

# Welcome



## Who are SP Transmission?

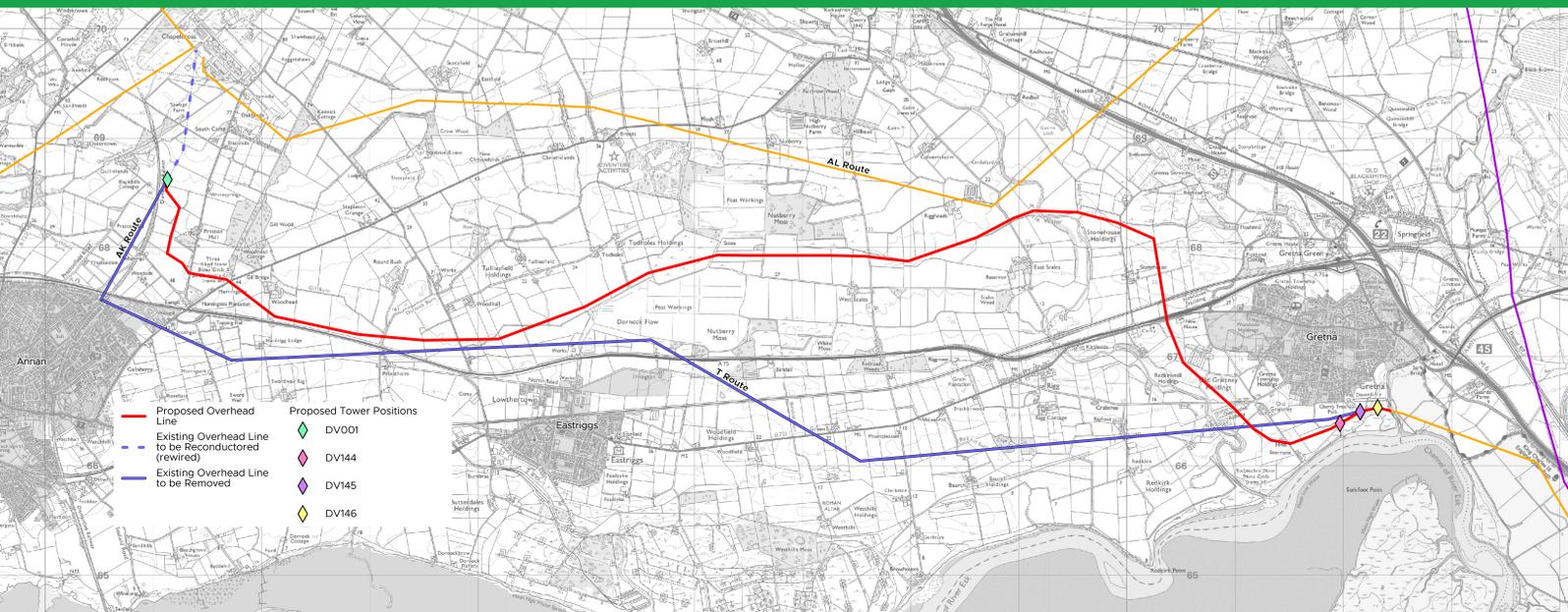
SP Transmission is part of SP Energy Networks. We transport electricity across Central and Southern Scotland, keeping over two million homes and businesses powered every day.

## Why we need a new electricity line

- To upgrade ageing infrastructure
- To build a stronger, more reliable electricity network
- To support a greener future

## What we are proposing

- A new wood pole line from Annan to the Scotland-England border in the Solway Firth.
- Four replacement steel towers
- 146 old steel towers will be removed once the new line is in place.



## What it will look like

Most of the line will use single or double wood poles, with four new steel towers – one at the western end and three at the eastern end.



# You said, we listened...



**(1) North of Annan:** We have amended the proposed route to avoid removing mature trees along the dismantled rail line and reduce the visual impact on people using the informal footpath along the line. This also allowed the removal of an additional three of the existing towers.

**(2) North of Annan:** We have amended the proposed route to avoid an area with planning consent for a new slurry lagoon in fields next to the dismantled railway line.

**(3) North of Eastfields:** In the central section of the proposed route, 17 poles were repositioned closer to an existing watercourse at the request of a landowner concerned about the poles' impact on their farming operations.

# What happens next?



SP Energy Networks intends to submit an application for the T Route Rebuild Project to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 and section 57 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).

## Key elements of the proposal include:

- Construction and operation of the new overhead line.
- Dismantling and removal of the redundant sections of the existing steel lattice tower line.
- Replacing conductors/wires on a retained section of the existing steel lattice tower line between Chapelcross Substation and the western end of the new overhead line.
- Temporary construction work required to support installation and removal activities.
  - Temporary (up to 3 months) diversion of Core Footpaths GRET/249/3 and GRET/250/1
- There is also a possible safety requirement for a bellmouth (widened entrance) to facilitate the removal of the tower adjacent to Windmere Road in Annan

Any comments provided at this stage do not constitute formal representations to the consenting or planning authorities. You will have the opportunity to submit formal comments once the application has been officially submitted to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit.