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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for giving the opportunity for SEPA to comment on this proposal. For information we have had long standing engagement up until this point with SSEN on this project and that will continue as proposals evolve.

At present with the proposals at this current stage SSEN are aware of our comments, if OFGEM would like copies of our engagement to date we would be content with this correspondence being forwarded on. However, all barring the comments below can be found on our website: <https://www.sepa.org.uk/environment/land/planning/advice-for-developers/#impact>

The additional comment that SEPA would make at this stage is related to the future proofing of the line. SEPA have discussed this matter with SSEN during pre-application discussions however have not formally noted it. If it is demonstrated that there is a reduction of overall environmental impacts by future proofing the line now and therefore not requiring the need to for future repowering then SEPA would broadly support that approach with the standard caveats that can be found in the link above. I would add at this stage that discussions with other agencies may be required as the proposals evolve to discuss this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the above.

Kind Regards.

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