

# Our updated plans



Following feedback received in our public consultations, and further environmental and technical assessments, we have refined and updated our plans.

**Westfield converter station:** We have increased the amount of woodland planting around the proposed converter station site, and added areas of wildflower meadow (see plan above).

These changes will help screen the site, reduce its visual effects and increase biodiversity.

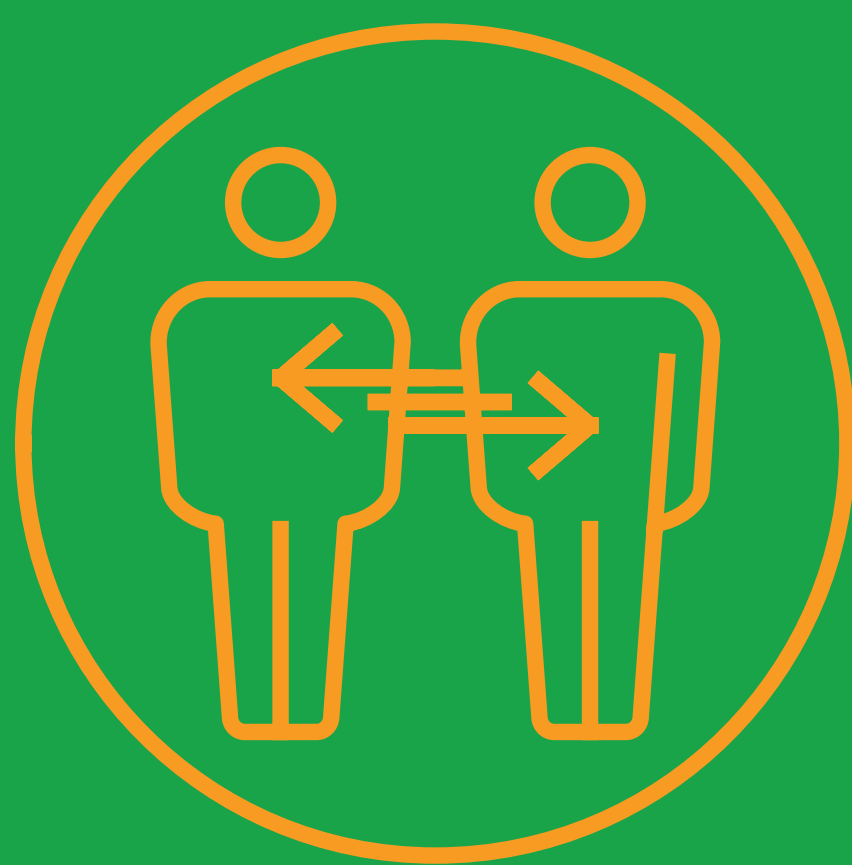
Westfield converter station will be made up of large warehouse-type buildings and outside electrical equipment. The total converter station footprint will be approximately 250m x 350m in size with buildings up to 28.5m in height, to accommodate the equipment needed. We will also need temporary construction and parking areas, and underground cables to connect the converter station to the existing substation.

**Underground cable route:** we have continued detailed discussions with landowners and stakeholders and have made some minor changes to the ‘red line boundary,’ mainly for access routes and working areas. These have been checked environmentally and technically and do not result in any additional landowners being affected.

**Marine cable landfall point:** Our detailed design work has enabled us to move the Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) compound north-east, further away from the homes to the south at Kinghorn, to reduce disturbance to local residents. No work on the beach or on the cliffs will be required.



# You said, we listened...



**Feedback received during Pre-Application Consultation** has helped us make a number of changes to the project design, and to make some additional commitments:

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Please don't dig up or damage Minto woodland, the new footpaths or newly-planted trees.	The underground cable route needs to cross Minto woodland, but instead of digging a trench we will use Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) to pass safely underneath without affecting trees or footpaths. We will need temporary compounds for drilling equipment either side of the woods, but we won't need access to the woods or footpaths.
At Kinghorn, please can you move the HDD compound to minimise disturbance to local residents?	Our detailed design work has enabled us to move the HDD compound north-east, further away from the homes to the south at Kinghorn. No work on the beach or on the cliffs will be required. We will design the HDD compound site to ensure the drill works are carried out sensitively both for the residents and for wildlife, including overwintering birds and seals.
Can you do anything to reduce the visual impact of the converter station?	We have developed a detailed landscape masterplan showing areas of planting around the converter station, both to aid screening and to improve biodiversity in the area. We have created visualisations showing how this might look in years to come. We are also undertaking a full assessment of potential landscape and visual impacts as part of our environmental impact assessment that will be submitted with our planning application.
We want to see some community benefits, improvements to Fife Coastal Path and support for local schools.	New guidance means SP Energy Networks will now have dedicated community benefit funding for this project, and we will also work with colleagues at Westfield substation to see how we can maximise our contribution. We have had some great ideas for projects and initiatives in which the community benefit funding can be targeted, and we will be talking to local organisations about how and where we can help.