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Dear Simon

Our ref: LT243/Foyers Substation and Switching Station Works/PAN Submission

Proposal of Application Notice: New substation comprising platform area, associated plant and infrastructure, ancillary facilities, laydown area(s), access road and landscape works, and extension to existing Foyers switching station comprising platform area, associated plant and infrastructure, ancillary facilities, laydown area(s), access road and landscape works (National Development) at land to the North East of Foyers Hydro Electric Power Station

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (the Applicant), operating and known as Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (SSEN Transmission), is pleased to submit this Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) and associated site location plan relating to the proposed new substation and extension of Foyers Switching Station to the north east of Foyers Hydro Electric Power Station.

The proposed development is to be subject to the formal pre-application process (November 2022) and is classified as National Development as defined in Annex A of the National Planning Framework 3 (NPF3), by virtue of it forming part of the high voltage electricity transmission network. The Proposed Development falls under the class of development noted as, *“new and /or upgraded onshore substations directly linked to electricity transmission cabling of or in excess of 132 kilovolts”*.

The redline PAN boundary seeks to include all land required to complete the proposed works associated with the replacement of the existing transmission transformers at Foyers Hydro Electric Power Station.

Further details on the proposed development will be provided to interested parties at two public consultation events to be held face-to-face.

A public consultation event is proposed for 19th October 2022 between 2pm and 7pm at Stratherrick Public Hall, Gorthleck, Inverness IV2 6YS. An advert for this event will be placed in the Press and Journal at least 7 days in advance of the event. A second in-person public consultation event will be held prior to submission of the planning application (programmed for late Spring 2023).

Please note the venue for the public consultation event has recently been flooded and is not currently available for use. The venue operator has confirmed remedial works should be completed and the venue available for use by the 19th October 2022. If it becomes apparent the venue will not be ready for use on this date an alternative event venue will be sought. This will be confirmed prior to the advertising and mail drop and to any parties previously contacted.

Copies of this notice will be sent to the parties, as identified on the accompanying PAN. The attached PAN form provides further details of what consultation is being proposed.

In terms of additional consultation and publicity, the Applicant proposes the following:

- Mail Drop of information postcards in the local area;
- Posters in the local area; and
- Updates on the project website.

We trust that the approach as set out above and in the attached PAN is sufficient to meet the terms of the statutory requirements for pre-application consultation, without prejudice to the planning authority's obligations under the terms of Section 35(B)7 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1997 (as amended).

I look forward to receiving confirmation of receipt and validation of this PAN and a response within 21 days.

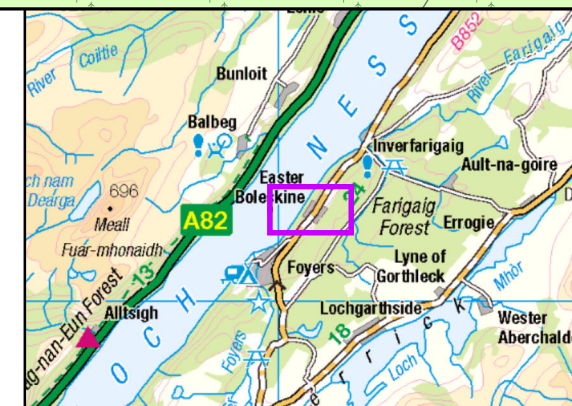
Should you have any queries or require further information please contact me directly.

Yours sincerely

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Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc



Red Line Site Boundary



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