

YW Route Modernisation

Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park

We want to hear your views!

Our consultation period will run between 26th February and 26th March 2025. **Please submit any comments to us by midnight on 26th March 2025.** Following this date, the information will remain accessible online and available to download.

Please find details below on how to get in touch with us and find out more:



Visit the website:

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

Complete the online feedback form:

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



Email us: ywroute@spenergynetworks.co.uk



Send us a letter: YW Route Consultation,
Land and Planning, 55 Fullarton Road, Cambuslang G32 8FA



Freephone: 0800 021890



Attend a public exhibition:

26th February 2025, between 14.30 and 19.00

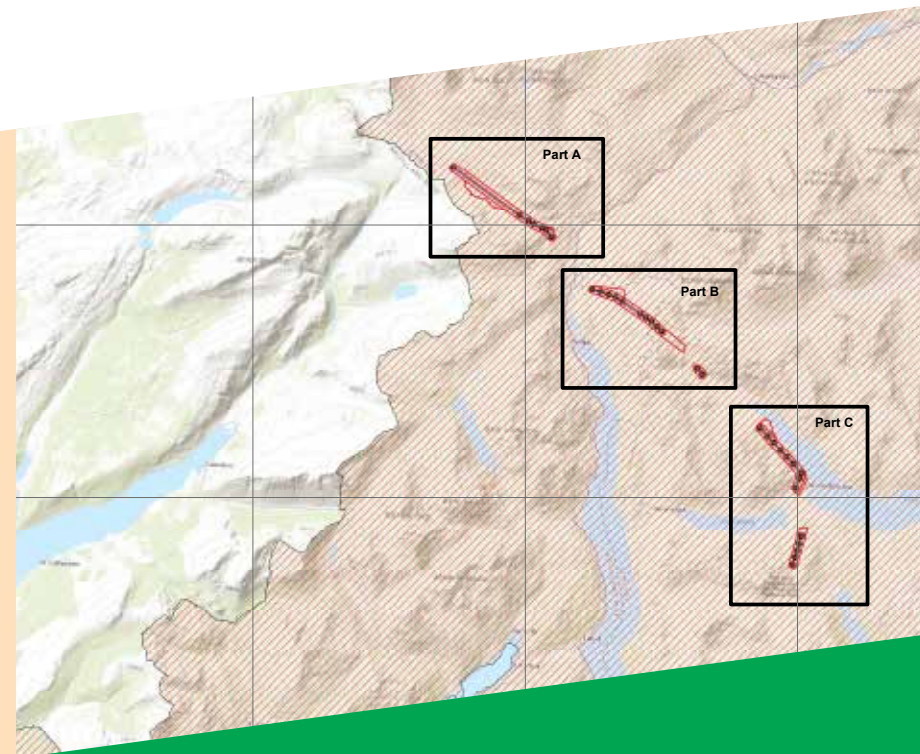
Kinlochard Village Hall, Kinlochard,
Stirling FK8 3TL



What happens next?

Your comments will be reviewed and feed into the detailed design for the modernisation works, which will be the subject of a Section 37 application under the Electricity Act (1989) to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit. The comments received in this consultation will also be collated into a report which will be made publicly available on SP Energy Networks' website.

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The last day for submitting feedback is 26th March 2025.



Background

The YX route connects to the existing YW 275kV double circuit OHL route at Dalmally, Argyll & Bute which connects to the Windyhill substation in Milngavie. The YX and YW route are owned by SP Energy Networks (SPEN).

The YX and YW 275kV double circuit OHL routes were constructed by the North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board between 1961 and 1963 as a rural supply network. Both OHLs are supported primarily on steel lattice towers and cover a distance of 8.1km and 76.57km respectively, across rural exposed terrain. To ensure the security of supply to the wider national electricity network, there is a need for these OHLs to be modernised.

The proposed works to the YX route are within the Argyll & Bute Council area and comprises the increase in the heights of certain towers.

The YW route starts in Argyll & Bute before entering the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park (LLTNP) area. As this is an environmentally sensitive area, any work on the line within the National Park requires a Section 37 consent with the application being accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment.

The focus of this consultation event is on the works proposed on the YW route OHL within LLTNP.

Proposed Changes?

Preliminary surveys have identified that modernisation works are required on the present YW 275kV double circuit OHL route within the National Park. As a result, works are necessary to reduce power outages and thereby maintain electricity supply.

Solutions include:

- 1 Ground re-profiling;
- 2 Increasing the tower heights at the end of the span; and/or
- 3 Replacing the crossarm system.

In general, the works shall entail:

- Access to the sites;
- Creation of temporary work areas;
- Implementing the solution to removing the safety zone infringements; and
- Restoration.

Once the works are completed the environment will return to normal (i.e., existing conditions).

What we would like your views on

As part of the consultation, we would like your views on any issues, suggestions or feedback you would like us to consider. We would particularly like to hear your views on the local area. For example, areas you use for recreation, local environmental features you would like us to consider, and any plans you may have to build in proximity to the works.

More information about the process we have followed can be found on the project website: www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/yw_route_modernisation.aspx

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