

# 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.

# What happens next?



## **SP Energy Networks intends to 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.

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.

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.