

Eastern Green Link 4

Public Consultation Feedback Form



The last day for submitting feedback is Friday 10 May 2024.

Scotland is producing more clean, green energy than ever before, and we need to strengthen the transmission network so we can get it to the homes, schools and businesses that need it. One of the ways we increase capacity is by building new infrastructure to transmit more electricity securely and reliably.

Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL4) is a new High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) electrical link that will connect Fife in Scotland with Norfolk in England.

The EGL4 project will play a key role in the fight against climate change, and the UK's transition to Net Zero. It is one of many new transmission upgrades that are planned across the UK.

This is our first round of public consultation. Your views will help us develop more detailed plans, and we will hold a second round of consultation on our detailed proposals before we apply for planning permission.

About You

Please provide the information requested below. Fields marked with an * are compulsory.

Title: First name:*

Surname:*

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation: Yes No

If yes, which one:

Address:*

Postcode:* Telephone:

Email (if you would like to receive project updates):

Did you attend one of our public exhibitions? Ballingry Kinghorn Auchtertool Did not attend

Keeping your details safe

SP Energy Networks is committed to respecting your privacy and will comply with all applicable data protection and privacy laws. We're consulting you to get your views on our plans for Eastern Green Link 4, so we may need to share your information with certain other bodies for the purposes of the consultation and for creating reports. These are: other ScottishPower Group companies; third party service providers, contractors or advisors who provide services to us; and relevant planning authorities.

More information

More information about the project and the consultation process can be found in the project leaflet and the *Routeing and Consultation Document*, which are both available on the consultation website



www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/eastern_green_link_4.aspx

Have your say

You can submit your comments in a number of ways

1. Complete this feedback form and return it to us by post for free (just put it in an envelope and write **FREEPOST SPEN EGL4** on the envelope in a single line. Nothing else is needed); or
2. Complete the online version of the form on our website www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/eastern_green_link_4.aspx
3. Email us your comments at egl4@communityrelations.co.uk; or
4. Call us free of charge on FREEPHONE: **0800 021 7890**

What we are consulting on

This is our first public consultation on the project. In this consultation, we'd like to know:

- Your views on our preferred site for the converter station;
 - Your views on our preferred underground cable route corridor;
 - Your views on our preferred landfall site;
 - Your views on our preferred marine cable route;
 - If you have comments about any of the alternatives we considered;
 - Any other factors you would like us to consider.
- We would particularly like to hear your views on your local area e.g. areas you use for recreation, local environmental features you would like us to consider, and any plans you may have to build anything along the route.

We will publish a report of the first round of public consultation and give you another chance to comment on our detailed proposals as the project develops.

Q2. Our preferred underground cable route

Bringing the cables ashore at Kinghorn allows a shorter onshore cable route to Westfield (around 14km from Kinghorn compared to around 29km from Largo Bay) and avoids centres of population, thereby minimising disturbance to local communities.

We have identified a swathe of land within which we could install underground cables between Westfield and Kinghorn. We will not need to use all this land, but we would like to know if there are any areas or places within the swathe that you think we should avoid or be aware of. We would particularly like to hear your views on your local area e.g. areas you use for recreation, local environmental features you would like us to consider, and any plans you may have to build anything along the route.

Q1. Our preferred site for the converter station at Westfield

We need to build a new converter station close to the existing substation at Westfield, so that Alternating Current (AC) electricity from the transmission network can be converted to HVDC for safe onward transmission via the underground and subsea cables.

The converter station will be approximately 250m x 350m in size, with large warehouse-type buildings up to 28.5m high, and outside electrical equipment, temporary construction and parking areas, and underground cables to connect the converter station to the existing substation. Our plans will include landscaping and tree-planting to help screen the site, reduce its visual effects and increase biodiversity.

Do you have any comments on our preferred site for the converter station?

Q3. Our preferred landfall site at Kinghorn

Our preferred landfall site, where the subsea cables come ashore and join on to the underground cables, is near Kinghorn. We selected Kinghorn as the landfall site after careful appraisal of a number of potential options along the Fife coast, including at Largo Bay and Buckhaven. The subsea cables will be installed at the landfall site below ground using Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) to minimise any impact on the sensitive coastal environment and protected sites, and avoiding disturbance to the seal haul-out area to the north.

Please let us have any comments you may have about our preferred landfall site or the alternatives we considered.

Q4. Our preferred marine cable route

We are consulting with marine users, including fisheries and shipping organisations, about our preferred subsea cable route, but please let us know if you have any comments you would like us to take into account.

Q5. How did you find out about the project and the consultation?

- Advert Leaflet Website Media coverage Social media Word of mouth
- Other, please specify:

Q6. Do you have any comments about our public consultation?

Q4. Are there any other comments you would like to make?

Thank you

Please return the completed form to us by **no later than Friday 10 May 2024**.

You can post your completed form to **FREEPOST SPEN EGL4**, or comment online at our project website www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/eastern_green_link_4.aspx

SP Energy Networks will be applying to Fife Council for planning permission in principle (PiP) under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for the proposed

converter station, and full planning permission for the DC underground cable from the Mean Low Water Springs (MLWS) at the landfall site to the converter station and for the AC underground cable from the converter station to Westfield Substation.

At this stage, your comments are not representations to the planning authority. When we make an application for development consent in the future, you will be able to make formal representations at that stage