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Architect: Gifford Architects; Bradley approach

Bradley gets locked up

Mike McQuillan reports

A vibrant young man who refused a Denny council shoplifting charge at court yesterday.

David Bradley, 24, had been given a number of chances to show he could change his ways before being charged with shoplifting.

But he refused the offer of a prison sentence to be imposed.

The court heard that Bradley had been a burglar in the past, but had been given a chance to change his ways.

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Health reform

NHS Scotland has a leading view on proposals to reform national support and delivery services for health and social care.

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Driver is found guilty of death

A 35-year-old man has been found guilty of causing the death of a woman in a car crash in Cumbernauld.

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Denny to Wishaw Network Upgrade



We'd like your views!

SP Energy Networks is planning a network upgrade in the Denny to Wishaw area. We want to hear your views on the proposed changes.

The upgrade will involve the installation of new equipment and the relocation of some existing equipment.

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Date	Location
Thursday 17 October	Northerton Community Centre, 125 Main Road, Denny, FK11 6DP
Wednesday 22 October	Berryhill Community Education Centre, 100 Main Road, Berryhill, FK11 6AA
Thursday 23 October	Glenmark Road, 100 Main Road, Glenmark, FK11 6AA
Monday 23 November	Newark Community Facility, 100 Main Road, Newark, FK11 6AA
Monday 24 November	Compton Road, 100 Main Road, Compton, FK11 6AA
Wednesday 25 November	Cherryhill Road, 100 Main Road, Cherryhill, FK11 6AA
Friday 26 November	Denny Parish Church, 100 Main Road, Denny, FK11 6AA

For more information, visit <https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/energy-networks/denny-wishaw-upgrade>

Pitching in for upgrade



Bright future St Margaret's High School in Airdrie is set for new pitch lighting

Work to upgrade the floodlights at the sports pitches at St Margaret's High School in Airdrie is underway – and will reduce them with modern, energy-saving lights.

The project is being funded by the Scotland Recycling Fund, which backs projects that help the environment and make better use of resources.

Councillor Jim Logan, leader of North Lanarkshire Council, said: "The council is using money from the fund for several improvements, all helping to cut costs and

reduce our environmental impact. "I'm sure that everyone who uses the pitches in the dark nights will notice the benefits too."

The work is just one of a number of planned improvements to leisure facilities, offices and schools across the area.

And significant upgrades are planned in the coming months for John Smith Pool in Airdrie, Coatbridge's The Time Capsule, Shotts Leisure Centre and Bellshill's Sir Matt Busby Leisure Centre.

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To do this we need to build a new 400,000-volt (400kV) overhead transmission line between our substation at Bonnybridge and a point near Glenmavis, where it would join on to an existing overhead line. We also plan to move the existing line further away from houses at Glenmavis.

A 'spur' from the new line to Cumbernauld substation will also allow us to remove the existing 132kV overhead line between Bonnybridge and Cumbernauld.

We will also need to increase the voltage of three existing overhead lines from 275kV to 400kV, and upgrade our substations at Denny North, Bonnybridge, Cumbernauld, Easterhouse, Newarthill and Wishaw.

We consulted on our plans in February 2023. We are now asking for comments on our updated plans to help us develop the project in the best way.

Please come along to one of our public exhibitions to see our plans in more detail and ask questions of the project team.

You can also find more information on our website: https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/denny_wishaw.aspx

Date	Location
Tuesday 28 October, 2pm to 7pm	Netherton Community Centre , Old Manse Road, Wishaw ML2 0EP
Wednesday 29 October, 2pm to 7pm	Bonnybridge Community Education Centre , Bridge Street, Bonnybridge FK10 1AA
Thursday 30 October, 2pm to 7pm	Glenmavis Social Club , Quarryside Street, Glenmavis ML6 0PS
Monday 03 November, 2pm to 7pm	Newarthill Community Facility , High Street, Newarthill ML1 1JU
Tuesday 04 November, 2pm to 7pm	Cumbernauld New Town Hall , Bron Way, Cumbernauld G67 1DE
Wednesday 05 November, 2pm to 7pm	Gartcoosh Social Club , Beards Crescent, Eastgate, Gartcoosh G69 6AT
Friday 07 November, 2pm to 7pm	Dunipace Parish Church Hall , 975 Striding Street, Dunipace, Denny FK6 6JR

You can leave comments on the website, and you can also contact us in the following ways:
Phone: 01500 470 2374 Email: info@spenergynetworks.co.uk
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At this stage, your comments are not representations to the consenting/planning authorities. When we make applications for development consent in the future, you will be able to make formal representations at that stage.

Our public consultation runs from Monday 27 October to Friday 21 November 2025.

First images of development are showcased



Soak peak The homes at Lennox Gardens in Glenboig will combine stylish design with modern efficiency

IAN BUNTING

Barratt Homes West Scotland has unveiled the first CGI images of its highly anticipated new development, Lennox Gardens in Glenboig.

The collection of stylish two, three and four-bedroom homes is already generating strong interest from first-time buyers and growing families looking to settle in one of the region's most attractive locations.

The homes at Lennox Gardens will combine stylish design with modern efficiency.

With high levels of insulation and energy-efficient construction, buyers can also look forward to cosy, comfortable homes that are cheaper to run – helping families save on energy bills while reducing their environmental footprint.

Barratt Homes has announced the homes on the site will include its popular two-bedroom mid and end-terraced ranges, the three-bedroom

semi-detached Thurso and the four-bedroom detached Glamis and Crombie homes, among others from the housebuilder's extensive portfolio.

Intello Sykes, sales director, Barratt Homes West Scotland, said: "The release of our first CGI images has already generated a huge amount of excitement among potential buyers."

"Lennox Gardens has so much to offer, from a fantastic location with excellent amenities, to stylish, energy-efficient homes."

"We'd encourage anyone interested to register early to avoid missing out."

Glenboig, once at the heart of Scotland's industrial heritage, has undergone a remarkable transformation in recent years.

Today, it offers a balance of modern convenience and natural beauty, with Glenboig Village Park and Gartcoosh Local Nature Reserve on the doorstep, as well as access to the scenic trails of the Seven Lochs Wetland Park.

Lennox Gardens has been "carefully designed" with location in mind.

Residents will find a wide range of amenities within easy reach, including major supermarkets such as Asda, Tesco and Morrisons, popular local restaurants, everyday services including Glenboig Post Office and pharmacy, and a choice of sports facilities.

Andy Curran, managing director of Barratt Redrow West Scotland, said: "We are proud to be bringing Lennox Gardens to Glenboig – an area with such a rich history and an exciting future."

"At Barratt Homes, we are committed to building not just quality, energy-efficient homes, but sustainable communities where people can live, grow and thrive."

"With the need for new homes in North Lanarkshire greater than ever, Lennox Gardens represents an important investment in the region's future."

Register your interest to be among the first to receive launch dates, pricing and availability at <https://www.barratthomes.co.uk/new-homes/den002673-lennox-gardens/>

Help support local businesses

Monklands residents are being encouraged to shop local.

As part of this year's Scotland Loves Local campaign, North Lanarkshire Council highlighted the important role of local businesses and is asking people to use them instead of shopping online or further afield.

"Local businesses are crucial to our communities and to the economy," said Provost Kenneth Duff.

"They allow us to shop, eat, socialise and use services close to our

home and work, as well as creating jobs and supporting other businesses. The owners and staff are also part of our communities, offering a friendly welcome and personal service to their customers."

"People Make Places" was the theme of this year's Scotland Loves Local campaign which aimed to highlight the difference that can be made to friends, family and neighbours by getting behind local businesses.

Gavin Whitefield, chair of

Coatbridge Neighbourhood Board, said: "The neighbourhood board is proud to support local retailers, and will continue to work beside them to adapt and create a stronger retailer core in the heart of Coatbridge."

Figures produced by the campaign show that if every person in Scotland spent just £1 more per week with a local business instead of online giants, it would generate an additional £285 million for local economies each year.

Dash to help hospice



The much-loved St Andrew's Hospice Santa Dash is returning to Strathclyde Park on Sunday, December 7. This long-running community event brings people of all ages together for a morning of festive fun in support of the hospice.

The warm-up begins at 9.30am before the Santa Dash starts at 10.30am. The event is open to everyone and you can 'run, walk or jog it'.

A hospice spokesman said: "The Santa

Dash welcomes families, schools, clubs, community groups, businesses and individuals to come along in festive dress and take part at their own pace.

"With fun stops, festive characters and treats along the route, it promises to be a fantastic morning for all ages."

Santa suits for adults and Santa hats and canes for children will be provided on the day. Visit <https://www.st-andrews-hospice.com/event/santa-dash/> to find out more information.

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Health board hosts summit to share insight



Coming together: Colleagues from NHS 24, the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) and Scottish health boards

IAN BUNTING

NHS Lanarkshire, recognised nationally for leading innovation in Flow Navigation, hosted health and care leaders from Scotland to share insight and strengthen collaboration in urgent and unscheduled care.

The national summit, co-hosted by the Centre for Sustainable Delivery (CSD), brought together colleagues from NHS 24, the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) and health boards across the country.

Flow Navigation connects clinicians across services – from GPs and emergency doctors to physiotherapists, nurses, and SAS teams – so patients can be rapidly assessed and directed to the right care.

Instead of automatically attending an emergency department, people may be supported virtually or guided to NHS

24, community services, or specialist hospital care, depending on their needs.

At the event at Kirklands Hospital, NHS Lanarkshire's HQ, participants were encouraged to compare experiences, and learn from each other as Flow Navigation Centres continue to evolve across Scotland – improving how patients move through urgent and unscheduled care.

Dan Anderson of CSD, national portfolio lead for Flow Navigation, said: "This isn't just about systems – it's about people working together across boundaries to make urgent care safer and more seamless."

"The collaboration we've seen today shows a shared determination to keep improving how patients move through services, with empathy and teamwork at the heart of it."

Dr Julie Ronald, CSD clinical lead, added: "This event was about walking in each other's shoes – understanding how

Flow Navigation is working in different settings, sharing good practice, and exploring where collaboration can make a real difference for patients and staff alike."

Delegates discussed key priorities including winter planning, data and workforce development, and strengthening pathways between NHS 24/SAS, and local Flow Navigation Centres.

The session also featured breakout discussions and feedback on practical next steps to sustain national momentum.

Claire Ritchie, interim director of interface services at NHS Lanarkshire, added: "There's huge value in coming together to learn from what's working well across Scotland and identifying common challenges."

"Every conversation helps build empathy, shared understanding – and better joined-up care."



Control centre: The Flow Navigation Centre Plus team at Kirklands Hospital

6.19 Appendix F6: PAC 2 feedback form



Denny to Wishaw Network Upgrade

Public Consultation Feedback Form



The last day for submitting feedback is Friday 28 February 2025.

Scotland is producing more clean, green energy than ever before, and we need to strengthen the transmission network so we can get it to the homes, schools and businesses that need it.

The Denny to Wishaw Network Upgrade is needed because the high-voltage transmission network in central Scotland will soon be at full capacity – unable to accommodate all the clean, green renewable energy we will all need in future.

It will link up existing transmission lines and allow an additional 1,000MW (megawatts) of green energy to flow through the electricity transmission network, helping Scotland and the UK meet Net Zero climate change targets.

The proposals include extending the existing substations at Denny North, Bonnybridge, Cumbernauld, Easterhouse and Wishaw; increasing the voltage of three existing overhead lines from 275kV (275,000 volts) to 400kV; and building a new overhead transmission line between Bonnybridge and a point near Glenmavis, where it will join an existing overhead line.

We first consulted on this project in 2021. Since then, we have updated the proposals, and we are now consulting on the revised plans.

About You

Please provide the information requested below. Fields marked with an * are compulsory.

Title:* _____ First name:* _____

Surname:* _____

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which one: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Telephone: _____

Email (if you would like to receive project updates): _____

Did you attend a public exhibition? ☐ Newarthill ☐ Cumbernauld ☐ Wishaw ☐ Gartcosh ☐ Bonnybridge

☐ Newarthill ☐ Glenmavis ☐ Did not attend

Keeping your details safe

SP Energy Networks is committed to respecting your privacy and will comply with all applicable data protection and privacy laws. We're consulting you to get your views on our plans for the Denny to Wishaw Network Upgrade, so we may need to share your information with certain other bodies for the purposes of the consultation and for creating reports. These are: other ScottishPower Group companies; third party service providers, contractors or advisors who provide services to us; and relevant planning authorities.

More information

More information about the project and the consultation process can be found in the project leaflet and on the consultation website https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/denny_wishaw.aspx



Have your say

You can submit your comments in a number of ways

1. Complete this feedback form and return it to us by post for free (just put it in an envelope and write **FREEPOST DENNY WISHAW UPGRADE** on the envelope in a single line. Nothing else is needed); or
2. Complete the online version of the form on our website https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/denny_wishaw.aspx
3. Email us your comments at info@dennywishaw.co.uk; or
4. Call us free of charge on FREEPHONE: **0800 470 2376**

What we are consulting on

In this consultation, we'd like to know:

- Your views on the proposed substation extensions;
- Your views on the preferred route for the new overhead line between Bonnybridge and Glenmavis;
- Your views on the proposed changes to existing overhead lines, including increasing the voltage;
- If you have any comments about the consultation process;
- Any other factors you would like us to consider. We would particularly like to hear your views on your local area e.g. areas you use for recreation, local environmental features you would like us to consider.

We will publish a report of this round of public consultation, explaining how we have taken account of feedback received.

Q1. Proposed new overhead line between Bonnybridge and Glenmavis

We need to install a new double circuit 275kV / 400kV overhead line, running north-south from Bonnybridge 275kV substation to a point near Glenmavis in North Lanarkshire, where it will connect to the existing 275kV overhead line (known as XX Route) that runs between the Easterhouse and Newarthill 275kV substations.

A 'spur' from the new overhead line to Cumbernauld substation (approximately 750m), will allow us to remove the existing 11km 132kV overhead line (CB route) between Bonnybridge and Cumbernauld substations.

Please let us have any comments on the preferred route for the new overhead line, removal of the CB route, and anything you would like us to take into account when developing our plans.

Q2. Substation extensions

We need to extend five substations to accommodate new equipment, so we can operate the transmission network at 400kV (400,000 volts).

Which proposed substation extension do you wish to comment on?

☐ Denny North ☐ Bonnybridge ☐ Cumbernauld ☐ Easterhouse ☐ Wishaw

Please put your comments in the box below.

Q3. Please let us have any comments about our proposed reconductoring and increase in voltage from 275kV to 400kV of the existing overhead lines in the wider area, as identified in our consultation materials.

Q4. How did you find out about the project and the consultation?

☐ Advert ☐ Leaflet ☐ Website ☐ Media coverage ☐ Social media ☐ Word of mouth

☐ Other (please specify)

Q5. Do you have any comments about our public consultation, or any other comments you would like to make?

Thank you

Please return the completed form to us by **no later than no later than Friday 28 February 2025**.

You can post your completed form to **FREEPOST DENNY WISHAW UPGRADE**, or comment online at our project website https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/denny_wishaw.aspx

Following this round of consultation we will develop detailed designs for the new overhead line and substation extensions. We will publish a report summarising the feedback received and how this has influenced our proposals.

We will carry out a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment, and hold further consultation, before we finalise our proposals and submit planning applications under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) to Falkirk Council and North Lanarkshire Council.

We will also need to submit applications to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit, under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989, for the proposed new overhead line, changes to the existing overhead lines and increases in voltage.

At this stage, your comments are not representations to the planning authorities. When we make an application for development consent in the future, you will be able to make formal representations at that stage.

6.20 Appendix F7: PAC 2 banners

About SP Energy Networks



We all expect electricity to be available at the flick of a switch, 24 hours a day.

In southern and central Scotland, the job of making sure that happens belongs to SP Energy Networks (SPEN). In fact we have a statutory duty to do it.

SPEN operates, maintains and develops the network of cables, overhead lines and substations which transport electricity to homes and businesses in southern and central Scotland, and onwards to where it's needed further afield.

The high-voltage electricity transmission network, which operates at up to 400,000 volts, is managed by SP Transmission plc, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SPEN.

We take electricity generated from wind farms, power stations and imports, and transport it through our transmission network – over 3,700 km of overhead lines, over 600 km of underground cables and more than 150 substations – to local distribution networks, where the voltage is reduced for use in homes and businesses.

Electricity in our changing world



Scotland is a world leader in the fight against climate change.

Our country has a target of Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 – meaning that Scotland's contribution to climate change will end, definitively, in one generation.

We are in the middle of a transformation, with the energy we use increasingly coming from cleaner, greener sources, as many new renewable generators replace fossil-fuelled power stations.

At the same time, demand for electricity will grow rapidly over the next few years, with electric vehicles replacing petrol and diesel, and increased electrification of heating, industry and transport networks.

This huge change means we need to upgrade Scotland's electricity transmission network, so we can get this increasing amount of energy from where it's produced – often in different locations from before – to the homes, businesses, hospitals and public services that need it.

Much of the transmission network was constructed more than five decades ago so, as well as needing to grow to support a wider spread of renewable generation and storage, we also need to modernise and increase capacity in the system to support a robust and reliable UK wide network.

What is the **Denny to Wishaw Network Upgrade Project?**



The electricity transmission network in central Scotland was first built in the 1920s. Since then it has grown and evolved to meet the region's industrial needs and serve its expanding population.

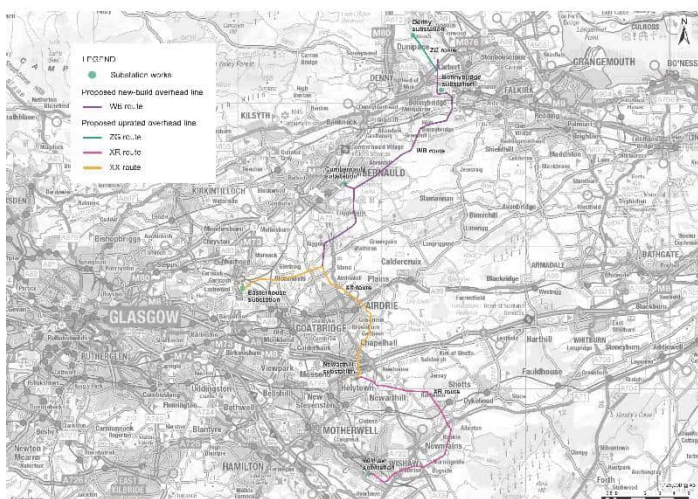
Today, the existing electricity network in Falkirk and Lanarkshire includes overhead lines operating at 275kV (275,000 volts) and 132kV (132,000 volts), which transport energy through the region and also serve local communities through Grid Supply Points (GSPs) at Bonnybridge, Cumbernauld, Easterhouse, Newarthill, Denny North and Wishaw.

Our planning work with the National Energy System Operator (NESO) has identified that, for the UK to meet its Net Zero carbon emissions targets, we need to reinforce the network between Denny and Wishaw so it has extra capacity to transmit the additional green energy.

This reinforcement includes:

- Upgrading some existing overhead lines from 275kV to 400kV (most of the UK transmission network already operates at 400kV);
- Building a new 275kV/400kV overhead transmission line between Bonnybridge and a point near Glenmavis; and
- Extending the existing substations at Bonnybridge, Denny North, Cumbernauld and Wishaw, and internal works at Easterhouse and Newarthill, to house new transformers and other equipment.

New transmission line between Bonnybridge and Glenmavis



The proposed new overhead line will run from Bonnybridge substation to a point near Glenmavis, where it will connect to the existing Easterhouse-Newarthill overhead line.

The route crosses the Antonine Wall at a location that minimises effects on the World Heritage Site. It passes east of Rough Castle and then west of the Slamannan Plateau Special Protection Area (SPA), and crosses Palacerigg Country Park. We can't avoid crossing the park because of the need to avoid the SPA and nearby homes on the edge of Cumbernauld, but we will use the landscape and mature trees to screen the new line from views as much as possible.

A 'spur' from the new line to Cumbernauld substation will allow us to remove the existing 11km 132kV overhead line (CB route) in its entirety between Bonnybridge and Cumbernauld.

The proposed route then avoids the Community Growth Areas and planned development north of Airdrie and east of the A73, before terminating at a point near Glenmavis where it joins on to the existing Easterhouse-Newarthill overhead transmission line.

A new 'tee-in' section will be created at this point, allowing us to move the existing XX overhead line away from residential properties at Grantown Gardens and Eden Court.

What will the **new overhead line** look like?



The proposed new overhead line will be carried on steel lattice towers (pylons).

The towers will have three arms on each side, and each arm will carry a set of conductors (wires).

This is because there will be a circuit on each side of the towers, and each circuit has three sets of wires.

The towers are made of galvanised steel. They are grey in colour and become duller in appearance after about 18 months.

The towers have a standard height of 46 metres, but can go up to 63 metres where required to ensure electrical safety clearance to the ground. They are placed approximately 300 metres apart, but the exact distance between them will vary depending on the landscape and any obstacles such as roads, rivers and railway lines.

How did you select a route for the overhead line?



The routeing of overhead lines is a complex process, requiring a balance to be struck between statutory obligations, engineering requirements, economic viability and potential effects on the environment and local communities.

We are following established guidelines for routeing transmission overhead lines, which combine in-depth environmental studies with technical and economic factors. A key part of this is consultation with landowners, stakeholders and the public to inform the development of the project.

SPEN worked with environmental consultants to identify potential routes for the new overhead line between Bonnybridge and Glenmavis, which we first published in 2021.

We appraised each option for its impact on a range of criteria including local views, the character of the landscape, biodiversity, forestry, cultural heritage, flood risk, geology, and other land uses, and then consulted local people on our preferred option in February-April 2025.

Following feedback received in our previous consultation, and further technical and environmental assessments, we have now developed a detailed design and alignment for the new overhead line, including locations for towers, access routes and working areas, and detailed designs for the substation extensions. We have also identified access points and working areas for the existing overhead lines to be uprated in voltage.

You can find more information in the Routeing and Consultation Document on our project website, along with the Preferred Route Option – Update Report which explains how we have modified our proposals since 2021.

Changes to existing substations and overhead lines



The project includes extending or altering our existing substations at Bonnybridge, Denny North, Cumbernauld, Wishaw, Newarthill and Easterhouse so we can install additional electrical equipment and carry out associated landscaping, drainage, access and fencing works where required.

Some existing overhead lines will require minor alterations or diversions where they enter the substations, to connect them to the new equipment.

We will also need to replace the conductors (wires) and associated equipment on the following overhead lines so we can increase their voltage from 275kV to 400kV:

- Newarthill to Wishaw (XR route) – 16km
- Newarthill to Easterhouse (XX route) – 15.4km
- Denny North to Bonnybridge (ZG route) – 4km

The project also provides an opportunity to move the existing XX overhead line further away from residential properties at Grantown Gardens, Glenmavis, through a new 'tee-in' arrangement to the proposed new overhead line.

It will also allow us to remove the existing 11km 132kV overhead line (CB route) between Bonnybridge and Cumbernauld, and to underground two sections of the existing 132kV overhead line (AA route) between Bonnybridge and Bathgate, where it is crossed by the proposed new overhead line.

You can view plans of each substation site, showing the proposed changes, and maps of the overhead lines, [here](#) and on our website.

Upgrading our overhead lines



When we increase the voltage of overhead electricity transmission lines from 275,000 volts to 400,000 volts (275kV to 400kV), we may need to replace the existing conductors (wires), earth wire, insulators and other equipment.

In order to do this, we will usually need access to each existing tower (pylon). We work closely with landowners, occupiers, local councils and stakeholders to decide how and where to install temporary access routes and working areas, when to carry out the work and how best to reinstate the land when we've finished. Sometimes we may need to put up temporary masts to keep the power flowing while we replace equipment.

The pictures below show some examples of how we refurbish towers and replace conductors, insulators and other essential components and equipment.



Supporting the communities we serve



We are on a mission to develop a safe, secure and resilient network that's ready for Net Zero, to tackle climate change and build a cleaner future for the communities we serve.



By upgrading our network to enable decarbonisation, we are unlocking long-term benefits for everyone – from a cleaner air to a more reliable supply of energy.



Communities that host new infrastructure will have access to funding for initiatives bringing lasting social, economic or environmental benefits.



We will help communities develop robust project plans that will turn their ambitions into reality.



From 2018 to 2021, we delivered our **£20m Green Economy Fund**, which directly funded projects that support Scotland's green energy strategy and Net Zero targets.

- 35 projects including heat, transport, local energy systems and education
- Carbon savings of 637 tCO₂
- 58 new jobs created and 647 supported indirectly



Our **£5m Net Zero Fund** was launched in 2022 to provide guidance and support to communities in vulnerable situations, and contribute to the national Net Zero objectives.

- 16 tailored community workshops
- 16 project feasibility reports
- Funding for 27 projects, including energy saving upgrades to community buildings and electric vehicles supporting vulnerable communities

In March 2025, the UK government published guidance on community benefit funds for transmission infrastructure. The guidance sets out the recommended level of funding for eligible onshore electricity transmission infrastructure projects.

We want to
hear your views!



**Our public consultation runs from Monday
27 October 2025 to Friday 21 November 2025.**

SPEN attaches great importance to the effect our work may have on the environment and local communities.

We first consulted on the Denny to Wishaw Network Upgrade Project proposals in 2021, and then consulted on our preferred route for the new overhead line in February-April 2025.

We would now like your views on our detailed route for the new overhead line, the proposed substation alterations and proposed changes to existing overhead lines.

You can find more information, project documents and an online feedback form at our project website:

www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/denny_wishaw.aspx



You can also contact us to ask any questions or give us your comments:

Email: info@dennywishaw.co.uk

Freephone: **0800 470 2376**

Freepost: **FREEPOST DENNY WISHAW UPGRADE**

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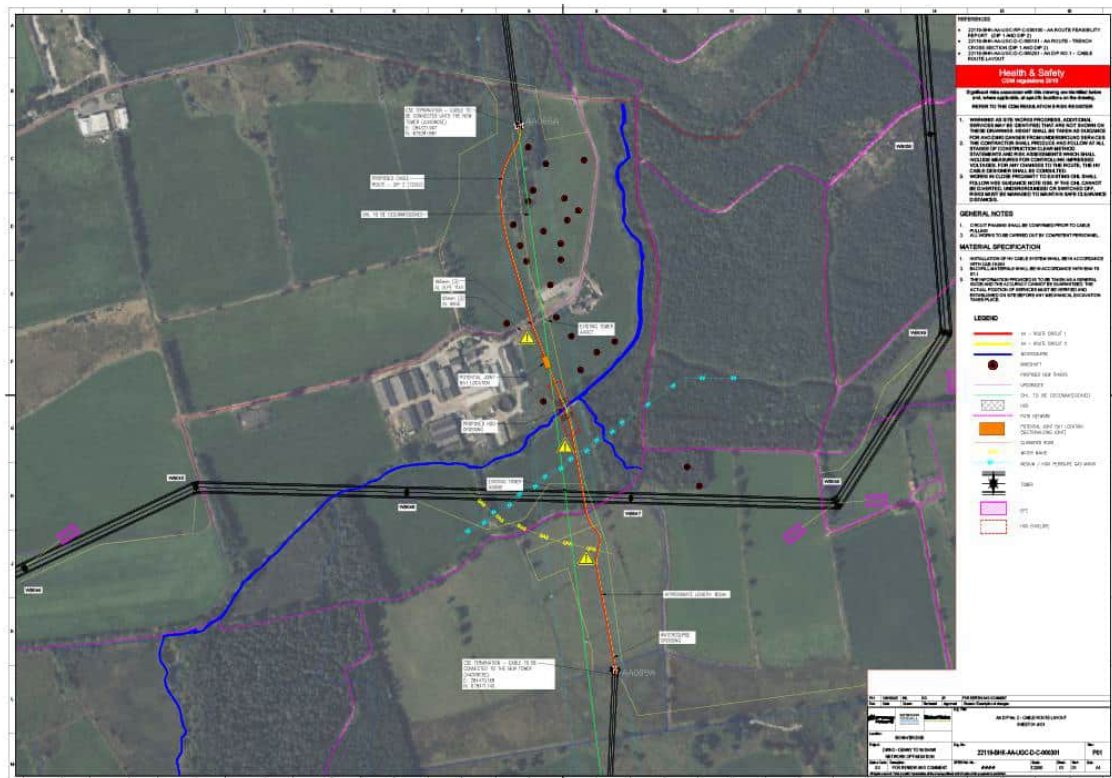
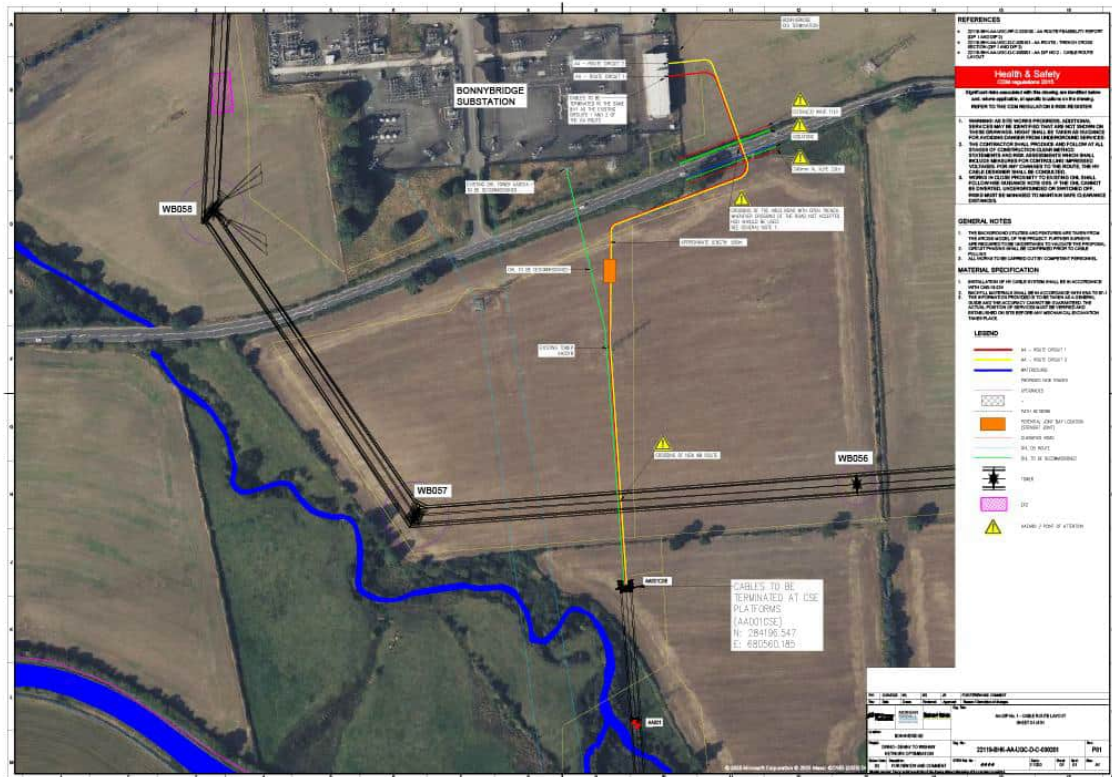


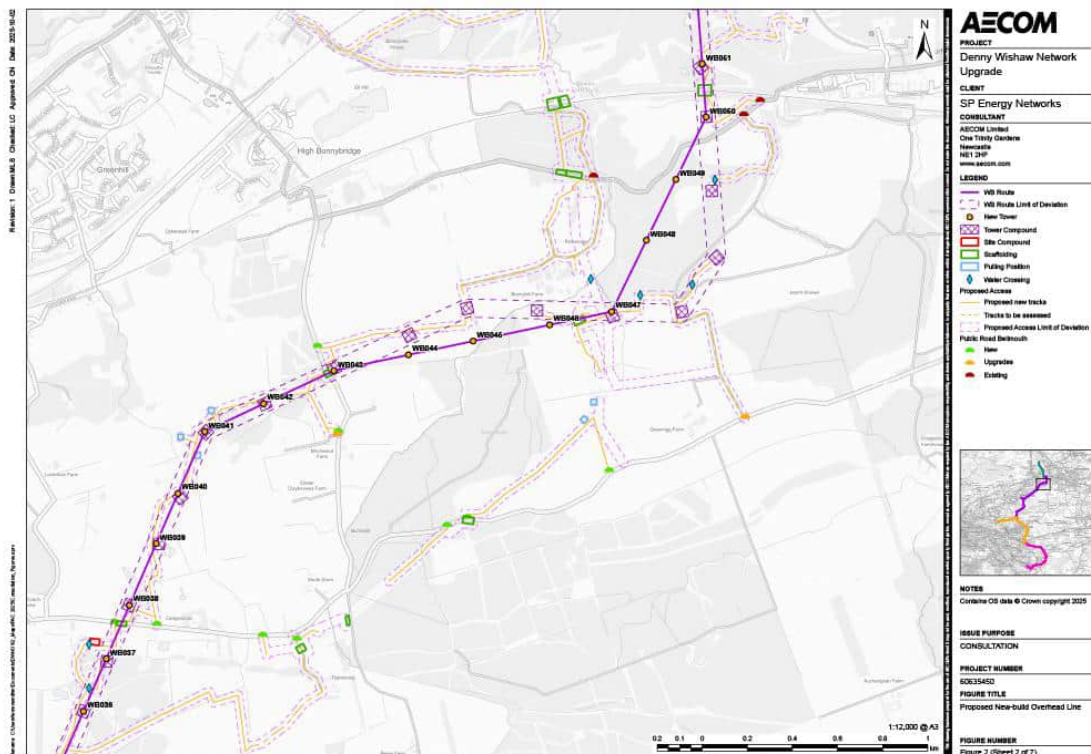
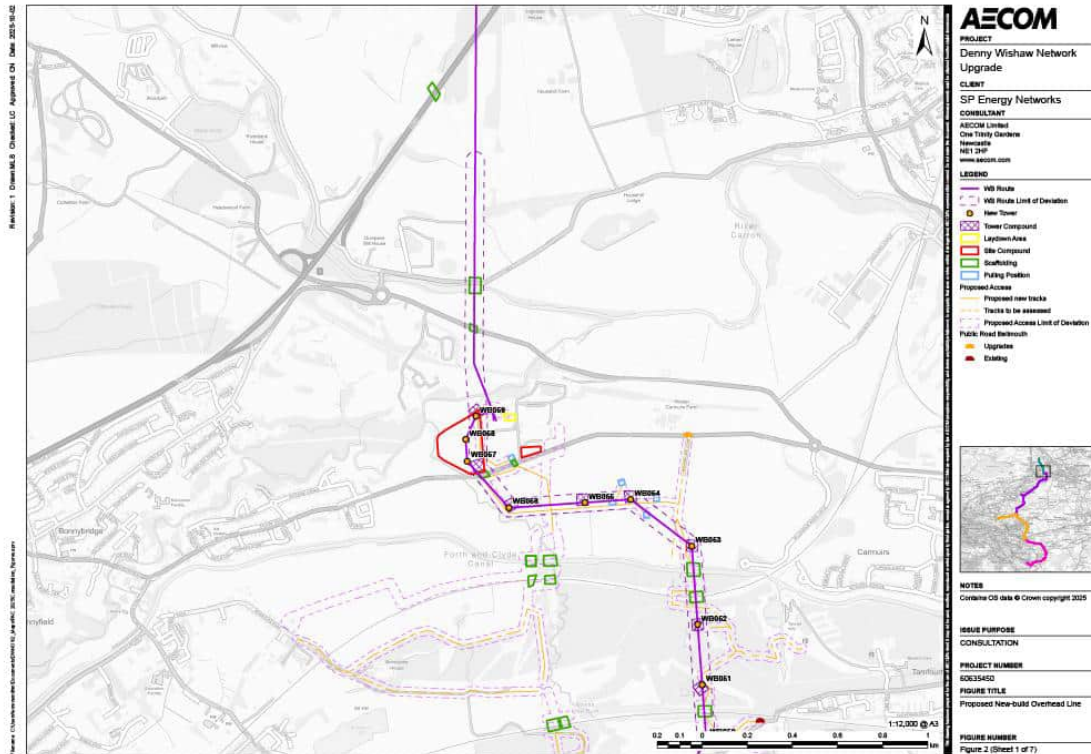


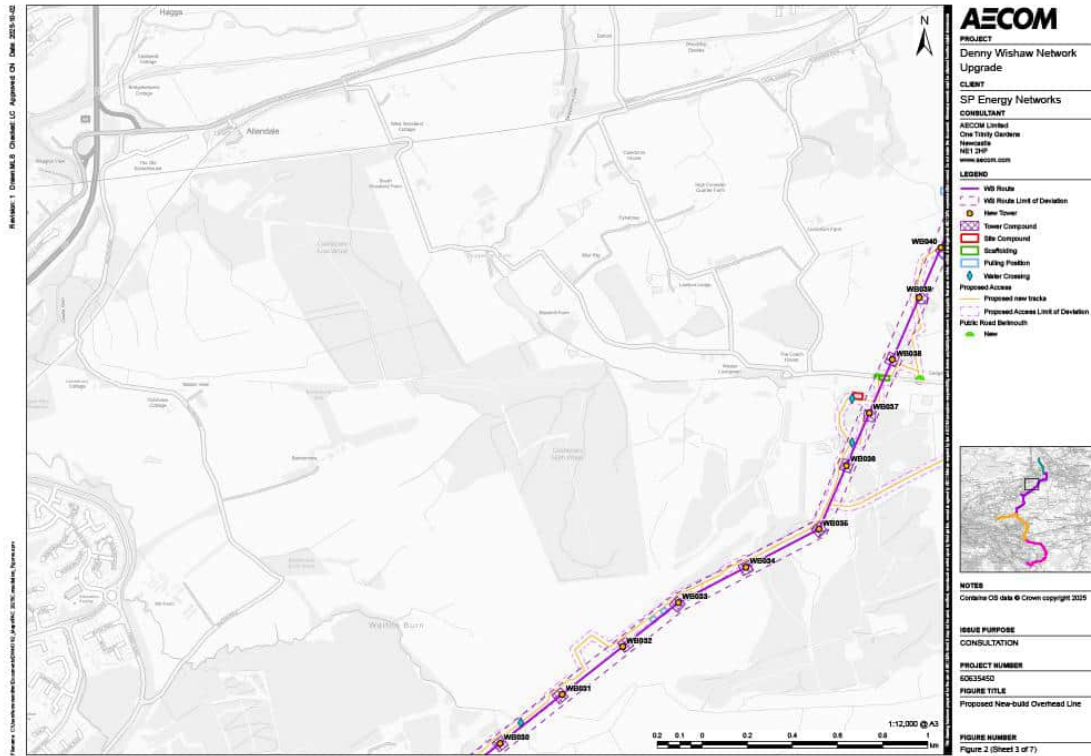
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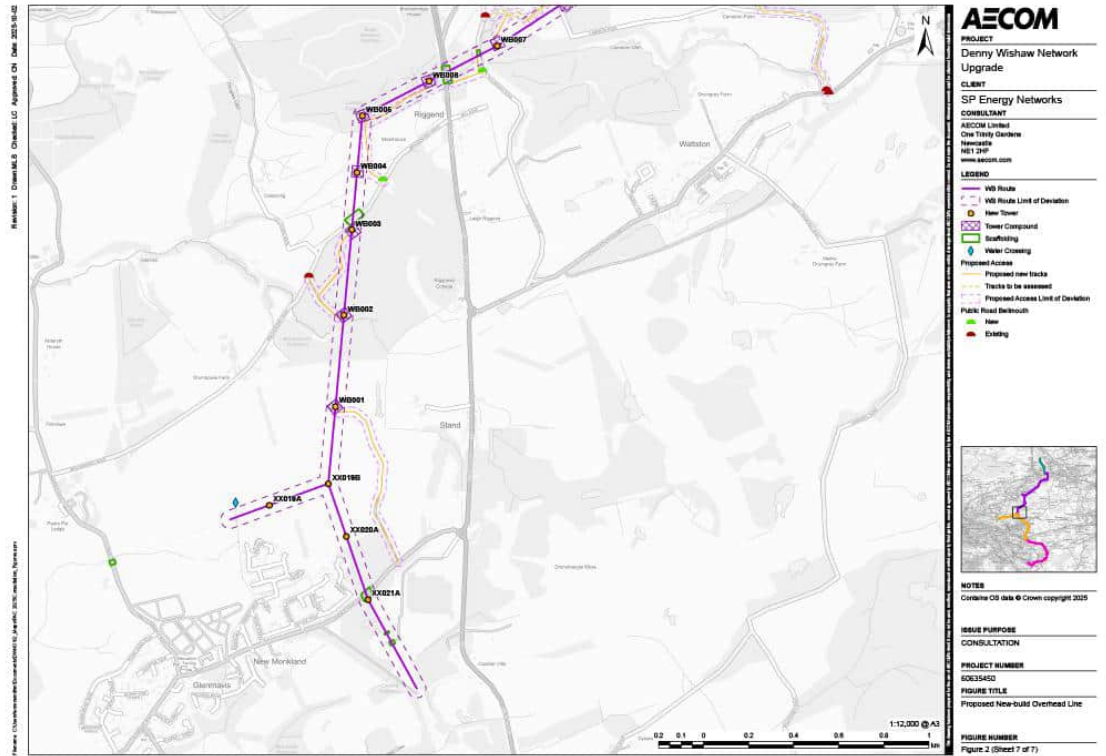
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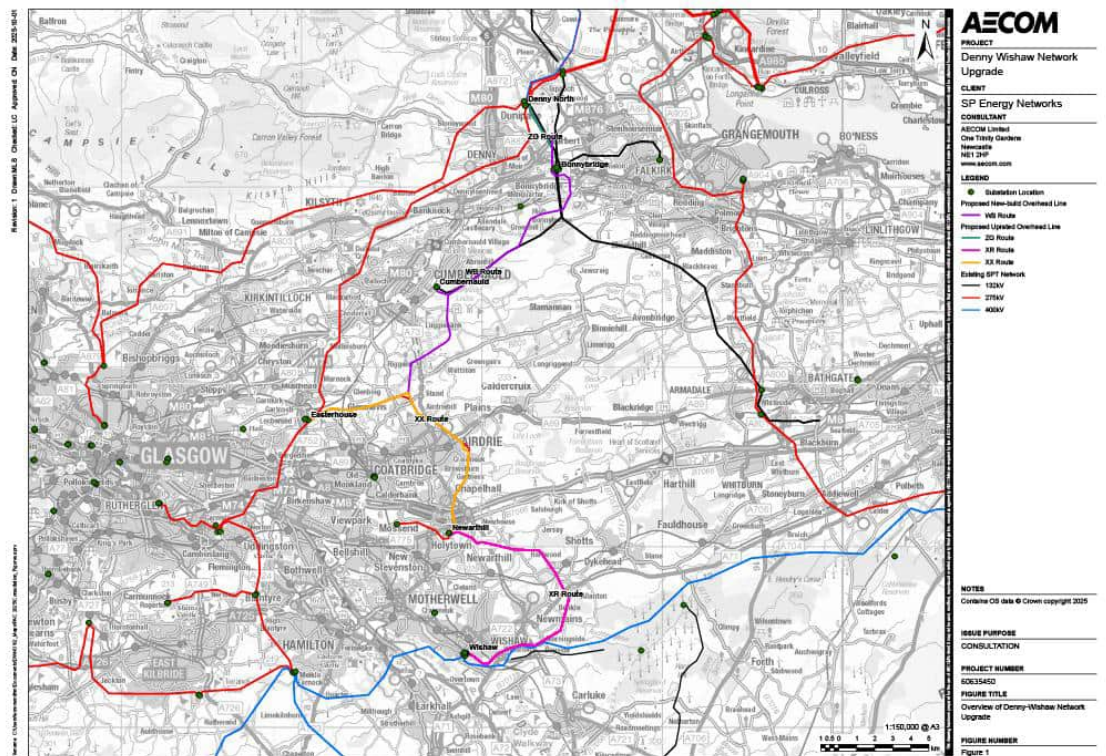


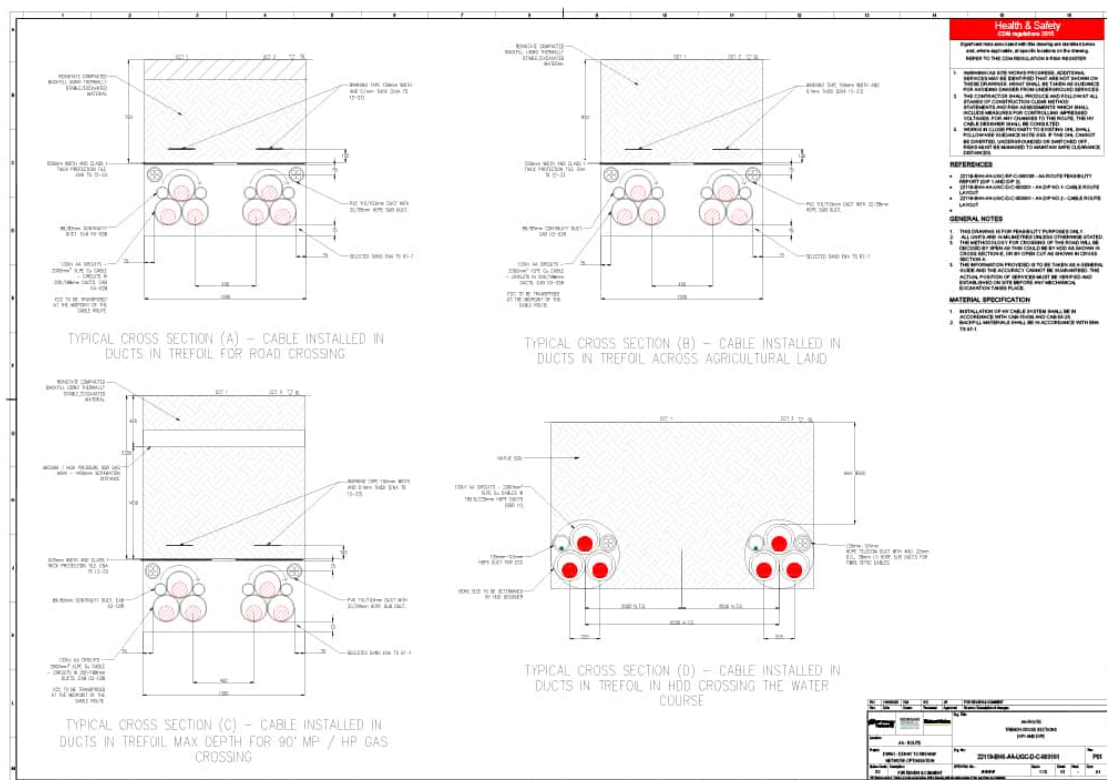




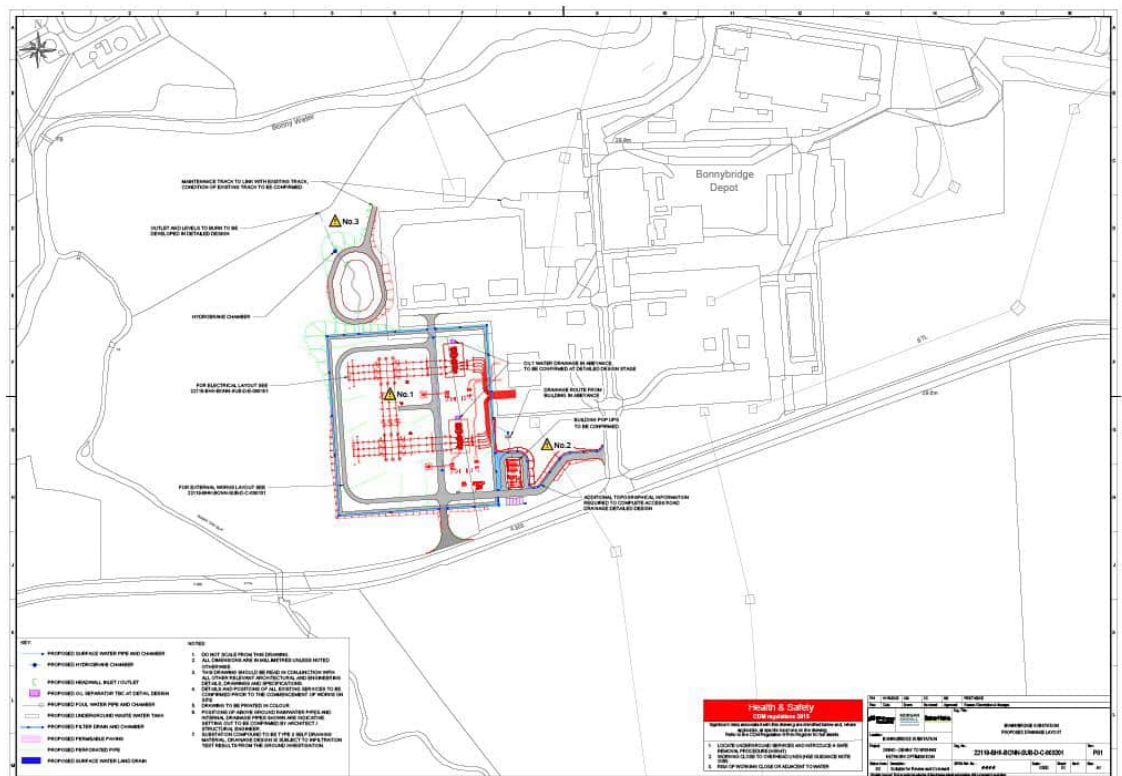
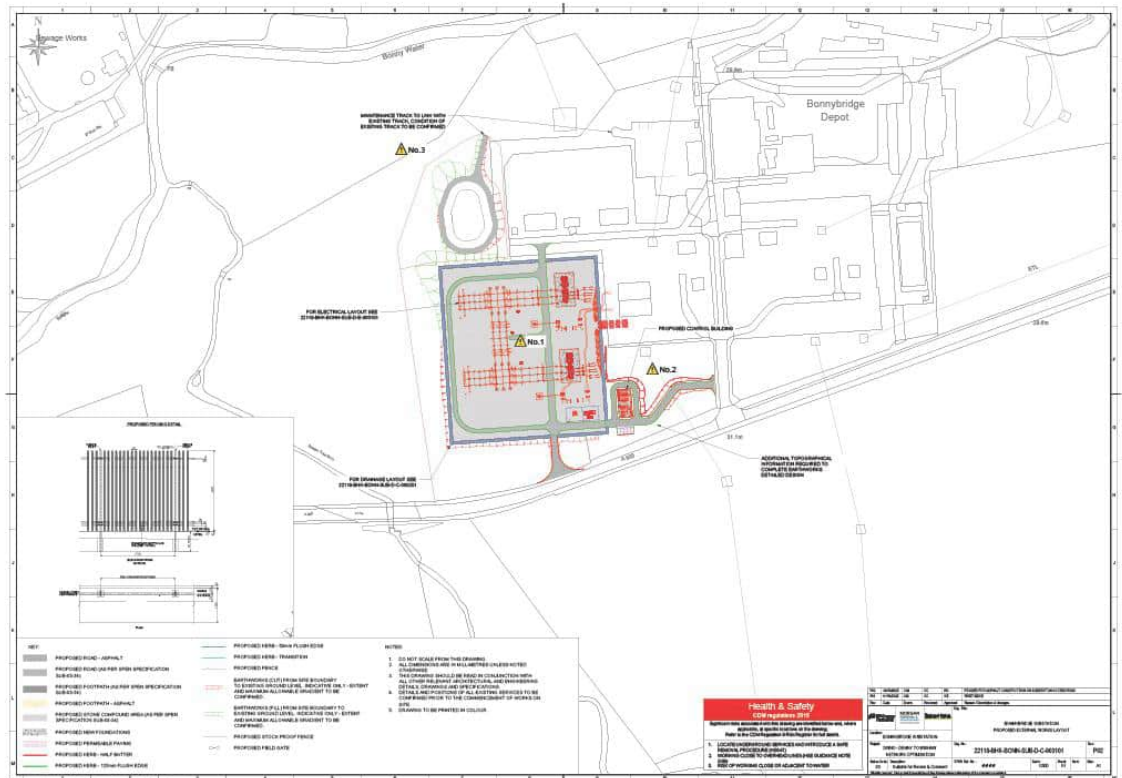


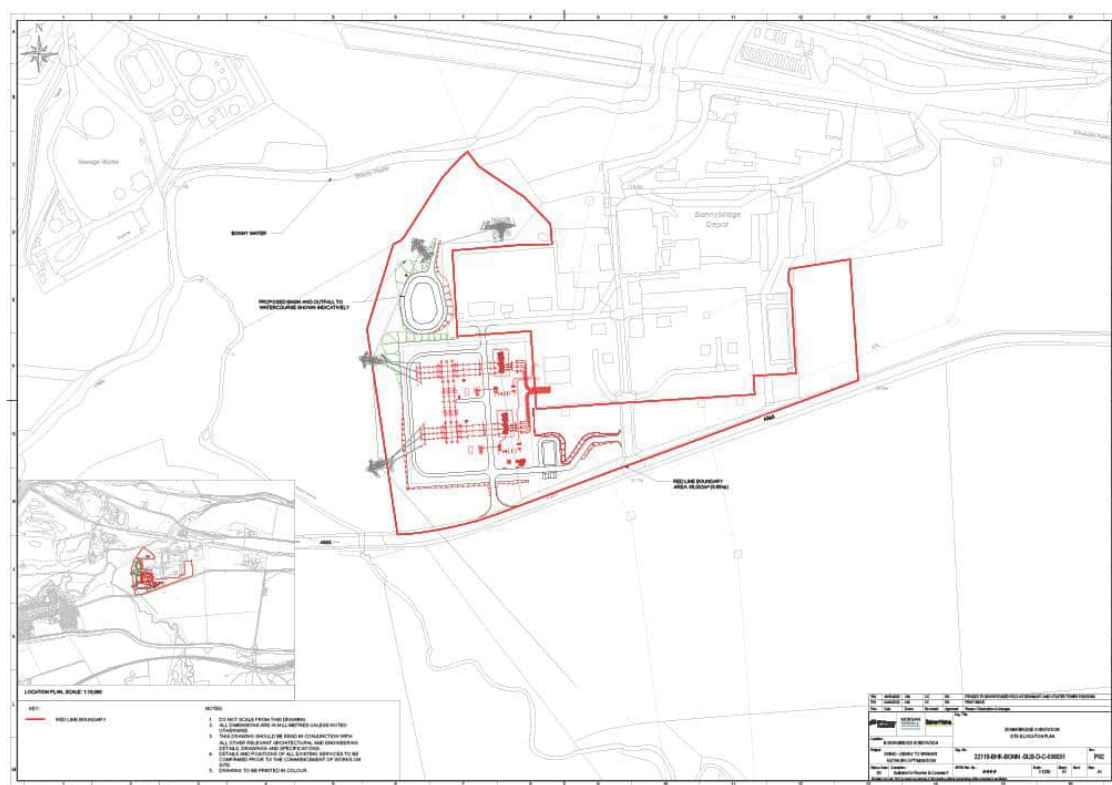
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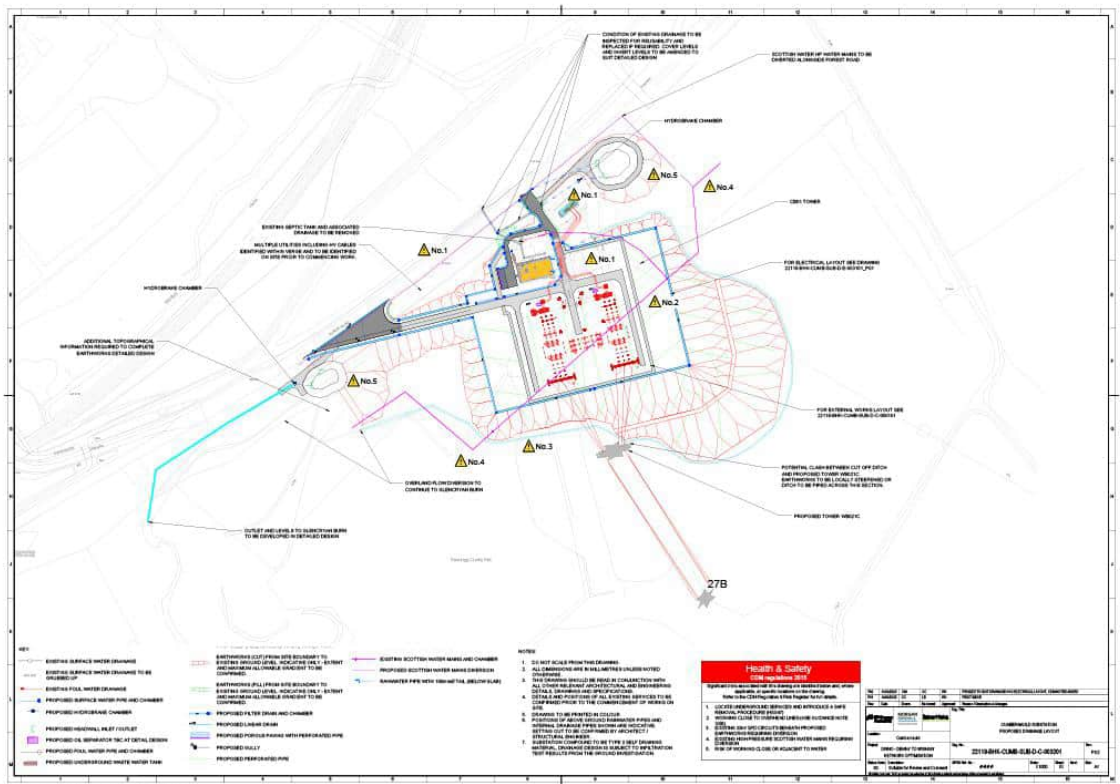
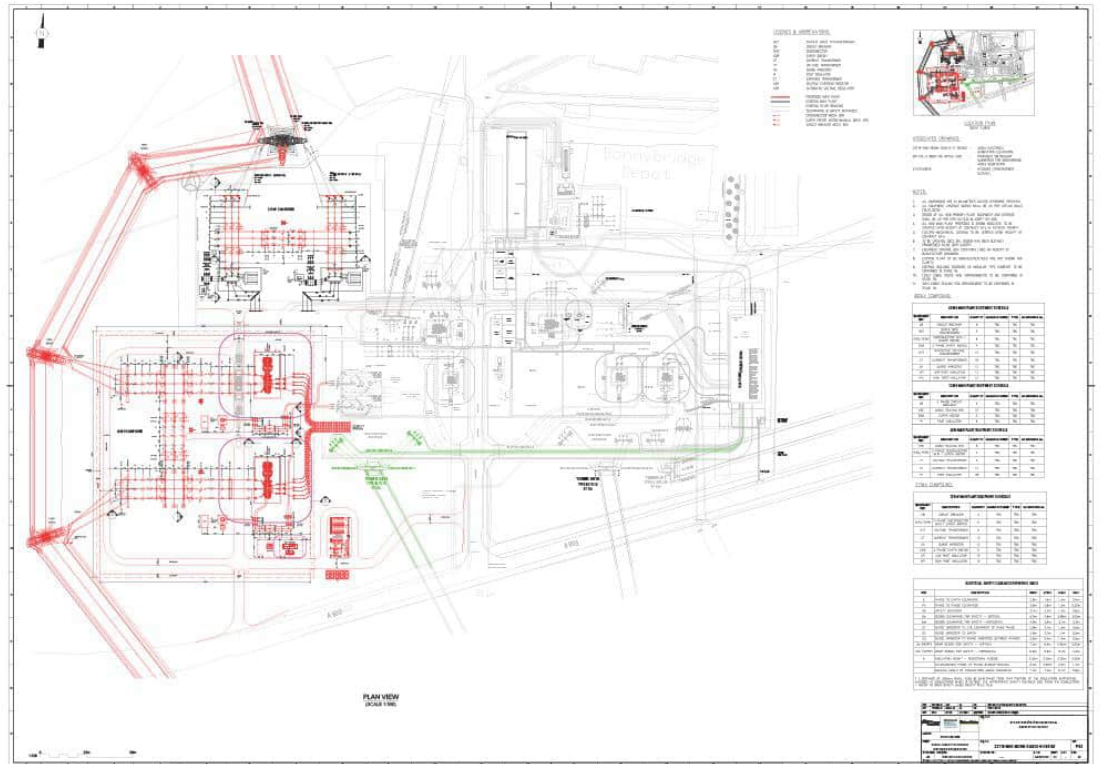


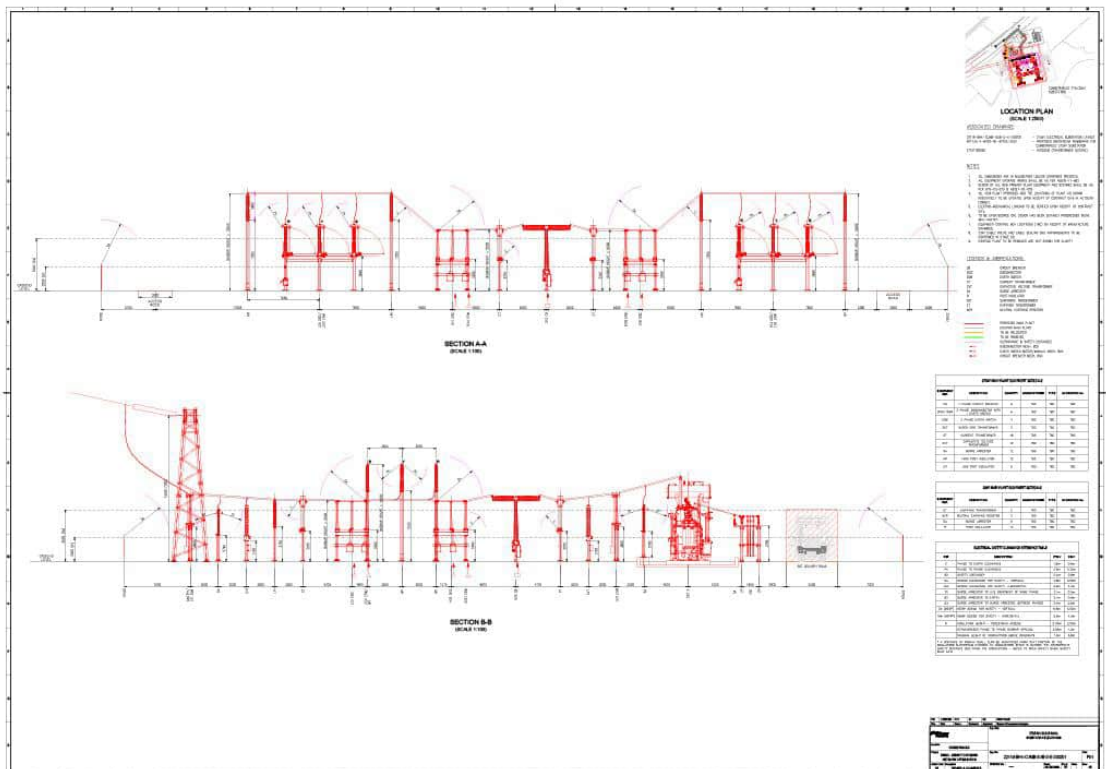
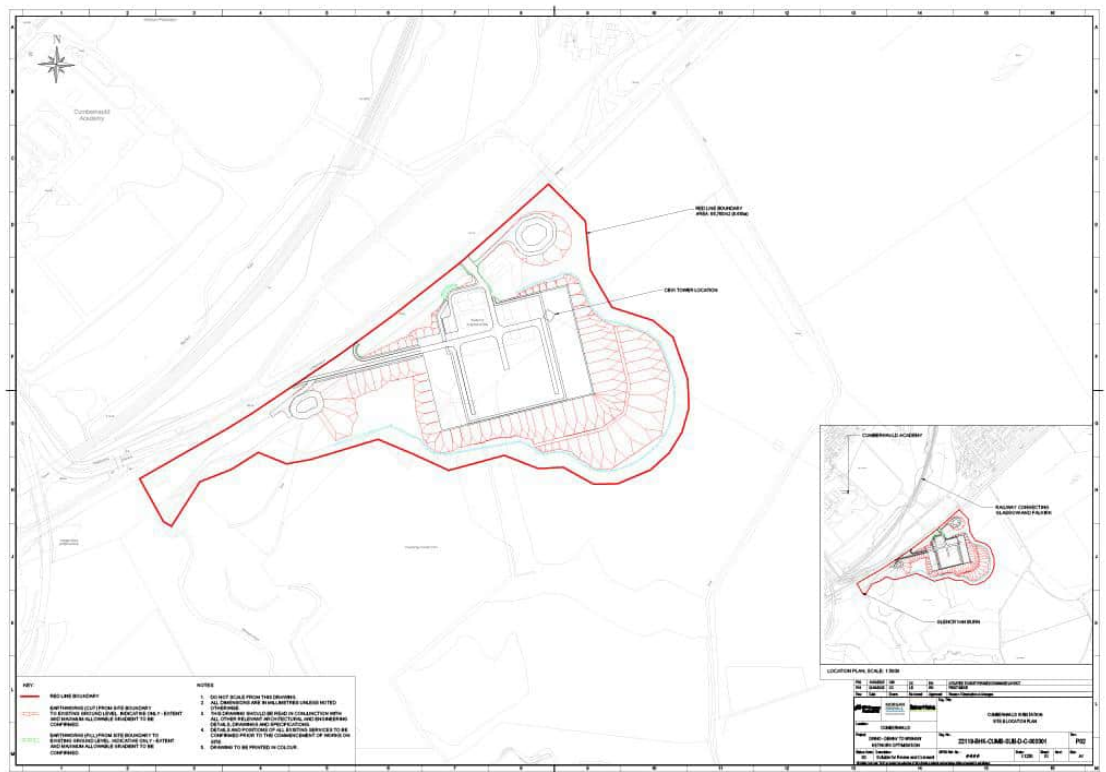


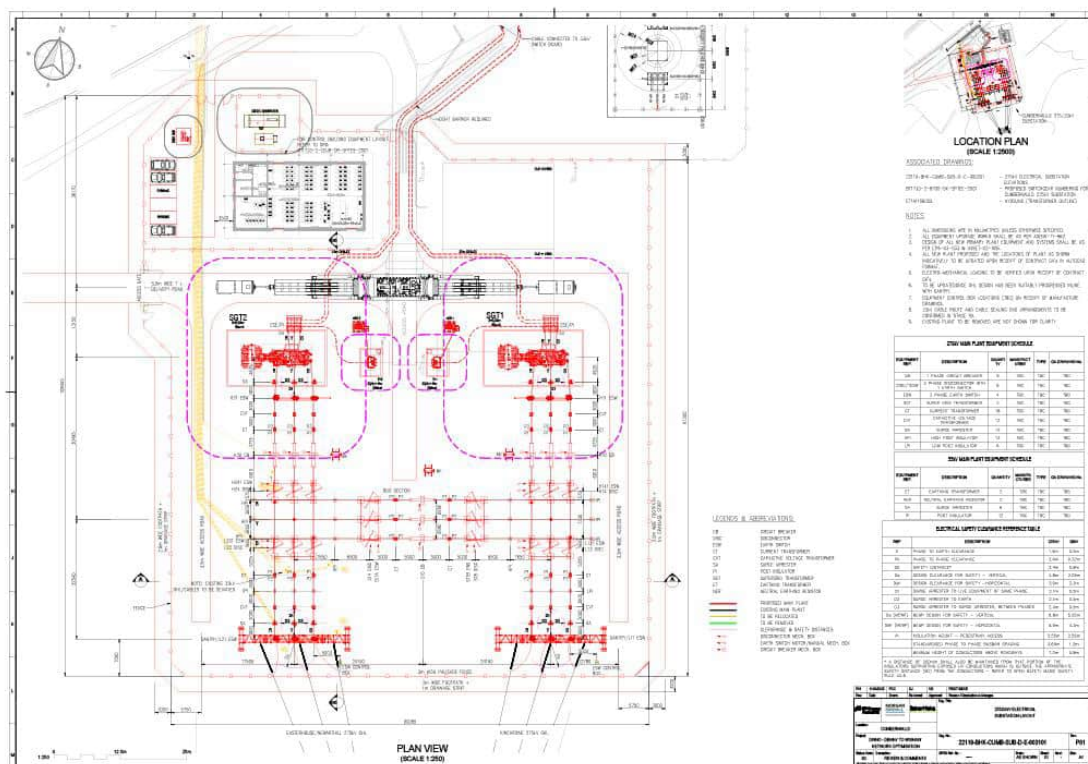
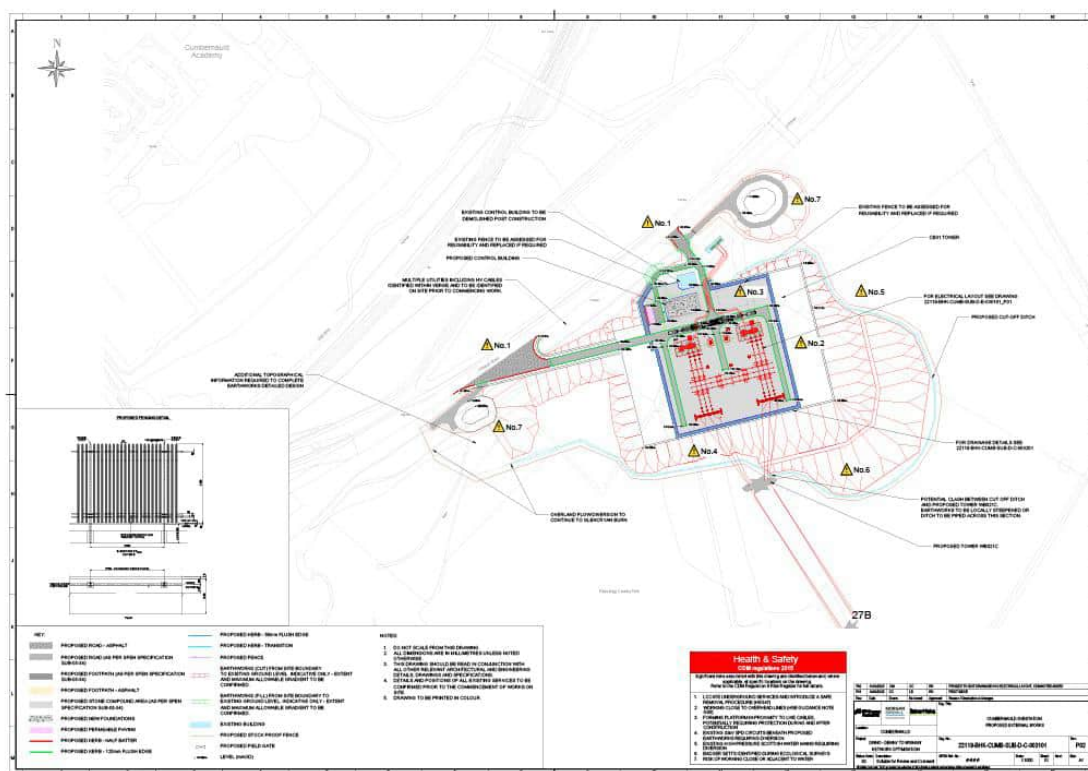
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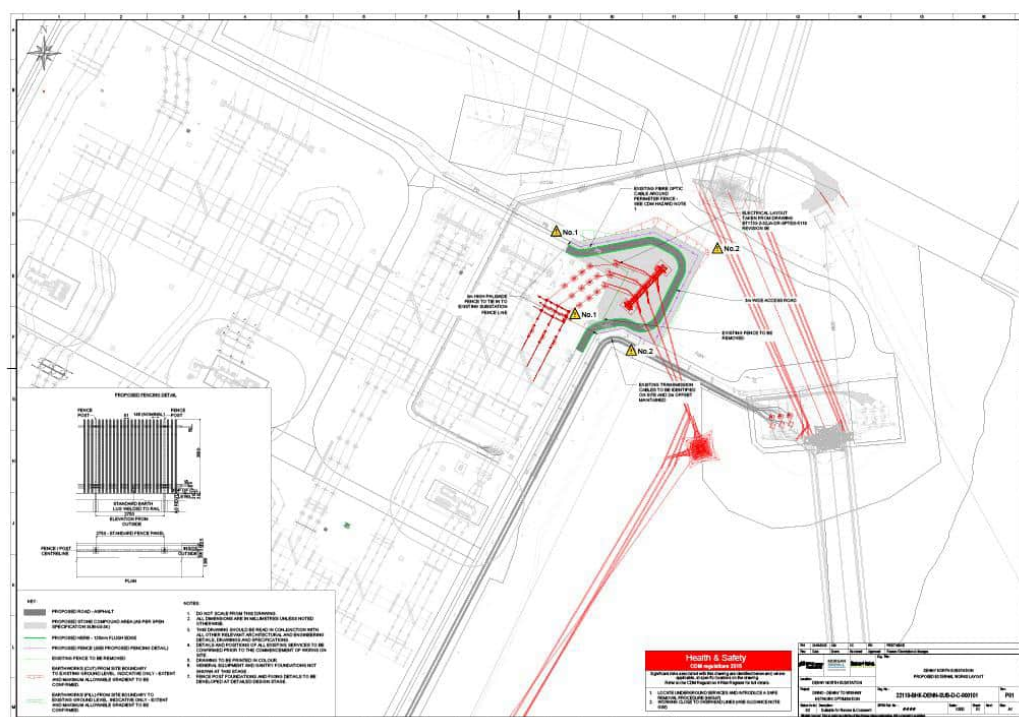
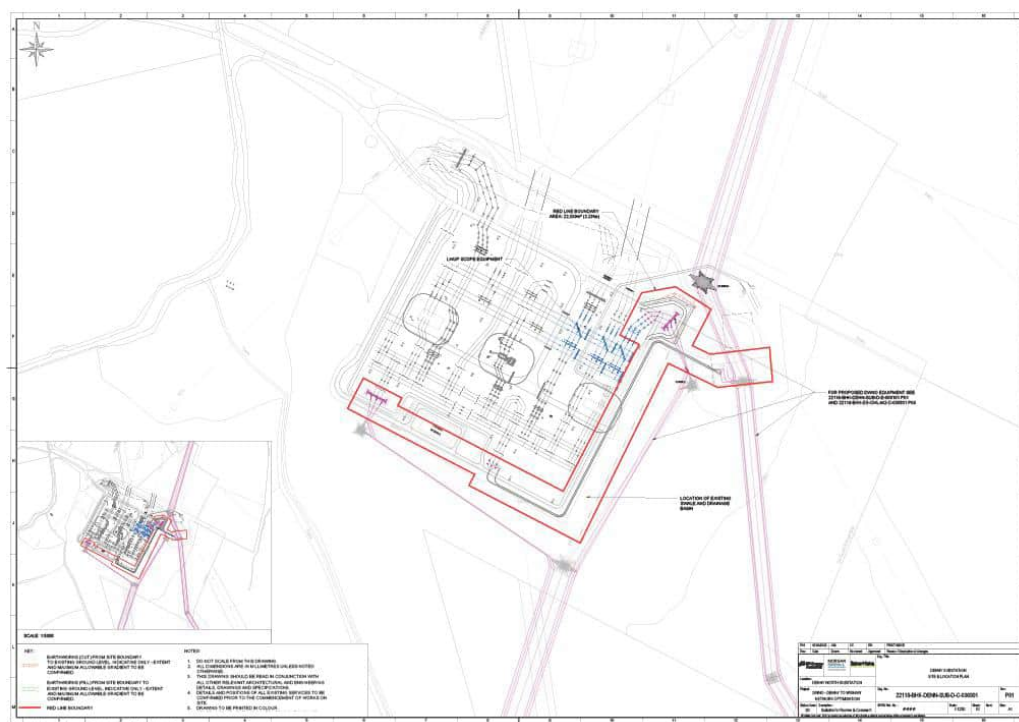


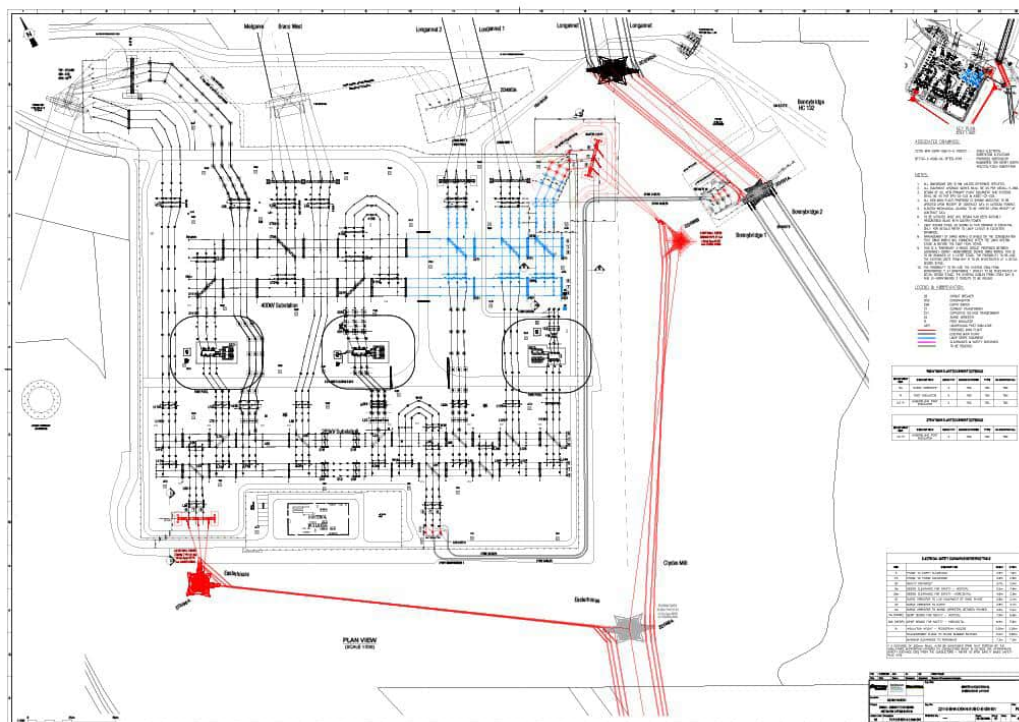


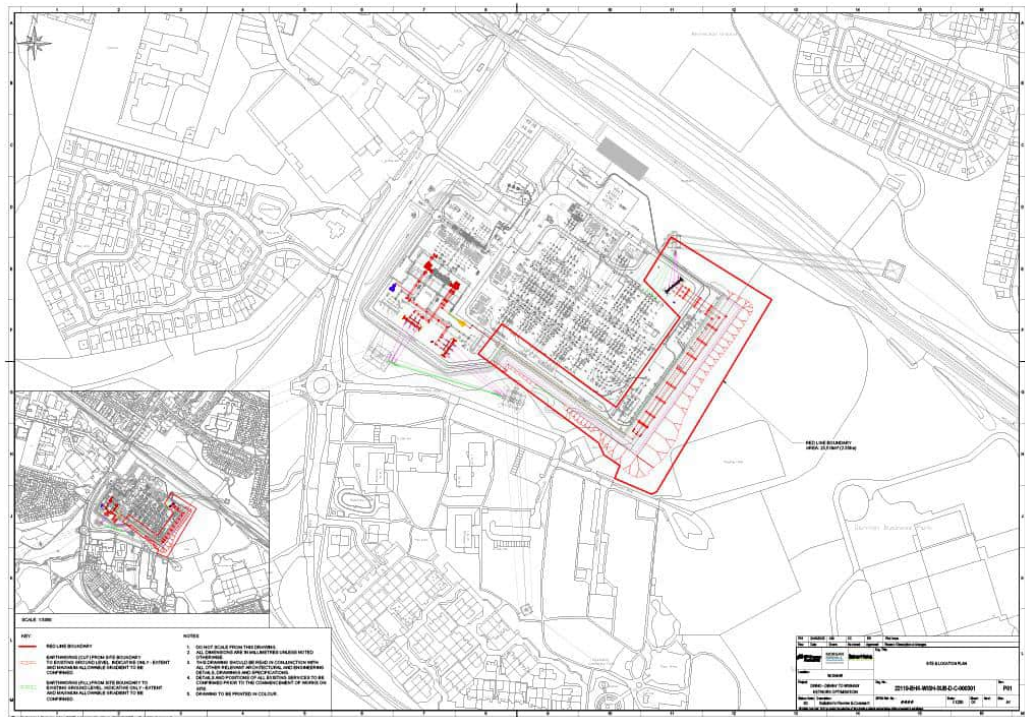
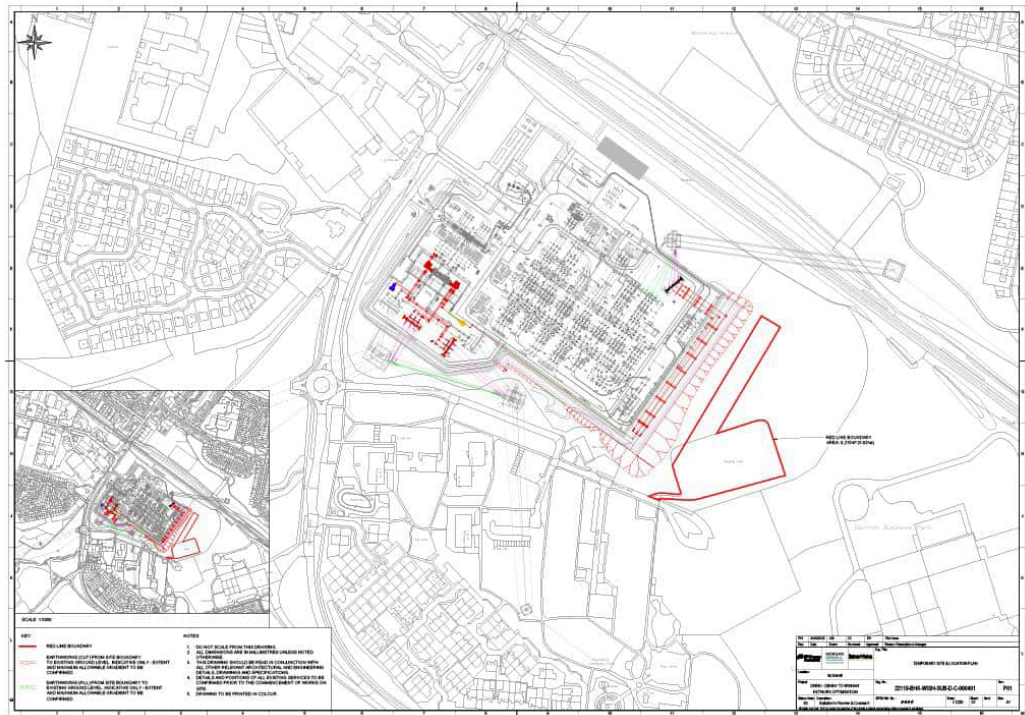


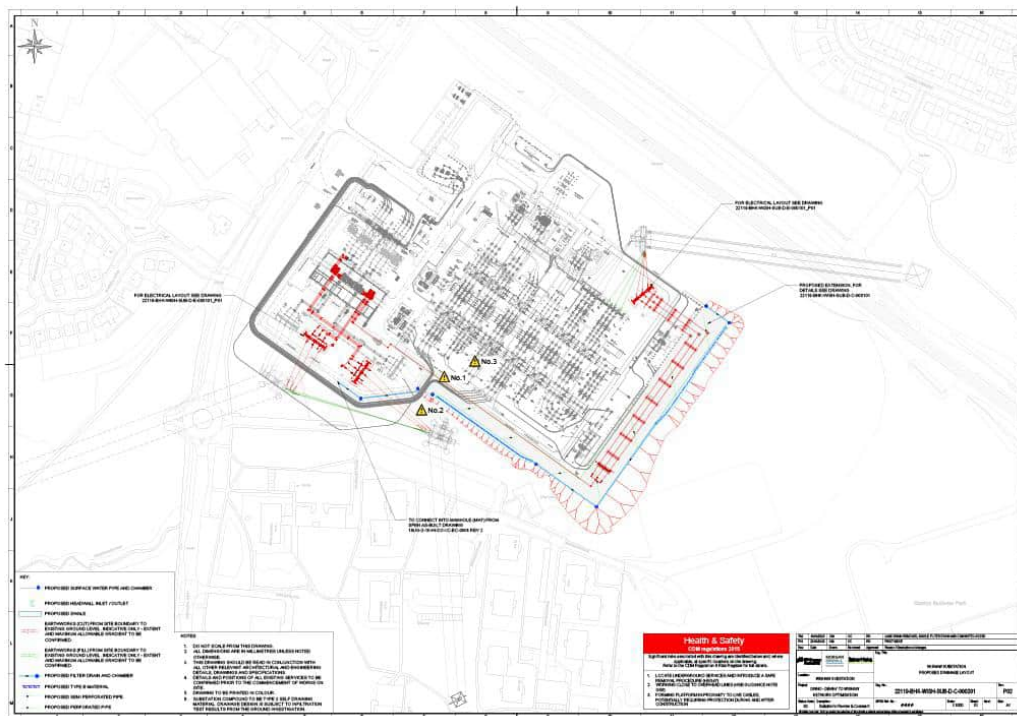
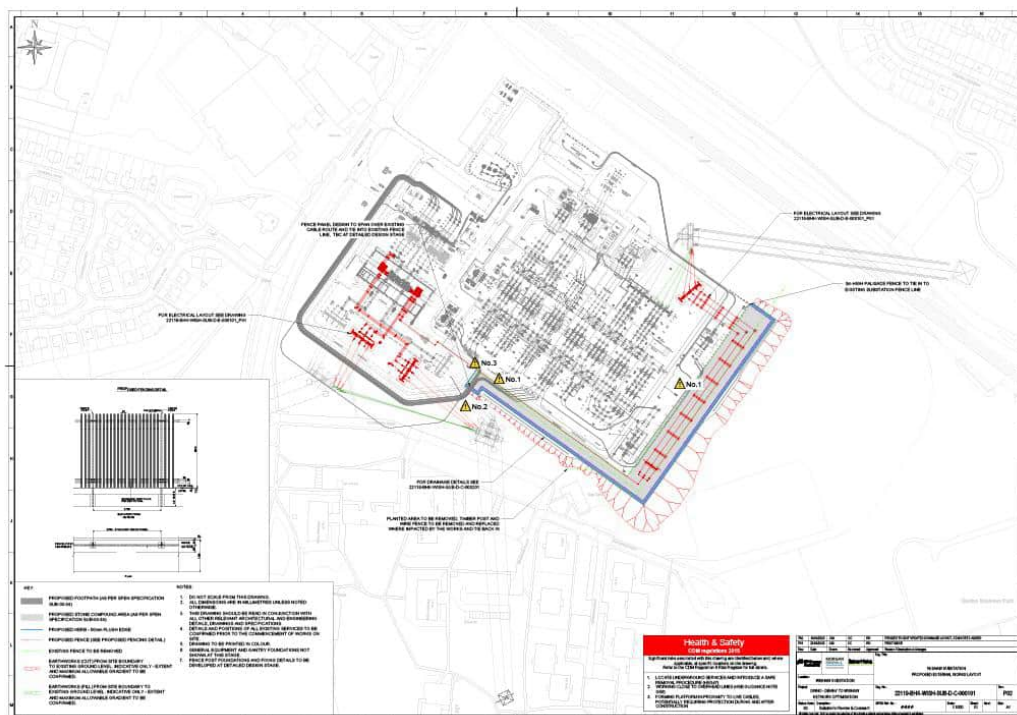


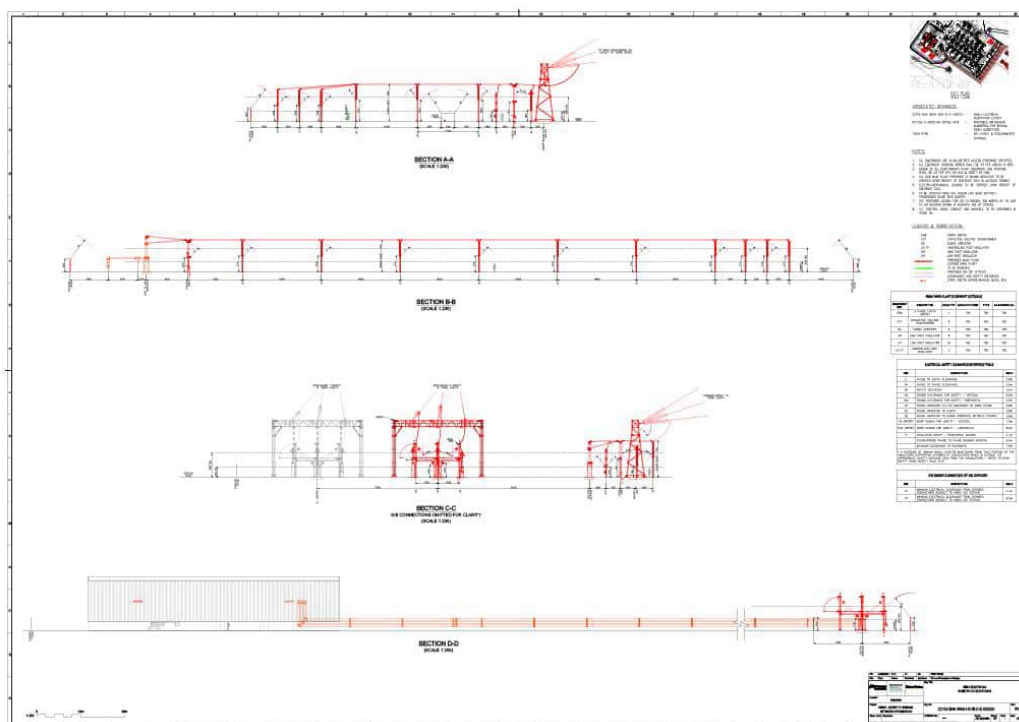












6.24 Appendix G1: Final information event banners

You said,
we listened...





New overhead line:

- **Bonnybridge:** Near the caravan park, we have amended the proposed route to avoid areas with planning consent for new development.
- **Bonnybridge:** Near the glamping site, we have tried to microsite new towers to reduce their visual impact.
- **Bonnybridge:** we considered requests for the new line to enter the substation from the east, but this is not possible as it needs to connect to existing infrastructure on the other side of the substation.
- **Cumbernauld:** Near Cumbernauld Substation, we have moved new tower WB021B about 60 metres south-east to avoid Japanese Knotweed, which will be treated on-site.
- **Slamannan Plateau:** we considered requests for the new line to follow the existing CB overhead line route, but this is not possible as it would affect the Special Protection Area, potentially causing habitat loss.

Cumbernauld Substation:

- We have altered the red line boundary to include two small areas of trees which would be affected by our soil excavation works to create the new substation platform. These trees will be felled, and the area will be allowed to regenerate naturally.
- We have updated our site drainage plan in consultation with North Lanarkshire Council.
- **Parkrun:** we will work with the organisers to minimise impact on the event during construction works.

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Our applications will be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), which will assess the potential impact of the project on landscape, ecology, water and flooding, cultural heritage, traffic and transport, noise, geology and tourism. Where potential impacts are identified, the EIAR will also set out appropriate mitigation measures.

The internal substation works at Denny North, Easterhouse, Newarthill and Wishaw substations are within existing operational areas. Therefore, we have applied to Falkirk and North Lanarkshire Councils for Certificates of Lawfulness to confirm that the works can take place. Decisions on these applications are currently pending.

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6.25 Appendix G2: Final information event postcard

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6.26 Appendix G3: Final information event newspaper advertisements

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Jog on to back charity's month-long challenge

IAN BUNTING

People across Lanarkshire are encouraged to swap their slippers for their trainers this February and take part in Jog 28.

The month-long challenge is designed to boost physical health, mental wellbeing, and support vital mental health work. Jog 28 runs throughout February and invites participants to complete 28 miles over 28 days.

The challenge is free to join and open to all ages and abilities.

Entrants are encouraged to register soon with the start of challenge just days away.

Participants can jog, walk, or run their miles at their own pace, making it an easy way to stay active and connected.

Fiona Hulton, head of fundraising at Mental Health Foundation, said: "Whether you want to keep up the momentum of a great start to 2026 or, like many of us, just get through the grilling first weeks of January and are primed to get up and moving, the Mental Health Foundation has got you covered with Jog 28, a challenge

fundraiser that supports not just your physical health and mental wellbeing, but the vital work of the charity.

"We are inviting the people across Lanarkshire to join us on Jog 28.

"This challenge is about turning up for yourselves; by moving, taking in your surroundings and taking care of your physical health, which will in turn boost your mental wellbeing."

Fiona added: "Things are always easier when shared, and we know connection is key for good mental health.

"Jog 28 is a perfect opportunity to step out with a friend and catch up whilst improving your wellbeing.

"Plus, we know that it's harder to talk past jogging pace.

"So keep it steady, and you'll be able to jog and have a natter.

"Everyone deserves good mental health and every step you can take this challenge will help to build a society where everyone can thrive, make sure you register in time to take part."

For more information, and to sign up, visit mentalhealth.org.uk/jog28



Left to wait: For the week ending January 18, 58.1 per cent of patients at Wishaw were seen within the four-hour target

Tough start to year for A&E departments

ROSS THOMSON

Hard working staff at Lanarkshire's three A&E departments have endured a tough start to 2026.

Statistics released by Public Health Scotland revealed over 5000 Lanarkshire patients waited more than four hours in accident and emergency departments in Wishaw, Hairmyres and Monklands hospitals in the space of three weeks.

The Scottish Government aims to ensure 95 per cent of people are seen within that time - a target which has not been hit since the early months of the pandemic.

For the week ending January 18, just 47.4 per cent of patients at Hairmyres were seen within the four-hour target.

That number was 56.3 per cent at Monklands and 58.1 per cent at Wishaw. Health Secretary, and Airdrie & Shots MSP, Neil Gray said: "Our A&E departments are facing sustained pressures, including boards reporting high levels of hospital occupancy impacting on patient flow and leading to delays at the front door.

This situation is not unique to Scotland, with all other UK nations experiencing similar pressures, but I am working closely with our health boards to make sure improvements are made quickly and effectively.

To support winter activity, we are providing up to £20 million to fund increased social care and reduce pressure on the hospital front door, to make sure people get the right care in the right place.

This includes funding for care at home and extra staffing to support emergency departments."

For the week ending January 11, 50.6



Sustained pressures Health Secretary, and Airdrie & Shots MSP, Neil Gray

per cent of patients at Wishaw were seen within the four-hour target.

It was the only hospital in Lanarkshire to hit more than 50 per cent.

The number was 47.9 per cent for Monklands and just 40.8 per cent at Hairmyres.

For the week ending January 4, Wishaw once again had 50.6 per cent of patients seen within the four-hour target.

That number dropped to 45.9 per cent for Monklands and 42.3 per cent for Hairmyres.

For those three weeks, a total of 5447 patients endured a wait of more than four hours in A&E.

Of those who attended A&E in the most recent week in Scotland, 8.5 per cent waited longer than 12 hours - down from 10.7 per cent - while 16.3 per cent waited more than eight hours, a reduction from 19.2 per cent.

Scottish Conservative health spokesman Dr Sandesh Guliani said: "These horrific waiting times expose an NHS teetering on the brink after

decades of SNP mismanagement.

"These aren't abstract statistics - they're real people whose lives are being put at risk, and in some cases needlessly lost, because they are stuck in overcrowded emergency departments for hours on end.

"Freedom of information knocking their pan in for patients, but they've been failed by [former health secretary] Humza Yousaf's flimsy recovery plan and years of dire SNP workforce planning."

Scottish Liberal Democrat leader Alex Cole-Hamilton said the NHS is "stuck in a state of permanent crisis".

He added: "Waiting times have remained extreme for years now, and half-day waits have gone from a rarity to a common occurrence.

"A&E departments are backed up because there are so many people who are stuck in hospital and unable to leave because the care package they need is not available.

"You cannot fix the NHS and bring down A&E waits without fixing social care."

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NEWS



Falkirk Council is looking towards a £400,000 investment in a new sports hall for the Grangemouth Sports Complex.

Mammoth repair bill for complex

James Trindler
Falkirk Herald

Falkirk Council is looking to spend £400,000 to carry out essential repairs to a local leisure centre of which maintenance is a major building project. A £400,000 estimated cost of repairs to the Grangemouth Sports Complex has been revealed by the council.

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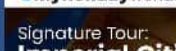
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SP Energy Networks

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Tuesday 24 February 2pm-7pm
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UPGRADE

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Tragic loss Ethan was found dead by his mum Tracy, left, on what should have been his graduation day in late 2024

Ethan's family 'sickened' by new uni report

SALLY HIND

The heartbroken family of a Coatbridge student who took his own life after being wrongly told he could not graduate have been left 'sickened' after a report found further failings at the university.

Ethan Brown, 23, was found dead by his mum on what should have been his graduation day in December 2024 - three months after Glasgow University told him in error that he did not have the necessary credits.

A month after his death, his shattered family discovered the geography student had actually achieved a 2:1 honours degree.

Ethan's family have now told how they feel they were "gassed" after a new report was published, which contradicts previous claims that there were no systemic failures at the university.

The latest "targeted peer review" was carried out by QAA, the expert body for UK higher education.

The report referenced an earlier internal review carried out by the university following Ethan's death which discovered two other students at the geography school were given wrong outcomes, while a further five students had potential errors.

The QAA report also found the university failed to carry out any investigations into 23 other schools at the university.

Ethan's family lawyer Aamer Anwar has branded their conduct as "shameful".

Mr Anwar said: "This investigation triggered by Ethan's death is a damning indictment of systemic failures at the university."

"Ethan's family are sickened by the gaslighting they endured as the university claimed publicly there were no systemic failures, in fact this report shows their internal report said the

opposite. The university's actions to date are shameful and it is time that they fully declared how many other students have suffered in this way."

"Ethan's family are devastated, but they want a legacy of change and no further manipulation of the facts."

The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) report was focused on the School of Geographical and Earth Sciences, where Ethan had been studying, but identified issues that extended beyond that individual school.

This included a "systemic problem" in following the university's assessment regulations and inconsistent practice, including a lack of clarity about communication of options for students who are at risk of not graduating, maladministration of an exam board and a lack of a coherent system for managing individual student cases.

Ethan's mum Tracy previously accused the university of "repeated incompetence" in the months before her son's death, saying they also failed to act after he reported suffering mental health problems.

Following the publication of the report she said she "feels the findings supports the family's concerns".

Tracy said: "The family's position remains fixed, in that we hold the University of Glasgow responsible for Ethan's death due to their multiple levels of incompetence."

"He asked for help from the University of Glasgow, and none came. He has been failed by the University of Glasgow."

She said that Ethan's loved ones also believe the university's initial response following his death, that the grade blunder had been an "isolated" matter, was an attempt to mislead the public.

Mr Anwar added: "In light of the QAA report findings the family feel the University of Glasgow were attempting to mislead the public and further minimise the serious concerns

identified by the Scottish Funding Council's initial investigation."

Ethan had dreamed of studying at the university since secondary school, writing in his sixth-year yearbook that in 10 years he expected to be "still begging Glasgow University to accept me".

The former Coatbridge High School pupil had been due to graduate in June 2024 but the university said an assignment had not been handed in.

Ethan was unable to graduate and the family say the university failed to communicate with him throughout the summer but he hoped he would be able to graduate in December.

In September he was told that he had not been awarded a grade for one course and would not be eligible to graduate.

Mum Tracy found him dead in his bedroom on the morning of what should have been his ceremony.

A previous report from the university into the tragedy stated that there was "misunderstanding or confusion" among the majority of staff interviewed about what should happen if an honours student fails to complete more than 75 per cent of their total assessments.

It said there had been "details of deteriorating health and distress" which could have alerted staff to Ethan's mental health problems.

A spokesperson for the university said: "Following an internal investigation into assessment regulations, the University self-referred to the Scottish Funding Council."

"The university fully accepts the recommendations subsequently made by the QAA Peer Review and the risks it identifies. Since February 2025, we have worked to address the issues highlighted in the internal investigation and will implement the recommendations of the QAA review through a comprehensive plan that builds on current change projects."

Dashing to help hospice



Festive fitness fans helped raise nearly £500 for St Andrew's Hospice.

Provost Kenneth Duffy presented a £454 donation to the Airdrie charity from entry funds collected at the annual Santa Dash at Strathclyde Park.

The fun event saw runners of all ages pull on their Santa suits and take to the park for a good cause.

The annual dash has become a firm festive favourite, bringing families, friends and local runners together for a feel-good event that supports an incredible local charity.

Provost Duffy said: "This is a brilliant

example of how a bit of festive fun can make a real difference.

"The Santa Dash is always a great day and knowing it helps support the incredible work done by St Andrew's Hospice makes it even more special."

"A big thank you to everyone who took part and helped raise such a fantastic amount."

Funds raised will support St Andrew's Hospice in continuing to provide vital care and support to patients and families across the area when they need it most.

For more information on RUN NLC events taking place this year, visit the NLC website.

Denny to Wishaw Network Upgrade



Scotland is producing more clean, green energy than ever before, and we need to strengthen the transmission network between Denny and Wishaw so we can get it to the homes, schools and businesses that need it.

To do this we need to build a new 400,000-volt (400kV) overhead transmission line between our substation at Bonnybridge and a point near Glenmarvis, where it would join on to an existing overhead line. We also plan to move the existing line further away from houses at Glenmarvis.

A 'spur' from the new line to Cumbernauld substation will also allow us to remove the existing 132kV overhead line between Bonnybridge and Cumbernauld.

We will also need to increase the voltage of three existing overhead lines from 275kV to 400kV, and upgrade our substations at Denny North, Bonnybridge, Cumbernauld, Easterhouse, Newarthill and Wishaw.

At this stage, your comments are not representations to the consenting/planning authorities. When we make applications for development consent in the future, you will be able to make formal representations at that stage.



Our information events are on Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 February 2026

SP Energy Networks consulted on our proposals in February and November 2025. We are now holding two information events to present the final project proposals. These information events will explain how feedback from earlier consultation and engagement has been considered in the final proposals, ahead of submitting the consent.

Tuesday 24 February, 2pm-7pm:
Cumbernauld New Town Hall, Bron Way, Cumbernauld G67 1DZ

Wednesday 25 February, 2pm-7pm:
Bonnybridge Community Education Centre, Bridge Street, Bonnybridge FK10 1AA

You can find more information on our website: www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/denny_wishaw.aspx

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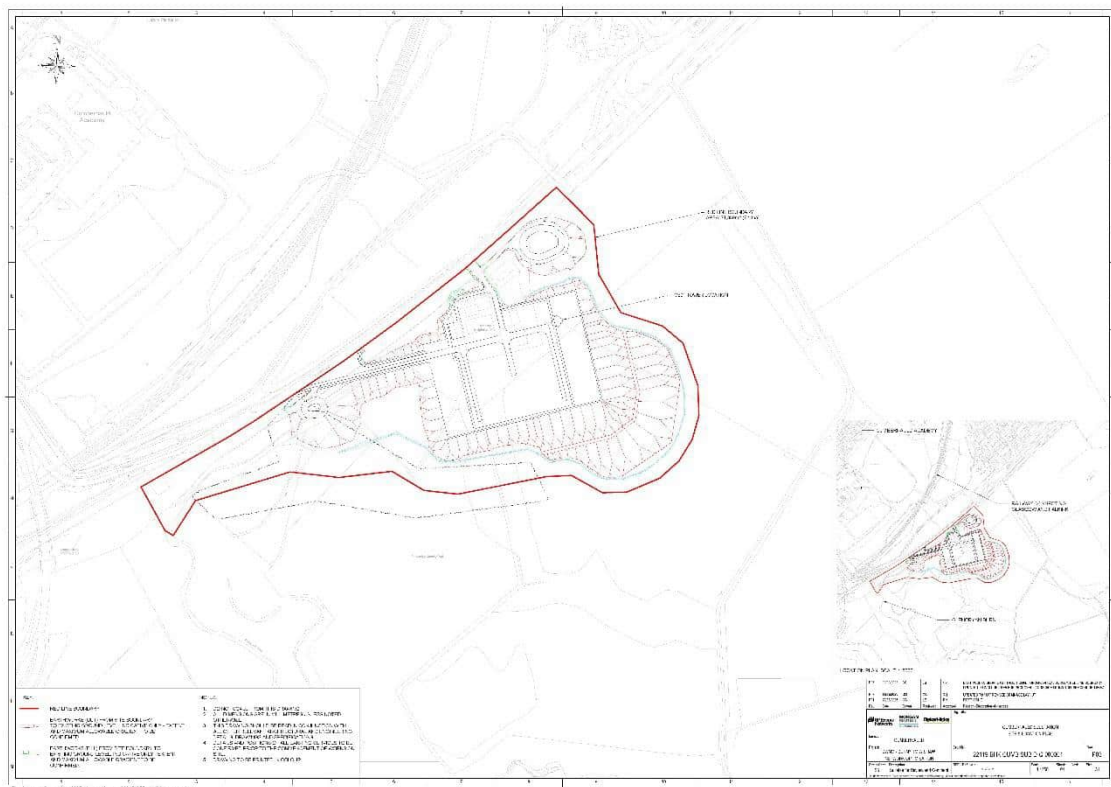
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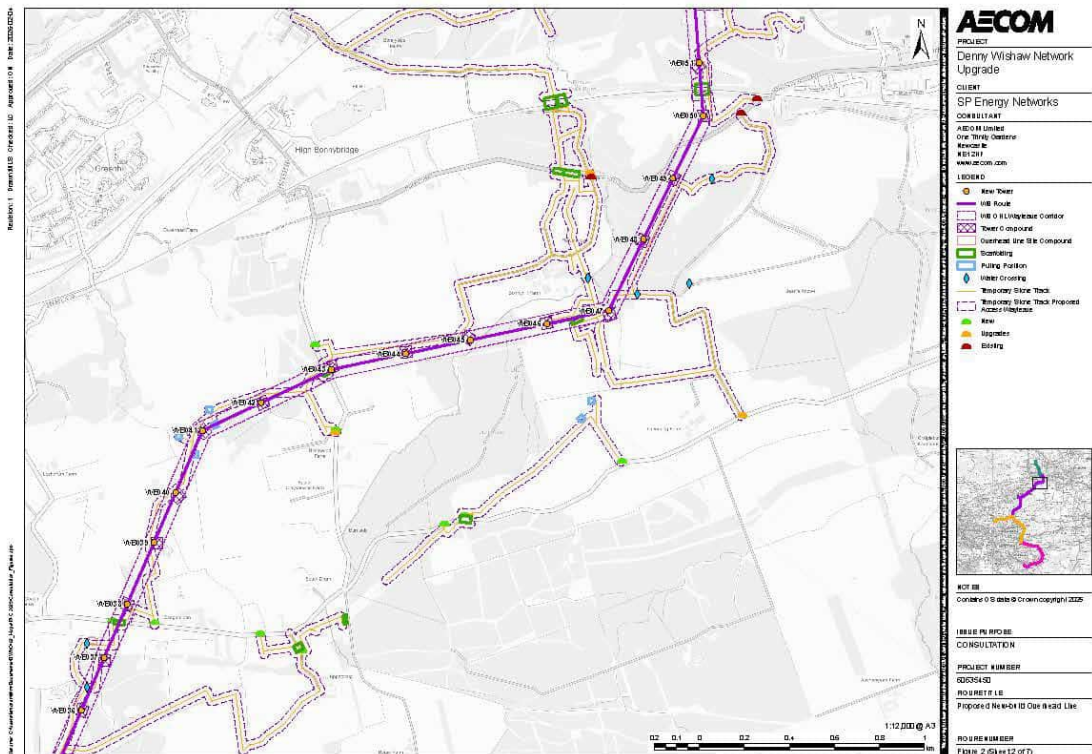
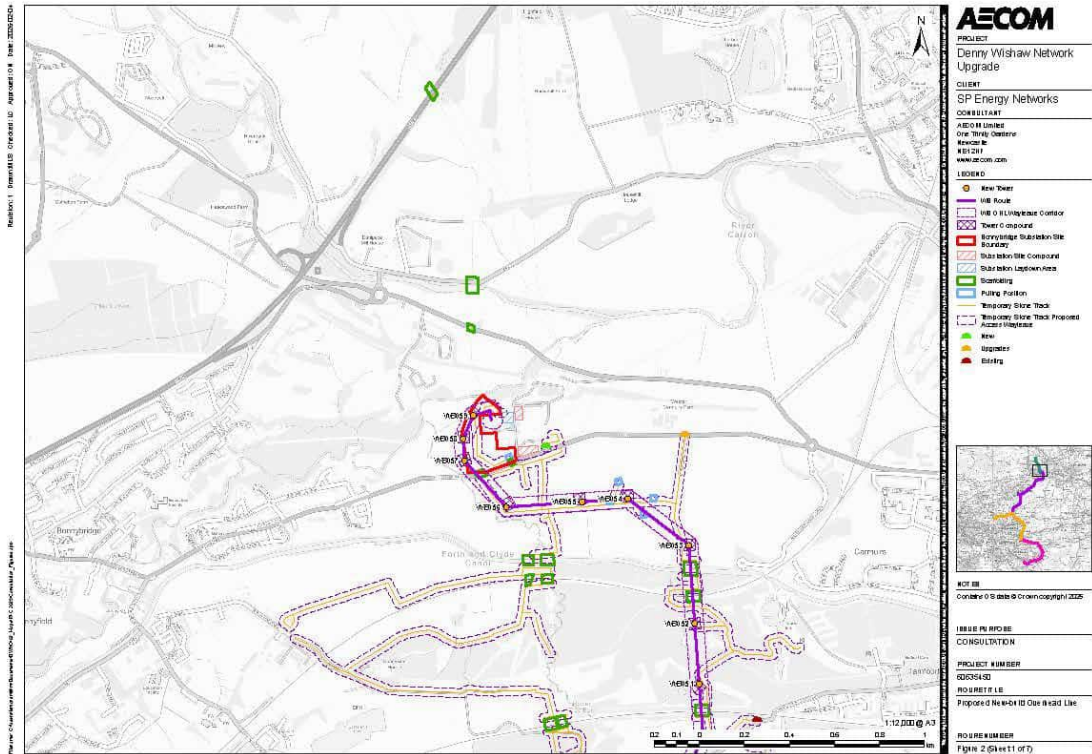
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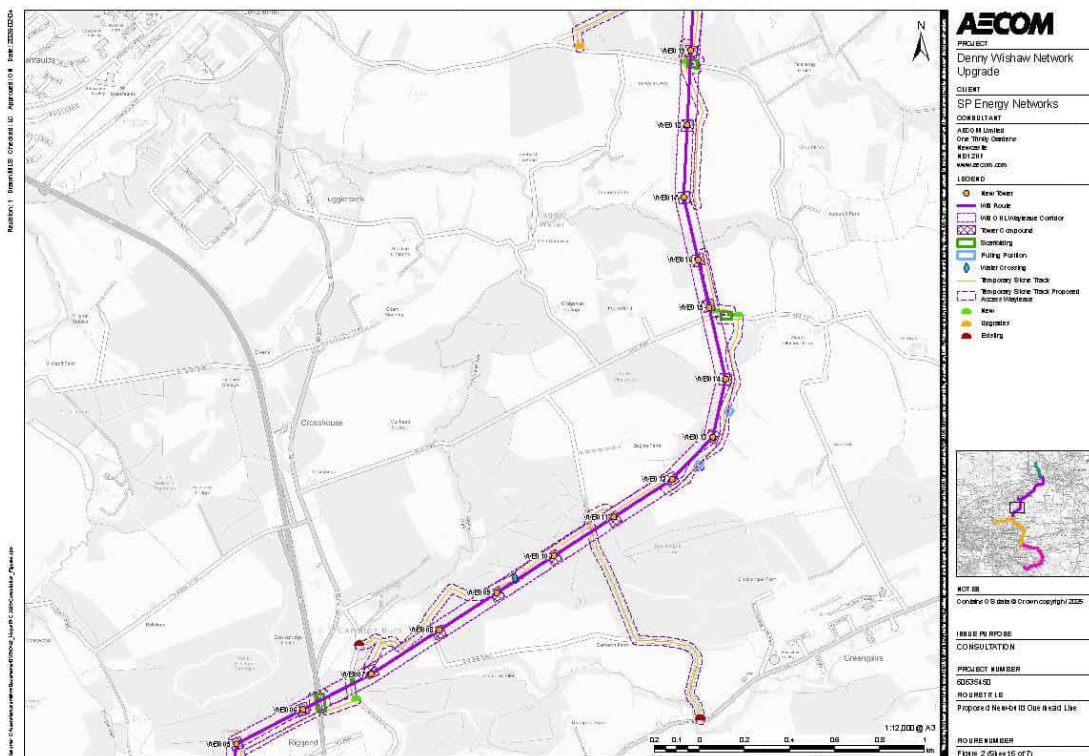
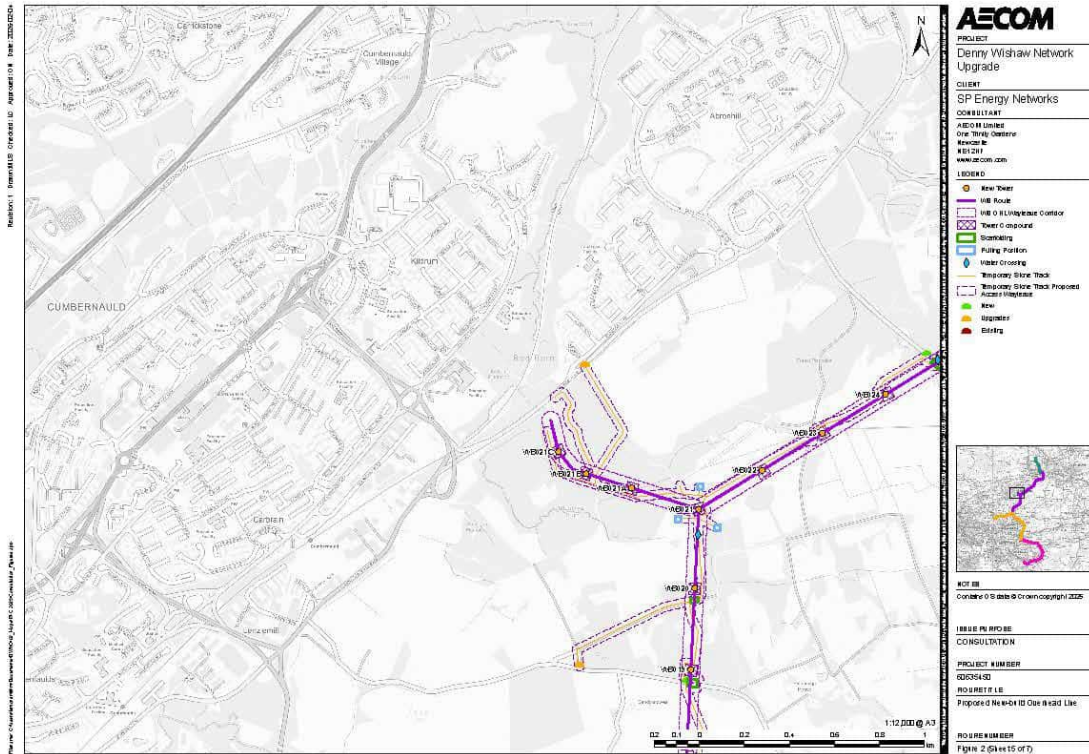
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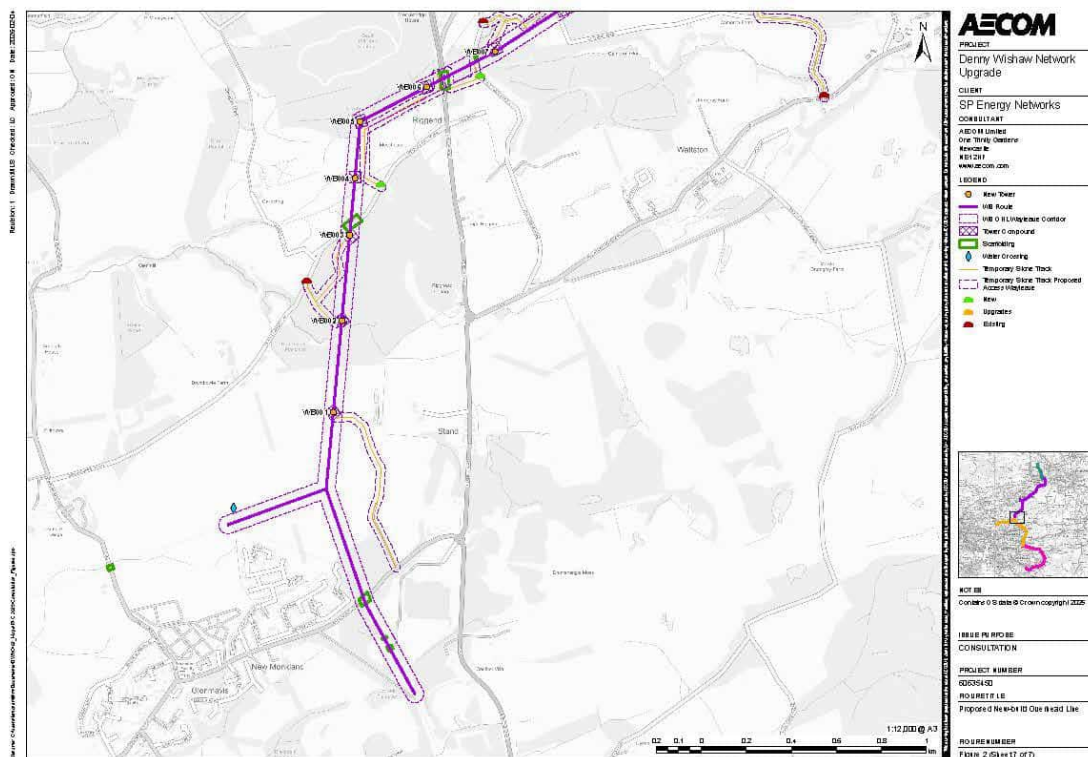
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6.28 Appendix G5: Final information event non-statutory consultee, community councils and elected members letter/email

Subject: 📧 Thank you for your input into the Denny to Wishaw Network Upgrade project

Good afternoon,

We recently contacted you regarding SP Energy Networks' final information events on the **Denny to Wishaw Network Upgrade** project. These events have now taken place, and we wanted to share our next steps with you.

📁 The proposal

As a reminder, our proposals include the construction of a new 400,000-volt (400 kV) overhead transmission line between our substation at Bonnybridge and a point near Glenmavis, where it would join on to an existing overhead line. We also plan to move the existing line further away from houses at Glenmavis. A 'spur' from the new line to Cumbernauld substation will also allow us to remove the existing 132kV overhead line between Bonnybridge and Cumbernauld.

We will also need to increase the voltage of three existing overhead lines from 275kV to 400kV, and upgrade our substations at Denny North, Bonnybridge, Cumbernauld, and Wishaw.

🔗 View our plans

Your feedback helped to shape our finalised plans that were presented at the most recent information event. If you would like to view our plans in more detail, please visit our project website: https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/denny_wishaw.aspx

Our pre-application consultation report will be submitted alongside our applications to the relevant planning authorities and will detail how all feedback received during the consultation process has been addressed.

📅 Next steps

SP Energy Networks will submit three consent applications 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), as follows:

- For the proposed new overhead line and associated works;
- For the uprating of ZG route from 275kV to 400kV, the extension of Denny North and Bonnybridge Substations and associated works; and
- For the uprating of XX route and XR route from 275kV to 400kV, and the extension of Wishaw Substation.

The proposed extension to Cumbernauld Substation will be subject to a separate application to North Lanarkshire Council under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

The internal substation works at Denny North, Easterhouse, Newarthill and Wishaw substations, which we consulted on as part of the wider project, are required to optimise system access for other connections and reinforcement works on the transmission network and therefore are not included in our consent applications. We have applied to Falkirk and North Lanarkshire Councils for Certificates of Lawfulness to confirm that these works can take place. Decisions on these applications are currently pending.

 Further opportunity to give feedback

Our public consultations have now closed. When we make applications for development consent to the Energy Consents Unit and North Lanarkshire Council, you will be able to make formal representations directly to the relevant planning/consenting authorities at that stage.

Thank you once again for your participation in the pre-application consultation process.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards



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6.29 Appendix G6: Final information event statutory consultee letter/email



By Email: 03 February 2026

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03 February 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

Information Events - Denny to Wishaw Network Upgrade

SP Energy Networks held two rounds of public consultation in 2025 on our plans for the Denny to Wishaw Network Upgrade project.

We are now holding two information events to present the final project proposals. These information events will explain how feedback from earlier consultation and engagement has been considered in the final proposals, ahead of submitting the consent applications:

Tuesday 24 February, 2pm-7pm: Cumbernauld New Town Hall, Bron Way, Cumbernauld G67 1DZ

Wednesday 25 February, 2pm-7pm: Bonnybridge Community Education Centre, Bridge Street, Bonnybridge FK4 1AA

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We will also need to increase the voltage of three existing overhead lines from 275kV to 400kV, and upgrade our substations at Denny North, Bonnybridge, Cumbernauld, and Wishaw.

You can find more information on our website, which will be updated to include the proposals presented at the information events:

www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/denny_wishaw.aspx

SP Energy Networks intends to submit three applications 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) as follows:

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If you would like any further information or have any questions, please contact us:

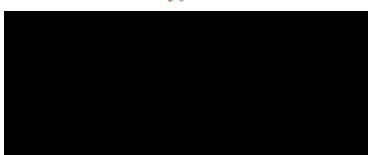
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Please note that any comments made during this consultation stage are **not** representations to The Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit, who will determine any subsequent applications for Section 37 consent or the relevant Planning Authority who will determine any subsequent applications for Planning Permission. Following the submission of Section 37 Applications / Planning Application, interested parties will have the opportunity to make representations to the Scottish Government and Planning Authority on these proposals.

Yours faithfully,



6.30 Appendix G7: Final information event MP/MSP letter/email

From: ScottishPower Government Affairs
Sent: 03 February 2026 17:01
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Cullis, Michelle; ScottishPower Government Affairs
Subject: RE: SP Energy Networks: Denny-Wishaw Network Upgrade project (DWN0)

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

SP Energy Networks are hosting two information events to present the final plans for the Denny to Wishaw Network Upgrade project. This follows two rounds of public consultation held in 2025 and will explain how feedback from earlier consultation and engagement has been considered in the final proposals, ahead of submitting the consent applications. Below are the details for one taking place in your constituency:

- **Wednesday 25 February 2pm-7pm: Bonnybridge Community Education Centre, Bridge Street, Bonnybridge FK4 1AA**

The project includes construction of a new 400,000-volt (400kV) overhead transmission line between our substation at Bonnybridge and a point near Glenmavis, where it would join on to an existing overhead line. We also plan to move the existing line further away from houses at Glenmavis. A 'spur' from the new line to Cumbernauld substation will also allow us to remove the existing 132kV overhead line between Bonnybridge and Cumbernauld. We will also need to increase the voltage of three existing overhead lines from 275kV to 400kV, and upgrade our substations at Denny North, Bonnybridge, Cumbernauld, and Wishaw.

SPEN intends to submit three applications 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. The proposed extension to Cumbernauld substation will be subject to a separate application to North Lanarkshire Council under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. Once these applications are submitted, formal representations to the consenting and planning authorities can be made.

If you would like to attend any of the public meetings or have a meeting with us to discuss the project, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED] Corporate Affairs

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6.31 Appendix G8: Final information event images





6.32 Appendix G9: Final information event visual presentation material



6.33 Appendix H: Electric and magnetic fields (EMF) The facts



Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMFs)

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We help our members meet the challenge of delivering electricity to communities across the UK and Ireland safely, sustainably and reliably.

- Create smart grids, ensuring our networks are prepared for more renewable generation than ever before, decentralised sources of energy, more electric vehicles and heat pumps. Learn more about our [Open Networks programme](#).
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Introduction

Foreword

Electricity plays a central role in the quality of life we now enjoy. In particular, many of the improvements in health and wellbeing in our homes and at work that we benefit from today are only possible with a reliable and affordable electricity supply. Electric and magnetic fields (EMFs) are present wherever electricity is used, in the home or from the equipment that makes up the UK electricity system.

This guide, produced by the UK electricity industry, summarises the background to the EMF issue, explains the research undertaken with regard to health and discusses the conclusion reached.

Electric and Magnetic Fields

Electric and magnetic fields (EMFs) are produced both naturally and as a result of human activity.

The earth has both a magnetic field (produced by currents deep inside the molten core of the planet) and an electric field (produced by electrical activity in the atmosphere, such as thunderstorms).

Wherever electricity is used or distributed there will also be electric and magnetic fields. This is inherent in the laws of physics - we can modify the fields to some extent, but if we are going to use electricity, then EMFs are inevitable. Like many other things that we encounter in nature, EMFs can be harmful at high enough levels. But the fields required, for example, to start interfering with the body's nervous system are much greater than those produced by the UK electricity system.

Fields of Different Frequency

A key characteristic of a field is the frequency. The frequency indicates how rapidly the field changes direction backwards and forwards and is measured in cycles per second or hertz (Hz).

The electricity systems in the UK and Europe produce fields of 50 hertz; it is these fields produced by the electricity system (known as 'extremely low frequency' (ELF) or 'power frequency' fields) that are discussed in this guide.

The earth's natural magnetic and electric fields do not oscillate at all. They are known as 'static fields' and have a frequency of 0 hertz. High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) for specific electrical systems and some low carbon technology installations produces static fields similar to the earth's field, but these are not covered in this guide.

Other technologies use higher frequencies. For instance, Television and radio systems operate at much higher frequencies, these typically operate at thousands or millions of hertz, while mobile phones transmissions and Wi-Fi are at around a billion hertz. The range of these frequencies is much greater than that of electrical transmission / distribution systems and is not covered by this guide.

The Difference Between Electric and Magnetic Fields

The Two Components

The term 'EMFs' encompasses two different though related concepts: electric fields and magnetic fields.

Electric Fields

Electric fields are produced by voltage. Voltage is the pressure behind the flow of electricity. It can be likened to the pressure of water in a hose. The statutory voltage of low voltage systems, those supplying domestic and small commercial premises, is 230 volts (V), however, to enable the more efficient transferral of energy the majority of distribution and transmission assets operate at high voltages. This may range from 6,600 V (6.6 kV) to 400,000 V (400 kV). Outside homes it is distributed at higher voltages, from 11,000 V (usually written 11 kV) up to 400,000 V (400 kV). Generally, the higher the voltage, the higher the electric field. Electric fields are measured in volts per metre (V/m).

Magnetic Fields

Magnetic fields are produced by current, which is the flow of electricity likened to the flow of water and current is measured in amps. Generally, the higher the power and the current, the higher the magnetic field. Magnetic fields are measured in microteslas (μT).

Other Differences

One difference between electric and magnetic fields is that electric fields are very easily screened - by buildings, hedges, fences, and trees. So inside a house there will be very little electric field from a power line outside. By contrast, magnetic fields pass readily through most buildings.

Another difference is that a mains appliance such as a radio or lamp does not have to be operating to produce an electric field - as long as it is plugged into a mains supply it will produce an electric field. However, it produces a magnetic field only when it is turned on and drawing a current.

EMF Units

Electric Fields

Usually measured in volts per metre (V/m)

Multiple used for large fields:	1 kilovolt per metre (kV/m) = 1,000 volts per metre
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Magnetic Fields

Usually measured in microteslas (μT)

Multiple used for large fields	1 millitesla = 1,000 microteslas
or small fields	1 nanotesla = 0.001 microteslas
Other units sometimes used	1 milligauss = 0.1 microteslas

Instruments that measure field levels normally give an average value.

Exposure

National Guidelines for exposure to the public

The Government sets guidelines for exposure to EMFs in the UK on advice from the UK Health Security Agency (formerly Public Health England). In March 2004 the UK decided to adopt the 1998 guidelines published by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) in the terms of a 1999 European Union Recommendation, and this policy was reaffirmed by a Written Ministerial Statement in October 2009. Other guidelines have been considered but Government has reviewed to remain with the ICNIRP 1998 guidelines as these have more restrictive limits compared to the most recent publication.

The ICNIRP 'exposure limits' for the public are:

360 microteslas for magnetic fields

9000 volts per metre for electric fields

They apply where the time of exposure is significant. These guidelines are designed to prevent established health effects and were set after examining all the evidence including the evidence on cancer. These limits and how they apply to electricity infrastructure is set out in National Policy Statement EN-5.

It is the policy of the electricity industry to follow these independent exposure guidelines. A Code of Practice, published jointly by industry and the then Department for Energy and Climate Change, sets out all the practical details needed to apply the exposure limits. All exposures in homes already comply with the ICNIRP guidelines. The electricity industry designs all new equipment to comply with the Government 1998 guidelines as set out in the Code of Practice.

Reference levels are thresholds for performing detailed investigations of compliance. The permitted levels are somewhat higher, they apply where the time of exposure is significant.

Occupational exposure

Occupational exposures are governed by the Control of Electromagnetic Fields Regulations introduced in 2016. The limits are greater than the public limits – essentially 6,000 microteslas and 20,000 volts per metre.

Guidelines from other organisations

The guidelines that apply in the UK are the ICNIRP 1998 limits. Often guidelines from other organisations are quoted as having some authority, such as Stakeholder Advisory Group on ELF EMFs (SAGE) or the Salzburg Standard for Building Biology. These have no status in the UK and are often out of line with mainstream scientific thinking. Additionally, SAGE did not produce guidelines. SAGE was a stakeholder advisory group to Government on EMF investigating what would be appropriate precautionary measures to introduce to electricity infrastructure. The recommendations from SAGE have been adopted into Government policy and are followed by the electricity industry.

Typical Field Levels in the UK

Natural Sources

The earth's magnetic field, which everybody is constantly exposed to, is around 50 microteslas in the UK. The earth's electric field is usually around a hundred volts per metre, but thunderstorms can make it rise to many thousands. Both these natural fields are 0 hertz or static fields. All the other values given in this section are for 50 hertz fields.

Within the Home

Within our homes, all mains powered appliances produce alternating currents alternating current (AC) fields. Appliances differ, but it is often the smaller, more compact appliances that produce the largest magnetic fields.

The field is greatest close to the surface of the appliance and drops rapidly with distance, falling away substantially over the first metre from the appliance. The table below shows the range of magnetic field strengths close to the appliance. Electric fields can be a few hundred volts per metre close to appliances.

Mobile phone applications cannot measure 50Hz fields accurately and should not be relied upon.

Typical Magnetic Field Levels from Some Common Mains Appliances in the Home.

All electrical appliances produce magnetic fields which drop rapidly with distance.

Magnetic Field (microteslas)

Appliance	Appliance surface	1 metre away (The field is greatest closest to the appliance and dissipates)
Hair Dryer	50	0.3
Microwave	70	0.2
Electric Oven	10	0.02
Fridge	2	0.01
Iron	30	0.01
EV Charger (when connected and charging)	20	0.05

Outside the home

Overhead power lines

Outside our homes, all overhead power lines produce fields. The fields are usually greatest directly under the lines and fall rapidly with distance to the sides of the line. For small lines on wooden poles, the fields generally fall away over a few tens of metres. For larger lines on pylons, the distance is slightly greater. Fields vary greatly from line to line and over time, and a line typically produces fields much less than the maximum it is capable of.

Typical Ground-level UK Field Levels from Overhead Power Lines

		Magnetic Field (microteslas)	Electric Field (volts per metre)	
The largest steel pylons (275 kV and 400 kV)	Typical field (under line)	5 - 10	3,000 - 5,000	An overhead powerline typically produces fields much less than the maximum it is capable of.
	Typical field (50 m to side)	0.4 - 0.6	50 - 100	
Smaller steel pylons and largest wooden poles (66 kV and 132 kV)	Typical field (under line)	0.5 - 2	500 - 3,000	
	Typical field (50 m to side)	0.03 - 0.2	20 - 100	
Medium wooden poles (6.6 kV, 11 kV, 20 kV and 33 kV)	Typical field (under line)	0.4 - 1	50 - 200	
	Typical field (50 m to side)	0.01 - 0.03	1 - 5	
Smallest wooden poles (400 V or 230 V)	Typical field (under line)	0.05 - 0.2	<1	
	Typical field (50 m to side)	<0.01 - 0.02	<1	

There is no restriction in the UK on EMF grounds on how close a house can be to an overhead line. Overhead lines are designed to ensure they comply with the exposure limits even directly underneath the wires. Further detailed information on all issues associated with emfs is available from: www.emfs.info