

NPF4 Delivery via Proportionate EIA

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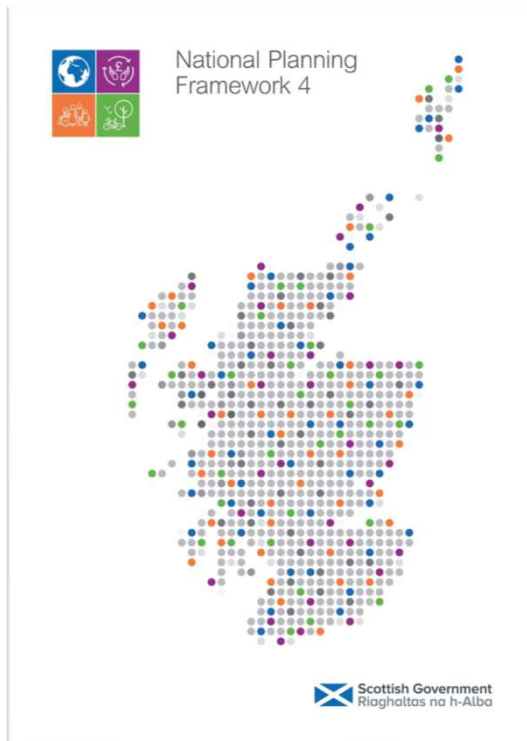
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NPF4 – New Policies

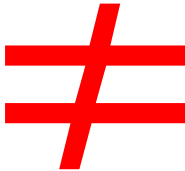


New Environmental Policies

- **Policy 1** – Tackling the climate & Nature Crises
- **Policy 3** – Biodiversity
- **Policy 5** – Soils
- **Policy 6** – Forestry, Woodland & Trees
- **Policy 7** – Historic assets & Places

- **Policy 25** – Community Wealth Building
- **Policy 30** – Tourism

Embedding Proportion



MAIN NORTH OF SCOTLAND ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION NETWORK IN 2030

In-flight Investments

1. Argyll 275kV strategy
2. Fort Augustus to Skye 132kV upgrade
3. Orkney 220kV AC subsea link




Pathway to 2030 Investments

- 1a. Beaully to Loch Buidhe 400kV reinforcement (BLN4)
- 1b. Loch Buidhe to Spittal 400kV reinforcement (SLU4)
- 2a. Beaully to Blackhillock 400kV double circuit (BBNC)
- 2b. Blackhillock and Peterhead 400kV double circuit (BPNC)
3. Beaully to Denny 275kV circuit to 400kV (BDUP)
4. East Coast Onshore 400kV Phase 2 reinforcement (TKUP)
5. Spittal to Peterhead 2GW HVDC subsea link (PSDC)
6. Peterhead to Drax 2GW HVDC subsea link (E4D3)
7. Peterhead to South Humber 2GW HVDC subsea link (E4L5)
8. Arnish to Beaully 1.8GW HVDC link
9. Aquila Pathfinder

Public Consultation to Inform Project Development

All new reinforcements remain subject to detailed consultation and environmental assessments to help inform route and technology options

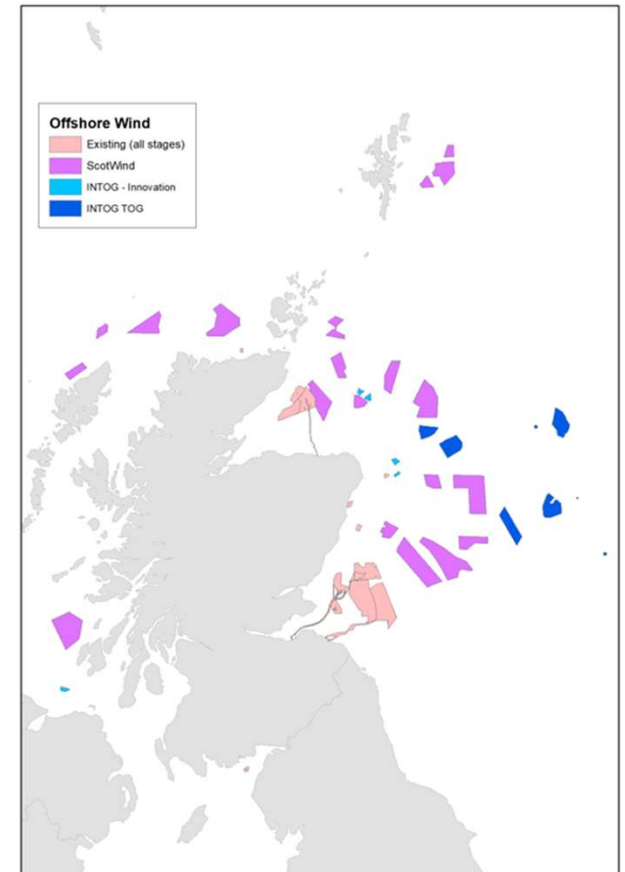
More detail on these projects, including how to sign up for updates, will be made available on SSEN Transmission's website, www.ssen-transmission.co.uk

-  New Infrastructure (Routes shown here are for illustrative purposes)
-  Upgrade/Replacement of Existing Infrastructure
-  Existing Network



Marine Directorate – Licensing Operations Team (MD-LOT)

- Marine licence applications in the Scottish inshore and offshore regions (0 and 200 nautical miles)
 - Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.
- Section 36 consents
 - Electricity Act 1989
- 20 EIA projects anticipated under Scotwind sectoral plan, 13 under the Innovation Targeted Oil and Gas (INTOG) plan together with associated EIA scale harbour development



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- Timeline for this significant increase in EIA scale marine development?
- Net Zero commitments, climate emergency crisis, energy crisis but also a biodiversity crisis
- Potential impact from offshore renewables poses a challenge when faced with dual crisis of biodiversity and climate emergency.
- Is proportionate EIA part of the answer to achieving the scale of proposed development – how do we achieve this elusive goal?
- UK proposed Levelling Up Bill? ‘Environmental Outcomes’ based approach.

Group Discussion



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Question 1

What is proportionate EIA?

Question 2

What are the potential blockers to proportionate EIA for each of the key participants (particularly in light of NPF4)?

- **Developers**
- **Determining bodies**
- **Consultees**
- **Public**

Question 3

How do you focus on the 'determining factors' that are material/significant?

Feedback



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