Joan McAlpine MSP

D&G Strategic Reinforcement Project timeline of activity so far

16/07/2015  Joan McAlpine MSP writes to Pearse Murray, Director of Transmission Programmes at Scottish Power, to request additional time for constituents to respond to proposals – Scottish Power consequently extended the consultation period.

14/09/2015  Ms McAlpine meets with a delegation from Dumgal Against Pylons who present their alternative proposals to mitigate the visual and associated impacts of the project – actions for Joan to follow up with expressions to Scottish Power, Scottish Government and Ofgem.

22/09/2015  Ms McAlpine writes to Pearse Murray, Director of Transmission Programmes at Scottish Power, to request that Scottish Power meets with a delegation from Dumgal Against Pylons to allow the group to present their proposals for mitigating the impacts of the development – Scottish Power agree to such a meeting to be facilitated by Joan.

22/09/2015  Ms McAlpine writes to Fergus Ewing, Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism, asking information about and minutes from the Stakeholder Liaison Group and requesting that representation from the affected communities is invited to participate.

22/09/2015  Ms McAlpine writes to Kersti Berge, Head of Ofgem in Scotland, about the regulator's role and seeking answers about tendering and the implications for the development of the plans – Ofgem confirm by reply that despite SPEN commencing consultation the project could still be put out to tender.

26/10/2015  Ms McAlpine writes follow-up letter to Kersti Berge, Head of Ofgem in Scotland, demanding that tenders for the project take those affected by the development into consideration.

06/11/2015  Ms McAlpine will participate in a meeting between Dumgal Against Pylons and the Planning Department at Dumfries and Galloway Council.