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BEAULY to DENNY OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINE Consultation Update

Beaulay Denny Legacy Steering Group Meeting Update
22.11.13

Consultation Strategy

Objective

The Stirling Mitigation Scheme Consultation Strategy aims to develop with local communities, local interest groups and agencies the approved Stirling Green Network Mitigation Framework.

The Framework defines the mitigation within a corridor based on a green network approach and specific project criteria. The intention is to develop and adopt for implementation projects that are:

- compliant with the Mitigation Framework
- allow local communities and stakeholders to engage and able to participate in the development of the design and management
- deliver local value in accord with the framework.

Who will be Consulted

Extending Meaningful Consultation

The engagement process will involve a wide range of stakeholders community councils, community groups, partnership groups, landowners, residents, voluntary sectors and members of the public, private sector partners, planning authorities agreed with the Partnership Group.

The Partnership Group (Stirling Council, Scottish Government, Central Scotland Green Network, Scottish Power Transmission (SPT) will with appropriate inputs from the Project Implementation Group advance consultations with:

- B-D Legacy Steering Group
- Public Partners & Bodies
- Community Councils
- Community Interest Groups

Form of Consultation



Form of Consultation



E-Consultation – Documents & Plans



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Beaulay-Denny Overhead Line (OHL) Upgrade

Scotland has huge renewable power potential and SP Energy Networks part of the ScottishPower Group is committed to playing its part by making major improvements to our existing network as well as building new lines and substations to cope with this increase in demand.

One such project, which has received the Scottish Government's approval, is an essential infrastructure upgrade to the high voltage transmission line between Beaulay, near Inverness and Denny, near Falkirk. The project involves replacing the existing 132kV overhead transmission line with a 400kV transmission line. In January 2010 the Scottish Government gave consent for the essential infrastructure upgrade to the high voltage transmission line.

SP Energy Networks has been granted planning permission to upgrade the 21km section of the 220km line that lies within the company's network extending from the north of Stirlingshire to Denny near Falkirk. The approval follows a lengthy planning process that started in 2005 and a Public Inquiry that began in 2007 and gives the green light to one of the biggest construction projects to take place in the UK in recent years. The construction programme for the project should take 3-4 years.

From the early development of our works we engage in environmental and technical consultations with a wide variety of stakeholders and once consent has been granted we continue our liaison keeping affected parties informed throughout our activities.

"The Beaulay to Denny power line upgrade is essential to help Scotland achieve its

Documents

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[Peat Storage Area - Information Leaflet \(November 2012\)](#) (8.7 Mb pdf)
- 
[Peat Storage Area - Public Flyer \(November 2012\)](#) (90Kb pdf)
- 
[Peat Storage Area - Location Map \(November 2012\)](#) (180Kb pdf)
- 
[Stirling Visual Impact Mitigation Scheme](#) (18Mb pdf)
- 
[Report on Engagement](#) (90MB pdf)

Key Areas of Consultation

Coordinating Main-Works & Mitigation Consultation

The engagement process will involve a wide range of stakeholders and Community Councils and landowner and other interest groups arranged in groups. Critical importance going forward is that SPT coordinate the varied Consultation Activity associated with:

- Main Works Consultation / Communication Strategy
Environment Liaison Group (SPT Coordinate)
Led by Bridie Casey and SPT Technical/Environment Team
- Mitigation Framework Consultations
Led by Ironside Farrar

Key Areas of Consultation

Engaging with Local Interest / Active Community Groups

The engagement process is seeking to build on work previously undertaken by Statutory bodies / Landscape Partnerships / Friends Groups and local Communities building on local knowledge and active interest groups and works outlined in the Green Arc Proposals. Key Groups:

- Ochil Landscape Partnership
- Inner Forth Partnership
- Green Arc Consultation Groups
- Bannockburn Heritage Trail / National Trust
- Forth Environmental Link
- Community Environmental / Friends Groups
- Others

Next Steps Programme

	2013			2014		
	Q4			Q1		
Partnership Group Meetings	◆	◆		◆		◆
Implementation Group Meetings			◆	◆	◆	◆
B-D Legacy Steering Group	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆
Statutory Agency Consultation Event			■			
Community Consultations				■		
Landowner Consultations				■		
Member Presentation						■
NGO / Partnership Groups				■		
Establish Implementation Group		■				
Mainline Works Consultations	■			■		
Contract Work Packages						■ tbc



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