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Dear Ms Kulhavy

Consultation on Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission's Proposed Transmission Project Between Caithness and Moray in Northern Scotland: The Needs Case

Historic Scotland has been made aware that the above consultation is taking place at the moment and has been invited to submit a response by 28 May. We have considered the consultation document and found that the questions posed there do not strictly relate to historic environment issues and are outside of our statutory remit. For the avoidance of doubt, our remit covers:

- scheduled monuments and their setting,
- category A listed buildings and their setting,
- gardens and designed landscapes appearing in the Inventory
- Inventory historic battlefields and
- Historic Marine Protected Areas.

We therefore do not wish to offer any specific advice at this stage. We do however recommend that any potential impacts on the historic environment (in line with national and local policies) are considered in the selection process of the route of any future reinforcement works covered in the consultation document.

Our guidance notes on the setting of historic environment assets can become useful when carrying out this assessment. The notes can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/setting-2.pdf>. General EIA guidance and explanation of our role in the process can be found on our website within a 'frequently asked questions' section at <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/policy/environmental-assessment/eiafaqs.htm>.

I hope this response is of assistance to you.



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Yours sincerely

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