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Dear Resident,

May we wish you a Happy New Year.

We would like to follow up on our previous visit in 2024 on upcoming works at Edinbane Substation and on the Balmeanach Road.

The Overhead Line (Section 37) planning determination of the Skye Reinforcement Project remains outstanding. Some civil engineering works (e.g. road works, ground works, ground investigation) can currently be undertaken under the current planning consent for Edinbane Substation, via permitted development and/or specific planning applications

As previously communicated, as part of the planned Edinbane Substation project there is a requirement to upgrade the Balmeanach road and undertake work on 13 passing places (new and upgrade of existing). These road works will be undertaken by RJ McLeod on behalf of UK Grid Solutions, the latter being the appointed key contractor for the Edinbane substation works.

UK Grid/RJ McLeod are currently liaising with The Highland Council over the road works **with a view to start works on 20 January 2025** (exact date to be confirmed; pending relevant approvals/consent from The Highland Council). The works are expected to last **8 weeks**.

With regards to the road works, we have consulted with The Highland Council Roads Department, who are supportive of the road works commencing as soon as practical to minimise impact to the roads during tourist season and to minimise overlap with the Skye Reinforcement project should it be consented by the Scottish Ministers.

An indicative map of the road work locations is attached below. The works will be undertaken under Stop/Go operation (slight delays possible) with full access maintained for residents, emergency services and the public. Prior to any works starting, we will communicate contact details for the road work team and we will also provide weekly updates, planned work schedules and other relevant information. We will also have SSEN Transmission colleagues on the ground on most days.

We expect RJ McLeod start delivering equipment and cabins to the substation location (welfare unit, storage, office space) over the next two weeks (week commencing 13 and 20 January 2025). We will provide further details in due course.

We look forward to working closely with you and thank you for your patience during the upcoming works.

Please do get in touch with any questions, concerns, or feedback. Also, please do let us know if you have any worries about the works potentially interfering with your own access requirements/business operations/projects so that we can work together to resolve any challenges.

Best wishes,



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Indicative map of suggested road work locations. A more detailed map will be shared ahead of any works commencing.

