory engagement, whilst media enquiries will be handled by the Scottish Power (SPT) Press Office.

The Community Liaison Team will report to the SPT Programme Manager for the duration of the Beauly – Denny Project.

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Landowner and occupier relations will continue to be managed during the construction and dismantling phases by the Wayleaves Team who will deal with all landowner issues.

The Wayleave Team will strive to maintain good relations with all landowners and occupiers to allow construction and dismantling to progress as smoothly as possible and will also seek to provide a prompt resolution of issues. The Wayleave Team and the Community Liaison Team will meet regularly and work in partnership to discuss construction progress and to identify resolution to any issues on the Beauly – Denny Project.

Aim of the Community Liaison Plan

The Beauly – Denny Community Liaison Team will use information in this plan to support the work of the project team throughout the construction phase of the project. This plan will build on the consultation which has been undertaken to date and the requirements of the current conditions.

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The Environmental Liaison Group (ELG)

Was formed as part of the 'Consent Process' as advised by Scottish Ministers and will provide advice on appropriate and necessary mitigation and construction procedures, associated restoration and habitat management measures and to advise the Scottish Ministers of any concerns relating to the construction of the development. In addition to SPT and Iberdrola Construction & Engineering, the other bodies that will contribute to the ELG group are;

- Highland Council
- SSE
- Perth and Kinross Council
- Stirling Council
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
- Cairngorms National Park Authority
- Historic Scotland
- The Forestry Commission

The Environmental Liaison Group meets regularly and it is planned to have a subgroup focusing on the 20km section (of the 220 km line Beauly – Denny 400,000 volt overhead line) from Wharryburn, near Dunblane to the new substation which will be constructed at north east Dunipace which will meet on a monthly basis to discuss and progress relevant issues.

The Tourism, Cultural Heritage and Community Liaison Group (TCHCLG)

Has been formed with the purpose to "provide advice on appropriate and necessary mitigation and construction procedures that impact on tourism, historic sites and cultural heritage". In addition to SPT and Iberdrola Engineering & Construction the other bodies that contribute to the group are;

- The local planning authorities for the areas in which the development is situated
- SSE
- Perth and Kinross Council
- Highland Council
- Stirling Council
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
- Cairngorms National Park Authority
- Historic Scotland
- The Forestry Commission

Project Context

Need for the Project

SPT is a licensed electricity transmission company. SPT have a duty under the Electricity Act 1989 to develop and maintain an efficient, co-ordinated and economical system of electricity transmission and to facilitate competition in supply and generation of electricity. Scotland's electricity network needs significant reinforcement to allow the vast renewable potential to be harnessed, transmitted and exported. Currently in Scotland we simply do not have the transmission capacity to carry the green energy which Scotland will generate over the coming years.

The levels of renewable generation that developers are contracting to connect transmission and distribution networks are such that the existing transmission capacity is in-sufficient. The replacement transmission line will provide less constrained electricity network capacity for around 2,500MW of renewable energy capacity in the north of Scotland and will form a basis for growth in the long term.

The significance of such growth has been confirmed by the Scottish Governments target to generate 50% of Scotland's electricity from renewable by 2020 and the UK Government, who confirmed that it is committed to EU target for 20% of all energy requirements being met from renewable sources by 2020.

Project Details

Beauly – Denny the overhead line will be 137 miles / 220 kilometres long and will replace the existing single circuit 132kV overhead transmission line with a 400kV double circuit overhead line providing more reliable capacity. One circuit will operate at 400kV to provide a high capacity circuit between Beauly and Denny. The other circuit will operate at 275kV, and would provide a circuit onto which much of the generation in the area between Beauly and Denny could be connected. The upgraded line will comprise approximately 600 towers, a quarter fewer than at present. The average height will be 53 metres, compared to the current 815 towers of an average height of 33 metres. The spacing between towers on the upgraded line will average 360 metres, compared to a current average spacing of 250 metres.

SPT Works: Wharryburn to Denny

Overhead Line: 20km of new 400,000Volt overhead line.

Towers: 62 L12 towers in the SPT area

Substation:

As part of these works a new 275/400kV substation will be constructed on a site approx 2km North of Dunipace off the A872 where a number of transmission lines converge.

- Access Road being built for Substation
- Hedge work
- Tree Works
- Substation Platform Construction.

Stirling Visual Mitigation Scheme:

Screen Planting will be undertaken at the following locations: Powis House, Manorneuk area, Southwest edge of Fallin, East of Fallin, Minor road between Throsk and Cowie, East of Cowie, Whitehill Farm, Carbrook Mains, minor road south of Dales Wood.

Broader Landscaping:

Will be carried out at Cocksburn Wood/Dumyat area, Yellowcraig Wood and Logie roundabout area.

Tower Painting:

Will be undertaken at Ochil's Scarp and Carbrook Mains.

Undergrounding of Low Voltage Lines:

Will be undertaken in the following locations. Logie Kirk, Witches Craig Caravan Park, Powis House, Manorneuk, Bolfornoght, Burnbank, North of Carbrook Mains/South of Plean, South of Plean Industrial Estate.

Routeing

Initially broad or strategic route corridors were identified and assessed. The route selection considered topography and settlement distribution and potential line routes and were then devised to achieve the best fit within the landscape, balancing the need to avoid impacts to designated environmental areas and cultural heritage sites. The route was tested against all environmental and technical criteria to identify a preferred route which was then subject to a major public consultation.

Following consultation an indicative proposed route was identified.

Further consultation was undertaken and alternative routes tested.

The route was then refined to arrive at a draft proposed route and ultimately at the proposed route.

Timeline

Construction is likely to take three to four years and will include the preparation of access tracks: installation of tower foundations, erection of towers; stringing of conductors; and re-instatement of land. This will be carried out in conjunction with the development and upgrading of the required substation at Dunipace north east Denny. A further year will be required to dismantle the existing line.

Access

Access tracks will be required to facilitate construction of the line and substations. The required works include 154m of temporary track, some of which could become permanent if the required permissions are obtained and the upgrading of 124m existing track. In addition, there would be works required where some of these tracks form a connection with the nearest public road.

Forestry Works

Some forestry works including tree felling will be carried out in the area surrounding the new substation near Dunipace. This is primarily to enhance the ecology and habitats surrounding the new substation. These works will be carried out in accordance with the Construction Policy Handbook (CPH).

Overhead Lines

In November 2007, The Scottish Government announced a new target to generate 50% of Scotland's electricity from renewable by 2020 and the UK Government confirmed that it is committed to the EU target for 20% of all energy requirements being met from renewable sources by 2020.

As a result of the market bringing forward proposals for renewable electricity generation, the capacity of the existing 132,000 double circuit overhead transmission line between Beauly west of Inverness and Denny south of Falkirk requires upgrading.

The proposed transmission line passes north east of Stirling heading south crossing the River Forth and the M9 to connect to the existing grid north east of Denny.

Following extensive study, it was concluded that the transmission line should be replaced with a new 400,000 volt double circuit overhead transmission line. Ofgem, the Electricity Industry regulator, has concluded that the new line is both required and justified.

SHETL and SPT received consent/support from Scottish Ministers under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989, to install and keep installed a 400 kilovolt (kV) overhead electricity transmission line from Beauly, west of Inverness in SHETLs licence area to Denny, South of Stirling, in SPT's area.

20km of new 400,000 volt overhead line on 62 L12 steel lattice towers in the SPT boundary area (from Wharry Burn to Denny.)

Substation Construction

Substations are required to connect local demand and generation to the transmission grid. They transform the voltage of the electricity from the transmission voltage, down to the levels used for power distribution. They are also used to switch circuits to allow the control of the transmission system and the safe disconnection of circuits for construction and maintenance. Substations consist of a fenced compound enclosing transformers, switchgear and support structures, a control building and overhead line towers. The largest items of plant within the compound are the transformers, which are typically between 5m to 10m tall and coloured grey. Dunipace, north east Denny – Construction of the new substation is due to commence in the Summer 2012. The first works associated with this project will be the upgrading of 2km of the C64 un-classified road from the junction with the A872 West of Dunipace. These upgrading works will facilitate the additional traffic imposed by the construction works by widening the road and the construction of new passing places at strategic points. These works will require temporary road closures.

Upon completion of the access road works the construction of the new substation platform will commence. These works will primarily involve the export of local

material and the import of suitable mineral fill. The platform construction will take approximately one year to complete.

The construction of the 275/400kV substation M&E works will commence in September 2013 and will take approximately one year to complete.

Road Resurfacing

As part of the works, monitoring of the public roads and any deterioration there within will be ongoing. Any deterioration associated with the works traffic will be repaired as part of the project works. This monitoring process will be carried with input from the local council roads department and the main contractor.

Tower Construction

The new line within the SPT Boundary will be supported by 62 steel lattice towers. The majority of towers are between approximately 50m and 56m with extremes from approximately 43m to 65m as a result of natural features and at crossing points, rivers being an example. The span lengths between towers normally vary within 275m to 450m depending on topography and altitude, with towers generally being closer together at higher altitudes to counteract the effects of greater exposure to high winds and other weather effects. Generally steel re-inforced concrete tower foundations will be formed to position the towers in the ground. Conductors manufactured from aluminium, are attached to the cross arms of the towers at the end of a string of insulators which are typically made from glass. An earth wire will be strung between tower peaks to provide protection against lightning strikes.

Tower Painting

Tower Painting will take place in two areas of the overhead line within the Stirling area at Ochil's scarp. The towers on the lowermost slopes and at the foot of Ochil's Scarp will be painted a darker colour to make them less prominent.

At Carbrook Mains new towers located parallel to the 275kV lines will be painted to match the appearance of the 275kV line.

Within the remainder of the route, the unpainted and initially shiny galvanised steel used for the towers will be left to naturally dull down as it weathers over time.

Associated Works

Some upgrading to the public road network in the Stirling area is required to facilitate the construction of the new Over Head Line. This will include the construction of new bell mouths and passing places from the public roads to allow construction traffic access to the works.

Road Resurfacing:

As part of the works, monitoring of the public roads and any deterioration there is within will be ongoing. Any deterioration associated with the works traffic will be repaired as part of the works. This monitoring process will be carried with input from the local council roads department and main contractor.

Temporary Construction Compounds:

Are sites where construction materials, plant and office accommodation are situated. The location of construction compounds and storage areas will be identified by the appointed contractor for the project and agreed with all relevant parties.

Temporary helicopter landing areas:

Which may be required would be developed with hard standing and fenced off for security.

Mitigation works- Undergrounding of low voltage lines:

The Stirling Visual Impact Mitigation Scheme (SVIMS) Consultation Report (September 2010) indicated that Low Voltage (LV) lines would be undergrounded in a number of locations, where this would provide some (albeit limited) benefit to local landscape character and visual amenity. In some instances this work would comprise an extension of the works required for construction health and safety, or the permanent undergrounding of works that might otherwise have been temporary.

These proposals remain part of the condition 19 measures, with the addition of an extended area of LV undergrounding in the Powis House area, at the request of a local resident.

The areas where this work would be undertaken comprise

- The Logie Kirk area, where the removal of overhead line wires would improve the appearance and setting of the church.
- The Witches Craig caravan park area, as an extension of the works required for construction purposes in the Logie Villa area, to benefit the visual amenity of road users and people staying in the caravan park.
- At Powis House, extending north and south of the works required for line construction (and, as noted above, extend further to the south at the request of a local resident) to benefit the visual amenity of residents in this area, as well as the management of the avenue of trees and the working of fields.
- **At Manorneuk**, where existing 33kv and LV lines will be undergrounded as an extension of that required for construction purposes, to benefit the visual amenity of the property here, and to enable some additional tree planting to be undertaken.
- **At Bolfornought**, as an extension of construction operations, in order to benefit the visual amenity of the properties in this area
- In the Burnbank-Burnhead area, as a lengthy extension of works required for line construction, again to assist in enabling planting to be carried out in this area thereby enhancing local landscape character and visual amenity.
- North of Carbrook Mains and south of Plean, where the number of
 distribution lines wood poles crossing the agricultural land creates
 visual clutter and presumably interferes with the working of fields.
 The removal of these would provide some reduction to the overall
 wirescape in this area.
- To the south of the Plean Industrial Estate, where existing wood (H) poles are prominent due to their siting on a ridge, the extension of

undergrounding required for construction would remove these and be of benefit to the local visual amenity.

Scaffolding with Netting:

Will be used as protective measure when crossing rivers, roads and other transmission and distribution lines.

Remedial Works:

Will include dismantling and removal of the 132kV, towers and conductors which will be recycled as scrap; removal of foundations to below soil level, backfilling the foundations and restoring the site. Restoration of the site will seek to integrate the work sites back into the surrounding landscape by either planting or creating conditions to encourage natural regeneration of habitats.

Landowners will be consulted with a view to re-establish ancient or semi natural woodlands, to offset the loss made by the construction of the new line.

Borrow Pits:

Which may be developed in locations close to the proposed route to provide a local source of stone for access tracks.

Dismantling of the 132kV Line:

All of the 132kV line will be removed, existing access tracks will be left in place as these are used for other purposes by landowners and others. Replanting of certain areas of land along the dismantled 132kV corridor will be undertaken once the line has been removed.

Green Networks Initiative

The Scottish Government has set out additional compensatory mitigation measures to underground an extra 7km of 132,000 volt line between Fallin and Glenbervie, and wider environmental and landscape improvements as part of a project to develop the central Scotland Green Network, to bring a long last benefit to communities in the Stirling area.

The Green Network – a network of woodland, walking and cycling routes, greenspace and waterways is part of the National Planning Framework and SPT will work with public bodies to deliver widespread and long lasting improvements to the landscape and biodiversity.

Community and Environmental Project Issues

The issues that are most likely to be raised during the construction of this project are:

- Construction Traffic (noise, volume, speed, type, dust)
- Construction programme (duration of works)
- Environmental (disturbance or damage to flora and fauna)
- Contamination (from construction activities into local water courses)
- Cumulative impact (other developments in area)
- Tourism/recreation (effect on visitors to the area)
- Employment and materials are sourced locally or imported into the area
- Energy supply (cost of electricity to the customer, security of supply)

• Health and Safety (members of the public and the workforce)

To meet the requirements of the Electricity Works (Scotland) Regulations 2000, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was undertaken prior to the section 37 overhead line application being submitted. The findings of the EIA are reported through an Environmental Statement (ES). The ES assessed the potential for impacts on the natural and built environment from the proposed development and detailed specific mitigation to be implemented in order to limit or remove these identified potential impacts. We will plan, operate, construct and complete the project in line with ES recommendations. The following documentation and information will also be used during the construction design process.

- Construction Procedures Handbook (CPH) is an over arching guide to best practice for environmental protection during construction. Part of the CPH includes a site specific Environmental Management Plan (EMP) which identifies best practice for individual sites.
- **Traffic Management Plans** The plans will be agreed with the relevant authorities and bodies to minimise the disruption to local networks, while protecting the safety of the public and construction teams.
- **Environmental Surveys** A full suite of environmental surveys will be carried out, pre-construction to inform the contractor and to feed information into the EMP's.

Developments affecting Construction

To ensure the project is completed with the minimum of disruption to communities, the project team will liaise with local authorities to identify events within the area. Where possible the construction team will try and avoid significant disruption when;

- Local events are planned.
- Other road works and closures are planned.
- Other commercial road users are planning an increase in traffic.
- Other utility networks operations are planned.

The full extent of our activities will be made available to the public with updates communicated as they arise. The communication methods will be agreed with the Community Councils and Local Authorities.

Communications Framework

SPT/Iberdrola Engineering and Construction aim to be a good corporate neighbour, trusted in the communities where we operate. By engaging with local communities/groups and sharing our skills and resources to create real and lasting benefits

Building the trust of communities has been part of SPT/Iberdrola core values for many years. We have a long track record of supporting communities, community projects and by sharing our resources and the skills of our employees.

We build trust by being open and honest, by encouraging two-way communication and fulfilling the promises we make. When we move in to a community, it is usually a long-term commitment.

Our approach is simple:

- We engage with communities across our operations, particularly where we are planning new developments, to ensure community groups can have a say in the planning process. At major sites, close to communities, we establish Community Liaison Teams.
- We promote payroll giving and encourage staff development through community programmes. We believe enabling our employees to contribute to community causes has a positive impact on job satisfaction and performance.
- By using community programmes to develop leadership and other people skills, we create benefits for communities, employees and our business.
- Our businesses run distinct community programmes linked to their strategies. Each programme is focused on helping young people and covers projects aimed at improving employability through educational projects, by increasing awareness about energy efficiency, the environment, science and safety.
- We recognise our economic impact on local communities and we are committed to maximising local benefits from our projects wherever possible.

SPT/Iberdrola:

Will carry out all engagement with local communities/groups in line with the ethos of the national standards for community engagement.

Involvement:

We will involve people/organisations who are impacted/have an interest in any works being carried out in their local area.

Support:

We will aim to identify and overcome any barriers to involvement.

Planning:

We will ascertain needs and available resources and use this evidence to agree purpose, scope and timescale of the consultation/engagement and actions to be taken.

Methods:

We will agree and use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose.

Working Together:

We will agree and use clear procedures that enable the participants to work with one another effectively and efficiently.

Sharing Information:

We will ensure that necessary information is communicated between the participants.

Working with Others:

We will work effectively with others with an interest in the engagement.

Improvement:

We will develop actively knowledge and information on the project and related construction works and convey this information to encourage engagement and understanding of the works to be carried out.

Feedback:

We will respond to all enquires and requests for information in a timeous manner.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

We will monitor and evaluate whether the engagement/consultation achieves its purpose.

General Contact

There is also a 24 hour free call information line: 0845 2700 700 and a community email: customer.services@scottishpower.co.uk. Website: which have been established and will continue to be used. These communication channels will continue to be promoted on information materials to provide the community with a free and readily available means of communicating with the project team.

Project Website

There will be a project website with a link available to the Scottish Government and Local Authority websites. www.scottishpower.co.uk/support-centre.aspx

Community Liaison Team

On the Beauly- Denny Project, our Community Liaison Team are based at Avondale House, Strathclyde Business Park, Bellshill, ML4

Bridie Casey, Community Liaison, Major Projects.

Telephone Number:

Email: bcasey@iberdrola.com

Community Information Sessions

The project team will build on the community information sessions that have been undertaken to-date. These sessions will be open to all stakeholders, local residents, business and community organisations, local government representatives and others interested in the project. The information sessions will be held in various locations (during the day and evenings) to maximise community participation. These sessions will be timed around key project milestones.

Door knocks and letter drops

Door knocks and letter drops will target residents and businesses directly affected by our works and provide a further opportunity to receive feedback and respond to issues and concerns raised.

Community Background Information

When attending Community Council meetings a check regarding any issues that the Community may have had with SPT/Iberdrola e.g. has the community a history of interruptions to supply. If so, do we have any plans for improvements or changes on our network that would improve the quality of supply to the community. Advise Community Council accordingly.

Community Meetings

Plans/drawings/information of the project work to be undertaken will be produced for each Community Council area affected.

One on One meetings

Meetings with Key stakeholders will provide an opportunity for the project team to provide an update on the project and to respond to issues and concerns raised.

Traffic Management Scheme

Prior to commencement of works in the area of a particular roads authority, the applicant shall submit for the written approval of that roads authority a Traffic Management Scheme which shall include the following:

- Restriction of construction traffic to approved routes and the measures to be put in place to avoid other routes being used.
- Timing of construction traffic to minimise impact on local communities particularly at school start and finish times and during local events.
- Emergency arrangements.

Individual Customers

Communication – Be Proactive – Speak to customers before works commence

- If possible give a programme of events for the work that is to be undertaken.
- Ensure customers have a direct contact for any issues that may arise.
- Letter drops to be carried out as appropriate.
- Important that the customer knows/understands what's going on, how long the work will take and any inconvenience they may experience.
- Notify affected customers at certain stages of the projects.
- Place adverts in the local press.
- Always remember This is where our customers live.
- If required, keep in contact, let customers know how works are progressing.
- Always close the project works with a letter to the customer to ensure that there isn't any work not completed.

Landowners

Will be dealt with by the Environmental Team / Wayleaves who will liaise with the Community Liaison Team.

Complaints Procedure

If a complaint is received, it will be the responsibility of the Iberdrola Engineering & Construction Project Manager to follow the Complaints Procedure. Any written complaint will be logged onto the CCTS (Customer Complaints Tracking System) by one of the Community Liaison Team to ensure that the complaints procedure is progressed and escalated if necessary.

Advertisements

Newspaper advertisements will be placed in the local press to raise the communities awareness of upcoming information sessions and details on the progress of the project.

Letter Drops

Letter box notifications will support the local newspaper advertisements and target the affected communities.

Community Updates

Community updates will be used to keep the community informed regarding the investigations and consultation process. These updates will be available on the project website and distributed in the local area. The updates will be developed around key milestones

Communications Framework Table

Communication	Audience
Hold Community Information Sessions to	Local communities and interested parties.
tale about the kind of works communities	
can expect, contact details and outline	
timescales for each area (if possible)	
Book community venues and draft	CL Team
materials (presentation, one page	
briefing, contact details)	
Prior to activity in the area, communicate	CL Team
the plans to the local residents	
Update the website	CL Team
Press release and adverts in the local	CL Team
media of public meetings/exhibitions to	
explain the forthcoming works	
Posters about public meetings/exhibition	CL Team/Community/Groups
in local community centres	
Hold exhibition/public meetings to	CL Team/Community/groups/interested
provide communities with information	parties
on what to expect	
 Collect emails for updates 	
 Set up email system to update 	
areas	
 Identify interested community 	
representatives	
 Provide contact details for CLO 	
 Regularly attend and update 	
Community Councils on a regular	
basis of upcoming events	
Ongoing media contact	CL Team/Press Office
Approach local schools to explain the	CL Team/Project Team
construction works and the importance of	
safety	
Information will be available at local	CL Team/Project Team
service points, hold meetings with other	
interested groups and businesses.	

Key Media, Elected Members, Community Councils Community Groups, Police, Service Points (Within the SPT area Wharryburn near Dunblane to Denny near Falkirk)

Local

Stirling Observer Stirling News Falkirk Herald

National

The Herald
The Scotsman

All info to and from the Press/Media must go through the Communications
Team and the Press Office

Angela Thomson/Karen MacGregor(Communications) 7441781 / 7441780 Simon McMillan (Press Team) 7044875 Paul Ferguson (Press Team) 704 4515 Angela Reddington (Community Liaison) 7441640

Council Details

Falkirk Council Municipal Buildings West Bridge Street Falkirk FK1 5RS 01324 506070.

Stirling Council Viewforth Stirling FK8 2ET 0845 277 7000

Stirling Council Office 6 b Main Street Falkirk FK7 7JE

Stirling Council Office Old schoolhouse Main Street Cowie FK7 7BL

Community Councils

There is 1 Community Council that would be affected by our works for Denny Substation. Contact details are as follows:

Denny & District Community Council (covers Dunipace) Mr Colin Belbin (Convenor)

Denny & District Community Council Ms Christine Bell (Depute Council)

Denny & District Community Council Ms Julie McCaffrey (Secretary)

There are 4 **Community Councils** that would be affected by project works for Overhead Line Work & LV Undergrounding in the Stirling area.

Cowie Community Council Mr Ronald McCabe (Chairman) 2 Armour Avenue Cowie, Stirling FK7 7BY

Cowie Community Council Mr Brian Smith (Secretary) 9 Berryhill Cowie, Stirling FK7 7AH

Polmaise Community Council (Fallin) Mr Gordon Copland (Chairman) 49 Stirling Road, Fallin Stirling FK7 7SP

Polmaise Community Council (Fallin) Ms Alison Downie (Secretary) 33 Hilton Terrace, Fallin Stirling, FK7 7JU

Plean Community Council Mr Tommy Brooks (Chairman) 18 Gallamuir Drive, Plean Stirling, FK7 8EA

Plean Community Council Mrs Margaret Baxter (Secretary) 17 Small Holdings Plean Stirling, FK7 8AP Logie Community Council Mr Angus Annan (Chairman) Easter Cottage Blairlogie, Stirling FK9 5PX

Logie Community Council Ms Jane Kilgour (Secretary) Powis House Stirling, FK9 5PS

Environmental Groups, Interested Parties & Statutory Consultees:

- ➤ Local Authorities Have responsibilities and regulatory powers with regard to air quality (smoke and dust nuisance), noise pollution, vibration control light pollution, contaminated land, side roads and roads surrounding the site roads, nature conservation and environmental health. Detailed consultation required throughout the detailed design and construction periods.
- ➤ Scottish Natural Heritage Are the guardians of Scotland's tremendous natural heritage the land, water, coastal and marine areas, woodland hills and open spaces that shape Scotland's geography.
- ➤ SEPA- Responsible for the regulation and monitoring of compliance and with the enforcement of the Water Environment (Controlled activities) (Scotland) regulations 2005 (CAR). Regulating: discharges of liquid and solid waste e.g. pumping excavations and permanent works discharge to a watercourse. Abstraction, engineering activities in/adjacent to watercourses culverts and bridges. Waste sites e.g. landfills for disposal of surplus excavated soils, illegal waste disposal. Use of radioactive material for e.g. nuclear density testing, storage of waste and disposal of waste. They also deal with flood warnings to local authorities, police and via the flood service. Investigate fly tipping that is items that pose a threat to the environment. They manage and arrange for the cleanup of special sites contaminated land. Deal with pollution incidents and provide advice on controlled waters, in relation to contaminated land.
- ➤ Friends of the earth (Scotland) Scotland's leading environmental campaigning organisation are an independent Scottish charity with a network of thousands of supporters and active local groups across Scotland. Friends of the Earth Scotland exists to help people in Scotland look after the planet for everyone's future. They think globally and act locally in Scotland, delivering solutions to climate change by enabling and empowering people to take both individual and collective action. Their vision is of a world where everyone can enjoy a healthy environment and a fair share of the Earth's resources.
- ➤ Forestry Commission Plant 24 million trees every year to create new woodland and to replace the trees that are harvested in Scotland. Some of these trees will help to regenerate blighted industrial landscapes such as former coalfield communities and bring new woodlands closer to urban areas. The Forestry Commission also harvest 5 million tonnes of wood every year from Scotland/Britain's public forests this reduces dependency on imported

- wood and provides low-carbon materials for the domestic wood-using industries and for fuel and energy. As Britain's largest land manager they are custodian of one million hectares of land including most spectacular landscapes 2/3 of the nations estate lies within National Parks, areas of outstanding natural beauty or sites of specific interest.
- ➤ National Farmers Union, Scotland The NFU champions British farming and provides professional representation and services to its Farmer and Grower members. It is the largest farming organisation in the UK, providing a strong, respected and independent voice for the industry. The NFU was founded in 1908 and is financed by members' subscriptions.
- ➤ Historic Scotland An agency within Scottish Government and is directly responsible to Scottish Ministers for safeguarding the nation's historic environment and promoting its understanding and enjoyment. Their role is to deliver policy and advise on all aspects of the historic environment and to carry out statutory functions relating to two acts of parliament the ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, which allows the schedule of sites of national importance and to take them into state care and the Planning (listed Building and Conservation Areas (Scotland) Act 1997 that grants authority to list structures for their architectural or historical significance.
- Scottish National Trust Conservation and management of Scotland's properties and of Scotland's natural and cultural heritage is the trusts core activity.
- ➤ **RSPB** Bird populations reflect the health of the planet on which our future depends. The need for an effective bird conservation organisation has never been greater. Climate change, agricultural intensification, expansion of urban areas and transport infrastructure and over exploitation of our seas all pose major threats to birds.
- ➤ Cairngorms National Park Britain's highest and most massive mountain range; its biggest native forests; spectacularly clean rivers and lochs; moorland and farmland and a stronghold for Britain's wildlife

Community Groups

There are a number of local groups in the SPT area of the Beauly – Denny Project area. – See attached Appendix 3.

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 FK7 7BS
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 FK7 8BT

Towns/Nearby villages in the SPT area

This substation works will affect; Denny and Dunipace areas. Wider works; Stirling, Fallin, Plean, Cowie, Logie Kirk etc

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Denny, FK6 6LS 07951 293 196 01324 508820

- Fallin Nursery & out of school centre
 22 Bruce Drive
 Fallin
 FK7 7EQ
 Caroline Fyfe 01786 815628
- Fallin Primary School
 Lamont Crescent
 Fallin, Stirling
 FK7 7EJ
 Yvonne Nicoll 01786 812063
- Cowie Primary School Main Street Cowie FK7 7BL Vivienne Innes – 01786 813014
- East Plean Primary School
 Teaching Village
 Balfour Centre
 Plean FK7 8DS
 Connie Desmond 01786 812063
- St. Margarets RC Primary School Bannockburn Road Cowie Stirling, FK7 7BG Fiona McKerrall – 01786 812293

Secondary

- Denny High School Herbertshire Park Denny, FK6 6EE 01324 827440
- Wallace High School
 Airthrey Road
 Stirling
 FK9 5HW
 Linda Horsburgh 01786 462166

Councillors

The Project passes through the following council wards and the details are as follows

Falkirk area

- Cllr Jim Blackwood (Scottish Labour Party)
- Denny & Blackwood
- ➤ Cllr John McNally (Scottish National Party)
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- ➤ Cllr Martin Oliver (Scottish National Party)
- > Denny & Blackwood
- ➤ Cllr Alexander J. Waddell (Independent Party)
- > Denny & Blackwood

Stirling area

- ➤ Cllr Margaret Brisley (Scottish Labour Party)
- ➤ Cllr Alasdair MacPherson (Scottish National Party)
- ➤ Cllr Violet Weir (Scottish Labour Party)
- ➤ Cllr Callum Campbell (Conservative)
- Cllr Colin Finlay (Labour)
- ➤ Cllr David Goss (Liberal Democrats)
- ➤ Cllr Graham Houston (Scottish National Party)
- ➤ Cllr Graham Reid (Liberal Democrats)

M.S.P.'s (Constituency)

- ➤ Michael Mathieson (Scottish National Party)
- > Falkirk West
- ➤ Angus MacDonald (Scottish National Party)
- ➤ Falkirk East
- ➤ Bruce Crawford (Stirling)
- > Scottish National Party
- ➤ Keith Brown (Ochils)
- Scottish National Party

MSP's (Central Scotland)

- ➤ Mark Griffin (Scottish Labour)
- ➤ Richard Lyle (Scottish National Party)
- ➤ Margaret McCulloch (Scottish Labour)
- ➤ Siobhan McMahon (Scottish Labour)
- ➤ Margaret Mitchell (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
- ➤ John Wilson (Scottish National Party)
- ➤ Clare Adamson (Scottish National Party)
- ➤ Murdo Fraser (Conservative)
- ➤ Liz Smith (Conservative)
- ➤ Richard Simpson (Labour)
- ➤ Willie Rennie (Scottish Liberal Democrats)
- ➤ Annabelle Ewing (Scottish National Party)
- ➤ John Park (Labour)
- Claire Baker (Labour)

M.P.s

- > Eric Joyce MP (Falkirk)
- ➤ Anne McGuire (Stirling)

Police Details

Central Scotland Police Falkirk/Denny area 01324 634212

<u>Any security issues</u> – Please contact SPT/Iberdrola Security Team Charlie Hendrie (Security Manager) 0141 568 4725/ 07753 623442 Peter Davies (Security Director) 0141 568 2507/ 07738 062910

Environmental Framework

As part of the Beauly – Denny Project, environmental protection on site will be delivered by sound environmental management. The SHETL/SPT project team will be supported by an environmental representative and relevant advisors and the contractors will employ environmental specialists. An Environmental Liaison Group (ELG) of key stakeholders (representatives of relevant local authorities, SNH, SEPA, Cairngorms National Park Authority, Historic Scotland, RSPB and the Forestry Commission together with representatives of the SHETL/SPT project team will advise and comment on the Construction Policy Handbook.

Environmental commitments and requirements relating to the new works include:

- Mitigation measures set out in the Environmental Statement.
- Further mitigation measures agreed post publication with consultees including the local authorities, Forestry Commission Scotland, Historic Scotland, SEPA and SNH;
- Conditions attached to the consent by the Scottish Ministers;
- Any conditions of Controlled Activities Regulations (CAR) licences;
- Environmental commitments in the Contractor's environmental management system (EMS), ISO 14001 or equivalent;
- Environmental best practice measures including those set out by statutory agencies such as the Scottish Executive, SEPA, SNH, FCS.

The management of environmental effects is fully integrated with the quality control of all aspects of the works including detailed design and health and safety. Relevant documents for the project, including the health and safety plans, will also be referred to when planning construction works.

For Further information on the Environmental Framework and implementation please contact:

A Purvis@iberdrola.com

Environmental Manager Iberdrola Avondale House Strathclyde Business Park Bellshill ML4 3 NJ 0141 614 6789

Beauly – Denny Project Appendix 1

New Substation at Denny, Nr Falkirk

Background

Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Ltd (SHETL) and SP Transmission Ltd (SPT) are seeking consent from the Scottish Ministers, under section 37 of the electricity act 1989, to install and keep installed a 400 kilovolt (kV) overhead electricity transmission line from Beauly, west of Inverness in SHETL's licence area, to near Denny, South of Stirling, in SPT's licence area.

As part of these works a new 275/400kV substation will be constructed on a site approx 2km North of Dunipace off the A872 where a number of transmission lines converge. A package of public road upgrades will be implemented to facilitate the construction of the new substation.

Community Liaison

The Beauly-Denny Community Liaison Team is a dedicated full time resource supporting the project. They will manage and co-ordinate communications and engagement with the public, community bodies, elected representatives and any other groups affected by the project. In addition the Project Team will handle all statutory engagement whilst media enquiries will be handled by the Scottish Power (SPT) Press Office.

The Community Liaison Team will report to the SPT Programme Manager for the duration of the Beauly – Denny Project. For SPT and their contractors to maintain close liaison with community representatives, landowners and statutory consultees throughout construction and duration of the project. It will detail the community liaison's team proactive approach to providing good information /communication for the Beauly-Denny Project by establishing and maintaining strong relationships with the public, local communities, community groups, elected representatives, and the media, by ensuring everyone affected by the project is aware of what's happening in their area in advance of any works being carried out by receiving information by various forms e.g. letter drops, information sessions, newsletters, public advert, website, community forums. Community support will be vital in ensuring the project runs smoothly and to the timescales proposed.

Landowner and occupier relations will continue to be managed during the construction and dismantling phases by the Way leaves Team who will deal with all landowner issues.

The Way leave Team will strive to maintain good relations with all landowners and occupiers to allow construction and dismantling to progress as smoothly as possible and will also seek to provide a prompt resolution of issues. The Way leave Team and the Community Liaison Team will meet regularly and work in partnership to discuss construction progress and to identify resolution to any issues on the Beauly – Denny Project.

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Traffic Management Scheme

Prior to commencement of works in the area of a particular roads authority, the applicant shall submit for the written approval of that roads authority a Traffic Management Scheme which shall include the following:

- Restriction of construction traffic to approved routes and the measures to be put in place to avoid other routes being used.
- Timing of construction traffic to minimise impact on local communities particularly at school start and finish times and during local events.
- Emergency arrangements

Local Police Details

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Any security issues – please contact our Security Team

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Peter Davies (Security Director) 0141 568 2507/ 07738 062910

Local Council Details

Falkirk Council Municipal Buildings West Bridge Street Falkirk FK1 5RS 01324 506070

Community Councils

There is 1 community council that would be affected by our works for Denny Substation. Contact details are as follows

Denny & District Community Council (covers Dunipace also) Mr Colin Belbin (Convenor)

Denny & District Community Council Ms Christine Bell (Depute Council)

Denny & District Community Council Ms Julie McCaffrey (Secretary)

Community Groups

There are a number of local groups – See Appendix 3.

Schools

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Margaret Mitchell (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

John Wilson (Scottish National Party)

Clare Adamson (Scottish National Party)

M.P.s

Eric Joyce MP (Falkirk)

Schedule of Works

New 400,000volt substation at Denny, Nr Falkirk

Work being carried out	Where	Who needs to know	When	When to notify the Community	Action/Responsible
Access road being built for substation	2km of upgrade works to C64 – A872 to Substation entrance.	Callander Estates. Tennant Farmers. Dunipace residents? Plean residents?	June 2012	May 2012	AR/AF/BC
Hedge work	2km stretch of the C64 road from A872 to substation entrance.	Callander Estates. Tennant Farmers. Dunipace residents? Plean residents?	June 2012	May 2012	AR/AF/BC
Tree works	Removal of trees from purchased land adjacent to new substation location.	Callander Estates. Tennant Farmers. Dunipace residents? Plean residents?	August/Sept 2012	July 2012	AR/AF/BC
Substation Platform Construction	Major earthworks.	Callander Estates. Tennant Farmers. Dunipace residents? Plean residents?	Sept 2012	August 2012	AR/AF/BC

The Scottish Government has set out additional compensatory mitigation measures to underground an extra 7km of 132,000 volt line between Fallin and Glenbervie, and wider environmental and landscape improvements as part of a project to develop the central Scotland Green Network, to bring a long last benefit to communities in the Stirling area. The Green Network – a network of woodland, walking and cycling routes, greenspace and waterways is part of the National Planning Framework and SPT will work with public bodies to deliver widespread and long lasting improvements to the landscape and biodiversity.

Substation Construction

Construction of the new substation at Denny North is due to commence in Summer 2012. The first works associated with this project will be the upgrading of 2km of the C64 unclassified road from the junction with the A872 West of Dunipace. These upgrading works will facilitate the additional traffic imposed by the construction works by widening of the road and the construction of new passing places at strategic points. These works will require temporary road closures.

On completion of the access road works the construction of the new substation platform will commence. These works will primarily involve the export of local material and the import of suitable mineral fill. The platform construction will take approximately one year to complete.

The construction of the 275/400kV substation M&E works will commence in September 2013 and will take approximately one year to complete.

Beauly – Denny Project Appendix 2

New 400KV Overhead line work & LV Undergrounding works in the Stirling area

In November 2007, the Scottish Government announced a new target to generate 50% of Scotland's electricity from renewable by 2020 and the UK Government confirmed that it is committed to the EU target for 20% of all energy requirements being met from renewable sources by 2020.

As a result of the market bringing forward proposals for renewable electricity generation, the capacity of the existing 132,000 double circuit overhead transmission line between Beauly west of Inverness and Denny south of Falkirk requires upgrading. The proposed transmission line passes north east of Stirling heading south crossing the River Forth and the M9 to connect to the existing grid north east of Denny.

Following extensive study, it was concluded that the transmission line should be replaced with a new 400,000 volt double circuit overhead transmission line. Ofgem, the Electricity Industry regulator, has concluded that the new line is both required and justified.

SHETL and SPT received consent/support from Scottish Ministers under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989, to install and keep installed a 400 kilovolt (kV) overhead electricity transmission line from beauly, west of Inverness in SHETLs licence area to Denny, South of Stirling, in SPT's area.

20km of new 400,000 volt overhead line on 62 L12 steel lattice towers in the SPT boundary area (from Wharry Burn to Denny.)

The Stirling Visual Impact Mitigation Scheme (SVIMS) Consultation Report (September 2010) indicated that Low Voltage (LV) lines would be undergrounded in a number of locations, where this would provide some (albeit limited) benefit to local landscape character and visual amenity. In some instances this work would comprise an extension of the works required for construction health and safety, or the permanent undergrounding of works that might otherwise have been temporary.

These proposals remain part of the condition 19 measures, with the addition of an extended area of LV undergrounding in the Powys House area, at the request of a local resident.

The areas where this work would be undertaken comprise

- The Logie Kirk area where the removal of overhead line wires would improve the appearance and setting of the church
- The Witches Craig caravan park area, as an extension of the works required for construction purposes in the Logie Villa area, to benefit the visual amenity of road users and people staying in the caravan park.
- At Powis House extending north and south of the works required for line construction (and, as noted above, extend further to the south at the request of a local resident), to benefit the visual amenity of

- residents in this area, as well as the management of the avenue of trees and the working of fields
- **At Manorneuk -** where existing 33kv and LV lines will be undergrounded as an extension of that required for construction purposes, to benefit the visual amenity of the property here, and to enable some additional tree planting to be undertaken.
- At Bolfornought as an extension of construction operations, in order to benefit the visual amenity of the properties in this area
- The Burnbank-Burnhead area as a lengthy extension of works required for line construction, again to assist in enabling planting to be carried out in this area thereby enhancing local landscape character and visual amenity
- North of Carbrook Mains and south of Plean where the number of
 distribution lines wood poles crossing the agricultural land creates
 visual clutter and presumably interferes with the working of fields.
 The removal of these would provide some reduction to the overall
 wirescape in this area
- To the south of the Plean Industrial Estate where existing wood (H) poles are prominent due to their siting on a ridge, the extension of undergrounding required for construction would remove these and be of benefit to the local visual amenity

Scaffolding with Netting:

Will be used as protective measure when crossing rivers, roads and other transmission and distribution lines

Remedial Works:

Will include dismantling and removal of the 132kV, towers and conductors which will be recycled as scrap; removal of foundations to below soil level, backfilling the foundations and restoring the site. Restoration of the site will seek to integrate the work sites back into the surrounding landscape by either planting or creating conditions to encourage natural regeneration of habitats.

Landowners will be consulted with a view to re-establish ancient or semi natural woodlands, to offset the loss made by the construction of the new line.

Borrow Pits:

Which may be developed in locations close to the proposed route to provide a local source of stone for access tracks.

Dismantling of the 132kV Line:

All of the 132kV line will be removed, existing access tracks will be left in place as these are used for other purposes by landowners and others. Replanting of certain areas of land along the dismantled 132kV corridor will be undertaken once the line has been removed.

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Stirling Strategic Area Command (Covering Stirling and the Eastern Villages) 01786 456000

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Local Council Details

Stirling Council Viewforth Stirling FK8 2ET 0845 277 7000

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At Galloway Hydro educational tours are conducted to provide information on hydro electricity generation, environmental programmes and water safety. Visit the <u>Visitor</u> Centre page for more information. The schools are as follows:

Primary

- Fallin Nursery & out of school centre 22 Bruce Drive Fallin FK7 7EQ Caroline Fyfe - 01786 815628
- Fallin Primary School
 Lamont Crescent
 Fallin, Stirling
 FK7 7EJ
 Yvonne Nicoll 01786 812063
- Cowie Primary School
 Main Street
 Cowie FK7 7BL
 Vivienne Innes 01786 813014
- East Plean Primary School Teaching Village Balfour Centre Plean FK7 8DS Connie Desmond – 01786 812063
- St.Margarets RC Primary School Bannockburn Road Cowie Stirling, FK7 7BG Fiona McKerrall – 01786 812293

Secondary

Wallace High School
 Airthrey Road
 Stirling
 FK9 5HW
 Linda Horsburgh – 01786 462166

Local Councillors

Stirling area

Cllr Margaret Brisley (Scottish Labour Party)

Cllr Alasdair MacPherson (Scottish National Party)

Cllr Violet Weir (Scottish Labour Party)

Cllr Callum Campbell (Conservative)

Cllr Colin Finlay (Labour)

Cllr David Goss (Liberal Democrats)

Cllr Graham Houston (Scottish National Party)

Cllr Graham Reid (Liberal Democrats)

M.S.P.s (Constituency)

Bruce Crawford (Stirling) Scottish National Party

Keith Brown (Ochils) Scottish National Party

M.S.P.s (Central Scotland)

Murdo Fraser (Conservative)

Liz Smith (Conservative)

Richard Simpson (Labour)

Willie Rennie (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Annabelle Ewing (Scottish National Party)

John Park (Labour)

Claire Baker (Labour)

M.P.

Anne McGuire (Stirling)

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Community/Social Groups in the Project Area (Falkirk/Stirling)

Outdoor Activity

Tel: 01324 503829 Email: action.outdoors@falkirk.gov.uk

Outdoor Activity is a strategy of learning which encompasses adventurous activity and environmental study.

As an Outdoor Learning Team, Action Outdoors is committed to, and takes pride in

the Falkirk and District Ring Craft Club

Mrs Ruth Page Tel. 01324 880352

Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Head Office. Tel. 0131 339 0222

The Barns Pet Rescue Service

Mrs Fiona Scott. Tel. 01324 851222

American Football

Grangemouth Broncos American Football Club

Jonathan Ewing Tel. 01324 634092 www.grangemouthbroncos.co.uk

Training at Inchyra Park most Saturdays from 10am until 12:30pm

Anchor Boys

Kirk of the Hollyrood

Tamworth Ave. Grangemouth

Primary 2,3,4 Monday 5-6pm.-- Primary 4,5,6 Tuesday 7-830pm.

Primary 7 Thursday 7-8.30pm New Members Welcome

Contact Irene MacLean

Army Cadet Force (Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders)

Falkirk Company Lt. Col. James Fraser Tel. 485092

Archaeology

Callendar House Young Archaeologist Club

Callendar House, Falkirk. Contact Unknown.

Archery

Falkirk Company of Archers

Contact Andrew Nimmo. Tel. 01324 562494

Grange Centre Archery Club

Contact W. Moorland Tel.01324 711005.

Astrology

British Astrological & Psychic Society

4 Glenview, Fankerton, FK6 5HY

Anne Marie and Jim Denny. Tel 01324 825060

Astronomy

Association of Falkirk Astronomers

29 Sandyloan Crescent, Laurieston, FK

Malcolm Gibb Tel: 01324 623919

www.astronomy-falkirk.co.uk

Athletics

Central Athletic Club

John McDonald Tel: 01786 832684.

Falkirk Victoria Harriers

William Day Carronshore Tel. 562228.

The Forth Valley Talking Newspaper Association provides free recordings on tape or CD for blind or visually impaired people. Contact E.Sutherland 01324812082 for further information

Badminton

Bonnybridge Badminton Club

Mrs J. McAuley, Bonnybridge Community Centre Tel 503290

Denny Westpark Badminton Club

Hugh Ross. Tel 826142.

Dunipace Ladies Badminton

Mrs J. Davies. Tel. 824082.

Grange Centre Badminton Club

Grange Centre, Tel. 503830. Email grange@falkirk.gov.uk

ICI (Grangemouth) Badminton Club

Earls Gate, Grangemouth, FK3

Jim Ferrier Tel: 01324 556253.

Slamannan Adult Badminton

Slamannan Community Centre Tel. 851548

Denny and Dunipace Pipe Band Association

Craig White, Denny. Tel. 825202.

Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association

(Stirlingshire Branch) Tom Stewart, Tel. 636488.

1 Burns Crescent, Laurieston.

Salvation Army Band

Jack Spowart. Tel. (01506) 823836.

Shieldhill Flute Band

Tom Henderson, 13 Mavisbank Avenue, Shieldhill. Tel. 636373.

Wallacestone and District Pipe Band

Secretary - Mrs Lorna Finlay, Tel. 715397

12 Woodlands Drive, Rightons, Falkirk FK2 0TF

Basketball

Grange Centre Basketball Club

Tel. 503830. Email grange@falkirk. gov.uk

Slamannan Basketball

Slamannan Community Centre Tel. 851548

Boat & Yacht Clubs

Upper Forth Boat Club

Hon Secretary, Paul Shave, Bo'ness Tel. (01506) 822694.

Bowling

Scottish Bowling Association

Adrian Bowling Club

The Pleasance, Falkirk Tel. 01324 629389

Allandale Bowling Club

Thorndale Gardens Allandale Fk4 2HG

Tel. 01324 840151

Bainsford Bowling Club

Bainsford Tel. 01324 621548

Bonnybridge Bowling Club

Bonnybridge. Tel. 01324 813950.

Bridgeness Bowling Club

c/o Bridgeness Miners' Welfare Bo'ness. Tel. (01506) 826184

British Alcan Bowling Club

Tel: 01324 622435

Burnhead Bowling Club

Larbert. Tel. 01324 562138.

Callendar Miners' Welfare Bowling Club

Glen Village Tel 01324 611060

Camelon Bowling Club (Outdoors)

Camelon FK1 4DN Tel. 01324 624224

Carron and Carronshore Bowling Club

Beaumont Drive. FK2 8SN Tel. 01324 557447

Castings Bowling Club

Falkirk. Tel. 01324 623738.

Denny Bowling Club

Denny Tel. 01324 822192

Dunmore Village Bowling

Dunmore, nr Airth. FK2 8LY

Falkirk Bowling Club

Falkirk Tel. 01324 622178

Forth Valley Bowling Club for Visually Impaired

Mrs Dora Crudge, Grangemouth. Tel. 870114.

Grahamston Bowling Club

Grahams Road, Falkirk. FK2 7BQ Tel. 01324 629032

Grangemouth Bowling Club

Talbot Street, Grangemouth. Tel. 01324 485700

Greenpark Community Education Unit

Greenpark Drive, Polmont. Tel 506730

Larbert Bowling Club

Pretoria Road, Larbert. FK5 4MB Tel. 01324 556819

Laurieston Bowling Club

Polmont Road, Laurieston FK2 9QT Tel. 01324 629931

Polmont Bowling Club

Station Road, Polmont FK2 0DV Tel. 01324 711021

Railwaymen Bowling Club

Barrie Place, Grangemouth. FK3 8QY Tel.01324 482216

Slamannan Bowling Club

Station Road, Slamannan.FK1 3BQ Tel. 01324 851300

Stenhousemuir Bowling Club

Church Street, Stenhousemuir. FK5 4OR Tel. 01324 554686

Zetland Bowling Club

Abbotsgrange Road, Zetland Park, FK3 9JD Tel. 01324 665559

Zeneca Bowling Club

Earls Gate, Earls Road, Grangemouth, FK3 8UZ Tel. 01324 483240

Bowling (Carpet)

Carpet Bowling (OAP)

Bonnybridge Community Centre, Tel. 503290

Greenpark Bowlers

Greenpark Community Centre. Tel. 506730.

St Alexander's Carpet Bowls

John Edgar, Denny. Tel. 822309

Bowling (Indoor)

Falkirk Indoor Bowling Club

Camelon Tel. 638417

Boys's Brigade

1st Falkirk Company (Grahamston United Church)

Capt. J. P. Fish, Tel. 553982

2nd Falkirk Company (Irving Church, Camelon)

Capt. Paul Anderson, Tel. 0776 121682

3rd Falkirk Company (Erskine Church)

Capt. Mrs M. MacKay, Tel. 617824

Boxing

Camelon Amateur Boxing Club

Mr W. Abercrombie Camelon. Tel. 627609

Zetland Amateur Boxing Club

Jimmy Dunn, Falkirk. Tel. 624189.

Bridge

Denny& Dunipace Bridge Club

J. McVey Tel. (01236) 735489

Earlsgate Bridge Club

Rhoda Swan Tel. (01506) 842391

Falkirk Bridge Club

J. Powers Tel 01324 715400

Grangemouth Bridge Club

N. Millar Tel. 473591

Greenpark Centre Beginners and Bridge Club

Greenpark Centre, Polmont. Tel. 506730

Linlithgow Bridge Club

Sally Douglas. Tel. (01506) 671549

Tryst Bridge Club

Secretary, M. Scully Tel. 562963

Brownies

For information about your nearest Brownie Pack 0131 2264511

Higginsneuk Burns Club

Carronshore Paul Titley 01324 557306

Local Charity Groups and Trusts

Seagull Trust Cruises

please visit the websites: www.seagulltrust.org.uk www.stcruises-falkirk.org.uk

Tel: 07801536315

Church Websites and Clubs

St Josephs RC Church

Bonnybridge (website) includes photographic history of St Josephs & Bonneybridge

Falkirk Camera Club

Contact Allister Keane Tel: 01324 624543

Grangemouth Chess Club

Grangemouth Education Unit, Grangemouth Sports Complex

Meets Wednesdays 7pm Jim Watson Tel: 01324 714314

Computer Clubs

Central Scotland Acorn User Group

Polmont Ian Anderson 01324 714413

Falkirk Fusion Cheerleading Squad

Classes for children from age 5 and upwards.

Both recreational and competition classes available.

Classes held on Monday and Wednesday evenings at Falkirk Baptist Church Hall, Weir St, Falkirk.

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Westquarter / Redding Cricket Club

Club Secretary Jim Sharp Tel: 01324 715530

Bonnybridge Curling Club

2 Sutherland Drive, Denny. Alex Duncan

Cycling Clubs

Cyclist Touring Club

4 Mansionhouse Road, Camelon, FK14PS

Denis Callaghan 01324 636935

Club meets in the Dawson Centre, Davids Loan, Bainsford Friday 8pm - 9.45pm

Falkirk Bicycle Club

25 Glenview, Cumbernauld

Ken Armstrong Tel: 01236 720152

Falkirk Floral Art Club

Mrs Marie Rutherford 01324 623254

Wallace Fencing Academy

3 Crawford Drive, Wallacestone, FK2 ODL Tel:01324 717477

Falkirk Football Club

Westfield Staduim, Falkirk, FK2 9DX

Tel: 01324 624121

East Stirlingshire Football Club

Firs Park, Fir Street, Falkirk, FK2 7AY

Tel: 01324 623583

Stenhousemuir Football Club

Ochilview Park, Gladstone Road, Larbert, FK44QL

Tel: 01324 562992

Camelon Juniors Football Club

Fairlie Drive, Falkirk, FK1 4NP

Tel: 01324 638060

Falkirk Model Railway Club -

Grangemouth Sports Centre. Mr B. McCabe Denny Tel. 823085.

Motoring

Rotary Clubs

Vale of Carron Rotary Club

meets at B.B. HQ., Carronvale House, Carronvale Road, Larbert on Wednesday evenings at 6.45.p.m.

Denny Speakers Club

2 Ferguson Drive, Denny, FK6 5AE. Isabel Gillespie

Polmont Hillwalking Club Greenpark Community Centre, Polmont, Eddie Sutherland (Club Treasurer) Tel. 01324 484766, for more information Stirlingshire Voluntary Association 01786 469916 Quality Action Group Stirling 01786 471120 ·01786 468248 · 0844 800 8484