Stage Two Consultation - Have your Say

A copy of this information leaflet is being sent to all properties within 200m of the section of T Route which is to be dismantled and also those properties within 200m of the proposed route. The consultation is also being advertised in local newspapers and a printed poster explaining the project and the consultation displayed on public notice boards.
We invite you to view the project website (address below) which will provide more information on the project including the proposed route and a Consultation Feedback Report which explains the changes made to the preferred route in response to feedback received following the first round of consultation. A hard copy of the Consultation Feedback Report is available to view at Annan and Gretna public libraries.

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

All responses received in response to the Stage Two Consultation will be considered alongside the comments from the Stage One Consultation to enable SP Transmission plc to decide on the proposed route to be progressed to the EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) stage. An opportunity to comment formally to the Energy Consents Unit will follow at a later in the process once the application has been submitted to the Scottish Government. Commenting informally at this stage does not remove the right or potential need to comment on the final application.

How do I get in touch?

The consultation will run between 25th November and 6th January 2023 although information relating to the project will remain on the project website and available for download before and after these dates. You can get in touch by:

- Emailing us directly at **TRoute@spenergynetworks.co.uk**;
- By post, allowing 7 days for receipt and sending your comments to this address:

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T Route Rebuild Project

Consultation Information Leaflet

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The Project

Due to the age of the overhead line, SP Transmission plc 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.

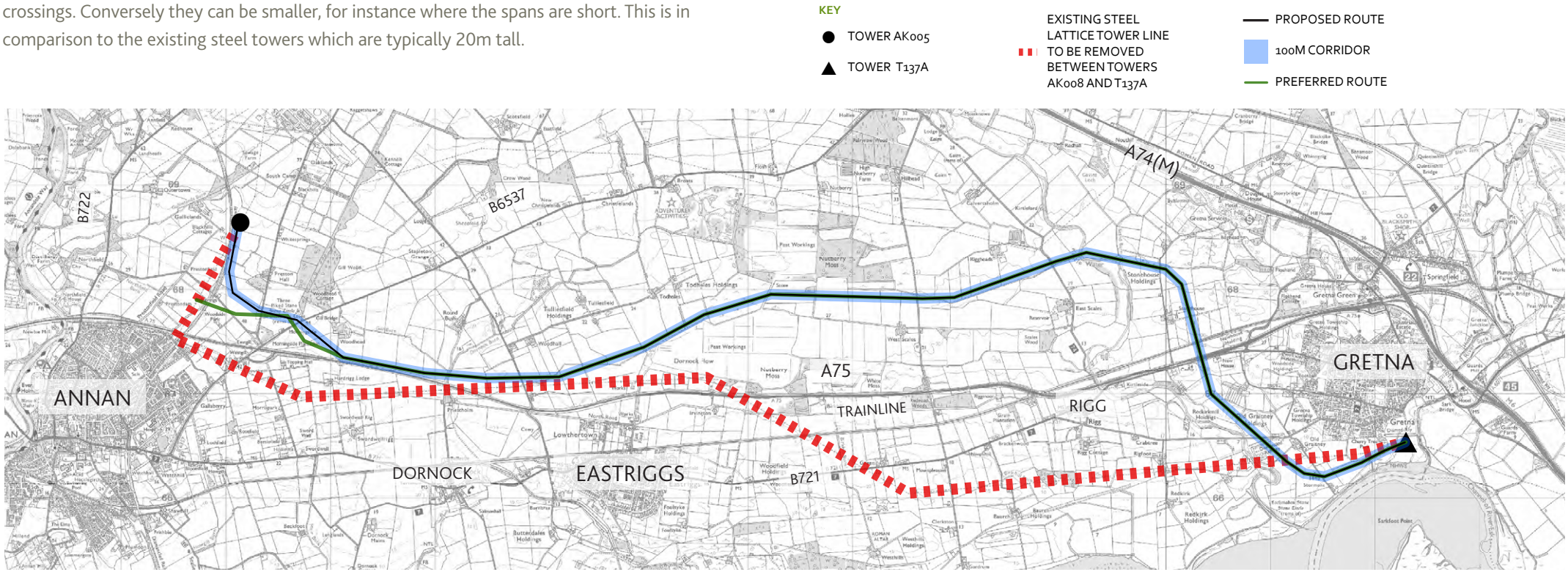
The existing steel lattice tower line forming 'T Route' is shown below as a red dashed line. This section of overhead line will be rebuilt as a wood pole line on a different route between a point close to tower AK005 north of Annan and tower T137A, south of Gretna. The new overhead line will use single trident wood poles with two double 'H poles' required at the east and west ends of the route respectively.

Trident poles are typically 11m to 16m high, but can be taller, for instance at road and rail crossings. Conversely they can be smaller, for instance where the spans are short. This is in comparison to the existing steel towers which are typically 20m tall.

The proposed route has been informed by comments received during the first stage of consultation. Comments were limited and most of the feedback following stage one of the consultation related to concerns about impacts on the environment and the proposed design, including requests for undergrounding.

One respondent expressed concerns about the potential removal of mature trees along the dismantled railway line at the western end of the preferred route and suggested an alternative connection to tower AK005 to avoid this impact.

The revised route, which is now referred to as the 'proposed route', is shown as a black line below and is the subject of this Stage Two Consultation.




Typical Trident single wood pole


Typical double wood 'H Pole'


Single circuit steel lattice tower

Proposed Overhead Line **Design**

Following considerable environmental planning and stage one consultation, the route above has been selected as the proposed route in order to minimise effects on the environment and on people. We now want to hear from you again. Involving local people in the project is extremely important to us so that we can identify any issues and address any concerns. We would therefore invite you to view the project website which contains more detail in relation to the project and preferred route and tells you how you can provide us with your feedback.