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November 5, 2024: **For immediate release**

## Public invited to have their say over Lewis substation proposals

- **Consultation event for HVDC convertor station and AC substation on Arnish Moor takes place Thursday, November 14**

- **Project will play critical role in improving network reliability across the Western Isles and supporting net zero targets**

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Information about connections into the proposed site will also be available, as well as visualisations including landscaping measures designed to minimise visual impact.

The proposed 400kV substation and converter station – known as the Lewis Hub – is an essential part of the proposed Western Isles HVDC link which will allow 1.8GW of new renewable electricity generation to connect to the electricity transmission network.

The project will play a critical role in improving network reliability and security of supply for homes and businesses across the Western Isles, delivering significant economic benefit through the local supply chain while supporting national net zero and energy security ambitions.

Colin Bell, Lead Project Manager for SSEN Transmission, said: “There has been a strong level of interest and engagement in our proposals, and our second pre-application consultation will give the public another opportunity to have their say prior to the submission of our formal planning application early next year.

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### **Notes to editors**

Once complete, the proposed Western Isles HVDC Link will allow 1.8GW of new renewable electricity generation to connect to the electricity transmission network, helping to facilitate the transition to net zero emissions. The project is part of SSEN Transmission's Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment (ASTI) programme, which feeds into a wider £20bn package of work to upgrade the north of Scotland transmission network, known as the [Pathway to 2030](#) programme.

The Western Isles HVDC Link will involve creating a new HVDC converter station and AC substation on Arnish Moor near Stornoway, with around 81km of HVDC subsea cable between the Isle of Lewis and Dundonnell on the Scottish mainland, followed by around 80km of onshore underground HVDC cable to a HVDC Converter station near Beaully.

Project teams anticipate the Western Isles HVDC Link will be completed by 2030.

### **About SSEN Transmission**

- SSEN Transmission is responsible for the electricity transmission network in the north of Scotland, investing in and maintaining the high voltage 132kV, 220kV, 275kV and 400kV electricity transmission network.
- SSEN Transmission's strategic objective is to enable the transition to a low carbon economy. It does this by building the electricity transmission network infrastructure required to connect and transport renewable electricity from the north of Scotland to areas of demand, as it delivers a network for net zero emissions.
- SSEN Transmission is owned 75% by SSE plc and 25% by Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board (Ontario Teachers').
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## Public Notice

# Lewis Hub 400kV substation and converter station

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### Feedback event

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At these events we will be sharing the new proposed site location, layout details and visualisations as well as information about the connections into the proposed Arnish Moor site. The project teams will be available to answer questions and discuss our proposals to which we are seeking and welcome feedback.

The feedback event will be held on:

**Thursday 5 September, 3-7pm**  
**Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway, HS1 2EU**

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**If you have any questions about the Lewis Hub project  
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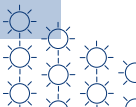
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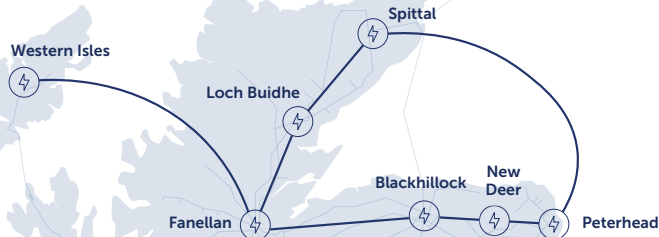




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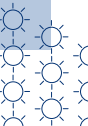
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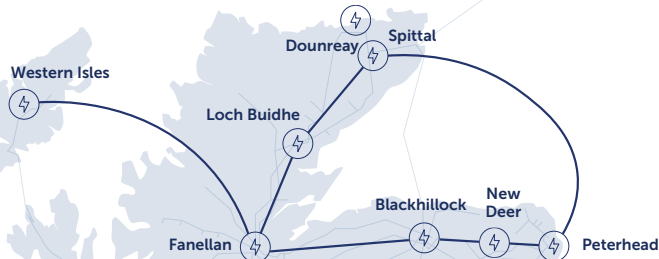
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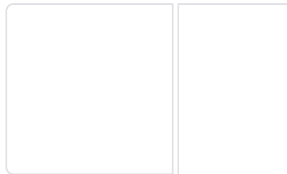


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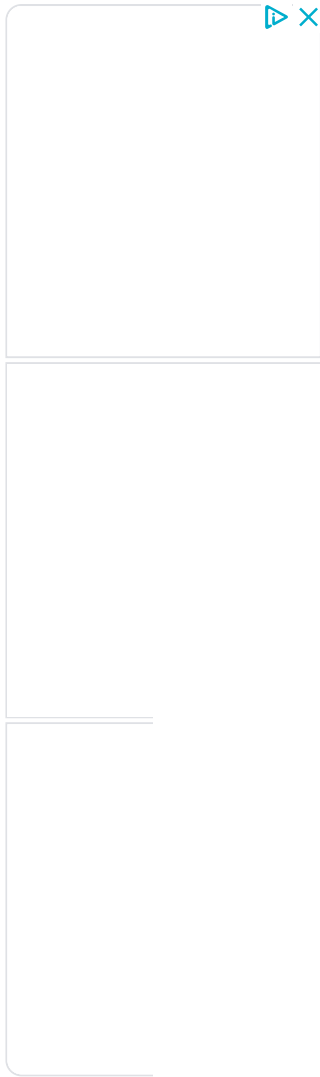
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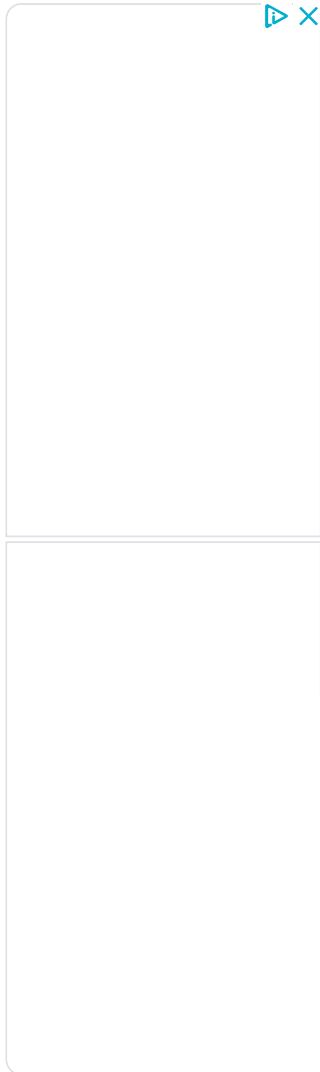
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# Second consultation meeting for converter station proposal

**Murray MacLeod**

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The site is proposed for Arnish

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## Step forward for converter station

Plans for an electricity converter station – a project which is central to plans for the Western Isles to be linked to the national grid – have taken another step forward with the submission of planning notices for the construction phase.

It follows on from the recent move, as revealed in the Gazette, for a new site near Macaulay College, after the initial site attracted significant opposition from nearby

residents.

Colin Bell, Lead Project Manager at SSEN Transmission, said this was “the next step in allowing us to progress with plans for the new converter station on Arnish Moor, which will pave the way to us delivering the Western Isles HVDC Link”.

“As well as the actual sub-station site footprint, the PAN boundary includes all other potential site requirements, for example temporary site

compounds, material storage, site access and parking which are integral to us delivering the project,” he said.

“Many of these requirements are temporary during construction and will be permanently removed upon completion. As such, the boundary doesn’t represent the permanent footprint but indicates the potential full development area.”

He added: “We remain focused on minimising tem-

porary construction and permanent operational impacts on residents and committed to ongoing consultation with the local community as we continue to develop this project. We welcome feedback at our upcoming consultation.”

“The first statutory pre-application consultation event will take place on Thursday 5th September at the Cabarfeidh Hotel where residents will have the opportunity to discuss the plans further.”



Further consultation meetings will be held.

