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Athletes on the run

Law and District Amateur Athletics Club continued their good form with success across many different disciplines.

U20 Owen Murphy excelled at the British Track and Field Championships in Birmingham when he achieved a new club record in the 100m, with a personal best time of 10.62s. His sister, U18 Cara, also had a super run in the 100m, where she achieved a season best 13.91s.

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£13K BENEFITS CHEAT FILMED AT WORK

MUM 'TOO DISABLED TO BATHE' CAUGHT RUNNING TAKEAWAY

Public tip-off

COURT REPORTER

A brazen Wishaw woman who claimed she could barely walk claimed thousands of pounds of disability benefits while running a takeaway.

Julie Smith was filmed by fraud investigators as she cooked and served food to customers. Hamilton Sheriff Court heard they also watched her driving to shops and loading her car with foodstuffs.

Smith, 47, admitted providing false or misleading information to obtain £13,720.17 from Social Security Scotland between August 2022 and March 2024.

Cameron Murdoch, prosecuting, said she applied for Adult Disability Payment, claiming she was in constant pain from fibromyalgia and arthritis, and also suffered from anxiety.

After checking the information with Smith's GP, officials awarded her a lump sum of £2147.95 and started paying her £505.40 a month.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017

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 two existing 275 kV overhead electric lines to 400 kV. The first line, known as the 'XX Route', runs between the existing Easterhouse Substation (NS 70221 67103) and the existing Newarthill Substation (NS 78151 60774). The second line, known as the 'XR route' runs between the existing Newarthill Substation (NS 78151 60774) and the existing Wishaw Substation (NS 79023 54066). The total length of the XX Route proposed for uprating is 15km, and the total length of the XR Route proposed for uprating is 16km. 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:

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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 ECU00006382. 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.

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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. A privacy notice is published on the Help page at www.energyconsents.scot. This explains how the Scottish Government processes your personal information. If you have any concerns about the processing of your personal information by the Scottish Government, please email EconsentsAdmin@gov.scot or write to Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU.

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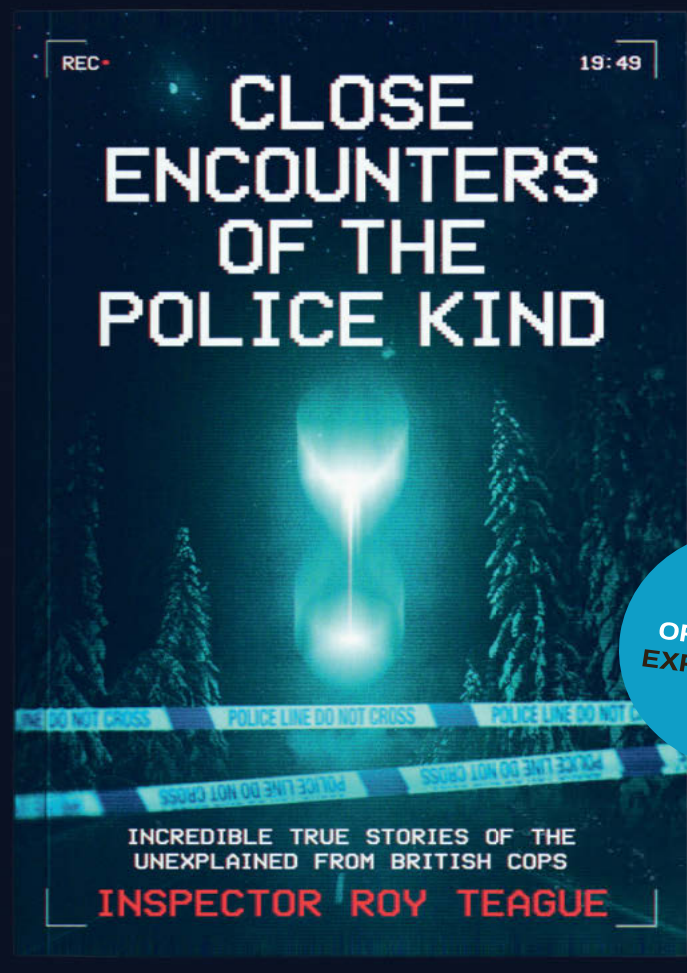
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