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Rat will be all

Calls for more to be done to tackle pests in communities



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Residents are urging Falkirk Council to do more to tackle what they claim is a growing problem of rats roaming in communities.

However, the local authority has said while it is doing all it can to address the issue, it is also up to householders to dispose of rubbish correctly. This week, householders in Bantaskine and Denny have voiced their concerns about the number of rats which are regularly seen near their homes.

One said: "I'm frightened to open windows and doors."

Meanwhile, residents in Denny have made a formal complaint alleging the council is not doing enough to tackle what they see as a "severe public health issue".

They are urging Falkirk Council to be more proactive and to use enforcement action against those who are fly-tipping which they say is exacerbating the situation.

They are also asking for the installation of lockable bins in communal areas.

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Notice is hereby given that **SP Transmission plc**, ("the Company") with company registration number **SC189126,** having its registered office at **320 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, Scotland, G2 5AD** has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to **uprate an existing 275 kV overhead electric line to 400 kV. The 'ZG Route' runs between the existing Denny North Substation (NS 82327 84689) and the existing Bonnybridge Substation (NS 84064 80933). The total length of the route proposed for uprating is 4km**. The proposed development has been subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and an EIA Report has been produced.

The Company has also requested a direction under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the EIA Report discussing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for public inspection in person, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

Location	Opening hours	Address
Bonnybridge Library	• Monday: 10:00 - 17:00 • Tuesday: 10:00 - 17:00 • Wednesday: Closed • Thursday: 10:00 - 20:00 • Friday: 10:00 - 17:00 • Saturday: 10:00 - 15:00 • Sunday: Closed	Bridge St, Bonnybridge, FK4 1AD
Denny Library	• Monday: 10:00 - 20:00 • Tuesday: 10:00 - 17:00 • Wednesday: Closed • Thursday: 10:00 - 17:00 • Friday: 10:00 - 17:00 • Saturday: 10:00 - 15:00 • Sunday: Closed	Davies Row, Denny, FK6 6FA

The application can also be viewed on the application website at https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/denny_wishaw_project_documents.aspx; or at www.energyconsents.scot under application reference ECU00006375. Please note, the EIA Report that relates to this application is a combined report covering several applications and can be viewed at www.energyconsents.scot under application reference ECU00006380.

Copies of the EIA Report may be obtained from SP Transmission (telephone: 07552 266171 or email info@dennywishaw.co.uk) at a charge of £5000 per hard copy and free of charge on USB storage device. Copies of a short Non-Technical Summary are available free of charge.

Any representations on the application may be submitted via www.energyconsents.scot, using the relevant Project Name and/or ECU reference number. Please note that you must be in possession of a working email address to submit a representation virtually.

If you would prefer to submit your representation by post, please send to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation. Written representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals) and full postal address of those making representations.

All representations should be received not later than 22 August 2026. Scottish Ministers may be able to consider written representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the Company will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

Where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, they can cause a public inquiry to be held.

Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in one of two ways:

- Grant consent, with or without conditions attached; or
- Refuse the proposal.

General Data Protection Regulations

The Scottish Government processes representations under the Electricity Act 1989. To support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at www.energyconsents.scot.

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