

APPENDIX 24

TOWER PAINTING

Tower painting will take place in two areas of the overhead line within the Stirling area:

Ochil's scarp

- the towers on the lowermost slopes, and at the foot of the Ochils scarp (TD202, TD202/1 and TD203) to be painted a darker colour to make them less prominent in particular views (e.g. from the floor of the carse when seen against the backdrop of the Ochils scarp slope);
- a more detailed analysis of the colour to be used and the extent to which towers are painted will be required to determine the precise scope of this work;
- sections of the tower painting to be undertaken prior to the tower components arriving on site with the remainder completed once the tower is constructed, in order to align with the skyline.

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.

Maintenance

The repainting of towers will be undertaken in line with the general maintenance programme for the overhead line. It is anticipated that the towers will be repainted approximately every 40 years.

Important Reference Documents

Supporting reference documents that provide guidance for activities that may be involved with tower painting include:

- GEMP 1 – General Environmental Protection Measures
- GEMP 8 – Working in or near watercourses
- GEMP 20 – Tree felling