CONSULTATION INFORMATION

THE CONSULTATION - HAVE YOUR SAY

Due to the age of the overhead line, SP Energy Networks needs to rebuild approximately 13.5km of the existing 132kV, steel tower connection (known as 'T Route'), which currently extends between 'AK Route' north of Annan to the shared license boundary with National Grid Energy Transmission (NGET) in the Solway Firth, south east of Gretna.

Usually we would hold public exhibitions and face to face consultation events. Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, temporary regulations have come into effect (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 and The Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Amendment of Expiry Dates) Regulations 2022 which means that this is not currently possible.

SP Energy Networks is therefore undertaking a 'virtual consultation' where the consultation material can be viewed online at the website and we would welcome your views. The consultation is running between the 11th July and 9th August 2022. You will find more information and details of how to get in touch below.

Project website :

https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/trouterebuild.aspx

THE PROJECT

There are three main elements to the project which can be seen on Figure 1 below:

- The existing steel lattice tower line forming 'T Route' will be rebuilt as a wood pole line on a different route between a point close to tower AK008 north of Annan and tower T137A, south of Gretna. The towers used will be single trident wood poles with two double 'H poles' required at the east and west ends of the route respectively. A preferred route has been established and is the subject of this consultation.
- Additionally, one new terminal steel lattice tower will be needed adjacent to the AK Route near Annan and two new towers will be required at the NGET boundary south of Gretna.
- The existing 132kV steel lattice towers along the redundant section of the route will be dismantled, removed and the ground restored following construction of the replacement overhead line.

Existing steel lattice tower line forming the T Route

Single circuit steel lattice tower

Typical Trident single wood pole

Typical double wood 'H Pole'

THE PREFERRED ROUTE

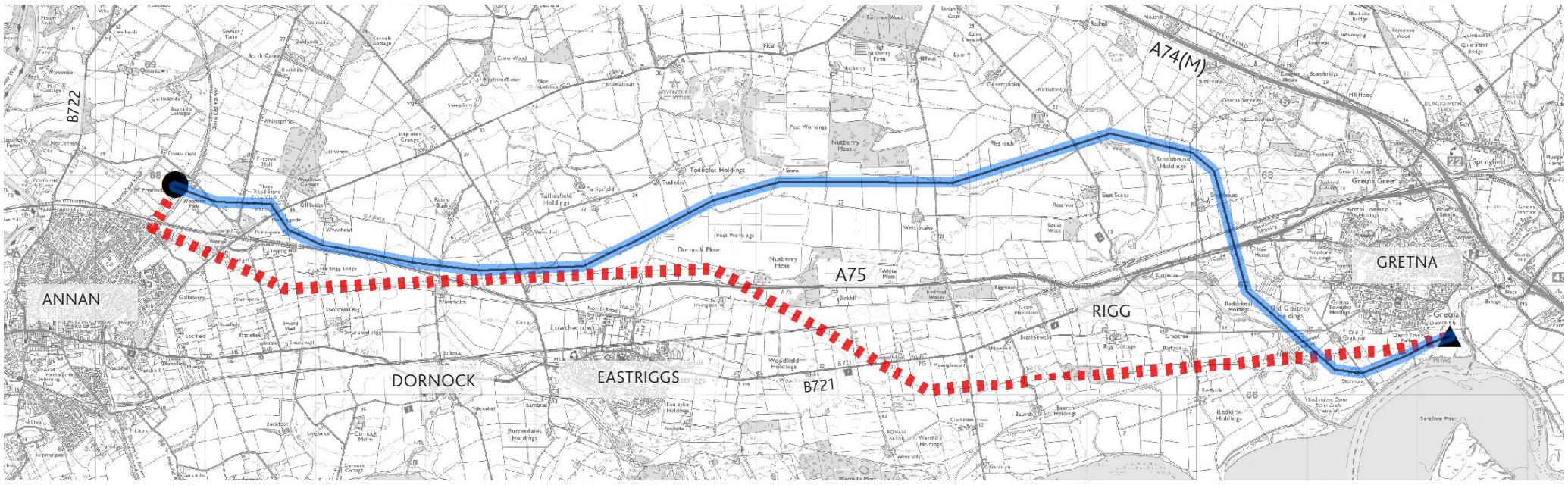

Figure 1 The Preferred Route

More details can be found on the project website:

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