

## **CREICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE CONSENTING BILL IN SCOTLAND**

#### **Requesting an Extension of Time to Respond**

19/11/24

To Whom It May Concern

Creich Community Council have agreed at our meeting yesterday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024, that we have sufficient cause to request a three-month extension for the Electricity Infrastructure Consenting Bill consultation period.

We feel that we do not (and did not) have enough time in the consultation period to be able to properly meet, discuss and agree our response.

This is a very important and extensive document, it has potential to have a huge impact and in which case, requires all aspects to be investigated in order to enable us to fully understand the effects that the proposed changes will have on our community.

Scott Veters  
Chairperson  
Creich Community Council

20/11/24

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email. We appreciate your engagement with the consultation on Scottish electricity consenting. The objective of the proposed reforms is to remove inefficiencies in the Electricity Act 1989, whilst giving communities and statutory consultees meaningful opportunities to influence applications for consent. The responses of community members and councils local to existing or proposed electricity infrastructure are therefore important in informing policy.

UK and Scottish Ministers agree that reforms to electricity infrastructure consenting in Scotland need to be progressed at pace and that Government should legislate as soon as Parliamentary time allows. Although the deadline for responses to the consultation is 29 November, responses can be submitted beyond this date. We will endeavour to include these in our evidence base and analysis where possible.

Kind regards,

The Scottish Electricity Consenting Team