

SIMPLIFIED NOTIFICATION

PART I

Notification to Planning Authority as provided for by the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) and the Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990

Applicant's Reference: FBV856

To – Argyll & Bute Council
Municipal Buildings
Oban
Argyll
PA34 4AW

Dear Sir/Madam

NEW 33KV OVERHEAD LINE SPUR AT INVERLIEVER, LOCH ETIVE, ARGYLL, PA31 1JT

Notice is hereby served that an application (bearing the above reference and date) will be made to the Scottish Ministers under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) for consent to the development as described at 1 below to be carried out by Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc. It is confirmed that due consideration has been given to the provisions referred to in Schedule 9 of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) in formulating this proposal. Further information in connection with the application is provided at 2 and 3 below.

In accordance with the Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 (SI 1990/455) regulation 9, an applicant may give written notice to a planning authority of a proposal to make an application to the Scottish Ministers under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989. I hereby request that you give written notification in respect of my proposed application as to whether or not you would object to the proposal in terms of the particulars given at items 1 to 5 on the following pages. **This form will form part of my application and will be relied upon by Scottish Ministers when determining whether further consultation with the planning authority is required at application stage.**

Guidance on the status of this Simplified Notification can be found on the Scottish Government website.

I should be grateful if you would complete Part II of this form in responding to this request and return to me as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Signature: *Jane MacQueen* Print Name: JANE MACQUEEN
Designation – Land Consents Manager

Registered Address and Company Number:
Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc
Inveralmond House
200 Dunkeld Road
Perth
PH1 3AQ
Company Number - SC213460

Date: 14th April 2026

For completion by applicant:

1. Particulars of proposed development as set out in guidance, including but not limited to:

We propose to construct a new 33kV overhead line spur in order to provide a new point of connection for a telecommunications mast. The new line will consist of two single poles, which will house our plant and equipment. The new overhead line will be installed using poles of a wooden variety and these will be approximately 10 metres in height. The total length of the overhead line will be 30m. From Pole 2 of the new spur we propose to install approximately 20m of HV underground cable followed by 30m of service cable, which will terminate at the point of connection. This will be classed as permitted development.

As the line is to be constructed is located away from the main road there will be no requirement for traffic management, supplies will be stored within our local depot yard in Oban. Any required machinery will be delivered to site and stored off road at the landowner's agreement.

The site lies within the Glen Etive and Glen Fyne Special Protection Area, designated for its population of golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*). Having regard to advice from NatureScot, it is considered that, provided materials are transported to site via the access track and not by helicopter, the proposal is unlikely to have a significant effect on the SPA's qualifying interests, and no mitigation would be required.

2. Information to indicate that this proposal is out with the scope of The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017:

An application was submitted to the ECU for screening under reference ECU00006347 with a determination issued on 17th March 2026 confirming that an EIA is not required. A copy of the decision notice is included with this notification.

3. Information to indicate that the applicant has had regard to the provisions of Schedule 9 of the Electricity Act 1989 in formulating these proposals:

Whilst no archaeological issues were identified it was noted that a walk-over study was previously carried out in the area. Consultation has taken place with WoSAS who have confirmed that there are no identifying features close to the proposed work site and no mitigation would be required.

4. Details of consultations carried out by the applicant and any responses received. Please provide copies of all correspondence:

NatureScot – copy correspondence attached
WoSAS – copy correspondence attached
ECU Screening Decision Notice – copy attached

5. Are there any outstanding land rights issues associated with this proposal? Please give details of outstanding land rights and progress made in engaging with affected landowner(s):

No outstanding land rights.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE ABOVE LINE AND ITS SUPPORTS WILL COMPLY WITH THE ELECTRICITY SAFETY, QUALITY AND CONTINUITY REGULATIONS 2002 (AS AMENDED).

PART II

(To be fully completed by the Planning Authority)

Applicant's Reference No..... Planning Reference No.....

1. Please give details of external and internal consultations carried out by the Planning Authority, attaching documents where appropriate:
2. Please give details of any directions made by Scottish Ministers under Part 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 restricting the granting of planning permission in respect of these proposals:
3. Does the proposed development infringe on any safeguarded airspace?
4. Is the development likely to have any adverse effect on a sensitive area as defined in Schedule 2 of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017? Please give details of any potential effects considered:
5. Does the Planning Authority consider that the application should be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report in accordance with The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017? Please specify the points arising from the application or your consultations which have caused the planning authority to take this view. If sufficient information has not been provided by the applicant to make this assessment (or to answer any of the questions on this form) please state here.
6. Does the Planning Authority object to the proposed development?
7. Does the Planning Authority approve of the proposed development as described in Part I (1)?

8. If the planning authority approves of the proposed development subject to modifications, please state the modifications agreed with the applicant below, on separate paper if necessary:

9. If the planning authority approves the proposed development subject to conditions, please state here, and provide conditions on a separate paper. Please have regard to the Section 37 template conditions published by the Scottish Government within guidance for these applications.

10. In some cases, there may be extended periods of time between this notification and the determination of the Section 37 application by Scottish Ministers. Therefore, if this is a notification not objecting to the proposal, please indicate over what time period this notification is valid:

Signed

Designation

Date

Planning Authority