

# Introduction to the LirIC Interconnector Project



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# Who

As a business, we:



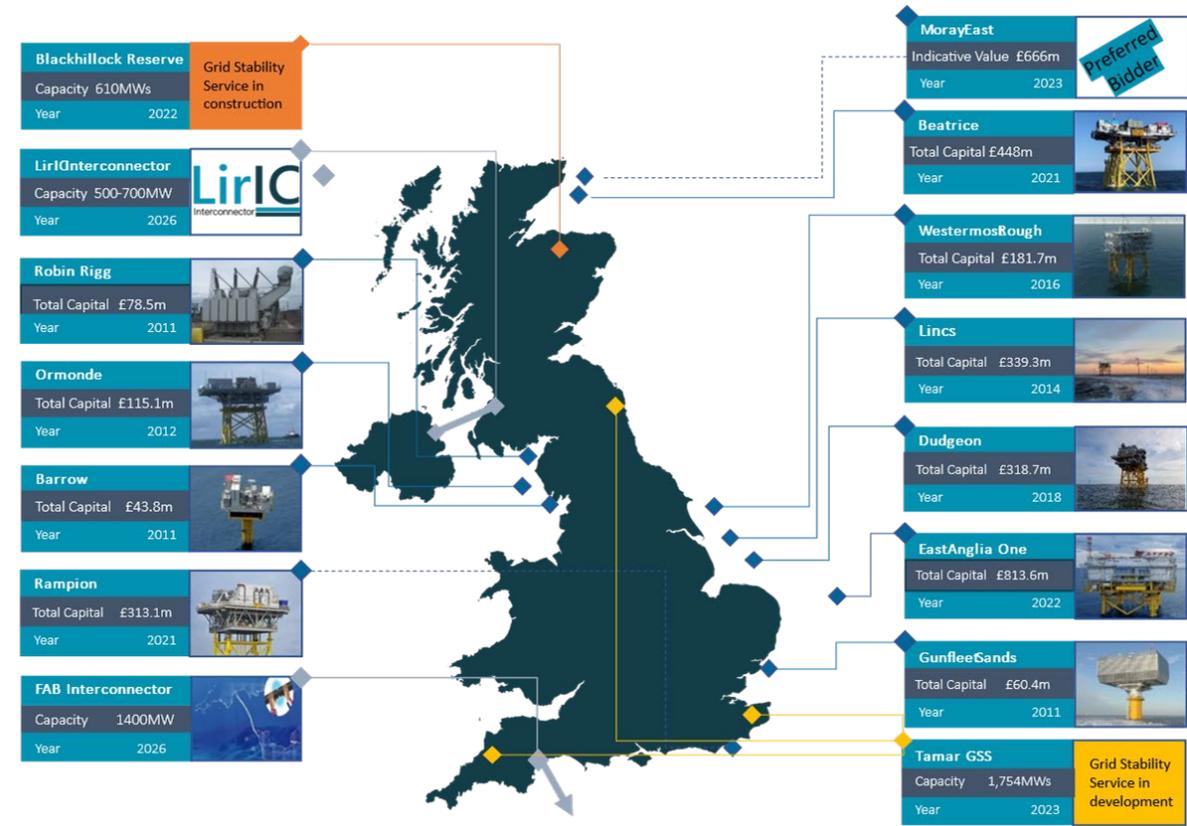
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# Why



**Maximising renewable generation from Scotland & Northern Ireland...**

To enable the transition.



**Strengthening security of supply for UK citizens...**

By supporting the diversification of electricity supply from connected.



**Lowering CO2 emission across the UK...**

By supporting the delivery of cheap, green energy to consumers.



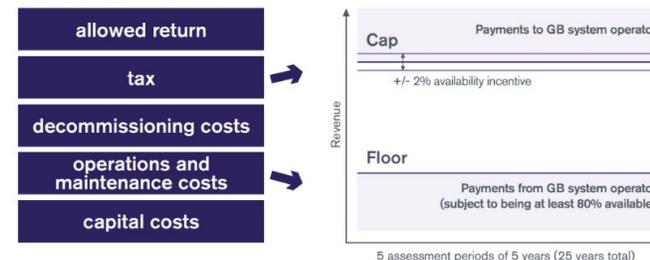
**Requiring no Government financing...**

As a privately financed development.

- The UK Government has committed to realise at least 18GW of interconnector capacity by 2030, with just under 10GW is operational to date.
- The UK Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) and Scottish Government are both supportive of the Development. The Applicant has engaged with the Department for the Economy (DfE) in NI, as they have progressed their update to the Energy Strategy, and progression of the Development is being supported by the Utility Regulator and SONI in NI.
- The LirIC Project is confirmed in the list of projects submitted in the TYNDP2020 by ENTSO-E (project number 1040) and is included within the 2022 and 2024 version of the TYNDP.
- Under section 6A (5) of the Electricity Act 1989, Ofgem has issued the Applicant with an Electricity Interconnector Licence (July 2021).
- Excess wind generation can be shared between markets avoiding significant curtailment of wind generation across GB, NI and the Republic of Ireland (RoI).
- The LirIC Project has been granted an "in principle" cap and floor regime by the UK regulator, Ofgem (November 2024)

*'Interconnectors are technically proven and commercially available and can provide solutions today'*

Cap and floor building blocks

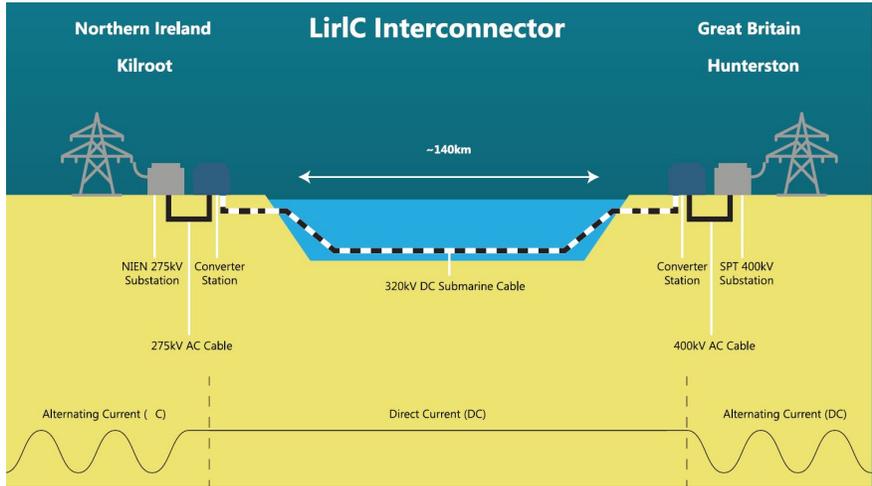


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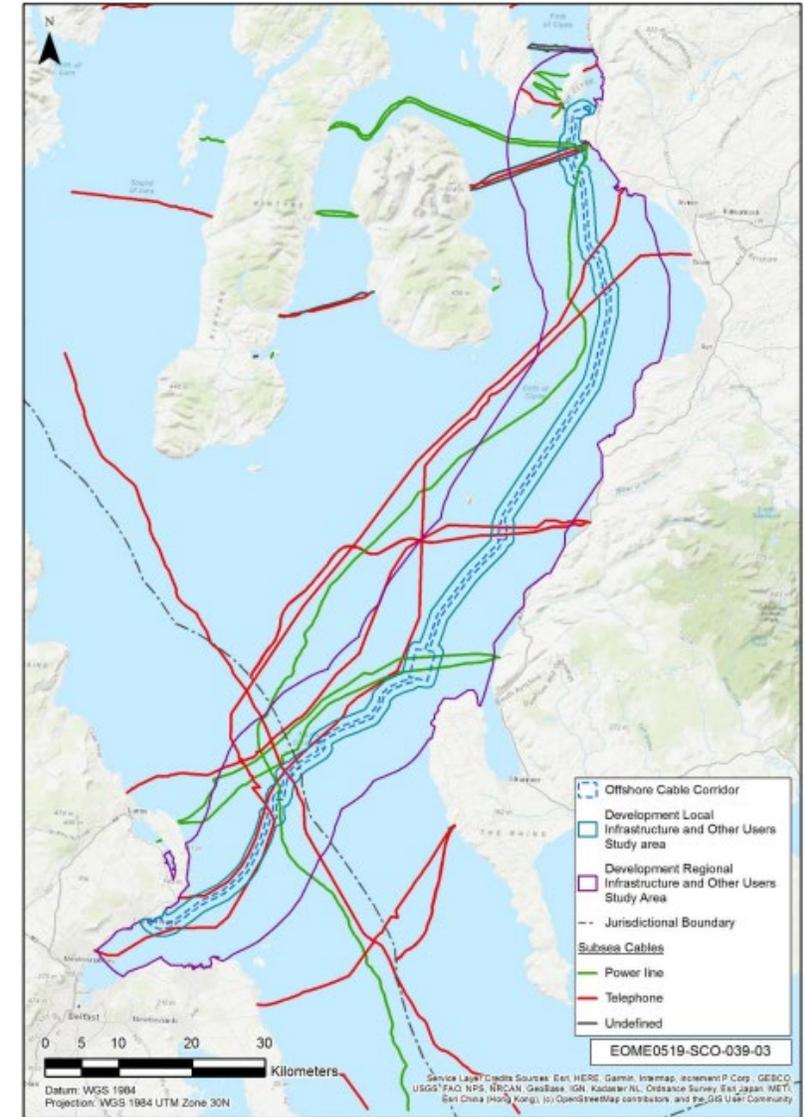
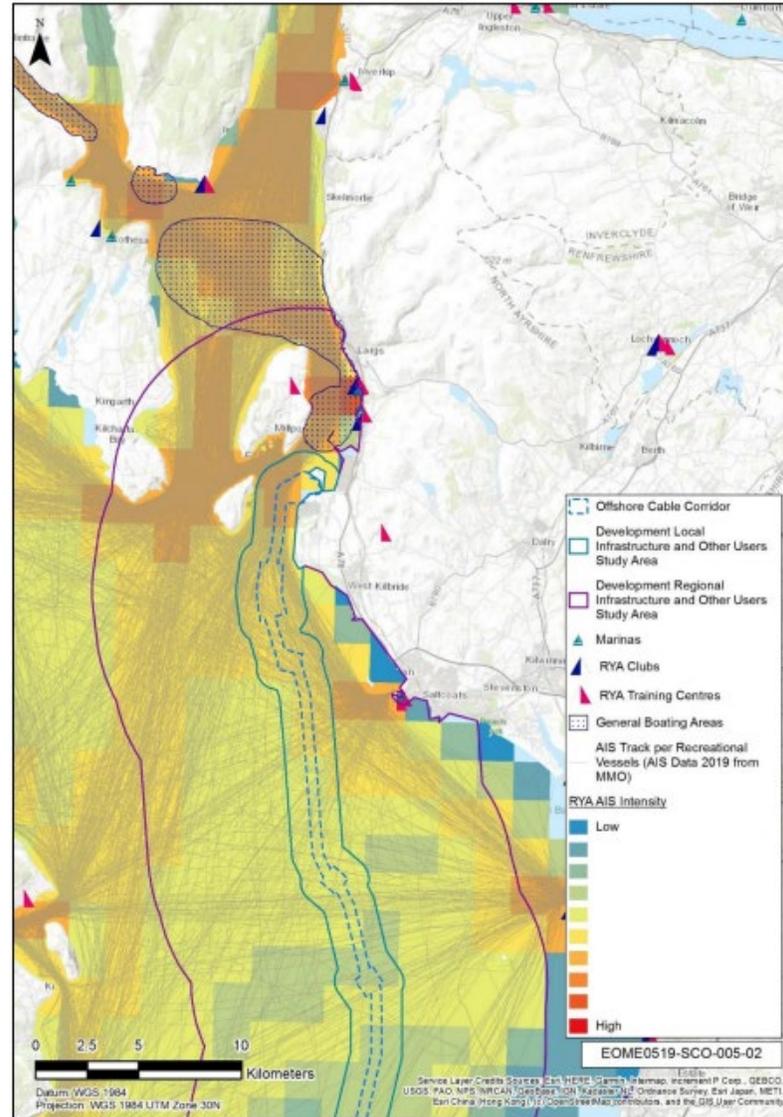
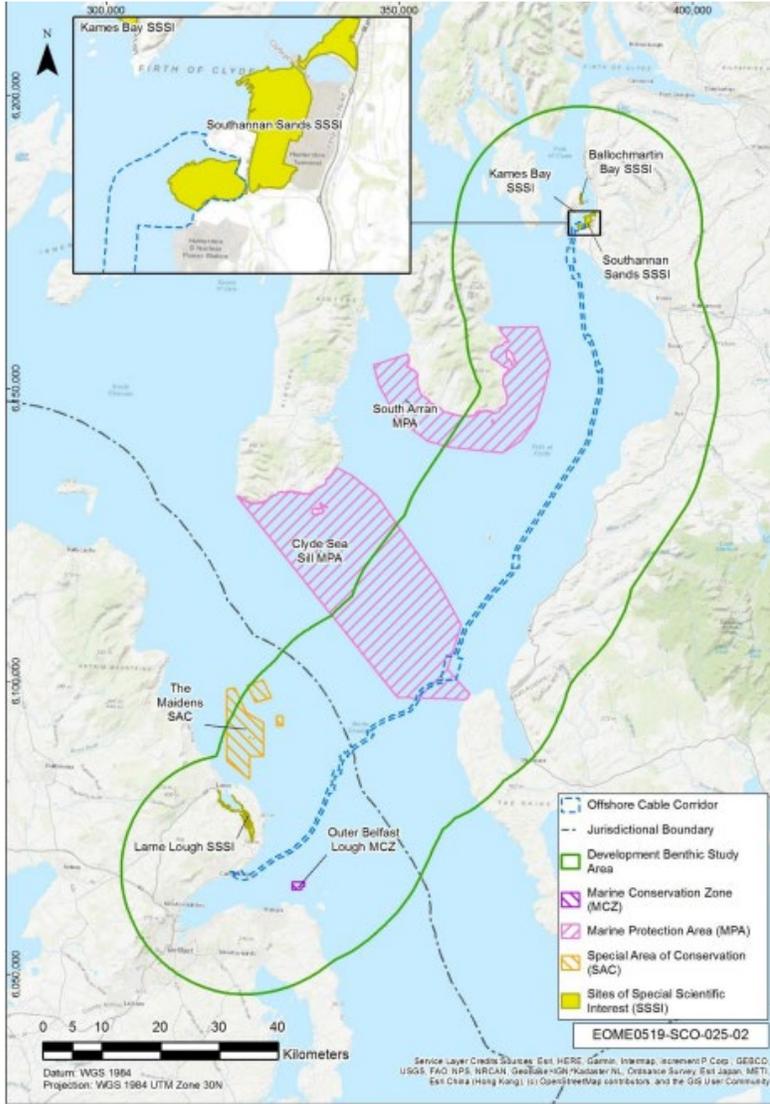
## 700MW Electrical Interconnector between Hunterston (Scotland) and Kilroot (Northern Ireland)



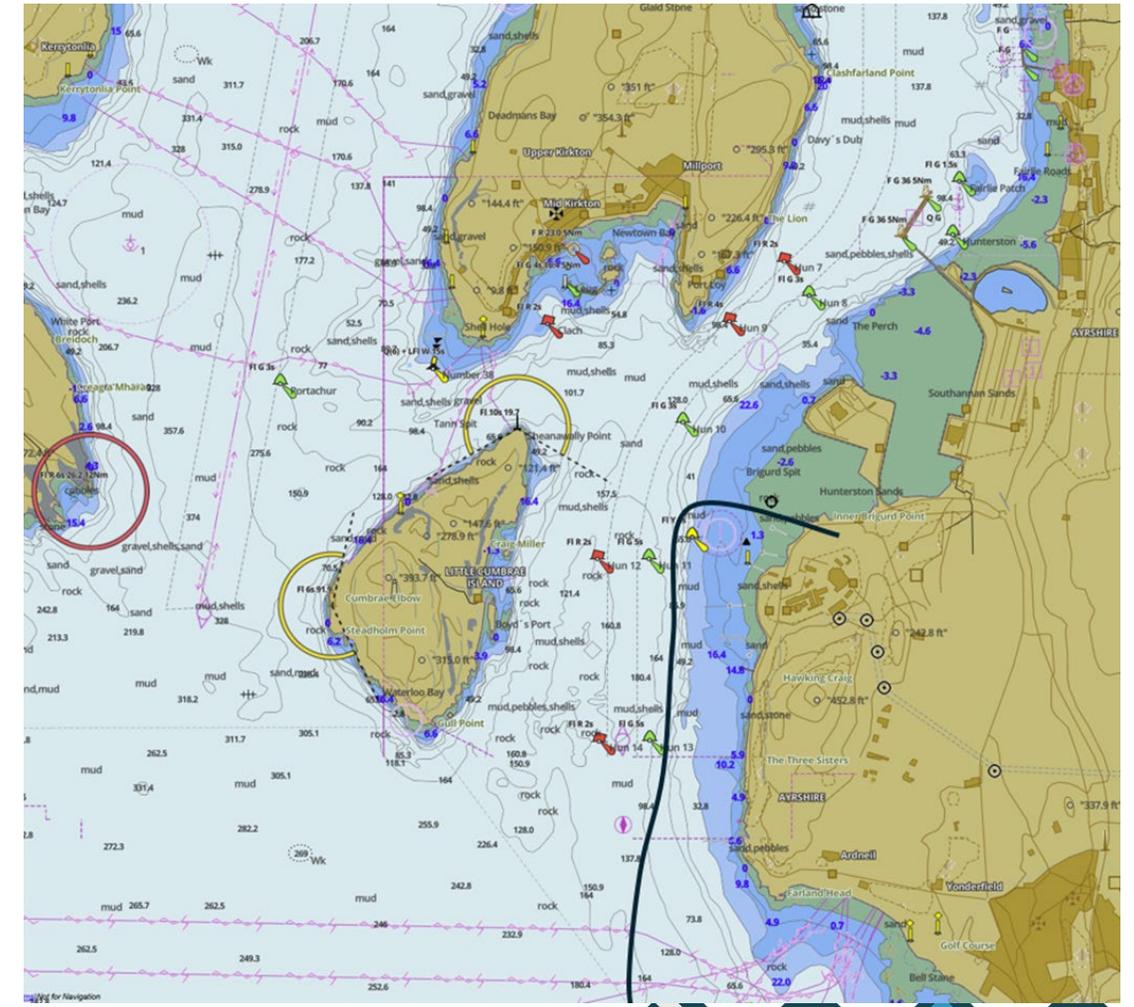
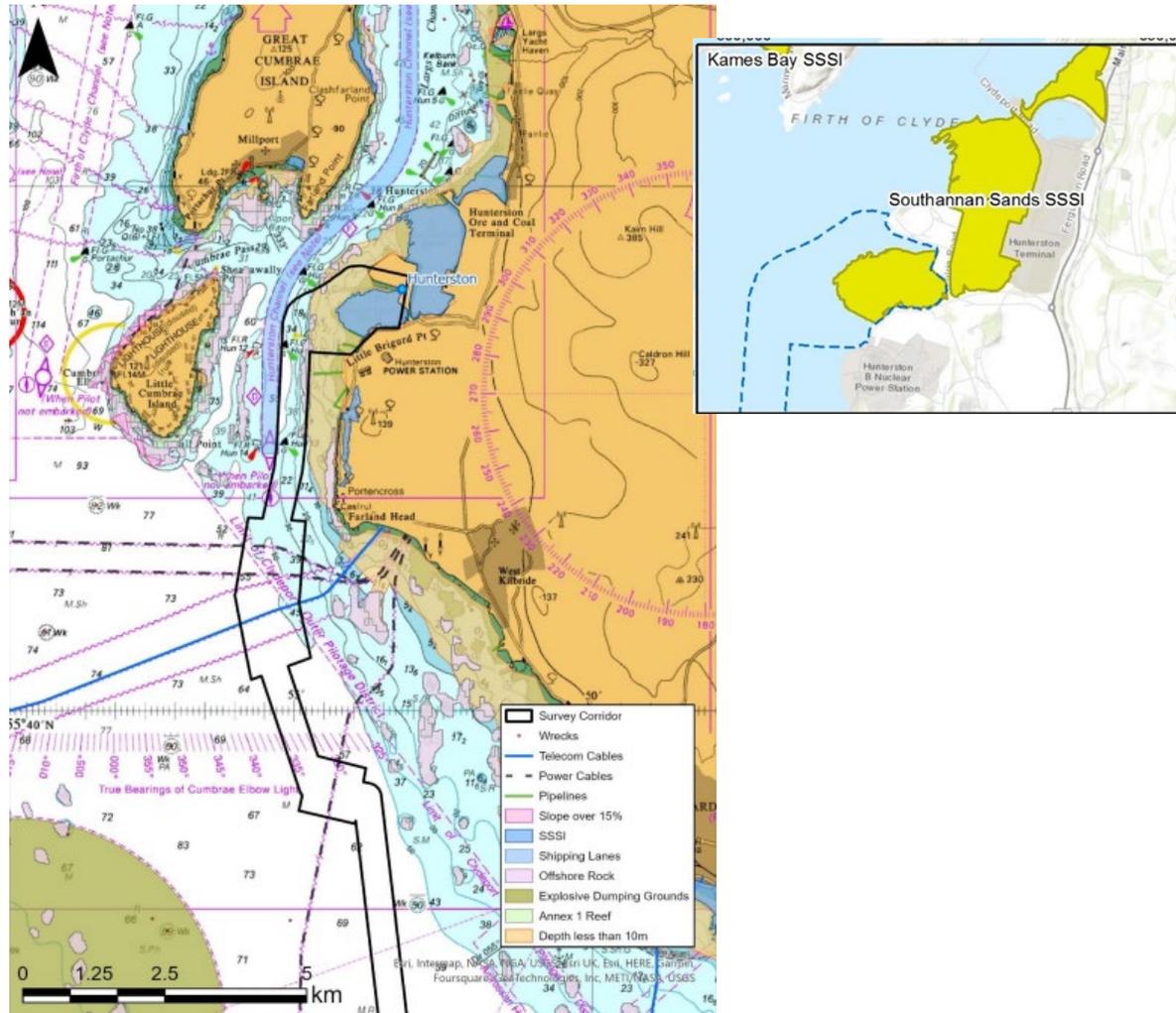
Connecting Countries		
Scotland to Northern Ireland		
Cross Border Capacity (MW)	Expected Capital Cost (€M)	N. of Converter Stations
700	TBC	2
Number of HVDC Cables	Voltage HVDC Cables (kV)	Route Length (km)
2	320	142
Grid Connection Point	Grid Connection Point	Commissioning Year
Hunterston	Kilroot	2032



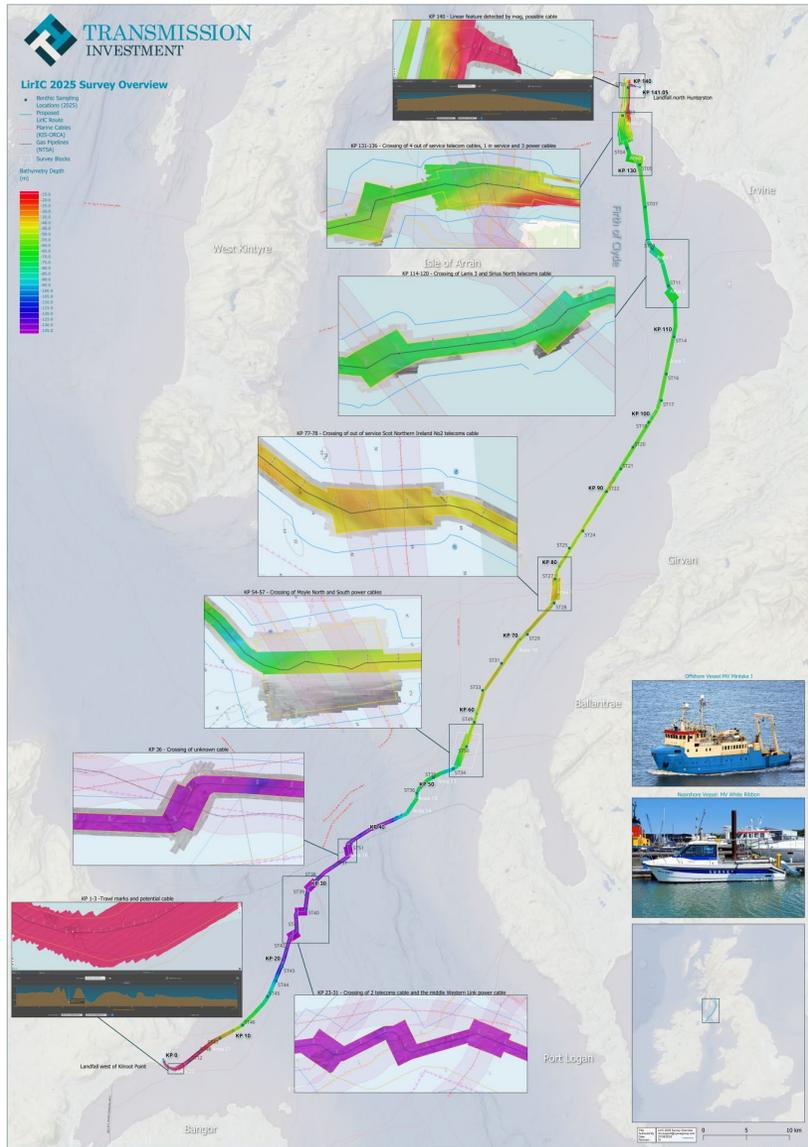
# Where – Offshore Cable Route Selection & Constraints



# Where – Nearshore Cable Route Selection & Constraints

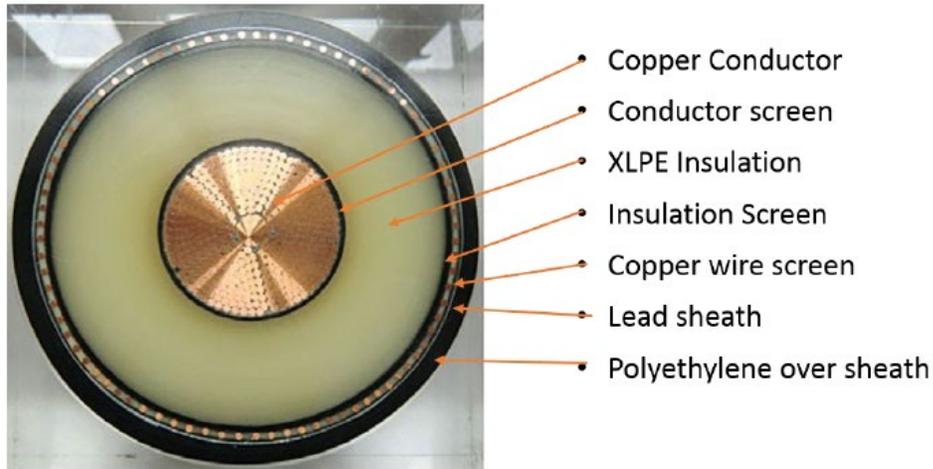


# Offshore Cable Route – Survey and Optimisation of Route



# What – Onshore & Offshore Cables

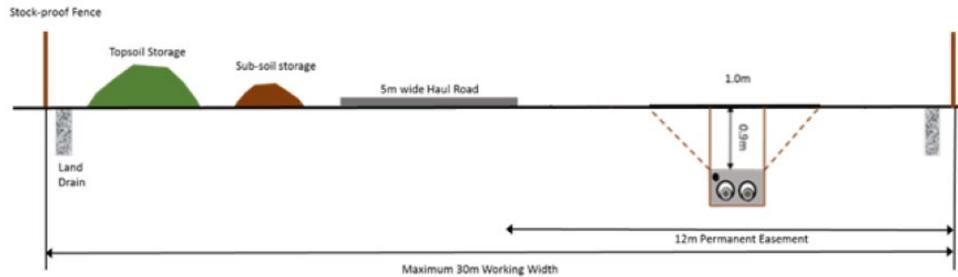
Typical HVDC/HVAC onshore cable cross section



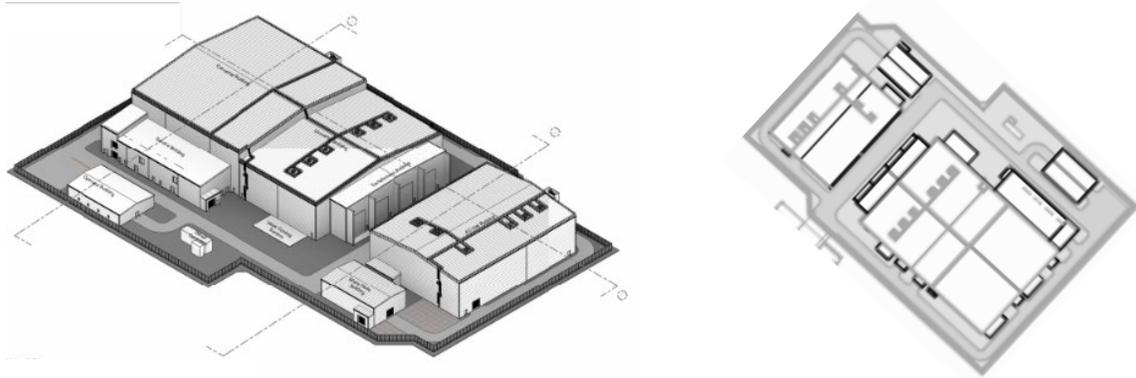
Typical XLPE submarine cable



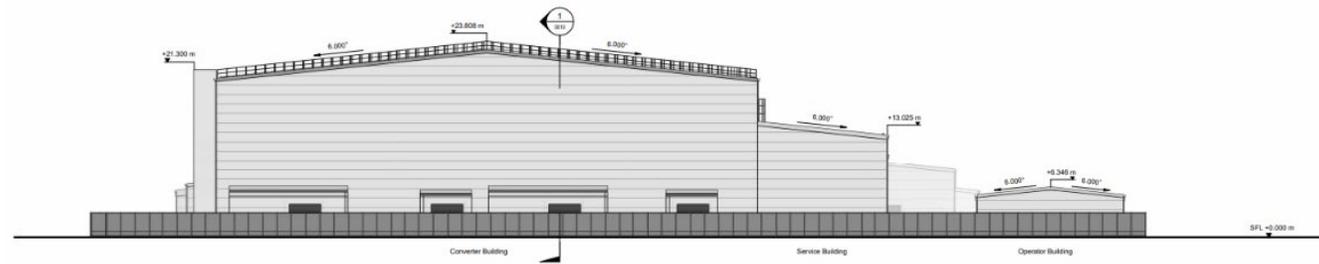
Approx. diameter of these cables will be in the range of 100 to 130mm.



# What – Onshore Converter Station



Max design envelope L 240m x W 120m, 29,240m<sup>2</sup> (2.9ha), max roof height of 23.8m



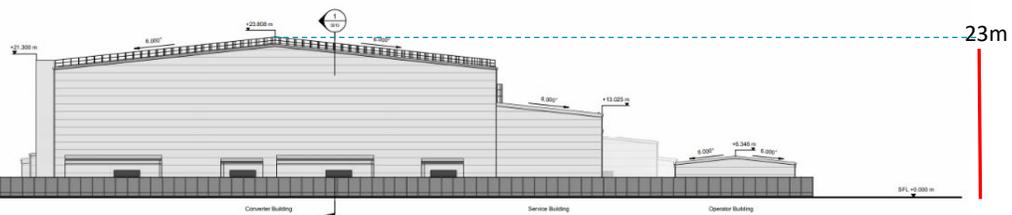
2 Elevation North - INFR 00 - Site  
1:250

*Indicative – subject to detailed design*



Onshore Scoping Boundary

# Comparative heights (approx.)



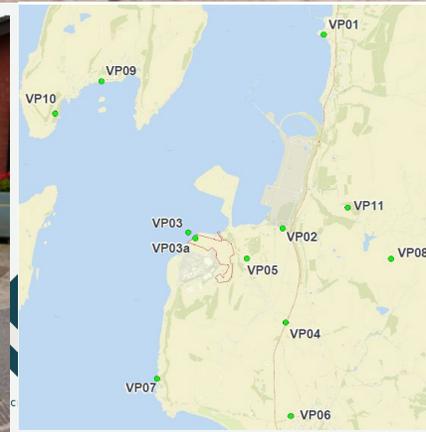
Hunterston B Reactor Building 66.5m



# Where – Onshore Converter Station (View from Millport, 4,180m to site) – VP10



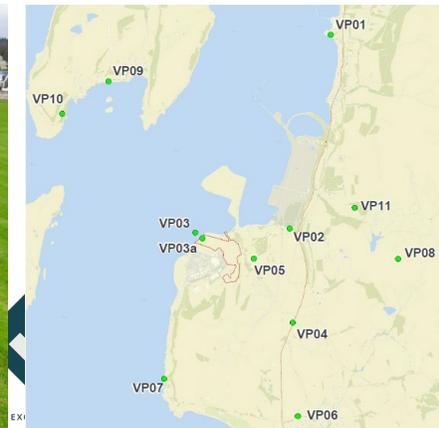
Approx. wireline location of max design envelope in dotted lines – excluding any landscaping and building colour choice to blend into landscape.



# Where – Onshore Converter Station (View from West Bay Road, Millport, 4,175m to site) – VP09

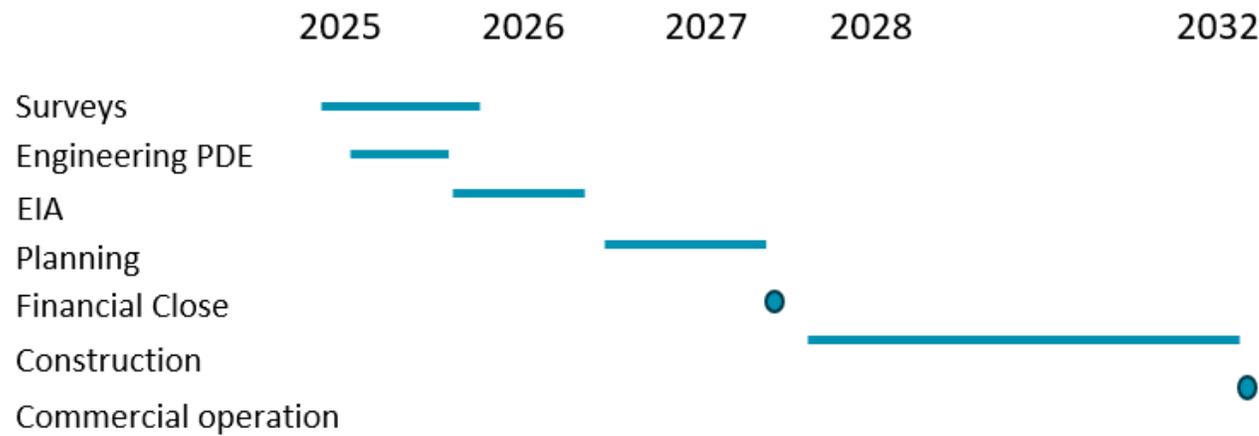


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# When

## Project Timescales



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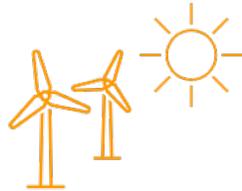
Development of an interconnector in an environmentally sensitive manner that is compliant with legislation.

- Planning Application – Scotland
- Marine Licence Application – Scottish Waters
- Marine Licence Application – Northern Irish Waters
- Planning Application – Northern Ireland
- Voluntary Environmental Impact Assessment

# Questions & Thank you



Strengthens security of supply, by diversifying of electricity from connected markets



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Community benefit scheme designed to give back to those directly affected by the project



Construction and operation will introduce new jobs, helping support specialist skills and capability development

