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Mega plug socket proposal submitted to planners

NorthConnect electricity converter station and cables to be decided by Aberdeenshire Council

A planning application to build important energy infrastructure in North East Scotland was submitted to planners this week.

NorthConnect is asking for permission from Aberdeenshire Council to build an onshore converter station and to lay onshore cables needed for a North Sea interconnector, which would allow electricity to flow both ways between Scotland and Norway.

The application by NorthConnect follows nine months of community engagement around Boddam and Longhaven, near Peterhead. The community consultation report and other planning documents can be viewed on the NorthConnect and Aberdeenshire Council websites. The public are being invited by the Council to comment on the proposals by the 21st of May, ahead of a decision later this year.

Richard Blanchfield, NorthConnect's Project Manager in the UK, said: "We have worked closely with the communities around Boddam and Longhaven for the past nine months so that we can put forward plans for a converter station and cables that minimises impact in the local area.

NorthConnect, if built, will save money for the Scottish and UK consumer, help keep the lights on and contribute towards significant savings in carbon emissions as it would allow more renewables in to the electricity mix."

The NorthConnect consortium proposes a 1.4GW, 650km long electricity DC cable connecting the power markets of Norway and Great Britain. In Scotland the landfall is near Longhaven, Peterhead. NorthConnect's onshore works include a converter station and High Voltage Alternating Current cable works.

A planning proposal and marine license for the 1.4GW, 650km DC cable will be submitted at a later date.

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Aberdeenshire Planning website: <https://upa.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>

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