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How the Application Process Works

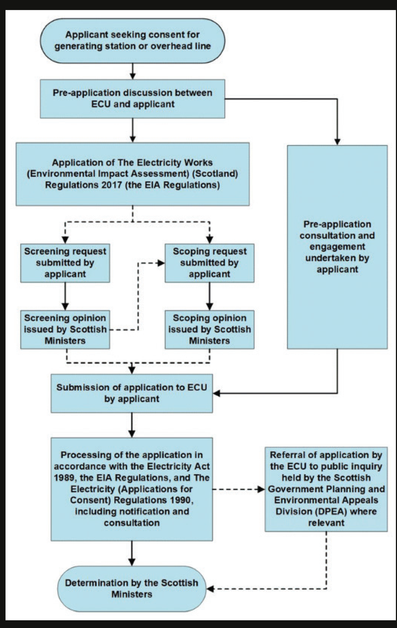

Figure 1: Application and determination process under the Electricity Act

What Happens Next?

1. **Today's Consultation** You view our plans, ask questions, and give feedback by 14th July 2026
2. **Second Consultation (late Summer 2026)** We'll show you how we've responded to your feedback
3. **Design Refinement (Summer 2026)** We take your feedback on board and make any changes to our plans before finalising the application
4. **Application and EIA Report Submitted (Autumn 2026)** We submit to Scottish Ministers via the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) because projects over 50MW need national approval
5. **Public Comment Period** You'll have another chance to comment directly to Scottish Ministers
6. **Decision by Scottish Ministers** Balancing energy needs, environment, and community interests, they'll consult North Ayrshire Council, SEPA, NatureScot and Historic Environment Scotland

Second Consultation - Late Summer 2026

We'll hold another event in late Summer 2026 to show you how we've addressed your feedback. Details will be on our website.

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Feedback

You can provide your views on the BESS by completing a feedback form today or via our project website. Please note that feedback can be provided up until 14th July 2026. If you have any further questions regarding any aspect of the proposals, please contact us via the details below.

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