



132kV Overhead Line Grid Connection for Harestanes West Wind Farm

Public Consultation

Background

During August-September 2023, SP Energy Networks (SPEN) undertook the first round of public consultation on the Harestanes West Wind Farm 132kV overhead line grid connection project.

Since the closure of the consultation period in September 2023, SPEN and our environmental consultants have been reviewing feedback alongside environmental surveys, technical requirements and landowner discussions with a view to progressing the detailed route alignment of the proposed grid connection.

Over the past two years, we have made amendments to the preferred route that was presented at the public consultation events in 2023. We have now identified proposed locations for each of the wood poles along the length of the route.

Now that more detail is available regarding the alignment of the route, we would like to present this information to you and allow the opportunity to ask any questions of our team at a second round of public consultation events.

A photograph of a rural landscape with rolling green hills, a fence line, and some trees under a cloudy sky.

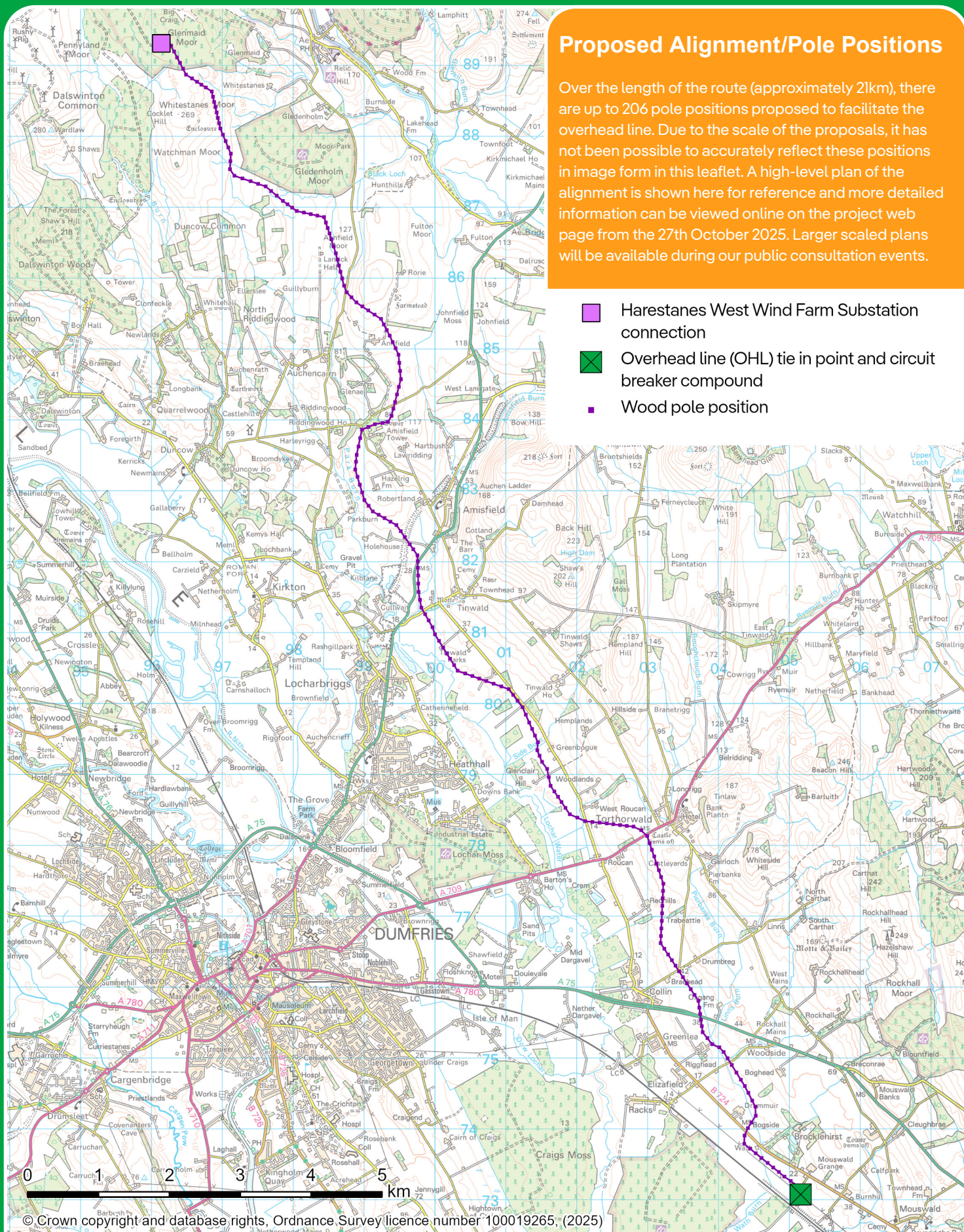
The consultation will start on
27th October 2025 and close on
30th November 2025 at midnight.

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Proposed Alignment/Pole Positions

Over the length of the route (approximately 21km), there are up to 206 pole positions proposed to facilitate the overhead line. Due to the scale of the proposals, it has not been possible to accurately reflect these positions in image form in this leaflet. A high-level plan of the alignment is shown here for reference and more detailed information can be viewed online on the project web page from the 27th October 2025. Larger scaled plans will be available during our public consultation events.

-  Harestanes West Wind Farm Substation connection
-  Overhead line (OHL) tie in point and circuit breaker compound
-  Wood pole position



Further information on the alignment and pole positions can be found on the SP Energy Networks project website:
www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/overhead_line_for_harestanes_west_wf.aspx

Please note comments at this stage are informal comments to SPEN and are made to allow SPEN to determine whether changes to the proposed alignment are necessary. An opportunity to comment formally to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit, who will be the decision makers on the Section 37 application, will follow at a later stage in the process post submission.

Public exhibitions

We are holding drop-in events where you can view the proposed route alignment in more detail and speak to the project team. Everyone is welcome and no appointment is needed.

Date	Location	The exhibition materials for our upcoming events will also be made available on the website from 27th October.
Wednesday 29th October Between 2pm -7pm	Hetland Hall Hotel, Near Carrutherstown, A75, Carrutherstown, Dumfries, DG1 4JX	
Thursday 30th October Between 2pm -7pm	Tinwald Parish Hall, Amisfield, Dumfries, DG1 3LN	

Our consultation will run from **27th October 2025** until **30th November 2025**. The closing date for you to send your responses to us is **midnight on 30th November 2025**. Following this date, the information will remain accessible online and available to download.

How to get in touch?

Visit our project website:



For more information about the proposals or to download key project documents, scan the QR code or visit our project website at:



www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/overhead_line_for_harestanes_west_wf.aspx

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What happens next

Following completion of this consultation process, SPEN will review any additional feedback and landowner comments before seeking to finalise pole locations. The design will then be frozen and taken forward in the form of a Section 37 application to the Scottish Government, supported by an Environmental Appraisal. Formal comments to the Scottish Government would then be possible at that stage. It is currently anticipated that a Section 37 consent application will be made around the second quarter of 2026.



For more information about SP Energy Networks, please visit our website:

www.spenergynetworks.co.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read our leaflet. We hope to see you soon at one of the events!