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## Scotland - Northern Ireland (SCO-NI) 3 and 4 Replacement Cables

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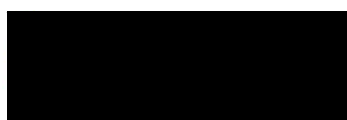
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## 1.1 Proposed licensable marine activity

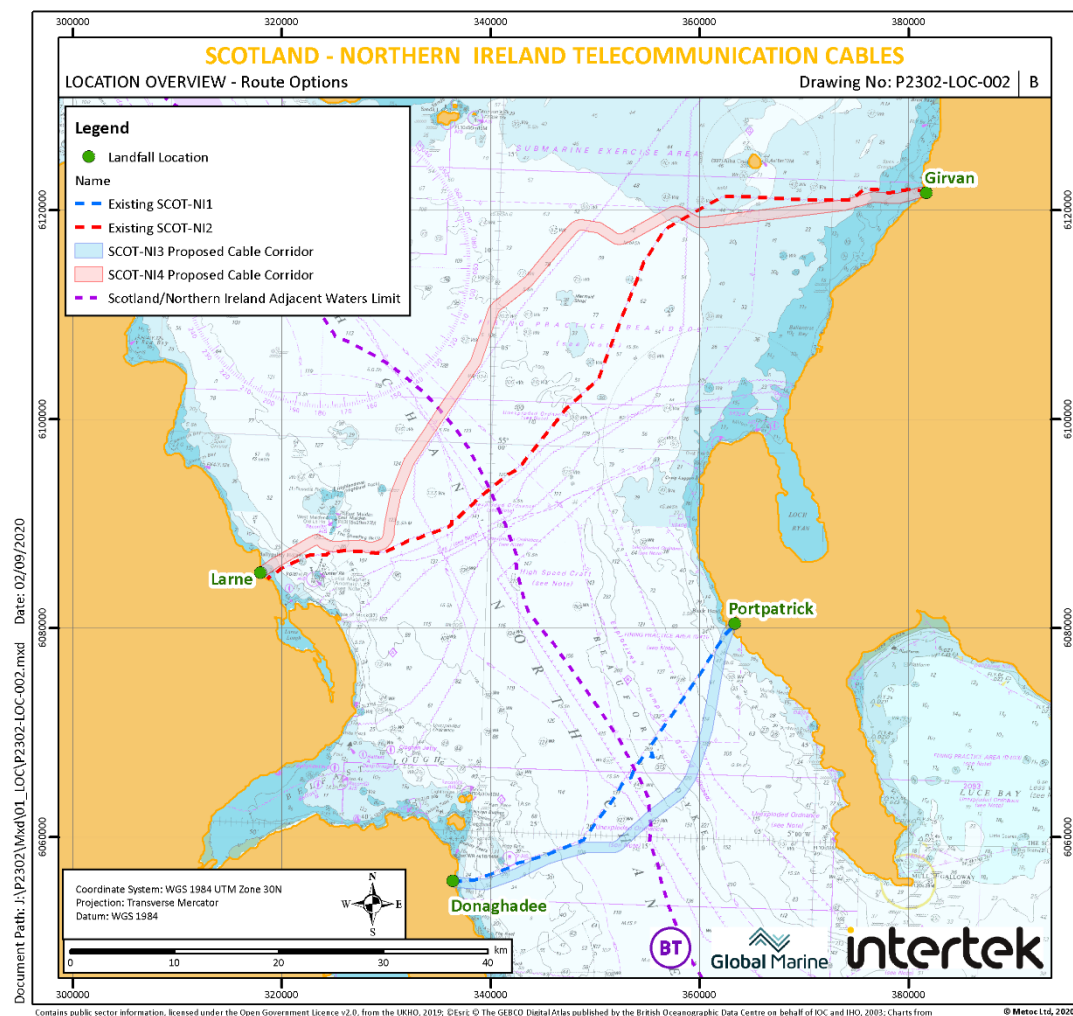
The Scot-NI PAC report is required under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010: Section 24. Global Marine Systems Ltd (GM) has been sub-contracted by British Telecommunications (BT) to install two replacement fibre optic cables between Scotland and Northern Ireland (NI), referred to as Scot-NI 3 and Scot-NI 4 (See Figure 1-1, Drawing P2302-LOC-002-B).

The project consists of the installation of two replacement fibre-optic marine cables as follows:

- Scot – NI 3 – Portpatrick, Scotland to Templepatrick, Northern Ireland (42km in total – 20km within Scottish waters)
- Scot – NI 4 – Girvan, Scotland to Larne, Northern Ireland (85km in total – 57.5km within Scottish waters)

The existing Beach Manhole (BMH) infrastructure used by the existing Scot-NI 1 and 2 cables will be utilised to connect the replacement of the cables apart from the BMH at Larne, where a new BMH may be constructed.

### Location Plan – Route overview



### Installation Overview

The cable will be installed using an installation plough, which is expected to proceed at a rate of up to 600 m/hr. There is one cable crossing within the intertidal area at Portpatrick for Scot-NI 3, and four cable crossings within Scottish waters for the Scot-NI 4 route. Cable crossings will be protected using Uraduct and post-lay buried with a trenching remotely operated vehicle (ROV). Nearshore sections of the Scot-NI cables will be protected using articulated pipe and buried using a jet sled. The target burial depth is 1m offshore and 2m in the intertidal area.

No further external cable protection measures have been proposed however, contingency measures of rock bags, concrete mattresses or rock berm are an option which may be used if required at the time of installation (pending crossing agreements). The installation footprints and potential contingency measures are detailed within the Marine Environmental Appraisal (MEA) Section 3 (Report Reference P2302\_R5036\_Rev0).

Due to the relatively small size of the fibre optic cables (up to 46 mm diameter) and the narrow trench cut by the plough (0.5m wide), sediment along the installation route should reconsolidate almost immediately after the cable is laid.

More detail on the proposed cable installation, burial and protection requirements along the installation corridor is provided in the MEA for the Project. Further information on the applicant and pre-application consultation undertaken for the project is provided below.

## 1.2 Applicant details

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Project Manager

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British Telecommunications Limited is registered in England 1800000

## 1.3 Proposed licensee details

As per applicant details provided in Section 1.2

## 1.4 Pre-application Consultation Event

A pre-application consultation event is required under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and The Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, The Marine Works and Marine Licensing (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 has made amendments to the existing regulations.

As it was not possible to hold a physical PAC event due to COVID-19 restrictions, two virtual PAC events were held via Zoom hosted from the Project website ([www.Scotnipac.com](http://www.Scotnipac.com)) as described below..

Typically, a physical event is better received than a virtual one, however under the circumstances the ability to hold a virtual event was invaluable. Those that attended held specific interests and posed specific questions regarding the project. In this sense, the virtual event was considered more effective than a physical meeting as it enabled focussed feedback and questions, with attendance from those with targeted interest.

The Scot-NI website provided information on the project proposals ahead of the meeting. A Storymap of the project activities and information was produced and published on the site to make information accessible and easy to review and digest. The two public interactive events were held via zoom on 15/09/20 at 10:30 am and 14:30 pm to allow multiple opportunities for participation. The events consisted of two live presentations followed by a question and answer session after each live presentation, where participants were able to ask questions to the project team. Once the sessions had finished, the meetings were open with presenters available to take questions from any late comers for the duration of the scheduled sessions.

Following the live events, a recording of the live presentation has been made available on the Scot-NI website <http://www.scotnipac.com/> to allow interested parties access to information should they not be able to attend. Feedback forms for the event were available for download on the website until 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Prior to the PAC event, a notice was prepared which provided information on the Applicant, a background to the Scot-NI project and details of the PAC event to be held, including a link to the Zoom meeting. A copy of the PAC event notice is provided in Appendix A: Pre-application Consultation Event Notice. Statutory notices advertising the PAC event were published in the Ayrshire Post on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and in the Galloway Gazette on the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Proofs of each notice are provided in Appendix B.

Other media was used to share information including:

- A dedicated webpage to host information about the Scot-NI project: <http://www.scotnipac.com/>;
- An interactive story map was made available on the Scot-NI website; and
- Emails sent to organisations, affected stakeholders, community councils informing of the event (stakeholders listed in Appendix C1).

Details of the PAC event are outlined in Table 2-1 below:

**Table 1-1 Summary of the Scot-NI PAC Event**

PAC Event	Date	Venue	Time	No of Participants
1	15th September 2020	Virtual consultation event via Zoom	10:30 – 12:30	8
2			14:30 – 16:30	9

Alongside this PAC event, stakeholder consultation with statutory regulators, statutory consultees, other key industry stakeholders and fish producer organisations has been ongoing. A summary of this consultation and those consulted is provided in Appendix C.

## 1.5 Information provided by the prospective applicant at the pre-application consultation event

### 1.5.1.1 PAC Event

The PAC event format involved a presentation delivered by the Scot-NI project team which covered the following aspects:

1. Team introduction
2. Telecom cables
3. Project need

4. Project lifecycle
5. Marine survey
6. Route optimisation
7. Consultation
8. Fisheries liaison
9. Marine Environmental Assessment (MEA)
10. Cable installation
11. Cable crossings
12. Possible contingency crossing protection
13. Project timings
14. Questions and feedback

The PAC event provided an opportunity for public involvement and encouraged participation during the Covid pandemic. The event provided attendees with direct access to the project team who were able to discuss technical and environmental questions. After attendees listened to the presentation, they were given the opportunity to directly ask any questions to the Scot-NI project team to be answered. The presentation including the questions and answers section was made available on the <http://www.scotnipac.com/> website for those unable to attend. Furthermore, a feedback form was available on the website until the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020 for those unable to attend to submit any questions to the Scot-NI team following the PAC event. A copy of the feedback form is provided in Appendix D.

#### 1.5.1.2 Scot-NI Project Website

The project website (<http://www.scotnipac.com/>) was set up which advertised details of the PAC event and a story map summarising the details of the Scot-NI project. The story map provided an interactive way for users to engage with project information and can be more appealing than reading through larger and more technical documentation. The Scot-Ni story map included the following information:

- Information on the Scot-NI PAC Event
- Project overview
- Subsea telecommunications cables
- Cable installation
- Cable crossings
- Marine surveys
- Protected environmental sites
- Route development and optimisation
- Marine licence application process
- Project timeline
- Feedback form



## 1.6 Information received by the Prospective Applicant during the Pre-application Consultation Event

The following section summarises the information received during and post PAC event. A total of eight people attended the PAC events. No completed feedback forms have been received to date. Below are the questions asked during the PAC event. A summary of the answers to the questions posed by the Scot-NI project team has been provided after each question (*blue italics*).

- When will the existing cables be replaced?

*Once the new cables have been installed, they are tested to ensure they are a stable asset. Once the cables are running as expected an internal decommissioning process is undertaken to determine whether cables are left on the seabed or removed. This is determined by a generic environmental appraisal which looks at the history of the cables. A recommendation will come out of that assessment as to whether remove or leave the cables in situ. This recommendation is then put forward to the relevant regulatory bodies to discuss the best course of action at the time of decommissioning and will form a separate application to this installation application.*

- What has been done to ensure that the environmental impact through the protected areas has been minimised?

*A desktop study was completed to optimise the route including survey data which allows us to avoid sensitive features within the 500m survey corridor. Intertek are preparing the Marine Environmental Appraisal Report which looks to assess the impacts of the proposed Scot-NI routes and propose mitigation measures where relevant to minimise environmental impacts.*

- Are there any areas along the cable route that will not be buried?

*There is the potential for areas of cable to not be buried depending on the type of seabed (i.e. hard ground or boulder fields that may limit burial. It is the intention that all the cable will be buried, however this is yet to be determined on review of survey data.*

- Will there be a lot of noisy disruption at the sites during construction - how long will the cables take to install?

*During the landfall installation mini excavators will be used within the intertidal area to bury the cable within the beach and sediment for the cable tie in. Works at the landfall will take place for up to 5 days per landing site associated with the cable burial however, noisy activities will be limited to excavation noise.*

- Will ongoing access be needed to maintain the cables after they have been installed? How often will access be needed?

*Access will be required throughout the lifetime of the cable project and the network does need maintenance. It is difficult to determine the frequency of maintenance events, however in the event something does go wrong, there are contractual arrangements in place that permit the undertaking of maintenance activities where required. To provide an estimate, it is suggested that maintenance may be required once every 1-2 years.*

- How will the safety of others be considered – will steps be taken to ensure the cables do not pose a hazard?

*During the installation operations, notices to mariners will be issued to keep everyone aware of the works. Furthermore, the plan is to fully bury the cable, however in areas where that perhaps is not possible, mitigation measures will be implemented that prevent impacts to other seabed users. Once the cable routes are in place, the as-installed routes are forwarded to the admiralty and the cable routes are charted on all marine charts which are publicly available. The routes are included on the*

*KISORCA website to promote marine safety. Information will be disseminated by FLO to various fishing stakeholders. In addition, the cables will be installed in accordance with the European Subsea Cables Association (ESCA) best practice measures.*

- Will you be able to see the cables on the beach?

*Both on the beach and offshore the cables will be buried, and reinstatement works means the cables will not be visible*

- We hear about reducing plastic in the ocean - will these cables release micro plastic and harm the marine wildlife?

*The cables are copper in polypropylene sheath held within a steel casing. A study by University of Southampton on similar cables found that there was only a small amount of zinc released. The cables are benign and there will be no degradation of plastic into the marine environment.*

- Will there be any scars left on the seabed from the installation plough?

*There is the potential for scars to be left on the seabed from the plough share, however the extent of time these scars remain is dependent on the seabed type and hydrodynamics of the area. Based on previous projects, the seabed returns to its original condition within a short period of time and therefore scars will not remain on the seabed.*

- How much of the beach will be affected?

*A narrow trench will be excavated on the beach to install the cable; however, the rest of the beach will remain unaffected.*

- Will the beach be returned to normal after installation?

*Following the excavation of the narrow trench, any sediment excavated will be backfilled into the trench and the beach will return to its original profile.*

- How long will the beach be closed for during operations?

*We would not look for a full beach closure, however there is the requirement for a temporary safety zone around the works to ensure members of the public do not come into harm. This safety zone is likely to be present for roughly 2 weeks.*

- Will the works disturb dolphins or other marine wildlife?

*The main effects to dolphins would be from underwater noise. However, vessel noise from installation vessels is likely to be like those already operating in the area, therefore no significant effects to marine wildlife are anticipated.*

- Will global warming and sea level rise cause the beach to erode quicker because of the cable?

*The potential for this is being considered within the MEA.*

- Will the cable be buried? If so, how deep will it be buried?

*The plan is to bury the cable to 2m depth onshore and 1m depth for the offshore cable route. The depth of burial will be subject to seabed conditions encountered on each route.*

- How long will the installation take?

*The overall operation is anticipated to take 2 months, on site early September and completed by November. There is the potential for this to slip based on weather and sea conditions, but otherwise it is estimated to take 2 months.*

## 1.7 Amendments made, or to be made, to the application for a marine licence by the prospective applicant following their consideration of comments and/or objections received at the pre-application consultation event

No major comments were raised during the pre-application consultation period or PAC event. No relevant amendments to the application for a marine licence have been deemed necessary however, questions have led to further engagement with stakeholders (Historic Environment Scotland) who attended, to discuss their specific interest areas. No specific details have been included on this due to data protection.

The proposed approach to the marine licence application and provision of supporting documents remains as follows:

- Completion of a marine licence application form(s)
- Provision of an environmental assessment in the form of the Scot-NI Marine Environmental Appraisal (MEA).
- Provision of a Navigation Risk Assessment (NRA) as part of the MEA.
- Provision of a Fisheries Liaison Mitigation Action Plan (FLMAP) as part of the MEA
- Provision of a Schedule of Mitigation as part of the MEA

## 1.8 Explanation of approach taken by the prospective applicant where, following relevant comments and/or objections being received by the prospective applicant at the pre-application consultation event, no relevant amendment is made to the application for a marine licence

As outlined in the preceding section, no major comments or concerns were received during the pre-application event and therefore no amendments were required in relation to the marine licence application.

## 1.9 Certification

Name; David Cornelius

Role: Project Manager

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I certify that I have complied with the legislative requirements relating to pre-application consultation and that the pre-application consultation has been undertaken in accordance with statutory requirements.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

# Appendix A

## Pre-application Consultation Event Notice

25 November 2020  
Our Ref: P2308\_AEMAY12\_Rev0

Stakeholder  
Address line 1  
Address line 2  
Town  
Postcode

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Re: Notification of proposed licensable marine activity between Girvan and Larne (Drains Bay); and Portpatrick and Templepatrick**

In line with Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and The Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, Notification is hereby given that British Telecommunications plc (BT) is planning to submit an application for a Marine Licence to replace SCOT-NI 1 and SCOT-NI 2 telecommunication cables between Portpatrick, Scotland and Templepatrick, Northern Ireland (SCOT-NI 3) and Girvan, Scotland and Larne (Drains Bay), Northern Ireland (SCOT-NI 4).

Information is provided below on proposed Pre-application Consultation to be undertaken as part of events covering the route described above.

**Background**

The existing BT telecommunication cables crossing the Irish Sea are nearing the end of their functionable life and require replacement of this critical infrastructure to maintain telecommunication services. Telecommunication cables provide essential services and connectivity which is of vital importance as the demand for data and communication increases. The existing Beach Man Hole (BMH) and duct infrastructure will be utilised where practical to connect the replacement of the cables, with the exception of the BMH at Larne, where a new BMH will be constructed.

The attached figure shows the location of the proposed cables.

**Pre-application Consultation**

Prospective applicants for marine licences for certain activities, including the deposit of a submarine cable into the sea or on or under the seabed where that cable is over approximately 1 nautical mile in length and where it crosses the inter-tidal boundary, are required to carry out a public pre-application consultation.

In fulfilment of the Guidance on Marine Licensable Activities Subject to Pre-Application Consultation and in following the public pre-application consultation procedure BT is required to hold at least one public event where local communities, environmental groups, NGOs and other interested parties are given the opportunity to consider and comment upon a prospective application for those marine licensable activities that are prescribed in the Regulations.





BT is also required to notify (this email) the following statutory consultees that an application for a marine licence for a prescribed activity is to be submitted to MS-LOT:

- The Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses
- The Maritime and Coastguard Agency
- The Scottish Environment Protection Agency
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Any delegate for the relevant marine region or regions, when such delegates have been established under Section 12(1) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.

#### **Pre-application Consultation Event**

Due to the current restrictions around Covid-19 project information will be available online at this location: [scotnipac.com](https://scotnipac.com)

The Pre-application consultation event for the marine licence application for the SCOT-NI 3 and 4 cables will be held by accessing the above website and clicking on the link to the PAC Event link at 10:30am or 14:30pm. The link will access the Zoom presentation and provide opportunity for questions. The event will be notified to the public within the Ayrshire Post on 29<sup>th</sup> July and Galloway Gazette on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Date	Location	Online Link	Time
15/09/20	Virtual consultation event via Zoom due to Covid-19	scotnipac.com	10:30 and 14:30

Following the event, a pre-application report, in the form prescribed in the Regulations, will be prepared and submitted with the marine licence applications.

Further information, can be obtained concerning the proposed installation of submarine cables from **Paula Daglish** at [paula.daglish@intertek.com](mailto:paula.daglish@intertek.com)

Persons wishing to provide comments on the proposed installation of the submarine cable can do so by writing to the prospective applicant at [nathalie.degroot@intertek.com](mailto:nathalie.degroot@intertek.com)

Or by post to: Nathalie De Groot, Northpoint, Aberdeen Energy Park, Exploration Drive, Bridge of Don, AB23 8HZ not later than 25/09/20.

Comments should be dated and should clearly state the name (in block capitals) and full return email or postal address of those making comment. Comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. If BT applies for a marine licence to the Scottish Ministers, opportunity will be given for representations to be made to the Scottish Ministers on the application.

Yours sincerely

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Attached – Location overview map and Public notices text

# Appendix B

## Statutory Public Notices



# Public Notices

## Public Notices

Planning and Economic Development

### Town And Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (As Amended)

#### Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 (As Amended)

##### Publicity for Applications

**Westray, Galston** - 20/0323/PPP - Erection of new dwelling house

**2 Galston Road, Hurlford** - 20/0359/PP - Change of use of area of car park to beer garden

**Block 5, Moorfield Industrial Estate Kilmarnock** - 20/0288/PP - Proposed front extension of existing first floor on existing single storey roof

**Land At Former Busbiehill Guest House, Knockentiber** - 20/0289/PP - Change of Use of Land to Form One Caravan Pitch (One Principal Caravan, One Touring Caravan and Storage Container), Erection of Amenity Block, Boundary Fencing and Formation of Hardstanding (in part retrospect)

**New Intax Farm, Newmilns** - 20/0290/PP - Erection of five glamping pods and associated infrastructure

**Sunnyside Nursery, Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock** - 20/0330/PPP - Erection of dwelling house in association with established plant growing nursery/garden centre, agricultural and tea room enterprises (Renewal of permission previously granted under Planning Permission Reference Number 16/0042/PPP)

**Deadline:** 15/08/2020

For those applications which have been the subject of Pre-Application Consultation between the Applicant and the Community (and which are indicated as "PAC"), persons wishing to make representations in respect of the application should do so to the Planning Authority in the manner indicated.

The Applications listed may be examined at the address stated below between 09:00 and 17:00 hours Monday to Thursday and 09:00 and 16:00 hours Friday, excluding public holidays. All applications can also be viewed online via the Council website ([www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/eplanning](http://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/eplanning)) or by prior arrangement at one of the local offices throughout East Ayrshire. Written comments and electronic representations may be made to the Head of Planning and Economic Development, The Opera House, 8 John Finnie Street, Kilmarnock, KA1 1DD or [submittoplanning@east-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:submittoplanning@east-ayrshire.gov.uk) before the appropriate deadline.

Please note that comments received outwith the specified period will only be considered in exceptional circumstances which will be a question of fact in each case.

Publication Date: 31st July 2020



**East Ayrshire Council**  
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The Opera House, 8 John Finnie Street,  
Kilmarnock, KA1 1DD

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### Land Reform (SCOTLAND) Act 2003 Bridge Lodge, Kilmarnock Order 2020

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDER TO EXEMPT LAND FROM ACCESS RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given under section 11(2)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 ("the Act") that East Ayrshire Council proposes to make the Bridge Lodge, Kilmarnock Order 2020 ("the Order") under section 11(1) of the Act.

The effect of the Order will be to exempt from the access rights which would otherwise be exercisable in respect of that land by virtue of Part 1 of the Act.

The purpose(s) for which the Order being proposed is to close the footpath between Bridge Lodge, Kilmarnock and the A71 along the River Irvine due to the slippage of banking resulting in health and safety concerns.

It is currently unknown how long this closure will be required for and therefore this order will exempt access rights until further notice. An alternative route is available westwards passing the pumping station to the North Lodge on the U34 Holmes Road or vice versa eastwards.

Please note that the path has already closed as an emergency measure due to the health and safety hazard. We were unable to give advance notice of this emergency closure due to the circumstances.

A map of the closed section of path can be found online at: <https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/Resources/PDF/P/PlanningNotices.pdf>

Objections or representations in respect of the Order may be made to the Local Authority at the address given below, for its consideration, no later than 28 days after publication of this notice. These should be made in writing and in the case of objections, the grounds on which they are made should be stated.

Opera House, 8 John Finnie Street, Kilmarnock KA1 1DD

They can also be emailed to: [localdevelopmentplans@east-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:localdevelopmentplans@east-ayrshire.gov.uk)



**East Ayrshire Council**  
Comhairle Siorrachd Air an Ear

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The Opera House, 8 John Finnie Street,  
Kilmarnock, KA1 1DD

### SCOTLAND - NORTHERN IRELAND (SCOT - NI) TELECOMMUNICATION CABLES MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 THE MARINE LICENSING (PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

Notice is hereby given that British Telecommunications, a public limited company registered under number 01800000 having its registered office in 81 Newgate Street, London, EC1A 7AJ plans to hold pre-application consultation events regarding proposed licensable marine activity between Portpatrick, Scotland (OS Grid Ref: 199292E, 555339N) to Templepatrick, Northern Ireland (SCOT-NI3); and Girvan, Scotland (OS Grid Ref: 218224E, 596321N) to Larne (Drains Bay), Northern Ireland (SCOT-NI4). The activity consists of the installation of two replacement submarine telecommunication cables between Scotland and Northern Ireland. Further information can be obtained concerning the proposed submarine telecommunication cable installation at [scotnipac.com](http://scotnipac.com).

Due to the current restrictions surrounding Covid 19, the cable pre-application consultation events will be held online by visiting the PAC event link on the following web page: [scotnipac.com](http://scotnipac.com)

Date: 15/09/20; time: 10:30 and 14:30

Persons wishing to provide comments on the proposed submarine telecommunication cables can do so by writing to the prospective applicant, no later than 25th September 2020.

By e-mail to: [nathalie.degroot@intertek.com](mailto:nathalie.degroot@intertek.com) By post to: Intertek EWCS, Northpoint, Aberdeen Energy Park, Exploration Drive, Bridge of Don, AB23 8HZ.

Comments should be dated and should clearly state the name (in block capitals) and full return e-mail or postal address of those making comment. Comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. If British Telecom submits an application for a marine licence to Scottish Ministers, an opportunity will be given for representations to be made to the Scottish Ministers on the application.

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For more information visit: [www.telmescotland.gov.uk](http://www.telmescotland.gov.uk)



**Ayrshire Roads Alliance**

## SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### (C2 Belston to Stair, Bridge of Coyle) (Temporary Road Closure) Order 2020

On 23/07/2020 the Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on it under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, and of all other enabling powers, made the above-named Order, by reason of works to be undertaken upon the Bridge of Coyle, bridge deck and structure.

The Order will make it unlawful for any person to drive, cause or permit to be driven any vehicle on C2 Belston to Stair road so as to cross the bridge deck.

The Order is in force from Monday 3rd August with completion of the works anticipated by the end of the month. The Order will be implemented only when the appropriate signs are displayed.

A diversion route for all traffic will be signed via the A70 to Hillhead, B742 to Annbank, and the B744 to Belston in both directions. Emergency Services vehicles, equestrians and pedestrians will not be affected. Vehicular access for residents will be maintained whenever possible.



**East Ayrshire Council**  
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A partnership between  
East Ayrshire Council and  
South Ayrshire Council



### Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

MKM Building Supplies Limited of Stoneferry Road, Hull, HU8 8DE is applying to change an existing licence as follows: To keep an extra 2 goods vehicles and 0 trailers at the operating centre at Unit 2, Moorfield North Industrial Park, Neepphill View, Kilmarnock, KA2 0FE.

Owners or occupiers of the land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representatives must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, AS AMENDED BY THE PLANNING ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006, PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING CONSENT AND CONSERVATION AREA CONSENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2015

These applications, associated plans and supporting documents can be viewed online. Applications can also be viewed at County Buildings, Wellington Sq, Ayr, KA7 1DR, from 08:45-16:45hrs (Mon-Thu) & 08:45-16:00hrs (Fri).

#### CONSERVATION AREA

**Ref: 20/00409/APP** Alterations to existing shopfront at 36 Alloway St, Ayr, KA7 1SH. **Ref: 20/00491/APP** Alterations to boundary wall at 144 Welbeck Cres, Troon, KA10 6AW.

#### LISTED BUILDING

**Ref: 20/00529/LBC** Installation of flue to listed building at 3 Coodham House, A77T From Council Boundary To B730 Junction, Symington, KA1 5SG.

#### LISTED BUILDING IN CONSERVATION AREA

**Ref: 20/00515/LBC** Alterations to listed building at 21 Barns St, Ayr, KA7 1XB. **Ref: 20/00482/LBC** Erection of boundary railings and replacements gates at 4 Springvale Rd, Ayr, KA7 2SH.

Comments may be submitted online, in writing, or at [planning.development@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:planning.development@south-ayrshire.gov.uk) by 19/08/20.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

**Ref: 20/00472/APP** External alterations to building and formation of external garden centre sales and display area with fence enclosure within rear service yard at Land At Heathfield Retail Park, Liberator Dr, Ayr. **Ref: 20/00512/APP** Formation of slurry lagoon at Bennan Farm, U31 From B741 Junction Near Straiton South West To U43 Junction Near Dyke, Straiton, KA19 7NB. **Ref: 20/00513/FUR** Further application in respect of existing 2no. modular welfare buildings (15/00664/FUR) at Moss Landfill Site, U87 From B730 Junction At Fail Mill North East To U86 Junction, Tarbolton. **Ref: 20/00237/APP** Erection of educational campus building for co-locating Glenburn and St Ninian's Primary schools, associated early years provision including external sports facilities, access, car parking and temporary classroom accommodation at Glenburn Primary School, 11 Sherwood Road, Prestwick, KA9 1EY.

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#### **SCOTLAND – NORTHERN IRELAND (SCOT – NI) TELECOMMUNICATION CABLES MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 THE MARINE LICENSING (PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013**

Notice is hereby given that British Telecommunications, a public limited company registered under number 01800000 having its registered office in 81 Newgate Street, London, EC1A 7AJ plans to hold pre-application consultation events regarding proposed licensable marine activity between Portpatrick, Scotland (OS Grid Ref: 199292E, 555339N) to Templepatrick, Northern Ireland (SCOT-NI3); and Girvan, Scotland (OS Grid Ref: 218224E, 596321N) to Larne (Drains Bay), Northern Ireland (SCOT-NI4). The activity consists of the installation of two replacement submarine telecommunication cables between Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Further information can be obtained concerning the proposed submarine telecommunication cable installation at [scotnipac.com](http://scotnipac.com).

Due to the current restrictions surrounding Covid 19, the cable pre-application consultation events will be held online by visiting the PAC event link on the following web page: [scotnipac.com](http://scotnipac.com)  
Date: 15/09/20; time: 10:30 and 14:30

Persons wishing to provide comments on the proposed submarine telecommunication cables can do so by writing to the prospective applicant, no later than 25th September 2020.

By e-mail to: [nathalie.degroot@intertek.com](mailto:nathalie.degroot@intertek.com) By post to: Intertek EWCS, Northpoint, Aberdeen Energy Park, Exploration Drive, Bridge of Don, AB23 8HZ.

Comments should be dated and should clearly state the name (in block capitals) and full return e-mail or postal address of those making comment. Comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. If British Telecom submits an application for a marine licence to Scottish Ministers, an opportunity will be given for representations to be made to the Scottish Ministers on the application.



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Normal political hostilities resume with claim and counter claim over dairy farms

# Truce is turning sour over milk deal

BY **RON HARRIS**  
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**The supposed political truce over the Coronavirus issue has broken down in Galloway with its Tory MSP infuriating his SNP counterpart with comments alleging Scottish Government neglect of the area's vital dairy farms.**

The falling out came after Finlay Carson, the area's Conservative MSP, issued a statement claiming that Galloway dairy farmers weren't getting the same emergency support their English counterparts were enjoying.

The area's SNP MSP Emma Harper quickly accused him of being deliberately misleading and counter-claiming that Scottish farmers hadn't even ASKED for the same kind of compensation from Holyrood.

Mr Carson's allegations centre on a consultation currently ongoing over introducing a mandatory pricing

mechanism within all contracts between dairy farmers and processors to give the farmers a fairer deal.

He said Galloway farmers should make their voices heard ahead of the consultation which ends on September 15 and then added the political barb: "The SNP Government have failed to protect the sector with any sort of funding support during this time and we need to ensure that the sector can be protected going forward."

His claim was quickly rejected by Holyrood farming minister Fergus Ewing and by Ms Harper who retorted: "Mr Carson claimed that the Scottish Government has not provided any support to the Scottish dairy sector during COVID-19, and made an inaccurate statement which credited the UK Government with a consultation into dairy contracts across the UK. This consultation was in fact one jointly agreed by both Scottish and UK governments."

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MSPs Emma Harper and Finlay Carson have clashed over support to Scotland's dairy farmers.

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# Appendix C

## Summary of Stakeholder Consultation to Date

## C.1 SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION TO DATE

Pre-application consultation has been undertaken throughout the Scot-NI project. During the initial Desktop Study phase of this project, Global Marine consulted with the following stakeholders:

- Marine Scotland
- Crown Estate Scotland
- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
- The Crown Estate

The purpose of this consultation was to introduce the Scot-NI project to stakeholders and to gather an understanding of the regulatory requirements and physical considerations associated with the proposed Scot-NI cables.

Following this, further consultation was undertaken with a variety of stakeholders during the preparation of the Marine Environmental Appraisal (MEA) to be submitted in support of the marine licences. The purpose of consultation was to acquire feedback on the Scot-NI project and any specific comments on the MEA. Any consultation responses received that were relevant to the MEA are detailed within each topic of the MEA Report. A summary of stakeholders contacted is provided below:

### **Scottish Statutory Regulators:**

- Marine Scotland;
- Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
- The Crown Estate

### **Statutory Consultees:**

- Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses
- The Maritime & Coastguard Agency
- Scottish Natural Heritage (NatureScot)
- Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)
- Historic Environment Scotland (HES)
- Clyde Marine Planning Partnership
- South Ayrshire Council
- Dumfries & Galloway Council
- Dunskey Estate
- Bargany Estate
- Commissioners of Irish Lights
- Mid and East Antrim Council
- Ards and North Down Borough Council

### **Other key industry stakeholders:**

- Ministry of Defence

- The Royal Yachting Association
- Girvan harbour
- Portpatrick harbour
- Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

**Fish Producer Organisations and Fishers**

- Northern Ireland Scallop Fisherman's Association
- North Eastern Lobster Fishermen's Co-operative Society
- Northern Coast Lobster Fishermen's Association
- Anglo North Irish Fish Producers Organisation Ltd
- Sea Source
- Northern Ireland Fish Producers Organisation Ltd
- S B Fish Agency Ltd
- Clyde Fishermen's Association
- Scottish Creel Fishermen's Federation
- Scottish Fishermen's Federation
- Girvan Inshore Fishermen's Group
- Ayrshire Coast Crab and Lobster Fishermen's Association
- Regional Inshore Fisheries Group
- Scottish White Fish Producers Association Ltd
- Scottish Fishermen Organisation
- The National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations

# Appendix D

## Pre-application Consultation Event Feedback Form



## SCOT-NI Telecommunication Cables

### Pre-application Consultation Event

### Feedback Form – Your Comments

1 - How did you hear about the event?

2 - Was the information provided on the website informative?

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