

# 4 Approach to EIA

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### 4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 The approach undertaken to complete the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Proposed Development was detailed in Chapter 4 of the 2019 EIA Report.
- 4.1.2 Chapter 4 of the 2019 EIA Report confirmed that the EIA process aims to assist Scottish Ministers in their determination of the consent application by identifying where significant environmental effects are predicted. It was further confirmed that the structure of the 2019 EIA Report followed the requirements of Schedule 4 of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended) and other relevant good practice guidance.

### 4.2 Purpose of this SEI

- 4.2.1 Following submission of the Section 36 Application in April 2019, a number of consultees have asked for supplementary environmental information, as described in Chapter 2 of the 2020 SEI.
- 4.2.2 The purpose of the 2020 SEI is to present this supplementary environmental information in a similar format to the 2019 EIA Report for ease of reference.

### 4.3 Methodology

- 4.3.1 The 2020 SEI provides an assessment of the potential significant environmental effects of the amended infrastructure design (the 2020 Layout). The temporal and technical scope of the 2020 SEI and the assessment methodology are the same as reported in the 2019 EIA Report (refer to Chapter 4 (Approach to EIA) and technical Chapters 5-16).
- 4.3.2 Large sections of the 2019 EIA Report remain valid and are therefore unchanged for the 2020 SEI. Where this is the case, this information has not been replicated in the 2020 SEI, but cross-references to the 2019 EIA report provided. The 2020 SEI should therefore be read in conjunction with the 2019 EIA Report. The structure of the chapters in the 2020 SEI follows the same Information on the amended technical assessments and their conclusions are further detailed within each of the following technical chapters of the 2020 SEI.
- 4.3.3 The revised and comprehensive Schedule of Environmental Commitments and Summary of Residual Effects for the 2020 SEI are presented in Chapters 17 and 18 and supersede Chapters 17 and 18 of the 2019 EIA Report.

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