

# 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 2

4.2.1 Following submission of the Section 36 Application in April 2019 (supported by the 2019 EIA Report), Supplementary Environmental Information (SEI) was submitted in August 2020 (the 2020 SEI) which addressed consultees' comments to the 2019 EIA Report.

4.2.2 This document provides a second round of Supplementary Environmental Information (SEI 2) and has been produced to update the findings of the 2019 EIA Report and 2020 SEI following further responses to the application and the 2020 SEI. It provides a comparative assessment of the revised layout (2021 Layout) as described in Chapter 3 against the layout provided in Chapter 3 of the 2020 SEI (2020 Layout).

### 4.3 Methodology

4.3.1 This SEI 2 provides an assessment of the potential significant environmental effects of the amended infrastructure design (the 2021 Layout). The temporal and technical scope of SEI 2 and the assessment methodology remain up to date and are the same as reported in the 2019 EIA Report and the 2020 SEI.

4.3.2 Large sections of the 2019 EIA Report and the 2020 SEI remain valid and are therefore unchanged for SEI 2. Where this is the case, this information has not been replicated in SEI 2, and in some instances cross-references to the 2019 EIA Report or 2020 SEI have been provided to assist the reader. SEI 2 should therefore be read in conjunction with the 2019 EIA Report and the 2020 SEI. Information on the amended technical assessments and their conclusions are further detailed within each of the technical chapters of SEI 2.

4.3.3 The revised and comprehensive Schedule of Environmental Commitments and Summary of Residual Effects for SEI 2 are presented in Chapters 17 and 18 and supersede Chapters 17 and 18 of the 2020 SEI.

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