

	Question/Comment	
1	Concerned about walking and climbing access to Beian Beian, lots of interest for local school engagement and DYW - Ardverity Wall, etc. - Especially route options 2 & 3 - Damage during construction - short and long term access	The potential route option identified within the Consultation Document in this area is Route Option 1, which broadly follows a route proposed for access as part of the consented Earba PSH scheme. Recreational receptors will be further assessed as the project progresses. Where appropriate, mitigation measures will be proposed to minimise any impacts on recreational receptors where possible.
2	Why not upgrade Melgarve - it can get access from fort william side to.	<p>Initial studies were undertaken by SSEN Transmission's System Planning and Investment (SP&amp;I) Team, and the following was concluded.</p> <p>Option 1 This option proposed connecting Earba Pumped Storage Hydro Scheme into Melgarve Substation. Connecting into Melgarve Substation was deemed very challenging as the circuit would need to cross the A86 and Loch Laggan / River Pattack as well as extending the Melgarve Substation. Due to issues extending the Melgarve Substation, this option was not taken forward for costing. <b>Not Progressed</b></p> <p>Option 2 This option proposed to build a new substation next to the Beauly Denny Line within an initial search area of 10km, broadly centred on Kinloch Laggan. The developer is seeking a cable connection. Therefore, to connect Earba Pumped Storage Hydro Scheme to a new substation would require approximately 10-15km of cable to be installed. The new substation connection to the Beauly Denny Line would be the side that is initially 275kV but will be upgraded to 400kV. <b>Progressed</b></p> <p>Option 3 This option proposed a connection South of Ardverikie Estate, connecting into either Kinardochoy, Errochty or Tummel. The length of circuits to connect Earba Pumped Storage Hydro Scheme to a substation South would be approximately 40km, which would require the circuit to cross the A9 and potential lochs. Earba would be unable to connect into Tummel as Tummel becomes redundant when Beauly Denny becomes dual 400kV as it is replaced by Kinardochoy. There is little space to connect Earba into Errochty as well as the difficulty of routing the circuits between Earba and Errochty. Therefore, the option to connect Earba to a substation South of the Ardverikie has not been taken forward due to the complexity to connect into the various substations. <b>Not Progressed</b></p> <p>Further assessment is currently ongoing following the feedback from the first public consultation event.</p>
3	Very annoyed there has been no consultation with Laggaan before now. We are now presented with a fate a compli	SSEN Transmission approach to Consultation is to consult the public and stakeholders once a number of potential Site Options have been identified as feasible. Aside from the Site Selection Consultation event held on 28th May, further three consultation events will be undertaken as part of the Pre-Application and Application process. The planning application is not planned until the end of 2026.

4	If you want to have a proper consultation with a community you need to have widespread loud speaker system so that everyone can not only hear but distinguish what is said. This is not so today.	Duly noted, the acoustics in the hall, like many village halls, are not the best. Due to the short window we have at the moment to reply and arrange another meeting, I am afraid I will not have anything in place to address this for our next meeting. I am highlighting this internally to see what we can do going forward, and thank you for raising a very important issue when we want to reach all members of the community.
5	I see no projected image of what this will look like when you're finished, why not?	3D models will be developed and presented to the public during the next phase of the project, once site selection has been concluded. It is too early in the process to be able to create visualisations, as not enough about the design is fixed and is subject to significant change.
6	Where the future planning - other potential projects coming through - will we have endless substations built across the Highland?	Highland Council have published a Energy Projects Map showing all major energy-related applications - <a href="https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/2928bb39f0dd4ab68f1b3a8988861af5">https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/2928bb39f0dd4ab68f1b3a8988861af5</a> .
7	Scotland's natural beauty & landscape is its #1 resource whole project affects that. I don't think any substation should be built in a national park. These should be completely out of national park	The proposed substation requires to connect with the existing Beauly to Denny OHL, which in this area falls within the CNPA boundary. The initial 10 km search area does extend beyond the National Park boundary, however no suitable sites were identified for appraisal as part of the substation site selection process. If a potential substation site were identified outwith the CNPA boundary, a connection with the existing Beauly to Denny OHL would still be required.
8	Hear, hear. Why else have national parks	Noted.
9	A86 is not fit for purpose. what will you do about it?	Public road improvements will be investigated and reviewed as the project progresses, in collaboration with the developer of the PSH scheme, and the relevant roads authorities. This assessment will be undertaken as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment as part of planning application.
10	Why not on Ardverkie Estate land near pump?	We are looking to locate the substation as close to the existing Beauly Denny Line as possible to avoid lengthy overhead line connections. A number of the site options are situated on Ardverkie land.
11	Why 10K away from where people live?	Our understanding of this question is why we used a 10 km search area. The rationale behind the substation Site Options was to stay in close proximity to the Earba PSH development and the existing Beauly Denny line in order to reduce the length of the connection.
12	Why a cable	The developer of Earba Pumped Storage Hydro Scheme has requested a cable be used for the connection and SSEN Transmission are contracted to provide an Underground Cable solution. Feasibility studies are ongoing to confirm that cable can be installed.
13	Why not make it wires and join it at Dalwhinnie	The developer of Earba Pumped Storage Hydro Scheme has requested a cable be used for the connection and SSEN Transmission are contracted to provide an Underground Cable solution. Feasibility studies are ongoing to confirm that cable can be installed.
14	Where are the forestry reps?	FLS Forest Manager attended the Consultation Event approximately between 4pm and 5pm.

1 5	Where are the Ardverikie Estate reps?	Ardverikie Estate Manager attended the Consultation Event approximately between 3pm and 4pm.
1 6	Will we find out what Ben Alder reps say?	A meeting was held with the Estate on the 03/06/25 and they have requested that their feedback remains private.
1 7	Will anything we say matter in the end	<p>SSEN Transmission places great importance on and is committed to consultation and engagement with all parties likely to have an interest in proposals for new substation sites. Stakeholder consultation and engagement is an essential part of an effective development process. We will look into all the feedback and assess what actions are feasible and could be taken to satisfy the demands.</p> <p>A Report on Consultation will be produced which summarises the feedback received from key stakeholders, (including statutory and non-statutory consultees, local communities, landowners, and individual residents) regarding the potential site for the proposed substation. This Report on Consultation also provides a summary of how SSEN Transmission have responded to comments received by stakeholders on the potential substation site option and details the actions that will be taken as a result as the project progresses. This Report will include a dedicated section that sets out the feedback received by the local community and general public following the consultation period, including comments received during the consultation events.</p>
1 8	Why no pictorial images available today, we want to see what it will look like	3D models will be developed and presented to the public during the next phase of the project once site selection has been concluded. It is too early in the process to be able to create visualisations as not enough about the design is fixed and is subject to significant change.
1 9	The group of residents are not listed as stakeholders why not	Consultation with the residents is undertaken as part of the public event, maildrop were sent to the residents in vicinity to the routes and site options. A Report on Consultation will be produced which summarises the feedback received from key stakeholders, (including statutory and non-statutory consultees, local communities, landowners, and individual residents) regarding the potential site for the proposed substation. This Report on Consultation also provides a summary of how SSEN Transmission have responded to comments received by stakeholders on the potential substation site option and details the actions that will be taken as a result as the project progresses.
2 0	If site 5 is an option this is <mile from Melgarve, why can Melgarve not be extended, underground to 5 location then over < mile to Melgarve	Melgarve substation is approximately 4 km west of Site Option 5. The rationale to not utilise Melgarve Substation is explained towards the beginning of this document. Following public consultation, we will review this option further.
2 1	Criteria for your RAG scheme?	Substation Site Selection Guidance for voltages at or above 132kV_ redacted TO BE SHARED WITH LAGGAN CC <a href="https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/globalassets/projects/new-coire-mashie-400kv-substation-and-earba-psh-connection-downloads/full-consultation-document-site-selection-coire-mashie-substation---combined.pdf">ssen-transmission.co.uk/globalassets/projects/new-coire-mashie-400kv-substation-and-earba-psh-connection-downloads/full-consultation-document-site-selection-coire-mashie-substation---combined.pdf</a>
2 2	Wildlife impacts - Hunting /stalking - Wild cat release site - deer - wild ponies - farmers livestock - ground nesting birds, Black Grouse	Consideration of such impacts has formed part of the site selection process undertaken to date, and will continue to form part of the assessment work going forward.

2 3	Why build it so big when only using 1/3 of capacity- 8/25 was quoted today - built it and more will come	17 of 25 bays are allocated to facilitate the connection, with 8 bays currently unallocated and available for future space provision only.
2 4	How much noise will this make when its up and running	The primary noise source within a substation is generally a transformer and reactor. There are anticipated to be 2 reactors at the new Coire Mashie substation and future space provision for 2 transformers. Noise assessment will be undertaken as part of the EIA, which is required for the planning application.
2 5	We can't guarantee it won't be used by other, why not?	If future connections are offered by the National Energy System Operator (NESO), SSEN Transmission are obliged to provide a connection.
2 6	IROPI - Imperative Reason for Overriding Public Interest - Does this apply in this case and how do we find out.	<p>Under the Habitats Regulations, all competent authorities must consider whether any plan or project could affect a European site before it can be authorised or carried out. This includes considering whether it will have a 'likely significant effect' on a European site, and if so, they must carry out an 'appropriate assessment' (AA). This process is known as Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA).</p> <p>A competent authority must not authorise a plan or project unless it can show beyond reasonable scientific doubt – through an appropriate assessment – that the plan or project will not adversely affect the integrity of a European site. A competent authority may wish to consent a proposal despite the potential for an adverse effect on site integrity. Where this is the case, it must first show that there are no alternative solutions, and that it is imperative, and of overriding public interest to grant consent. Scottish Ministers must be consulted and any necessary compensatory measures must also be secured.</p> <p>The consideration of IROPI is required if a plan or project is likely to result in an adverse effect on a European designated site (e.g. Special Areas of Conservation or Special Protection Areas). The potential effects on European sites have been considered during the appraisal of UGC and substation site options. Should there be potential for a 'likely significant effect' on a European designated site as a result of this project, a Shadow Habitat Regulations Appraisal would be required to be carried out and submitted with any future planning application for consideration by the competent authority.</p>
2 7	What are the parameters behind the RAG rating criteria? Individual from Fergour concerned over the Green allocation for "Visual" for option 1 and wants to know the criteria behind this.	Substation Site Selection Guidance for voltages at or above 132kV - Please see the attached PDF in the email.
2 8	If the pumped Storage Project does not get funded, what happens to the SSEN connection and substation?	The SSEN connection from Earba Pumped Storage Hydro Scheme and the proposed Coire Mashie Substation is dependent on Earba Pumped Storage Hydro Scheme going ahead.
2 9	What happens if the developer wants to choose OHL rather than UGC for the connection?	SSEN Transmission will need to start the Optioneering process again. However, the contracted position is to provide an underground cable connection.

30	Can Melgarve Substation be extended, rather than creating an additional substation? Community members feel that Melgarve is their preferred option	The rationale to not utilise Melgarve Substation is explained at the beginning of the document. Following public consultation, we will review this option further.
31	Can Substation at Earba be extended to be the correct size – this would mean extending Beauldy Denny 400kv line towards earbra and back.	This would require multiple 400kv OHL circuits running in parallel and would not compare favourably in any site selection process.
32	“People” section should be larger in the optioneering RAG for environment and engineering constrains. Attendees want to know what goes into this?	Substation Site Selection Guidance for voltages at or above 132kV Please see the attached PDF in the email.
33	Is it a regulatory requirement for SSEN to allow additional substation footprint with excess space for future expansion? Who decides this and can the decision be justified? Currently 8 unallocated bays = ~32% of the 25 required. Concerns that this will become a hub attracting future development into the area.	<p>As a regulated business, we have a licence obligation to develop and deliver our network infrastructure in a coordinated, economic and efficient manner, which in some cases can mean accounting for an element of future proofing where justified or deemed required.</p> <p>As a mass transporter of renewable energy, the north of Scotland electricity transmission network has a major role to play in supporting delivery of Scotland and the UK’s 2030 net zero targets. By 2050, the north of Scotland is predicted to contribute over 50GW of low carbon energy to help deliver net zero. For context, our region has around 9GW of renewable generation connected to the network, and continued growth in connection applications sees the current connections queue oversubscribed (however this oversubscription is being addressed by the National Energy System Operator under Connections Reform).</p> <p>Coire Mashie Substation is still in the early optioneering and development stages, but with the above in mind, we need to consider the level of space provision that should be included in our proposals to ensure we are adhering to our obligation to be coordinated, economic and efficient. We don't want to construct the substation and within a short period need to be back to extend the site. Similarly, we want to avoid putting too much space provision in that's unjustifiable and has the site underutilised. It is a balancing act and our engineering and system planning teams need to treat each site on it's merit.</p>
34	When will there be discussions with Transport Scotland as the A86 is not fit for purpose for construction vehicles? Can the community council get involved in these discussions?	<p>Public road improvements will be investigated and reviewed as the project progresses, in collaboration with the developer of the PSH scheme, and the relevant roads authorities.</p> <p>This assessment will be undertaken within the Environmental Impact Assessment as part of planning application.</p> <p>Transport Scotland were sent the Consultation Document in May and that they have provided some preliminary responses which will be documented in the Report on Consultation.</p>
35	Noise Conversations. Issues with Beauldy substation noise but Coire Mashie will have no Transformers so	Noise assessment will be covered under Environmental Impact Assessment.

	it is expected that the noise will not be an issue. This will need to be understood via surveys as the project progresses.	
3 6	Individuals think that there could be an additional site option nearer Dalwhinnie but also close to Beaully-Denny Line- can this be investigated?	We are assessing alternative sites highlighted during consultation process.
3 7	Is there a potential additional Site option on Ardverikie Estate – public annoyed that a representative from the estate and FLS did not attend the consultation at the same time. Can information from the Ardverikie estate be passed onto the community? Have Ardverikie Estate objected to a site option on their “private ground”?	FLS Forest Manager attended the Consultation Event approximately between 4pm and 5pm. Ardverikie Estate Manager attended the Consultation Event approximately between 3pm and 4pm. Ardverikie Estate have raised no objection to hosting the substation at 3 of the proposed locations, including Site Option 1 which is partially on their land.
3 8	If SSEN are meeting with Ben Alder Estate and can this information from the consultation come back to the community?	A meeting was held with the Ben Alder Estate on the 03/06/25 and they have requested that their feedback remains private.
3 9	Geological conservation Review site, individual was unsure what this means – explanation that this is a designation called Geological Conservation Review (GCR) and they comprise sites containing geological and geomorphological features of national and international importance. They are selected through a process known as the Geological Conservation Review. This is not something SSEN are carrying out.	Blargie Craig is a non-statutory designated Geological Conservation Review (GCR) site in Scotland. The GCR is a process initiated by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) to identify and protect geological and geomorphological features of national and international importance. Blargie Craig is specifically listed as a GCR site in the Cairngorms National Park Authority's Local Plan Draft Report. The GCR volume 'Dalradian rocks of Scotland' (Stephenson et al., 2010) contains a full description of the site.
4 0	Is there a community Benefit fund?	Community Benefit can be explored as part of the project. Information about the Regional Community Benefit Fund, <a href="https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/globalassets/projects/2030-projects/2030-project-documents/community-benefits.pdf">https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/globalassets/projects/2030-projects/2030-project-documents/community-benefits.pdf</a>
4 1	New Community benefit manager in THC, how can they provide support?	This question needs to be directed to The Highland Council. See webpage link for further information and contact details in the email: <a href="https://web-cdn.org/s/1380/file/reference-documents/Community-Support-Team-Restructure-Community-Briefing-Mar-20.pdf">https://web-cdn.org/s/1380/file/reference-documents/Community-Support-Team-Restructure-Community-Briefing-Mar-20.pdf</a> benefits.pdf
4 2	The highland council – share the energy map showing the scoping location and they types of energy are coming through the planning process to give the community more visibility over the projects being consented.	The Highland Council Energy Map can be explored here: <a href="https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/2928bb39f0dd4ab68f1b3a8988861af5">https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/2928bb39f0dd4ab68f1b3a8988861af5</a>

<p>4 3</p>	<p>Understanding the impact on property Prices having the substation close by?</p>	<p>We will look to mitigate impacts on residential properties as far as possible, and in some instances, these impacts will be assessed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment that will accompany our applications for planning consent.</p> <p>Surveys will be carried out at identified receptors, including selected residential properties so that we are able to model potential impacts on the wider area.</p> <p>For reference on this matter, you can find further details on the report produced for Beauly - Denny line:  <a href="https://www.scottishrenewables.com/assets/000/004/199/Report_on_the_Impact_of_the_Beauly-Denny_Line_Power_Line_on_House_Prices_BIGGAR_Economics_Sept_2024_original.pdf?1726839528">https://www.scottishrenewables.com/assets/000/004/199/Report_on_the_Impact_of_the_Beauly-Denny_Line_Power_Line_on_House_Prices_BIGGAR_Economics_Sept_2024_original.pdf?1726839528</a></p>
<p>4 4</p>	<p>Additional housing and medical facilities for people moving to the area during construction. How is this planned for? too early in project phases for this.</p>	<p>We are currently at very early stages in development but these concerns have been captured and will be fed to the wider project team beyond development.</p>
<p>4 5</p>	<p>Laggan Wolfrax will have direct sight of option 1</p>	<p>There would be potential for glimpsed views through forest and landform from biking and walking routes at the Laggan Wolfrax mountain bike centre to the north of Site Option 1. 3D models will be available at the next public consultation event.</p> <p>The site selection and design process will aim to further minimise and mitigate potential visual effects on surrounding recreational routes.</p>
<p>4 6</p>	<p>Coul Estate  <a href="https://geosites.scottishgeologytrust.org/geosite/1510">https://geosites.scottishgeologytrust.org/geosite/1510</a></p>	<p>Copied in error.</p>
<p>4 7</p>	<p>Why no future proofing at Melgarve</p>	<p>While additional future space provision was allowed for at Melgarve, this is insufficient for the requirements of the 1.8GW Earba Pumped Storage connection. We are assessing alternative sites highlighted during consultation process.</p>
<p>4 8</p>	<p>Do we have a regulatory requirement now to future proof if yes, when did it change if no why are doing it now and who decides by how much extra capacity.</p>	<p>As a regulated business, we have a licence obligation to develop and deliver our network infrastructure in a coordinated, economic and efficient manner, which in some cases can mean accounting for an element of future proofing where justified or deemed required.</p> <p>As a mass transporter of renewable energy, the north of Scotland electricity transmission network has a major role to play in supporting delivery of Scotland and the UK's 2030 net zero targets. By 2050, the north of Scotland is predicted to contribute over 50GW of low carbon energy to help deliver net zero. For context, our region has around 9GW of renewable generation connected to the network, and continued growth in connection applications sees the current connections queue oversubscribed (however this oversubscription is being addressed by the National Energy System Operator under Connections Reform).</p> <p>Coire Mashie Substation is still in the early optioneering and development stages, but with the above in mind, we need to consider the level of space provision that should be included in our</p>

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49	What will the Pump Hydro SS serve	The Pumped Hydro Storage Scheme will generate electricity that will be connected to the transmission network and transported to required areas. The Earba Pumped Storage Hydro project is a consented pumped storage hydro scheme with an installed capacity of up to 1,800MW, more information can be read on the Developer's webpage - <a href="https://earbastorage.co.uk/">https://earbastorage.co.uk/</a>
50	What is Ben Alders view on the substation locations	A meeting was held with Ben Alder Estate on the 03/06/25 and they have requested that their feedback remains private.
51	Could this change to an OHL	Only if the contracted agreement is changed by the developer, or if SSEN Transmission determine that underground cable is not feasible as we progress with the design.
52	FLS is owned by the people we should have a say on what is built in it	FLS is a separate body to SSEN Transmission and we have no control over their land transactions or financial decisions.
53	Show of hands majority say build it at Melgarve	Initial studies were undertaken by SSEN Transmission's System Planning and Investment (SP&I) Team, and the following was concluded. Option 1 This option proposed connecting Earba Pumped Storage Hydro Scheme into Melgarve Substation. Connecting into Melgarve Substation was deemed very challenging as the circuit would need to cross the A86 and Loch Laggan / River Pattack as well as extending the Melgarve Substation. Due to issues extending the Melgarve Substation, this option was not taken forward for costing. <b>Not Progressed</b> Option 2 This option proposed to build a new substation next to the Beaully Denny Line within an initial search area of 10km, broadly centred on Kinloch Laggan. The developer is seeking a cable connection. Therefore, to connect Earba Pumped Storage Hydro Scheme to a new substation would require approximately 10-15km of cable to be installed. The new substation connection to the Beaully Denny Line would be the side that is initially 275kV but will be upgraded to 400kV. <b>Progressed</b> Option 3 This option proposed a connection South of Ardverikie Estate, connecting into either Kinardochoy, Errochty or Tummel. The length of circuits to connect Earba Pumped Storage Hydro Scheme to a substation South would be approximately 40km, which would require the circuit to cross the A9 and potential lochs. Earba would be unable to connect into Tummel as Tummel becomes redundant when Beaully Denny becomes dual 400kV as it is replaced by Kinardochoy. There is little space to connect Earba into Errochty as well as the difficulty of routing the circuits between Earba and Errochty. Therefore, the option to connect Earba to a substation

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5 4	List of stakeholder consulted with	<p>Statutory stakeholders: NatureScot, SEPA, THC and HES. Non statutory stakeholders: Mountaneering Scotland, Forestry Scotland, Transport Scotland, Scottish Water.</p>
5 5	Feedback from stakeholder consulted	<p>A Report on Consultation will be produced which summarises the feedback received from key stakeholders, (including statutory and non-statutory consultees, local communities, landowners, and individual residents) regarding the potential site for the proposed substation.</p> <p>This Report on Consultation also provides a summary of how SSEN Transmission have responded to comments received by stakeholders on the potential substation site option and details the actions that will be taken as a result as the project progresses. This Report will include a dedicated section that sets out the feedback received by the local community and general public following the consultation period, including comments received during the consultation events.</p>
5 6	Sight of site selection report, uploaded to webpage?	<p>The consultation document is uploaded to the website, which it is the one we sent to the Statutory and Non Statutory stakeholders, planning authorities and public setting out our site selection appraisal.</p> <p>The Consultation Document is available here: <a href="https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/project-map/new-coire-mashie-400kv-substation-and-earba-psh-connection/">https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/project-map/new-coire-mashie-400kv-substation-and-earba-psh-connection/</a></p>
5 7	Why not locate near BD near Dalwhinnie	<p>The site options were considered based on the location of Earba Pumped Storage Hydro Scheme in relation to the existing Beauldy Denny line. Alternative options discussed at consultation are being assessed.</p>
5 8	Site 1 how can it be green when its close to houses	<p>In relation to potential for visual effects, Site Option 1 has been allocated a Green rating given that it would be relatively screened by landform and vegetation from visual receptors along the A86 road corridor and properties in this area, although there is potential for some glimpsed views. It is considered that there are good opportunities for further landform and mitigation planting to minimise visual effects.</p> <p>Further consideration of potential landscape and visual effects, together with mitigation opportunities, will form an important part of the design as works progress.</p>
5 9	Why does it need to be near BD	<p>Moving away from the Beauldy Denny would require lengthy sections of new overhead line to tie the new substation into the existing Beauldy Denny Line.</p>
6 0	sight of capital cost across the board, including building at Melgarve	<p>Costs relating to the project cannot be shared due to its commercial sensitivity nature.</p>
6 1	Look into Glen Shearer Wind Farm	<p>Is this referring to Glen Shero? I do not find anything regarding Glen Shearer in our records or public domain.</p> <p>Glen Shero was rejected: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ckv5052x43lo">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ckv5052x43lo</a></p>

6 2	Minutes no one from FLS or the estates	FLS Forest Manager attended the Consultation Event approximately between 4pm and 5pm. Ardverikie Estate Manager attended the Consultation Event approximately between 3pm and 4pm.
6 3	When do we contact Transport Scotland	Public road improvements will be investigated and reviewed as the project progresses, in collaboration with the developer of the PSH scheme, and the relevant roads authorities. This assessment will be undertaken within the Environmental Impact Assessment as part of planning application. Transport Scotland were sent the Consultation Document in May and that they have provided some preliminary responses which will be documented in the Report on Consultation.
6 4	Sites 1 & 2 close but different ratings for birds why?	The site options within plantations (Site Option 2 and 5) would be likely to impact on fewer species, whereas the site options on moorland edge or within more preferred bird nesting or foraging locations are likely to impact more species (Site Option 1, 3 and 4). Site Options 3 and 4 in particular are within open moorland habitats suitable for several Schedule 1 / Annex I species to breed and forage.
6 5	How we we manage workers needs in terms of healthcare only one doctor in Laggan	We are currently at very early stages in development but these concerns have been captured and will be fed to the wider project team beyond development.
6 6	Workforce size	We are currently at very early stages in development and this has still to be determined.
6 7	Workforce accomdation	We are currently at very early stages in development but these concerns have been captured and will be fed to the wider project team beyond development.
6 8	Who in SSEN T do we need to speak to to get the switching station location moved from site 1	The project team. The reason the project team have consulted at the early site selection stage of development is to seek opinion on the identified potential sites, and if our stakeholders agree with the site which is currently scoring more favourably (Site 1). If you believe the proposed switching station would be better suited in an alternative location, please speak to the project team. We'd love to know why and which of the other options presented at consultation you believe would be better suited. The best way to do this is to state this in your feedback form or write to the project Community Liaison Manager. All feedback will then be workshopped by the project team.
6 9	PWS Risk Assessment - serious damage to PWS near Aberarder Lodge happened as part of the Beauly - Denny OHL works years ago. The supply was unable to be used for several weeks and they had to rely on water bowsers.	The potential impacts on PWS have been considered during the site selection stage through review of data held by THC and observations on site. As the project progresses, a PWS survey will be carried out to further inform and will be assessed as part of the EIA/EA. We will first identify any potential PWS infrastructure and sources that could be affected by the works. from the Highland Council website and then send questionnaires to get more details about the source, location, use, etc. If any PWS are identified to be at potential risk, we will undertake a PWS Risk Assessment that would form part of any future planning application.  For further details, please refer to: <a href="https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/globalassets/projects/2030-projects/2030-project-documents/protecting-private-water-supplies.pdf">https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/globalassets/projects/2030-projects/2030-project-documents/protecting-private-water-supplies.pdf</a>

7 0	Laggan Heritage Trust has undertaken extensive archaeological surveys in the area	SSEN Transmission Environment Team will reach out to the contact shared to liaise with the heritage group and incorporate the surveys' results on the assessments.
7 1	Saving Wildcats attended the event and mentioned beavers have also been released in the Spey River and might be in the proximity to the some of the Site and Route Options	SSEN Transmission will continue its engagement with Saving Wildcats and NatureScot to assess the presence of any protected species.
7 2	I cannot see any survey information relating to impact on local business and tourism, has no consideration been given to this?	While the site selection process so far does incorporate a recreation section, any consideration of tourism is only addressed at a high level. At this stage of the site selection process, a detailed assessment of local business and tourism has not been conducted. A more comprehensive evaluation of these factors will be undertaken once a preferred site has been identified.
7 3	Why does the site information not indicate where the proposed access routes will be, this will be of major concern to residents and businesses?	It is too early for detailed access track design to take place. A more detailed assessment of the access routes will be undertaken once the preferred Site Option is known.
7 4	Please explain why air insulated switch gear has been proposed and gas insulated (GIS) does not appear as a project option. This question was asked in Laggan Village Hall, but does not appear to have been captured yet.	AIS is always the default starting point for projects. While GIS offers some benefits in footprint, use of this technology introduces other challenges and so must be balanced. No decision has yet been taken on technology selection between AIS and GIS.
7 5	We are aware:- a) GIS would yield a significantly smaller site 'footprint'. b) That alternatives to old-style gas (HF6 = Sulphur Hexafluoride) insulated exist, as viable electrical engineering design options, i.e. using gas formulations which avoid the disadvantages of the older style HF6 equipment.	AIS is always the default starting point for projects. While GIS offers some benefits in footprint, the use of this technology introduces other challenges and so must be balanced. No decision has yet been taken on technology selection between AIS and GIS. At 400kV, SF6-free GIS technology is in its infancy, but we agree it is now coming to market, and we are exploring these opportunities across our network
7 6	Will SSEN be sharing the Corrie Mashie Project Risk Register? My opinion is that, as a minimum, we should have access to all of the risk register content/items, which have potential local impacts, noise, fire risks, roads, construction and operation, road transport, environment, noise, ecology etc.	Risk Registers are an internal document and is not released to the public. However, the matters you highlighted will be covered within the EIA, which forms part of our planning application and will be available at the ECU website.
7 7	The Melgarve substation was very badly named as Melgarve is miles away from it. It would be nice if SSEN did not make the same mistake in our area again.	Noted.
7 8	Option 1 is c3 miles north of Corrie Mashie, not at all IN the corrie.	Points noted. We will be open to naming suggestions for the substation from the Community once a Site Option is agreed.

	<p>That area is called The Leacann (pronounced Lyeckun) which would be accurate. - The Sloping side of a hill.</p> <p>Or, why not be simply the "Mashie sub station".</p> <p>Option 2 similarly could be simply "Mashie" or Strathmashie.</p> <p>Options 3, 4, 5 are completely divorced from Mashie.</p> <p>Option 3 depending on its position in the box, could be Cromra to the south or Crunachan to the north.</p> <p>Option 4, likewise could be Crunachan to the south or Mary Maria's sub station / or Maria's Gate sub station to the north.</p> <p>Option 5 could be Sheramore sub stn.</p>	
<p>7 9</p>	<p>I do hope the sub station can be accurately named.</p> <p>I hope you can find all the archaeological sites in the forest in the HER. If not I can show you them !</p>	<p>The cultural heritage section and cultural heritage RAG ratings in the Consultation Report were written by an independent field archaeologist and cultural heritage consultant who is an associate member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA). Figure 5 within the Consultation Document depicts the HER assets in the area, though not all are labelled in full. If any are missing, happy for these to be pointed out and we will pass on to the specialist consultant</p>