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Dear Mr Ashton,

ECU Ref: ECU00004515

Project: Scoop Hill

Application for consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 for construction and operation of a new 132 kilovolt (kV) grid connection for the proposed Scoop Hill Community Wind Farm in Dumfries and Galloway.

Please find attached application for Section 37 consent under the Electricity Act 1989 for the developments described above.

This application is submitted by Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) (the Applicant), on behalf of Scottish Power Transmission (SPT).

In summary, as part of a legal duty to develop and maintain a technically feasible and economically viable transmission and distribution system, SP Energy Networks is seeking consent for the construction and operation of a grid connection comprising twin OHLs, each with a length of approximately 2.4 km (4.8km in total) supported on double wood poles. The twin OHLs will run from the proposed Scoop Hill Wind Farm substation to the existing Moffat substation at Bearholm.

SP Energy Networks has also applied for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

Screening Opinion (Ref: ECU00004515) concluded "*the proposed Development does not constitute EIA development and any forthcoming application for consent (under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989) does not require to be accompanied by a full Environmental Impact*

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Assessment report." In turn, the application is accompanied by and Environmental Report (ER).

No wayleaves have currently been signed due to ongoing discussions between the developer and landowners.

The Proposal

- A new 132 kilovolt (kV) grid connection for the proposed Scoop Hill Community Wind Farm comprising twin OHLs, each with a length of approximately 2.4 km (4.8km in total) supported on double wood poles.

Ancillary works include:

- Proposed Access Route

Infrastructure Location Allowance (ILA) of 50m is proposed to permit the siting of a pole to be adjusted within a 50m radius of the indicative locations and a 50m tolerance either side of the indicative access track locations.

Application Details

- Environmental Report
- Detailed plans which include:
 - o Application Drawing 1: Location of the Proposed Scoop Hill 132kV Connection Project
 - o Application Drawing 2: Scoop Hill 132kV Connection Project Components
 - o Application Drawing 3: Typical Wood Pole (Component Parts of 132kV 'Trident' 'H' Wood Pole Design)
- Consultee List

Consultation

A Consultee List has been submitted with this application for the ECU to approve. This identifies statutory and non-statutory consultees that SPEN has identified, to be contacted by the ECU to request a formal representation.

Section 37 Press Advert

A draft advert has been issued to the ECU for agreement prior to printing. The papers listed below would be used to publish the Section 37 Advert for the Proposed Development and each paper would print the advert for two consecutive weeks.

- Dumfries and Galloway Standard
- Moffat News

The above addresses the requirements of Regulation 5 of the Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990.

It is intended to publish the advert on a date agreed with the ECU.

Application Fee

An application fee of £3,600 has been issued for the above application, which is due to arrive with the Scottish Government on 20th November 2023.

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Next Steps

We trust the Section 37 application is complete and look forward to confirmation of receipt and validation. Should you have any queries or require further information please contact me on the details above. Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Graham MRTPI
Environmental Planner

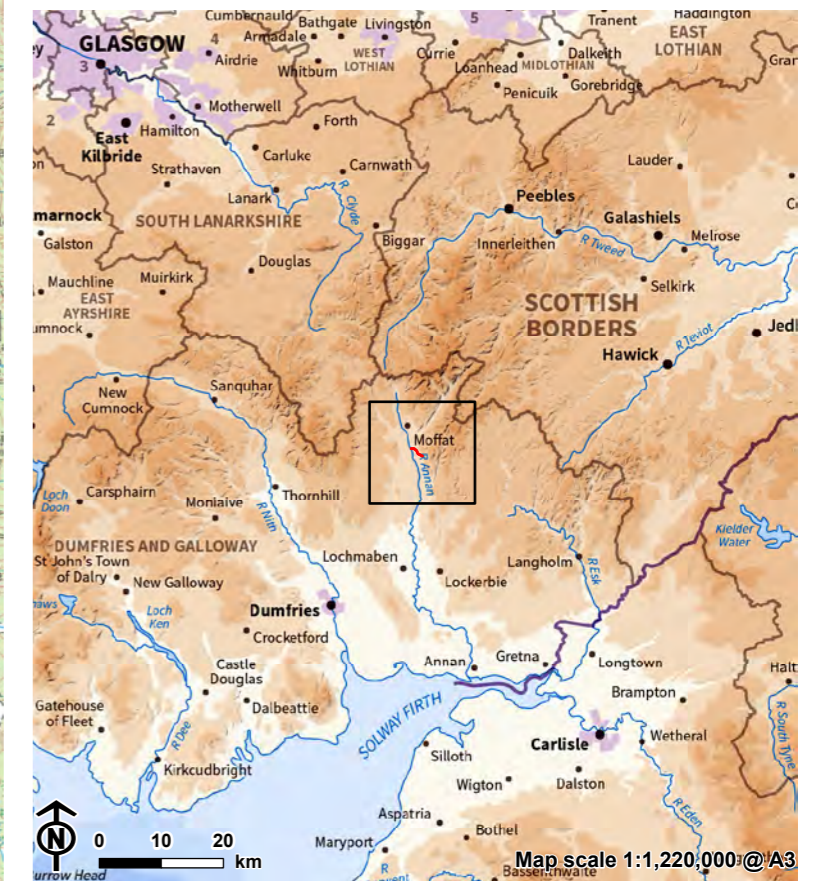
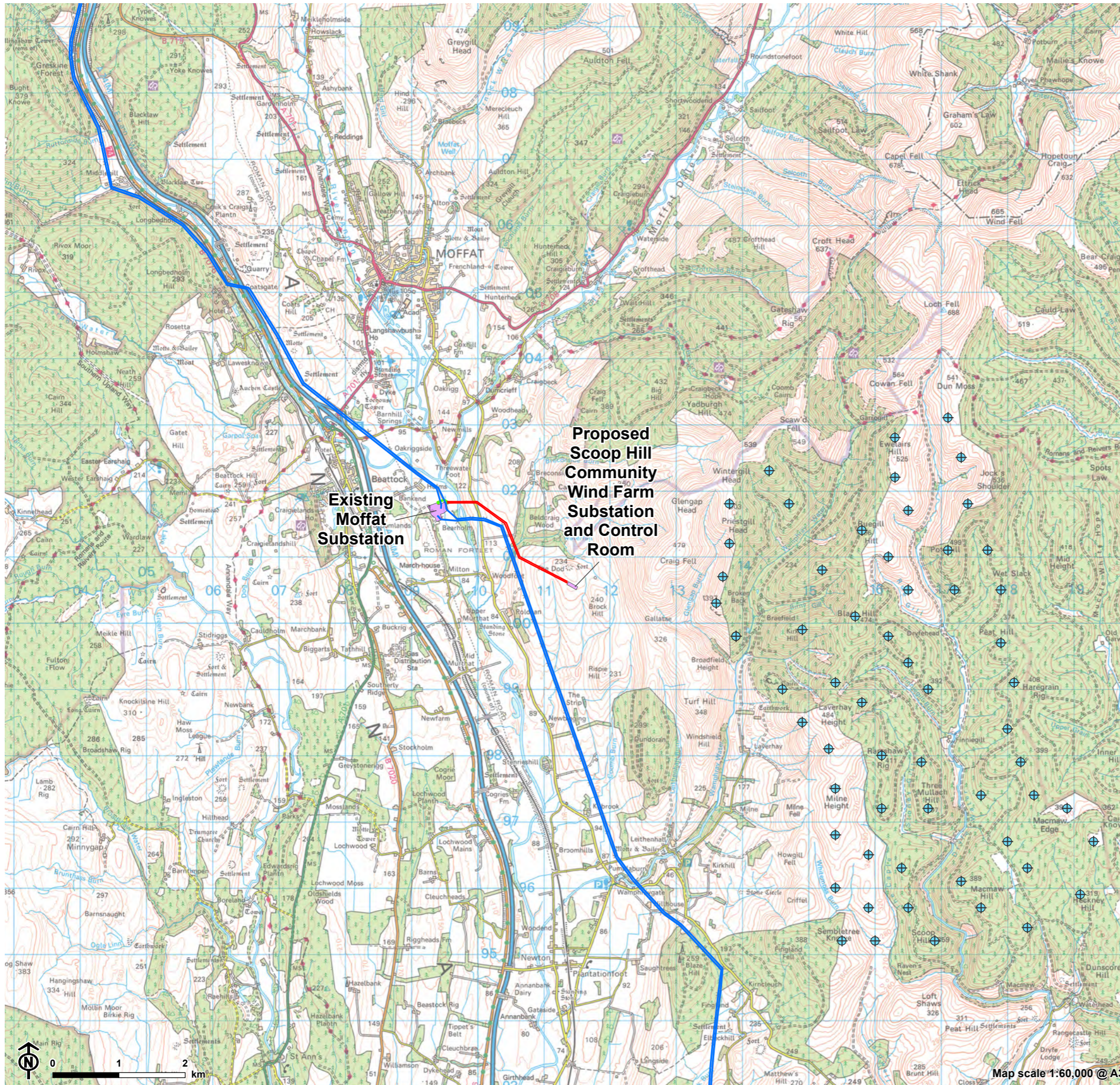
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Application Drawing 1: Location of the Proposed Scoop Hill 132kV Connection Project

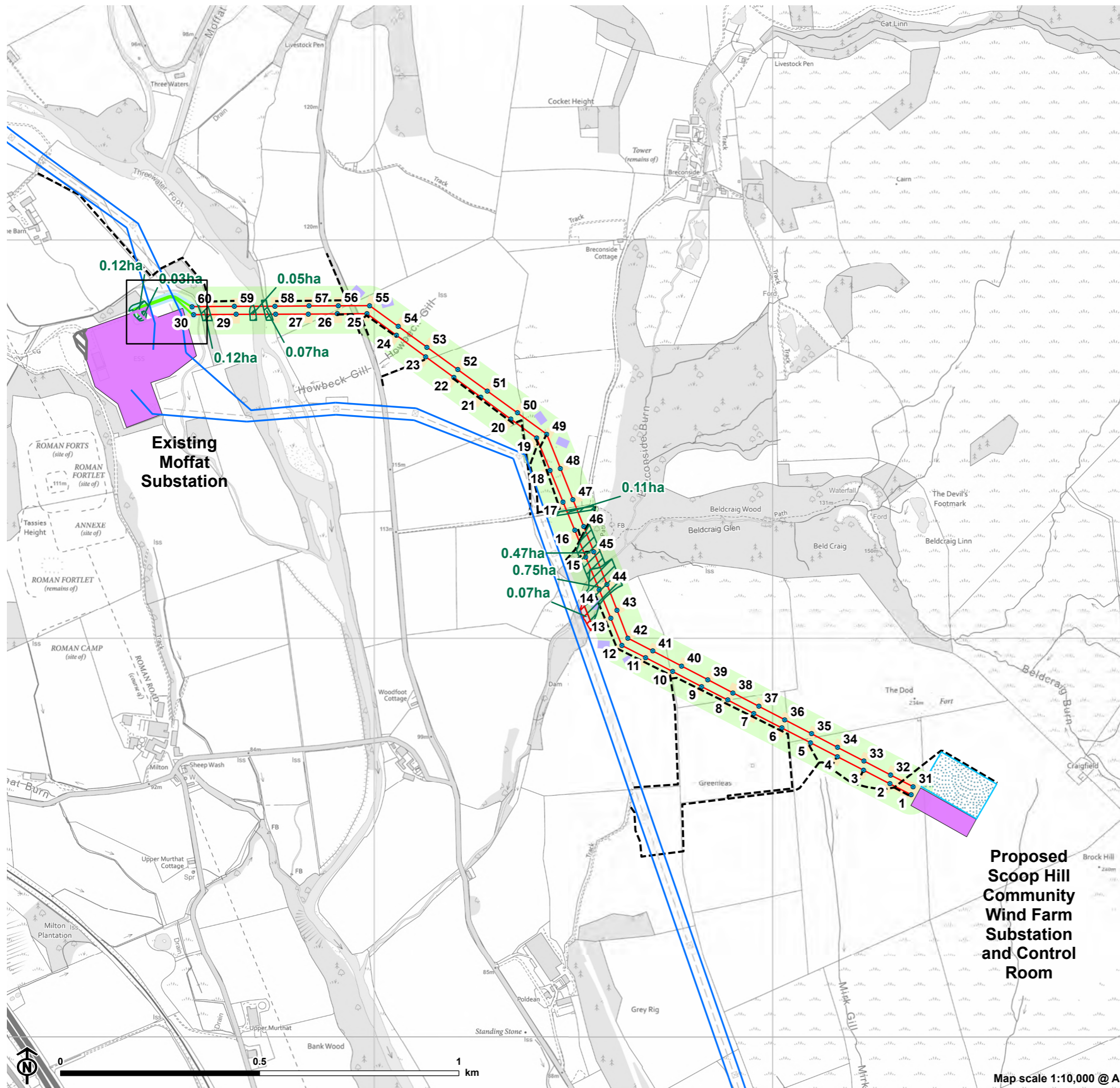
- Proposed 132kV Overhead Line (OHL)
- Proposed 132kV Underground Cable (UGC)
- Existing 400kV Overhead Line (OHL)
- Substation Compound
- ⊕ Scoop Hill Community Wind Farm Turbine



Application Drawing 2: Scoop Hill 132kV Connection Project Components

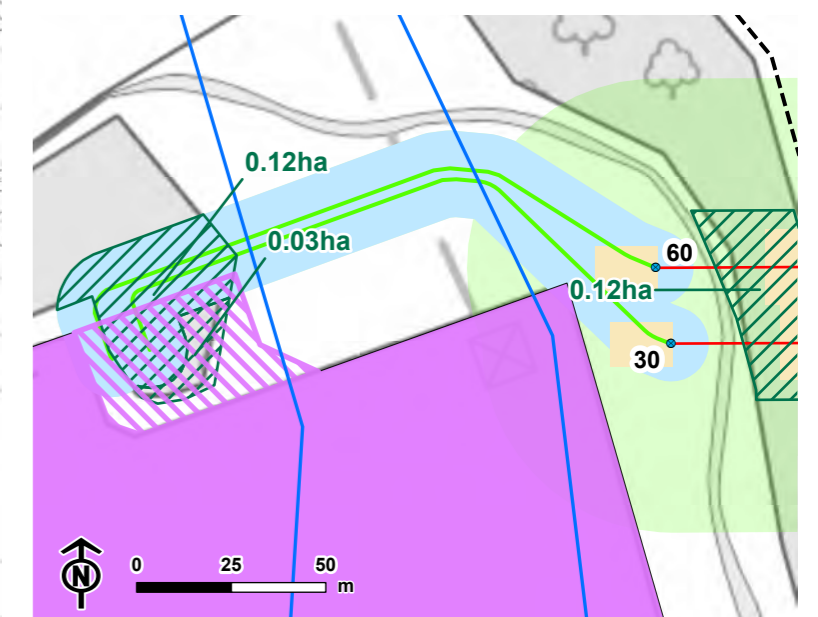
- Wood H Pole
- Proposed 132kV Overhead Line (OHL)
- Existing 400kV Overhead Line (OHL)
- 132kV Underground Cable (UGC)
- Substation Compound
- ▨ Moffat Substation Extension - not part of Scoop Hill 132kV Connection Project
- ▨ Additional Moffat Substation Extension - not part of Scoop Hill 132kV Connection Project
- ▨ Scoop Hill Wind Farm Energy Storage Facility
- - - Proposed Access Route
- Pulling Area
- Working Area
- 120m Wayleave (OHL)
- 20m Wayleave (UGC)
- ▨ Forestry Felling
- ▨ Felling for Windthrow

Note:
Moffat substation extension and Scoop Hill Wind Farm substation and energy storage facility will be/are subject to separate applications but have been assessed as cumulative schemes in the ER.



Proposed Scoop Hill Community Wind Farm Substation and Control Room

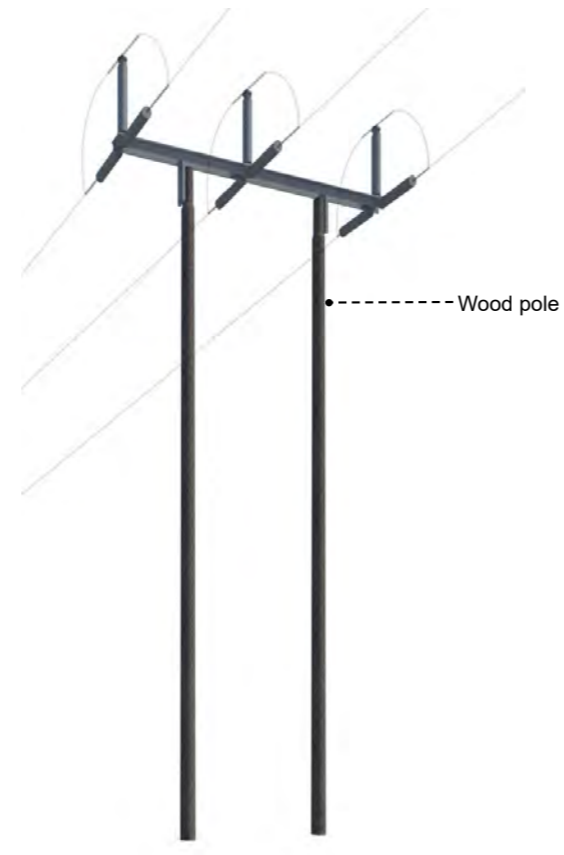
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Application Drawing 3: Typical Wood Pole
(Component Parts of 132kV 'Trident' 'H' Wood Pole
Design)



Component parts of 132kV 'Trident' design wood pole: Intermediate (H pole)



Component parts of 132kV 'Trident' design wood pole: Angle (H pole)



Component parts of 132kV 'Trident' design wood pole: Terminal (H pole)