



# Galashiels to Eccles 132kV Overhead Line Replacement Project

We'd like to update you  
on our proposals

SP Energy Networks will be applying for consent to replace the existing overhead electricity network between Galashiels substation and Eccles substation in the Scottish Borders.

We invite you to attend our upcoming drop-in sessions to find out more about the project, meet the project team and learn about the next steps.

## Who are SP Energy Networks?

SP Energy Networks is a Distribution and Transmission Network Operator. We keep electricity flowing to homes and businesses throughout Central and Southern Scotland, North Wales, Merseyside, Cheshire and North Shropshire. We do this through our network of overhead lines and underground cables which we own and maintain.

## What is the project and why is it needed?

There are two existing overhead lines, known as the 'AT' route and 'U' route, which currently secure the supply of electricity to homes and businesses between Galashiels substation and Eccles substation. These are ageing and need to be replaced to ensure this part of the network remains reliable, resilient and capable of meeting future demand.

To achieve this, SP Energy Networks is proposing to replace these lines with a single new overhead line that combines both electricity circuits of the existing routes. A short section of the line will be undergrounded at the Galashiels substation end. Once the replacement line is operational, the existing 'AT' and 'U' routes will be removed entirely. This will reduce the number of overhead lines in the landscape while upgrading the network.



## June 2023:

All documents referenced are available to view or download from the project website  
[www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/galashiels-eccles](http://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/galashiels-eccles)

Earthwire

Conductors

Cross arms  
(3 per side 6 in total)

Insulators

Tower material:  
Galvanised steel  
which fades to  
grey in approx. 18  
months

Tower height:  
26m to 43m  
(average 32m)

Typical 132kV 'L7' steel lattice tower

## Public exhibitions

We are holding three drop-in events where you can learn more about the project and speak with the project team. Everyone is welcome and no appointment is needed.

### Date

### Location

#### Tuesday 2nd September

Between 2pm -7pm

#### Gordon Village Hall,

Main Street, Gordon, TD3 6JP

#### Wednesday 3rd September

Between 2pm -7pm

#### Leitholm Village Hall,

Main Street, Leitholm, Coldstream, TD12 4JL

#### Thursday 4th September

Between 2pm -7pm

#### Langlee Community Centre,

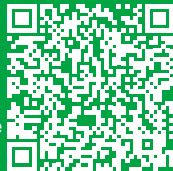
Marigold Drive, Galashiels, TD1 2LP

## Online information

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

[www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/galashiels-eccles](http://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/galashiels-eccles)

The exhibition materials for our upcoming events will also be made available online from 2nd September 2025.



## How to get in touch?

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## What happens next

After the Section 37 application is submitted in Spring 2026, there will be a formal consultation period where you can comment directly to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit on the proposals.

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

[www.spenergynetworks.co.uk](http://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk)

It is currently anticipated that:

The application will be determined by Spring 2027

If consented, construction of the new line will start early in 2028

Construction of the new line will be completed by Autumn 2030

Dismantling of the existing 'U' and 'AT' routes will be completed by Spring 2031

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