

We intend to seek planning permission for a short section of alternative onshore cable route on land between the A930 and Balhungie Farm to that currently approved under the planning permission in principle consent.

The approved onshore cable route was, at the time of development, considered to be the best route in terms of environmental, technical and economic factors. The consented route was agreed in consultation with Angus Council, statutory consultees and affected parties. However, further dialogue with the landowner of Balhungie Farm has resulted in a request to amend the approved route through the farm to further minimise potential impacts on farm operations. The proposed alternative route will also provide a better angle to cross a high pressure gas pipeline which crosses through the consented route.

The currently approved route is outlined in black on the map to the right. The proposed variation route is shown in red and is located to the south of the approved route.

A larger version of this map ([MAP BVR1](#)) and a more detailed map ([MAP BVR2](#)) are available next to this information board on the project website.

The proposed application site covers approximately 14 hectares. It extends from a point to the north of West Cotside Stables in a westerly direction for a distance of approximately 850 metres. The majority of the proposed route runs parallel to the north of the A930 before crossing the Buddon Burn and heading in a north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 150 metres.

The nature of the proposed development would be identical to that forming part of the existing planning permission but takes into account some of the further work that has subsequently been undertaken by us on the detailed design, specification and method of cable installation.

Further details on these matters are provided on the following information boards.

Should planning permission be granted for the alternative section of onshore cable route in these proposals, then the originally approved section of cable route in the vicinity of Balhungie Farm would no longer be built.

We have submitted a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) to Angus Council outlining our proposed pre-application consultations. Should we wish to proceed with the proposal following these consultations, an application would be submitted later this year.

Consultation

As part of the planning application process we wish to engage with members of the public in advance of any application submission so that they are informed about our proposals. The purpose of these information boards is to provide you with an opportunity to view our proposals and to raise any questions you may have about them. We welcome feedback from you for consideration prior to any planning application submission.

We would normally hold local public exhibitions where residents would be able to meet the project team and find out more about our proposal and about the overall project itself. However, the Covid-19 pandemic means that we are unable to safely hold physical exhibitions and so we have published the same information we would normally share at such events on the project website.

In addition, we are holding a live and interactive web based consultation which will be promoted on the project website in due course.

