

East Tyrone Reinforcement Project



Part 2c Engagement Summary Report

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2. Executive Summary

SONI, the electricity transmission system operator for Northern Ireland, has carried out its Part 2b consultation process with respect to the 'East Tyrone Reinforcement' Project between 16th January and 6th March 2026 in line with SONI's 3-Part Grid Development Process. The East Tyrone Reinforcement Project involves the extension of Dungannon Main substation, located on the Quintinmanus Road, Dungannon and will enhance capacity for forecasted demand and minimise risk to current supplies.

Previous engagement during Part 1 of this project involved engagements with elected representatives and key council officials to introduce the project and identify any potential areas of concern for local residents, landowners and communities. All political parties, which represent the Mid Ulster Constituency at either Parliament or the Northern Ireland Assembly were engaged with during this early stage of the process. The feedback received throughout this consultation period has helped to inform the development of this project.

Following Part 1, the project moved to Part 2c where a second and final round of non-statutory consultation took place which encompassed a variety of consultation techniques to ensure all key stakeholders and residents had access to project information and to ensure they had the opportunity to submit feedback on the proposals:

- A public consultation event was held in The Junction, Dungannon on 28th January 2026. Approximately 8 people attended the public event throughout the day including local MLA, Diana Armstrong, as well as landowners, residents and other interested stakeholders.
- SONI's Consultation Portal ensured residents and key stakeholders could view project materials online and submit feedback on the proposals.
- Advertisements were placed in the Mid-Ulster Mail and Belfast Telegraph at least one week in advance of the public consultation event providing detail on the online consultation and public drop-in event.
- Letters were issued to properties in the vicinity of the substation to provide detail on the project and an invitation to the public consultation event.
- Direct invitations were issued to elected representatives from Mid Ulster and Fermanagh & South Tyrone Constituencies and the Torrent and Dungannon DEAs in Mid Ulster District Council to engage in the consultation process by providing a summary of the project and details on how to provide feedback on the proposals.
- Individual briefings were sought with key elected representatives and stakeholders to introduce the project and provide details on the need for the project and the key benefits
- A campaign of social media activity on Facebook and LinkedIn shared information on the project, directing people to SONI's Consultation Portal.

Chapter 6 of this report provides an overview of the feedback submitted by members of the public, key stakeholders, and elected representatives during private briefings and during the public drop-in consultation event. It includes the feedback received, broken down into key themes, and a summary of the main issues and comments raised by stakeholders.

Moving forward with this project, SONI will now prepare to submit a planning application to Mid Ulster District Council. Subject to approval, SONI will endeavour to provide information to key stakeholders and elected representatives on the construction programme and the relevant next steps.

As part of the process of developing the grid, SONI is obliged to secure consents and access to required lands on behalf of NIE Networks who will construct and maintain the new infrastructure.

3. Introduction

3.1 Part 2c Engagement Summary Report

SONI, the electricity transmission system operator for Northern Ireland, is planning to bring forward the East Tyrone Reinforcement Project. This project involves the extension of the existing Dungannon Main Substation, located on the Quintinmanus Road, Dungannon.

Dungannon Main substation currently supplies approximately 33,000 customers in Dungannon, Cookstown, Coalisland and the surrounding villages. The substation is forecast to reach operational capacity in the time ahead. The East Tyrone Reinforcement Project will be crucial in enhancing capacity and resilience in the Mid Ulster area and contribute to strengthening Northern Ireland's electricity grid as we prepare for a cleaner energy future.

This report represents a concise, yet thorough assessment of the quality and extent of consultation activities that have taken place in relation to the proposed East Tyrone Reinforcement Project during Part 2c of SONI's 3-Part Process for Developing the Grid.

4. Background

4.1 SONI Background

SONI is the electricity transmission system operator for Northern Ireland which means it plans for the future of the electricity grid and operates it every minute of every day, including interconnecting to neighbouring grids. As Northern Ireland continues its move toward cleaner energy, the electricity system must also evolve. Investing in and improving the grid is essential to make the supply of electricity more reliable and cost effective.

SONI also operate the all-island wholesale electricity market with EirGrid through the Single Electricity Market Operator (SEMO).

In April 2014, SONI was given the responsibility to plan and develop the transmission network. The transmission network is owned and maintained by the Northern Ireland Electricity Networks (NIEN), the transmission owner (TO).

4.2 Project Background

Dungannon Main is a 110/33kV bulk supply point to the north of Dungannon town. The substation contains a 110kV mesh, two 110/33kV transformers and a 33kV switchboard. There is also a 33/11kV substation on the site. It supplies approximately 33,000 customers via 11 of 33/11kV substations in Dungannon, Cookstown and Coalisland as well as several villages. The bulk supply point also supplies a high voltage cement production plant in Cookstown as well as connecting one large scale windfarm.

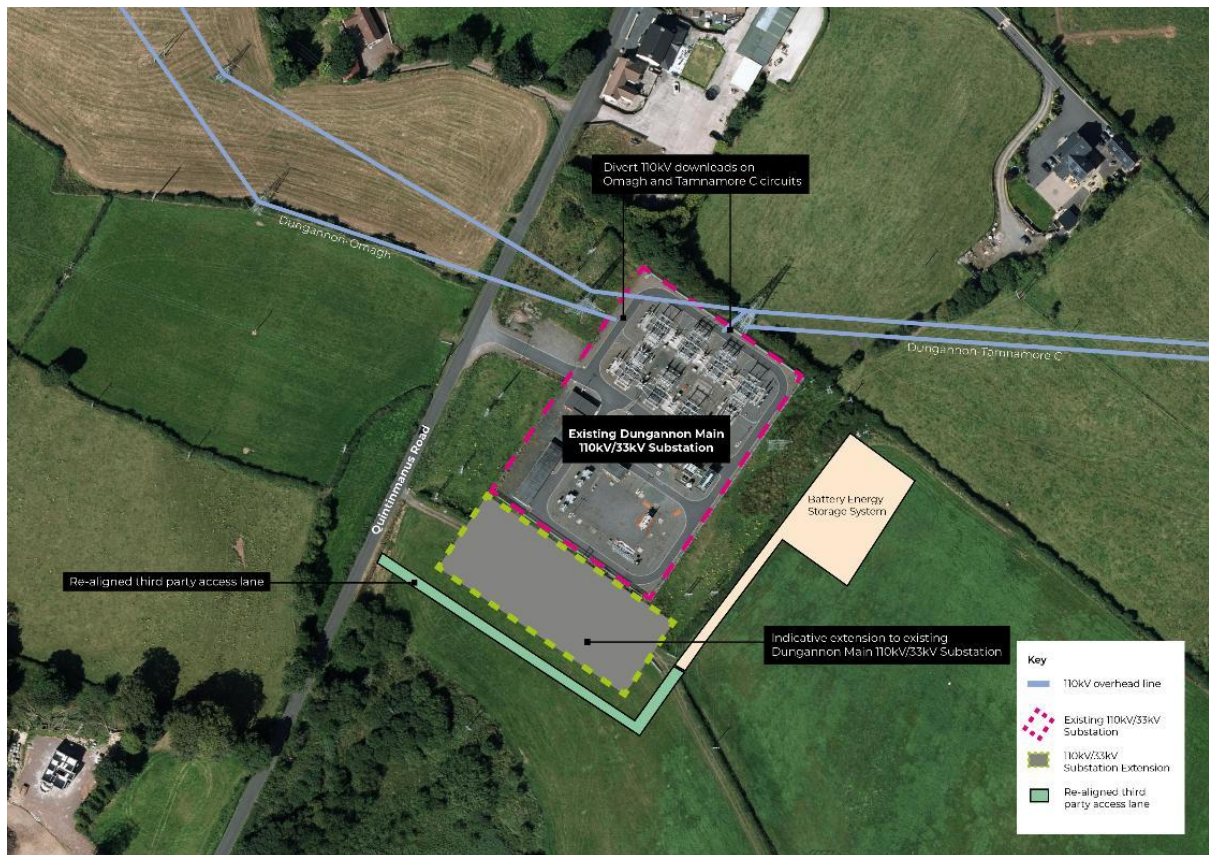
Demand at the site has been approaching the firm capacity for a number of years. To relieve this, NIE Networks constructed a new 33kV circuit from Creagh Main to Coagh West, transferring approximately 13MVA. However, while relieving demand at the time, this was an interim solution.

As part of SONI's role to plan the transmission grid in an efficient, economic and co-ordinated manner, the demand at Dungannon Main is forecasted to increase due to the expected electrification of heat and transport.

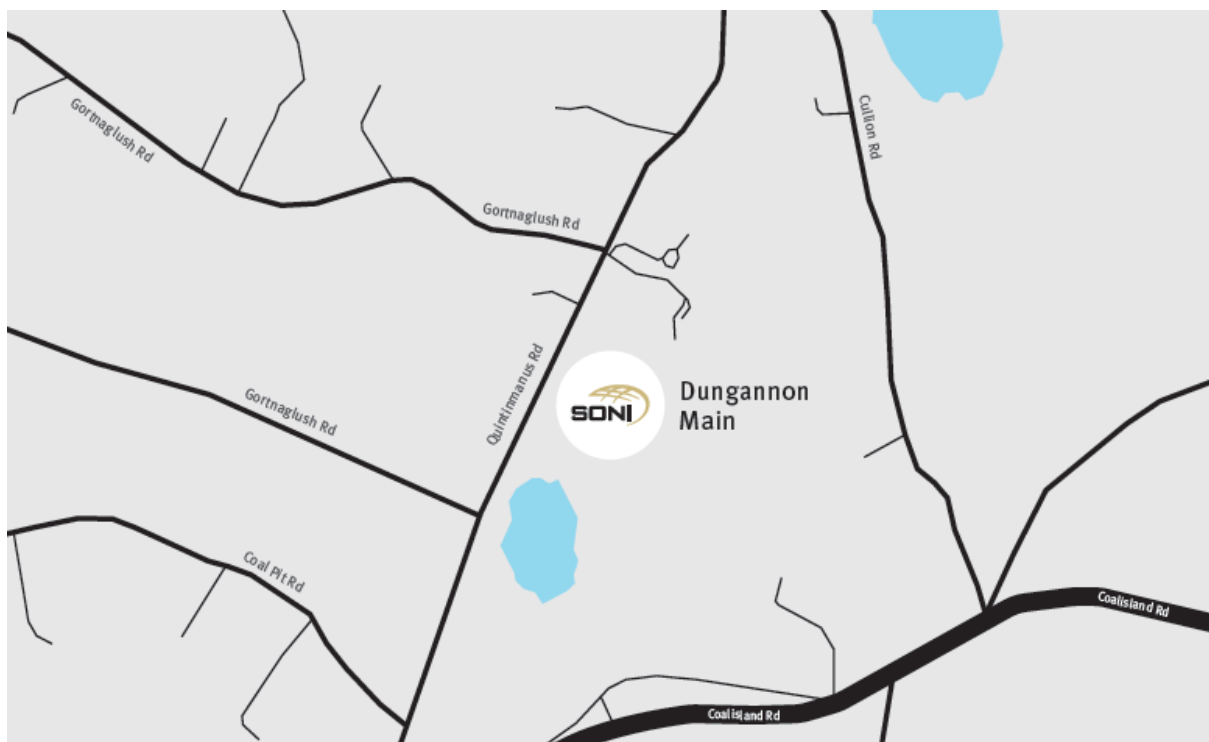
This has triggered the need for the East Tyrone Reinforcement project that will enhance capacity for forecasted demand and minimise risk to current supplies.

The proposal for the East Tyrone Reinforcement Project will include:

- Extension of the existing substation compound
- Establishment of a second 110/33kV bulk supply point
- Installation of two new 110/33kV transformers to be connected into two spare 110kV bays



Dungannon Main is located on the Quintinmanus Road, Dungannon, displayed on the map below. The substation sits within the Torrent DEA of Mid Ulster District Council and within the Mid Ulster Parliamentary / Assembly Constituency. The site is also located close to the boundary with Fermanagh & South Tyrone Parliamentary / Assembly Constituency and the Dungannon DEA.



The project was assessed against the criteria for classification as a 'major' development and does not meet the statutory thresholds in terms of scale and site area. Based on this, statutory Pre-Application Community Consultation (PACC) was not a requirement on this project, however, a similar process of engagement has been undertaken in line with good practice and SONI's 3-Part Process to ensure key stakeholders and local residents were appropriately informed of the proposals.

4.3 Previous Engagement

SONI's 3-Part Process puts stakeholder and public consultation at the heart of how the transmission grid is developed.



This project has completed Part 1 of SONI's 3-Part Process for Developing the Grid. During Part 1, the SONI project team considered potential technology solutions to address the issues and determined a preliminary preferred option for the project. SONI engaged with key stakeholder groups during this stage of the process, such as the local council and elected representatives, to introduce the project and identify any potential areas of concern for local residents, landowners and communities.

All political parties representing the Mid Ulster Constituency at either Westminster or the Northern Ireland Assembly were engaged with. Due to the proximity of the existing substation to the Fermanagh and South Tyrone Constituency boundary, efforts were made to engage with the Member of Parliament for Fermanagh and South Tyrone.

Engagement with the local council and elected representatives took the form of individual briefings through Microsoft TEAMS where key stakeholders were given the opportunity to discuss the proposals with members of the project team and provide feedback. The feedback received throughout this consultation period has helped to inform the development of this project.

An overview of the engagement during Part 1 is provided below.

Name	Role	Party / Organisation	Date
Dr Chris Boomer	Head of Planning	MUDC	17 th November 2022
Francie Molloy	Mid Ulster MP	Sinn Féin	18 th November 2022
Keith Buchanan	Mid Ulster MLA	DUP	23 rd November 2022
Patsy McGlone	Mid Ulster MLA	SDLP	30 th November 2022

Key themes emerging from these meetings included security of supply, substation site location, overhead lines, Battery Storage, investment & timelines and transformers. A summary of the engagement which took place during part 1 has been appended to this report (Appendix 1).

4.4 Part 2c Engagement

A second and final round of non-statutory consultation has taken place ahead of the submission of a planning application to Mid Ulster District Council in line with SONI's 3-Part Process.

The consultation methods utilised during this process included an online consultation hosted on the SONI Consultation Portal (<https://consult.soni.ltd.uk/>) as well as hosting a public engagement event in The Junction, Dungannon.

Notification was taken forward through individual invitations to elected representatives with the offer to meet to discuss the project, advertisement of the consultation and public engagement event in the local newspapers (Mid-Ulster Mail and Belfast Telegraph) and an invitation letter delivered to neighbouring properties.

Feedback received throughout this process has been duly considered by the project team. A summary of feedback is set out in Chapter 4.

4.5 Stakeholder Mapping

At the outset of this project, Gravis Planning completed a comprehensive stakeholder mapping exercise to identify all the relevant key stakeholders and elected representatives in relation to the proposed development.

Throughout the consultation period, these key stakeholders were kept up-to-date at the outset of the consultation and in advance of the public consultation event.

5. Public Consultation

5.1 Notification

SONI utilised a range of best practice notification methods to advertise the consultation for the East Tyrone Reinforcement Project. Advertisements were placed in the Mid-Ulster Mail and Belfast Telegraph at least one week in advance of the public consultation event providing detail on the online consultation and public engagement event (Appendix 2).

A letter containing details of the public engagement event and the online consultation was drafted and distributed via Royal Mail to all properties within 500m of the site at least one week in advance of the public event (Appendix 3). Overall, 62 properties in the vicinity of the site were issued with the letter as well as the owner of the Battery Storage development located beside the substation (Appendix 4).

Social media activity was taken forward throughout the consultation period, with details of the launch of the consultation and public engagement event advertised on the SONI Facebook and LinkedIn accounts. A selection of social media posts can be found in Appendix 5.

5.2 Public Consultation Event

A drop-in public engagement event was held in The Junction, Dungannon on Wednesday 28th January 2026 between 2pm and 8pm. As Dungannon Main Substation is located in a rural area with no appropriate event locations in the immediate vicinity, SONI decided to host the consultation event in Dungannon, which is the nearest town making it more accessible to residents and stakeholders neighbouring the proposed site.

The event took the form of a staffed exhibition, providing an opportunity for members of the public to view details on the proposals, provide feedback on the project and discuss any concerns with members of the project team who were in attendance.

Key members of the NIE Networks, RPS Tetrattech and Gravis Planning were present at the event to respond to questions or issues raised by attendees. Images from the public event can be found in Appendix 6.

Approximately 8 people attended the public event throughout the day including local MLA, Diana Armstrong, as well as landowners, local residents and other interested stakeholders.

Detail on the NI Transmission Grid as well as information on the project was clearly displayed at the event (Appendix 7). Information set out at the event included:

- SONI's Network Development map
- Map of the location of Dungannon Main Substation

- Existing substation layout
- Existing substation elevations
- Proposed substation layout
- Proposed substation elevations
- Landscape proposal option
- Existing photomontages
- Proposed photomontages
- Project brochure

Feedback forms were also available at the event for attendees to submit any queries / issues (Appendix 8). 2 feedback forms were submitted by attendees at the event.

Members of the project team endeavoured to record a summary of discussions held with attendees and an overview of the topics discussed during these conversations (Appendix 9).

5.3 Online Consultation

An online consultation was hosted on the SONI consultation portal between 16th January and 6th March 2026. The dedicated webpage was available for the public to view at <https://consult.soni.ltd.uk/> and included a copy of the brochure (Appendix 10) as well as an online feedback form. A dedicated SONI webpage has also been established by SONI on their website containing key details and information on the proposals.

The online consultation provided an opportunity for the local community and interested stakeholders to view plans for the project and provide feedback on the proposals.

Screenshots from the online consultation webpage is provided below.

East Tyrone Reinforcement Project

OPEN 16 Jan, 2026, 10:00 - 6 Mar, 2026, 17:00

VIEW

SUBMISSIONS

SONI is finalising plans to bring forward the East Tyrone Reinforcement Project. This project involves the extension of the existing Dungannon Main substation, located on the Quintinmanus Road, Dungannon.

The project team have identified a need to enhance capacity for forecasted demand and bolster security of supply in the Mid Ulster area.

SONI is now carrying out a period of community consultation ahead of the submission of a planning application to Mid Ulster District Council.

The proposal includes:

- Extension of the existing substation compound
- Establishment of a second 110/33kV bulk supply point
- Installation of two new 110/33kV transformers to be connected into two spare bays

SONI will consider all feedback which has been provided prior to a planning application being submitted to Mid Ulster District Council. SONI will also prepare all reports and studies to be submitted alongside the planning application.

All relevant information can be found in the supporting materials panel to the right including:

- NI Transmission map
- East Tyrone Reinforcement Project site location map
- Project Brochure
- Existing & Proposed substation layout
- Existing & Proposed site elevations
- Landscape Proposal
- Photomontage Existing Substation South East View
- Photomontage Existing Substation North East View
- Photomontage Proposed Substation South East View
- Photomontage Proposed Substation North East View

There are many ways to get involved and provide feedback. These include:

Making an online submission

Provide written feedback by registering for a free account on this platform and make a submission using the 'make a submission' link opposite. All submissions will be published for sharing ideas and information on this consultation.

Attending our public event

We are holding a public consultation event where members of the project team will be available to discuss various aspects of the project. The details of the event are:

Wednesday 28 January 2026, 2pm-8pm

The Junction

12 Beechvalley Way

Dungannon

BT70 1BS

By email

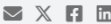
You can email your submission to us at info@soni.ltd.uk

By Post

Write your own submission and post it back to us at 'East Tyrone Reinforcement Project', SONI, Castlereagh House, 12 Manse Road, Belfast, BT6 9RT'

We welcome your feedback up until Friday 6 March 2026, 5pm.

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Submissions

+ MAKE A SUBMISSION

Themes

security of supply; electricity grid; investment;

Materials

- NI Transmission Map.jpg 2 MB
- East Tyrone Project Map.pdf 24.23 KB
- East_Tyrone_Reinforcement_Brochure.pdf 1.12 MB
- Existing Substation Layout (January 2025).pdf 815.53 KB
- Proposed Substation Layout (May 2025).pdf 1.25 MB
- Existing Substation Elevations (January 2025)... 2.76 MB
- Proposed Substation Elevations (May 2025).... 3.49 MB
- Landscape Proposal Option.pdf 1.33 MB
- East Tyrone Photomontage - Existing South ... 8.64 MB
- East Tyrone Photomontage - Existing North ... 8.91 MB
- East Tyrone Photomontage - Proposed Sout... 8.51 MB
- East Tyrone Photomontage - Proposed Nort... 8.62 MB

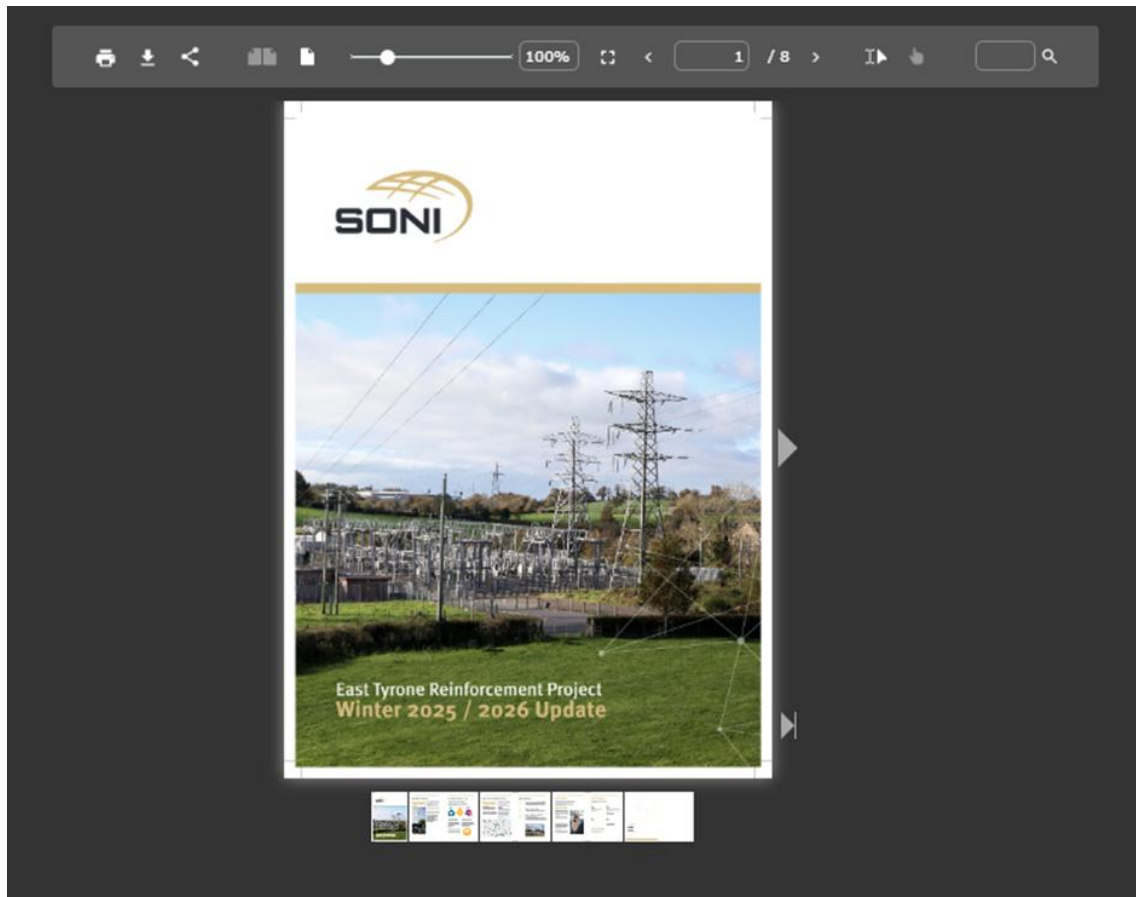
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A SONI email address (info@soni.ltd.uk), telephone number (+44 (0)28 90794336) and office address was included on project materials to provide individuals with the opportunity to engage with the project team and provide feedback on the project.

5.4 Elected Representatives & Key Stakeholders

Engagement has been carried out with Parliamentary and Assembly members, as well as local Councillors representing the area to provide information on the project and details on how to provide feedback. Due to the close proximity of the substation to Fermanagh & South Tyrone Constituency, representatives from this area were also engaged with throughout the consultation.

This engagement took the form of emails to all local representatives with information on the consultation and details of how to provide feedback on the proposals.

Elected representatives engaged with throughout this process included:

Mid Ulster Parliamentary Constituency

- Cathal Mallaghan MP

Fermanagh & South Tyrone Constituency

- Pat Cullen MP

Mid Ulster Assembly Constituency

- Patsy McGlone MLA
- Keith Buchanan MLA
- Michelle O'Neill MLA
- Linda Dillon MLA
- Emma Sheerin MLA

Fermanagh & South Tyrone Assembly Constituency

- Diana Armstrong MLA
- Jemma Dolan MLA
- Deborah Erskine MLA
- Colm Gildernew MLA
- Áine Murphy MLA

Torrent DEA

- Cllr Malachy Quinn
- Cllr Niall McAleer
- Cllr Nuala McLernon
- Cllr Eimear Carney
- Cllr Jonathan Buchanan
- Cllr Dan Kerr

Dungannon DEA

- Cllr James Burton
- Cllr Clement Cuthbertson
- Cllr Karol McQuade
- Cllr Dominic Molloy
- Cllr Barry Monteith
- Cllr Deirdre Varsani

Individual briefings were sought with key elected representatives and stakeholders to introduce the project and provide details on the need for the project and the key benefits. Following a successful process of engagement with local representatives during an earlier phase of consultation on this project, it was important to update these representatives and garner support from those who have influence within the community.

In order to deliver effective engagement with elected representatives and key stakeholders, a PowerPoint presentation was created and used during individual briefings. This presentation provided

an overview of SONI, its role and engagement model, as well as a summary of the project, proposed timeline until project energisation and an overview of the planned consultation activities (Appendix 11).

Where a party had more than one MLA/MP for the constituency, individual briefings were sought with the most senior representative. SONI advised that the meeting was also open to party colleagues. Details of the individual briefings carried out on during this consultation period are outlined below:

Name	Role	Organisation	Method of Engagement	Date of Meeting
Keith Buchanan	Mid Ulster MLA	DUP	Team's meeting	21 st November 2025
Diana Armstrong	Fermanagh & South Tyrone MLA	UUP	In person meeting	3 rd December 2025
Melvin Bowman Karen Doyle	Head of Strategic Planning Head of Local Planning	Mid Ulster District Council Planning Department	Team's meeting	17 th December 2025
Pat Cullen	Fermanagh & South Tyrone MP	Sinn Féin	Team's meeting	17 th December 2025
Cathal Mallaghan	Mid Ulster MP	Sinn Féin	Team's meeting	15 th January 2026
Patsy McGlone	Mid Ulster MLA	SDLP	Briefing note issued	11 th February 2026

5.5 Social Media

A campaign of social media activity was carried out on the SONI Facebook and LinkedIn accounts to raise the profile of the project and share relevant information with the public. This included a link to the SONI Consultation Portal to encourage stakeholders to provide feedback during the consultation process.

During this consultation process, SONI gathered social media analytics from their Facebook and LinkedIn posts. A breakdown of analytics on a selection of project specific posts is included below:

Facebook	19 th January	30 th January
Views	395	349
Interactions	2	0
Link Clicks	0	2
Engagements	853	919

LinkedIn	19 th January	3 rd March
Impressions	2,649	1,209
Engagements	160	59
Engagement Rate	6.04%	4.88%
Clicks	98	46
Reactions	58	13

6. Stakeholder Issues

6.1 Stakeholder Feedback

Throughout the engagement process, interested stakeholders had the opportunity to provide feedback through the following methods:

- Feedback forms available at the public drop-in event
- Online feedback form as part of the online consultation
- Submissions made via the SONI email address
- Feedback provided through the SONI telephone number
- Submissions posted to SONI Headquarters

6.2 Overview of Information Provided in Feedback Forms

The table below includes a summary of the feedback received by SONI via the feedback forms completed and returned by attendees at the public consultation drop-in events.

<u>Overview of Feedback Forms</u>	
Based on the information in the 2 individual submissions provided:	
Both respondents indicated they live within the local area	
1 respondent was in the age category 30-44	
1 respondent was in the age category 65+	
People heard about the event through:	
SONI Landowner Engagement team	Newspaper advertisement
A number of statements were presented to attendees. The following responses were generated:	
Both respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that they understand what the East Tyrone Reinforcement Project involves	
Both respondents agree or strongly agree that they understand why the project is needed	

Both respondents strongly agree that they have a better understanding of SONI's role
Both respondents strongly agreed that they were satisfied with the engagement with SONI
Both respondents agree or strongly agree that the information was accessible and easy to understand
Both respondents strongly agree that the project will benefit the local community
Both respondents strongly agree that the Project is crucial to help Northern Ireland meet its energy targets
Attendees were provided with the opportunity to provide any further feedback or suggestions regarding the East Tyrone Reinforcement Project. The following additional feedback was generated:
"Good understanding of the project. Interested to hear more on works outside the scheme proposals – such as line upgrades and opportunities for Battery Storage etc."

6.3 Overview of Feedback and Engagement

The table below combines the feedback received at the public engagement event and online consultation and through individual briefings with elected representatives and key stakeholders. The record of engagement forms were completed by SONI staff to reflect conversations with attendees at the public engagement event. A record of individual briefings with key stakeholders and elected representatives was documented to capture a summary of the discussions held and any feedback provided. The table also sets out the SONI response to the pieces of feedback.

Theme	Summary of Feedback / Engagement	Response
General Support	- Support for the location of the project – not too many residents around. - Because the substation already exists, this shouldn't cause too much of an issue to residents. - Support for the proposed landscaping as substations can be visually intrusive. - This project is an important investment in the Dungannon area	Noted
Project Scope / Details	What does the project involve?	The East Tyrone Reinforcement Project involves the extension of Dungannon Main

		Substation, the establishment of a second 110/33kV bulk supply point and the installation of two new 110/33kV transformers to be connected into two spare 110kV bays.
	Where will the works take place?	The works will take place at the existing Dungannon Main Substation, located on the Quintinmanus Road, Dungannon.
	Is expanding the substation to the south the only option?	There are a number of constraints around the existing substation, for example, residential properties and a lake. Various studies have been carried out to determine the preferred option of extending the substation to the south.
	Query on how much the size of the substation would increase by	[RESPONSE TO BE DRAFTED BY SONI]
	Would there be any additional transmission lines at the substation?	There will be no new transmission lines required for this project. NIE will be reconfiguring some of the existing infrastructure which will involve undergrounding some of the 33kV overhead infrastructure in the area.
	Query that the output voltage would not increase from 33kV as part of the extension	The output from this extension will not exceed 33kV.
	Discussion around undergrounding and whether this was an option with any aspect of the project.	Some of the options considered at an earlier stage of the project included an underground cable circuit. As part of this project, NIE will remove some of the existing 33kV overhead network and underground in the local area.
	Discussion around materials and potential difficulties with getting parts for transformers.	[RESPONSE TO BE DRAFTED TO DISCUSS PROCUREMENT PROCESS]
	Discussion around the body of water to the south of the site.	Cullion Lough is located to the south of the substation. Various ecological surveys and walkovers have been completed in the surrounding area as part of this project.
	What is the scale of investment for this project?	The total investment on this project is around £10million. The substation reinforcement is valued around £7m, with some additional work, for example, undergrounding parts of the distribution network, valued around £3m.
Project Timelines & Delivery	What are the timelines for the project?	A planning application for the project is hoped to be submitted to Mid Ulster District Council in mid-2026. Following the planning process

		and subject to approval, the project will be passed to NIE Networks for construction in Q1 2028 with energisation planned for Q4 2030. These timescales are indicative at this stage.
	Query around the timeline of 6 years from inception to energisation.	Timelines are usually around 4-6 years depending on the project. Various elements contribute to these timelines for example, assessments to be completed, planning and procurement of materials.
	Query around the project timescales with a large gap between planning submission and construction.	SONI usually allow for 12 months following planning approval where land acquisition and final design is agreed before the project is handed over to NIE for construction.
	How much notice will be given to landowners before SONI / NIE commence construction.	SONI have engaged in a thorough process of engagement with landowners. This engagement will continue as the project progresses. Pending planning approval, SONI will ensure all permissions and agreements are in place ahead of construction commencing. Landowners will receive formal written notice several weeks in advance of works starting.
Landowner Engagement & Consultation	Query around SONI's wayleave / easement process and when landowners would be contacted to progress with this process.	SONI now prefer the use of easements instead of wayleaves, and the preference is to reach agreement with landowners. SONI is obligated to secure consents and accesses to the required lands on behalf of NIE Networks ahead of construction. SONI's Landowner Engagement Team has commenced a process of engagement with landowners regarding these proposals.
	Query on how SONI intend to work with the landowner for land required for the project.	An extensive engagement process has taken place with the landowner, and the preference is to come to a mutual agreement.
	Discussion around the purchase of land required for the project given previous challenges with land acquisition on other projects such as the A5.	SONI will need to purchase a small piece of land to facilitate the extension. Engagement with the landowner has been positive to date and they understand the requirement for the project. SONI will look to come to a mutual agreement with the landowner in the next number of months.
	Discussion around access agreements and how NIE will gain access for construction.	Further engagement will be carried out with landowners to ensure all consent and access arrangements are in place for the

		construction of the project, pending planning approval.
	Concern around proposed planting.	The existing vegetation and hedgerow along the eastern boundary of the substation will be retained. New tree planting and woodland screen planting will be introduced along the western boundary of the substation along with a new 1.2m high fence to reduce the visual impact of the new infrastructure.
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Considerations	Has there been any engagement with the Council Planning Department?	SONI has met with Council Planning Officials to discuss the proposals and had a very positive discussion.
	Concerns around planning and NIEA.	A planning application for these proposals will be submitted in the coming months. As part of the planning process, NIEA is a statutory consultee and will be formally consulted.
	The team should be mindful of surveys being out of date before planning submission – surveys should be completed within 12 months prior to a planning application	RPS are aware of the timescales and all surveys will be completed within the 12-month timeframe.
	Noise monitoring will be something Environmental Health will be looking for – can low frequency humming noises be experienced nearby a substation.	Noise monitoring has been carried out at a number of local properties. Due to the new equipment and transformers being installed, noise shouldn't be an issue. There is an option of installing screens if there was a noise impact, however, SONI don't foresee this as an issue.
Community Impact & Public Concern	What will this project mean for local people and businesses?	The existing substation is nearing capacity with the load in the local area increasing in the last number of years. Doubling capacity at the substation will allow for more PV panels, electric vehicles etc to be connected to the grid and will support decarbonisation and the move towards net zero
	Query on whether there were any houses in the local area.	There are a number of properties to the north of the site – there was a rationale for extending the substation to the side with no properties. Engagement has been carried out with all local properties as part of this project.
	Do SONI anticipate any objections to the proposal or people raising health concerns from living near substations?	SONI has completed various studies around the substation and engaged with landowners in the area. With the potential visual impact, SONI has proposed introducing new screening

		at the substation. Regarding health concerns, subject matter experts have previously advised on EMF impacts at substations
Network Capacity, Future Demand and Security of Supply	Query around whether the project is future-proofed to cope with increasing demand.	Demand forecasting has been carried out and is considered when planning infrastructure and what is required. This reinforcement project will effectively double the capacity of the substation.
	With the existing substation already at capacity, is there any headroom?	The substation is forecast to reach operational capacity in the time ahead. Due to this, SONI is unable to facilitate any further connections at this location.
	Are SONI content that what is currently in place will continue to meet capacity until 2030 as there are a number of large industrial companies who will be looking to increase demand in the next number of years.	The firm capacity of the substation is not forecasted to be reached until 2031/32 and SONI has other mitigation measures that can be put in place if any issues arise in the meantime. There is no immediate risk, however SONI can manage this if required.
	Discussion around power outages, increasing capacity, and improving security of supply.	Enhancing capacity and resilience of the existing infrastructure will strengthen the grid in the local area to cope with forecasted demand and minimise risk to current supplies.
	Discussion around energy outputs and whether any modelling had been carried out to give industry the confidence to expand	SONI carried out scenario planning at East Tyrone to double the capacity of the substation.
Renewable Energy, Storage and Economic Growth	Will the project improve generation issues in the area?	Through doubling the capacity of the substation with the installation of 2 new transformers, this will facilitate the connection of renewable generation projects.
	Awareness of local renewable generation applications	Noted
	Discussion around upgrading a local wind turbine	Noted
	Query around Battery Storage – who determines the need and where does SONI / NIE come in?	There is currently no strategic plan for BESS development in NI. As the transmission system operator, SONI is obliged to offer a connection to developers who bring forward proposals.
	Does this project facilitate the connection of local BESS / solar developments.	This extension will effectively double capacity with the installation of 2 new transformers and therefore will facilitate future connections.
	Discussion around battery storage	There is currently no strategic plan for BESS

	as a wider network issue.	development in NI, and a strategic plan is being worked on by DfE. The system is currently developer-led and SONI want to move to a plan-led system, to have renewable energy generation developed near transmission systems.
	Is there any possibility or appetite of developing data centres in Northern Ireland.	SONI are aware that there is a proposal for a data centre at Coolkeeragh which has planning permission.
	How will this project support businesses with electricity going back into the grid?	This project is more about addressing the forecasted demand in the next number of years occurring as a result of decarbonisation etc. The existing 2 transformers at the substation have been in place since the substation was built and therefore the 2 additional transformers will help future-proof the substation.
NIE Specific Queries	Unhappiness with how NIE handled the undergrounding required for the BESS facility.	This specific query has been passed to NIE Networks and their customer relations team.
	Local developer waiting on connection offer from NIE Networks	This specific query has been passed to NIE Networks and their customer relations team.
	Issue of connection costs for businesses and rural dwellings. The recent announcement around the socialisation of NIE connections was positive and well received.	This specific query has been passed to NIE Networks and their customer relations team.
Other	Query around plans for Kilroot Energy Park	Kilroot Energy Park is owned and operated by EPUKI.
	Discussion around pylon locations and general progress of the North South Interconnector Project	SONI representatives were able to provide an update on the North South Interconnector Project
	Query on who owned the neighbouring battery storage and how this was connected to the substation	A private developer owns the battery storage facility, and it was connected into the NIE Networks distribution network either at 11kV or 33kV.
	Discussion around Low Carbon Inertia Service (LCIS) Phase 2 consultation	LCIS is a critical service to allow the relaxation of the operational constraints. The operational policy includes several system constraints to ensure that SONI and EirGrid can operate the All-Island power system in a stable and secure manner.

7. Amendments

All feedback submitted by stakeholders throughout the consultation process has been reviewed and considered by the project design team in finalising the proposals for the East Tyrone Reinforcement Project.

The project has been informed by SONI's 3-Part Grid Development Process since 2022. This structured and phased approach to engagement was designed to allow key stakeholders, landowners and local communities to provide input at key stages as options were identified, explored, refined and assessed.

Engagement undertaken during Part 1 of the process helped inform the identification of the need for the project, early technical considerations, constraints and potential options within the study area.

A second and final round of non-statutory consultation has taken place ahead of the submission of a planning application, providing the opportunity to obtain feedback on the final proposals for the project.

The majority of feedback received to date has related to project delivery, network capacity and other renewable energy projects, rather than resulting in amendments to the overall project scope or design. Nevertheless, this feedback has played an important role in shaping the evolution of the proposals and will continue to inform detailed design, environmental assessment and construction planning.

No amendments to the proposals have therefore been identified as arising specifically from this stage of consultation. However, all feedback received has been considered alongside responses from earlier phases of engagement in advance of the submission of a planning application.

SONI remains committed to ongoing stakeholder engagement as the project progresses.

8. Conclusion and Forward Work

8.1 Concluding Remarks

A significant programme of non-statutory engagement was carried out on the East Tyrone Reinforcement Project in line with SONI's 3-Part Process for Grid Development. This included an early process of Part 1 engagement in late 2022 and a final round of consultation in late 2025 / early 2026.

Community consultation has been taken forward with key stakeholders and the local community through an online consultation hosted on the SONI Consultation Portal and a public drop-in event in The Junction Dungannon.

Substantial engagement has also been carried throughout this project with those living within the vicinity of the site. Under the terms of its license, SONI is obligated to secure consents and access to required lands on behalf of NIE Networks who will construct and maintain the new infrastructure.

The blend of online and in-person techniques adopted has provided the opportunity for residents and stakeholders to provide feedback on the proposals throughout the various stages of consultation and ahead of the submission of a planning application.

Residents and stakeholders were notified of the consultation via letter drop, social media and advertisements in the Mid-Ulster Mail and Belfast Telegraph.

8.2 Existing Liaison Arrangements and Future Monitoring

The applicant will strive to maintain positive relationships with all local stakeholders and updates will be provided to local elected representatives. Normal neighbourhood notification procedures will be undertaken by the local Council following the submission of a planning application and comments can be made directly to the planning authority.

Subject to approval, the applicant will endeavour to provide information on the construction programme and the relevant next steps.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1: Part 1 Engagement Summary

East Tyrone Reinforcement Project

Summary of Part 1 Stakeholder Engagement

December 2022



Introduction

SONI External Communications have carried out the required stakeholder engagement during Part 1 of the Grid Development Process for the East Tyrone Reinforcement project. This document is intended to provide a summary of the feedback received from key stakeholders in the study area.

The existing substation is within the Mid Ulster Parliamentary / Assembly Constituency and the Mid Ulster District Council. As such, for this Engagement, meeting requests were issued to the MP and MLAs within the Mid Ulster Parliamentary / Assembly constituency, and the Mid Ulster District Council Director of Planning.

All the political parties, which represent Mid Ulster either at Parliament or the Northern Ireland Assembly were engaged with.

An invitation was also issued to the Member of Parliament for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, due to the proximity of the existing substation to the Fermanagh and South Tyrone Constituency boundary. However, due to a personal matter the MP was unable to meet with SONI.

This report outlines a summary of the meetings held to date and the feedback that was received.

To support our engagement a slide deck was shared during each meeting, this is appended to this report.

Meeting with Dr Chris Boomer – Mid Ulster District Council Head of Planning

17th November 2022, via Microsoft TEAMS

Summary of feedback

- Daniel Prata and Raymond Smyth presented on the East Tyrone Reinforcement project.
- Chris Boomer made the following comments and queries:
 - Dr Boomer asked whether the new proposed substation would use the existing lines or would there be new lines coming in.
 - Dr Boomer commented that he wouldn't see a big problem with undergrounding the distribution lines as 33kV network doesn't give significant issues as they are wooden poles.
 - Dr Boomer noted that it makes sense to use the existing site for the new substation and made a query about the lines going from Dungannon to Tamnamore.
 - Dr Boomer discussed with SONI about the permission for a battery storage to the west of the substation and made comment about the technology and usage of battery storage. He added that the planning permission for the battery storage doesn't prohibit any use of the area by SONI. Dr Boomer noted that if there is potential to buy out the permission from the battery storage operator, it may be sensible to strike a deal with the owner of the battery storage permission.
 - Dr Boomer said that if the battery storage is not built, SONI need to work out what is needed.
 - Dr Boomer highlighted some possible constraints in the surrounding area including a residential property to the north and a lough to the south.
 - Dr Boomer noted that expanding to the west of the existing site would be the most sensible option.
- Niall McClements used the opportunity to brief Chris Boomer on the upcoming Drumnakelly – Tamnamore Restraining project

Meeting with Francie Molloy – Mid Ulster MP (Sinn Féin)

18th November 2022, via Microsoft TEAMS

Attendee

- Oliver Molloy (Office manager for Francie Molloy MP and Michelle O'Neill MLA)

Summary of feedback

- Daniel Prata, Raymond Smyth, and Ciaran McCartan presented on the East Tyrone Reinforcement project.
- Francie Molloy was grateful for the presentation and noted he would like to see the project completed before the proposed date. Francie noted the need is great in the area and offered any support to assist this when required.
- Francie was previously in contact with NIE Networks on a specific and asked whether SONI could influence NIE Networks to reengage.
- The following comments and queries were made by Francie Molloy:
 - Francie noted that there is a high demand for supply in the Cookstown, Killyman and Derryvale areas due to the existence of heavy industry and their need for supply. Francie referred to a factory in the Tyrone area that wants to increase its usage from 300kW to 1000kW which highlights the demand.
 - Francie added that several other businesses in the area such as McCloskey's who are looking to increase supply due to robots being recently added to their business operations. He also noted the area in Newmillis and Cookstown there are a huge engineering industry.
 - Francie commented that there is a lot of supply in Ballymena, but it is needed in Mid Ulster.
 - Francie thought that it would be easier to put the new infrastructure on the Quintinmanus Road as infrastructure is already there and there are not many people living around it.
 - Francie is aware of the landowner to the lower side of the site, (near the lough) and there shouldn't be a problem speaking to him. Francie thinks he is aware of the owners of the residential property on the upper side of the site.
- The following comments and queries were made by Oliver Molloy:
 - Oliver commented that having looked at the different options, it is clear the most cost-effective option is to build the new substation at the existing site.
 - Oliver asked if SONI examined any potential sites in Cookstown for a substation as referenced in the discounted options. He asked did the existing site lend itself to expansion.
 - Oliver also asked if there are any new lines proposed?
 - Oliver referenced the NIE Networks project

Meeting with Keith Buchanan – Mid Ulster MLA (DUP)

23rd November 2022, via Microsoft TEAMS

Summary of feedback

- Raymond Smyth and Ciaran McCartan presented on the East Tyrone Reinforcement project.
- Keith thanked SONI for the briefing and is happy to stay in touch regarding the project.
- Keith Buchanan made the following comments and queries:
 - Keith asked what size will the extension be beyond the red line?
 - He also asked what is the current capacity of the substation and what is the current demand?
 - Keith queried how long can the transformers in the substation be run at 90nva or above if possible?
 - Keith noted that if the two new transformers at 90nva were energised, would they be running consistently at the same time as the existing two transformers?
 - Keith asked about the network that feeds the substation and what comes out of this network?
 - Keith noted that the main issue as he seen it is within the red line of the site.
 - Keith queried what is the budget for the project and how will the cost be divided between NIE Networks and SONI. He added what are the cost differences between each option.
 - Keith noted whether the preferred option is a case of 'putting your eggs all in one basket' as Dungannon Main is vital to the Mid Ulster area.
 - Keith asked what is the project delivery timeline and when will this be operational?
 - As we move towards solar / wind / EV in the Mid Ulster area, Keith wondered what will the demand be like at Dungannon Main in 10 years?
 - Keith observed whether SONI is placing too much emphasis on the station, if something was to go wrong at Dungannon Main substation what would be done?

Meeting with Patsy McGlone – Mid Ulster MLA (SDLP)

30th November 2022, via Microsoft TEAMS

Summary of feedback

- Daniel Prata, Raymond Smyth and Ciaran McCartan presented on the East Tyrone Reinforcement project
- The following points were raised by Patsy McGlone during the meeting:
 - Patsy thanked SONI for the presentation and information and noted that it is clear there are pressures in the East Tyrone / Mid Ulster area due to large industries and factories operating.
 - Patsy asked whether the grid infrastructure in this area out of date or deficient?
 - Patsy noted the expanded site may encroach close to the neighbouring properties. He asked whether SONI have engaged with the neighbouring landowners regarding any amenity infringement or use of lands?
 - Patsy noted in his experience of dealing with planning issues since 1993, it is imperative to speak to landowners at the earliest stage as landowners can become difficult to deal with if they hear about projects second hand.
 - Patsy concluded that he looked forward to further engagement on this project as it progresses.

Summary of Key Feedback

Feedback collated from the stakeholder engagement meetings was analysed and key themes have emerged. These themes, including extracts from the meetings with the stakeholders, are outlined below.

Key Theme 1: Security of Supply

- *The need in this area is great*
- *There is a high demand for supply in the Cookstown, Killyman and Derryvale areas due to the existence of heavy industry and their need for supply.*
- *A factory in the Tyrone area wants to increase its usage from 300kW to 1000kW which highlights the demand in the area.*
- *Several other businesses in the area are looking to increase supply to their business.*
- *The area of Newmillis and Cookstown has huge engineering industries.*
- *There is a lot of supply in Ballymena, but it is needed in the Mid Ulster area.*
- *What is the current capacity of the substation and what is the current demand?*
- *As we move towards solar / wind / EV in the Mid Ulster area, what will the demand be like at Dungannon Main in 10 years?*
- *It is clear there are pressures in the East Tyrone / Mid Ulster area due to large industries and factories operating*

Key Theme 2: Substation Site Location

- *It makes sense to use the existing site for the new substation*
- *It will be easier to put the new infrastructure on the Quintinmanus Road as infrastructure is already there and there are not many people living around it.*
- *Have SONI examined potential substation sites in Cookstown as referenced in the discounted options?*
- *Does the existing substation site lend itself to expansion?*
- *What size will the extension be beyond the red line?*
- *There may be possible constraints in the area including a residential property to the north of the substation.*
- *The expanded site may encroach close to the neighbouring properties.*
- *It is imperative to speak to landowners at the earliest stage as they can become difficult to deal with if they hear about projects second hand*

Key Theme 3: Overhead Lines

- *Will the new proposed substation use the existing lines or would there be new lines coming in.*
- *Are there any new lines?*
- *What is the network that feeds Dungannon Main Substation and what comes out of this network?*

Key Theme 4: Battery Storage

- *The planning permission for the battery storage doesn't prohibit any use of the area by SONI*
- *There is potential to buy out the permission from the battery storage operator, it may be sensible to strike a deal with the owner of the battery storage permission.*
- *If the battery storage is not built, SONI need to work out what is needed.*

Key Theme 5: Investment & Timeline

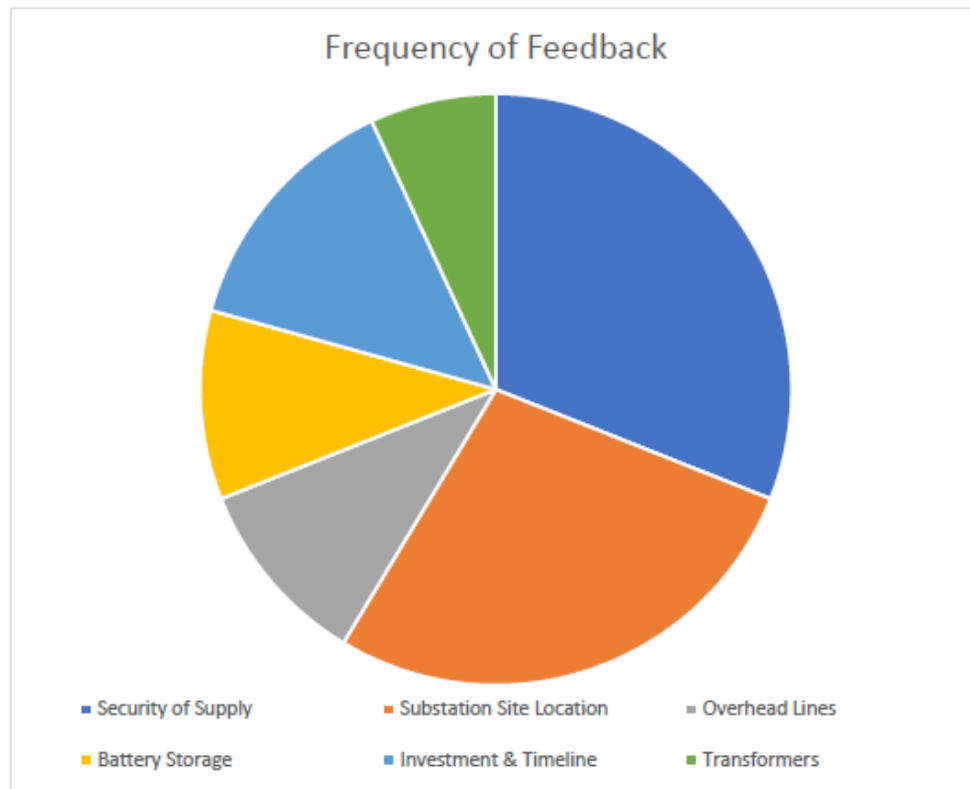
- *Having assessed the options, the most cost-effective option is to build the new substation at the existing site*
- *What is the budget for this project and how will the cost be split between SONI and NIE Networks*
- *What are the cost differences between each option*
- *What is the project delivery timeline and when will this be operational?*

Key Theme 6: Transformers

- *How long can the transformers in the substation be run at 90nva or above if possible?*
- *If the two new transformers at 90nva were energised, would they be running consistently at the same time as the existing two transformers?*

Appendix 1

Frequency of Feedback following Part 1 Engagement



Slide deck shared during stakeholder meetings



Key benefits of the project

- Essential to address future security of supply
- Improves grid strength, capacity and resilience in Mid Ulster
- Facilitates electrification of heat and transport
- Allows new connections to the grid stimulating economic development
- Helps meet increasing domestic and industry demand in the Mid Ulster area

Explored and preferred options for the project



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Outline of Shortlisted Options

- **Option 1:** Do nothing
- **Option 6b:** Build a new second 110/33KV substation within the grounds of the existing Dungannon 110/33KV site
- **Option 7:** Build a new Bulk Supply Point in Cookstown connected through two single 110kV circuit from Dungannon Main
- **Option 8:** Build a new Bulk Supply Point in Cookstown and connect it from the Dungannon – Tremoge 110kV circuits through a new Marshalling Substation



Shortlisted Options 7 & 8

Option 7: New BSP in Cookstown



Option 8: New BSP in Cookstown with a new Marshalling Substation



Preliminary Preferred Option



Study area if an expansion of the land owned by NIEN around Dungannon Main is required

Option 6b: New substation at Dungannon Main

- Most Cost-Effective option
- Option caters for future demand
- Performs best on technical and deliverability criteria
- Increases capacity of the grid in the local area
- Can be completed quicker than the other options
- Less environmental impact than other options



Next Steps

- Publish latest reports on SONI website including:
 - Needs Case Report
 - Options report
- Project approval submission to the Utility Regulator
- Progress to Part 2 of the grid development process
- Public consultation process planned for 2024 with planning application submitted as soon as possible thereafter
- Construction planned for the years following with project completion planned for 2027



9.2 Appendix 2: Advertisement



East Tyrone Reinforcement Project

We are strengthening the electricity grid in the East Tyrone area and we want to hear from you.

The Mid Ulster region hosts an expanding industrial and manufacturing sector; this sustained growth has placed increasing pressure on the electricity transmission system.

The East Tyrone Reinforcement project will increase capacity at Dungannon Main to accommodate rising demand. Not only will this strengthen resilience but also support further economic development in the local area.

To learn more about the project join our project team at our upcoming public consultation event:

Wednesday 28th January 2026, 2pm – 8pm
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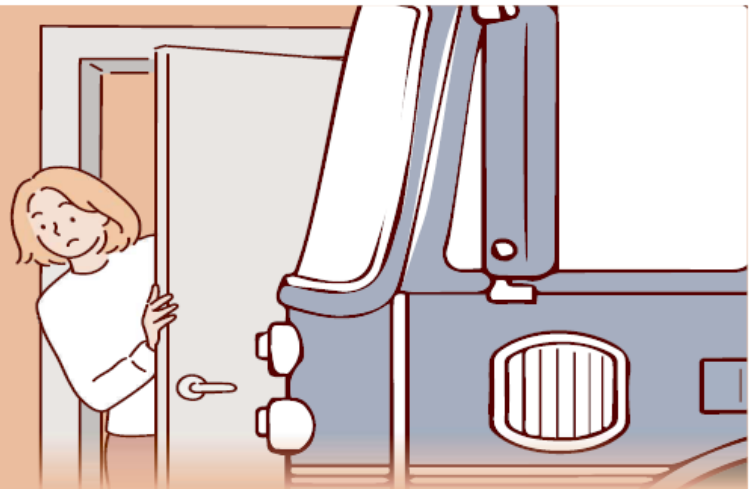
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- 46 square metres adjacent to No. 1 Pearse Hill (Plot 1); and
 - 562 square metres adjacent to No. 327 Comber Road, extending in a south-easterly direction towards the junction with Pearse Hill (Plot 2).
- It will also stop-up to motor vehicles, four lengths of former road at Comber Road, Dundonald comprising—
- 26.8 metres outside No. 1 Pearse Hill;
 - 6.8 metres extending in a south-westerly direction;
 - 6.6 metres outside No. 327 Comber Road; and
 - 46.5 metres extending in a south-easterly direction.

The areas of road proposed to be abandoned and the lengths to be stopped-up are delineated on a map which, together with a copy of a draft Order, may be inspected free of charge during office hours within the period 21 January 2026 to 2 March 2026 at DI TRAM Eastern Division, Hydebank House, 4a Hospital Road, Ballycolnaghan, Belfast, BT9 8LL or viewed online at www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations

Inspection of the draft Order and map is by appointment only which can be arranged either by email using the email address below or by telephone during office hours (Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.) on 0905 202 7896.

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Licensed for Saturday	£1,010
Licensed for Sunday	£1,080
Mobile Street Trading Licence	Proposed Fee
Application Fee - Non refundable	£310
Licence Fee - paid annually for 3 year duration of licence	
Licensed for Monday to Friday	£955
Licensed for one day Monday - Friday per week	£285
Licensed for Monday to Saturday	£1,175
Licensed for Monday to Sunday	£1,450
Licensed for Saturday	£795
Licensed for Sunday	£875
Temporary Street Trading Licence	Proposed Fee
Application Fee - Non refundable	£310
Licence Fee	
Licensed for a Monday to Friday, per day	£91
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Licensed for a Sunday or Public holiday	£175
Application for the Variation of Licence Particulars	Proposed Fee
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Dated 21 January 2026

Kate Bentley

Director of Planning and Building Control, Belfast City Council

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9.3 Appendix 3: Letter



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16th January 2026

Dear Resident,

Invitation to Community Consultation – East Tyrone Reinforcement Project

I am writing to you in relation to SONI's upcoming Community Consultation for the East Tyrone Reinforcement Project. The project involves an extension to the existing Dungannon Main 110/33kV substation on the Quintinmanus Road, Dungannon.

SONI (System Operator for Northern Ireland) is Northern Ireland's Transmission System Operator. Our role is to operate the high-voltage electricity grid in real-time to ensure power can flow from where it is generated to where it is needed, to homes, farms, businesses and public services across Northern Ireland.

Dungannon Main substation currently supplies approximately 33,000 customers in Dungannon, Cookstown, Coalisland and the surrounding villages. The substation is forecast to reach operational capacity in the time ahead. The East Tyrone Reinforcement Project will be crucial in enhancing capacity and resilience in the Mid Ulster area and contribute to strengthening Northern Ireland's electricity grid as we prepare for a cleaner energy future.

Once completed, the extension will facilitate local projects being connected to the grid, stimulating economic development and help meet increasing domestic and industry demand in the Mid Ulster area.

The Community Consultation provides an opportunity for the public to view information on our proposals, ask questions of the project team and share feedback prior to the formal submission of planning application to Mid Ulster District Council. Following the submission of a planning application, normal neighbourhood notification will be undertaken by the council, presenting you with a further opportunity to make formal representations to the planning authority.

We would like to invite you to our upcoming drop-in public consultation event where members of the project team will be available to discuss the proposal.

Event Details:

- **The Junction, Dungannon** on *Wednesday 28 January 2026 between 2pm – 8pm*,
12 ~~Beechvalley~~ Way, Dungannon BT70 1BS



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An online public consultation will **be live until 06 March 2026**, accessible through the SONI Consultation Portal at: consult.soni.ltd.uk/browse.

If you wish to comment on the proposals you may do so at the event, via the online consultation portal, by email at info@soni.ltd.uk and/or in writing to SONI Ltd, 12 Manse Road, Belfast, BT6 9RT before 06 March 2026.

We would very much welcome your views on the East Tyrone Reinforcement Project.

Yours Sincerely,

Chris McKeown
Project Manager

9.4 Appendix 4: List of Addresses

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9.5 Appendix 5: Social Media



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We are strengthening the electricity grid in the Mid Ulster area, and we want to hear from you.

The Mid Ulster region hosts an expanding industrial and manufacturing sector; this sustained growth has placed increasing pressure on the electricity transmission system.

The East Tyrone Reinforcement Project will increase capacity at Dungannon Main substation to accommodate rising demand. Not only will this strengthen the grid locally, making it more resilient, it will also support further economic development in the local area.

Come along to The Junction, 12 Beechvalley Way Dungannon on 28th January between 2pm and 8pm to speak with the project team and find out more about the project



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Thank you to everyone who came to our recent public consultation event to hear more about our East Tyrone Reinforcement Project.

Once energised, the project will increase capacity at Dungannon Main to accommodate rising demand and will strengthen grid resilience supporting further economic development in the local area.

If you were unable to attend the event, you can still share your views on our consultation portal <https://consult.soni.ltd.uk/> where you can find out more and offer your feedback up to the 6th March at 5pm.



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Last chance to have your say on our East Tyrone Reinforcement Project.

Take the opportunity to have your say on our East Tyrone Reinforcement Project before the consultation closes later this week.

This project will help to bolster security of supply in the Mid Ulster Area by extending the existing Dungannon Main 110/33 kV substation. When in place, the new substation will help meet increasing domestic and industry demand in the Mid Ulster area, improve grid strength, capacity and resilience, and allow new connections to the grid.

Find out more about the project and share your feedback before 5pm on the 6th March

<https://consult.soni.ltd.uk/.../east-tyrone-reinforcement...>



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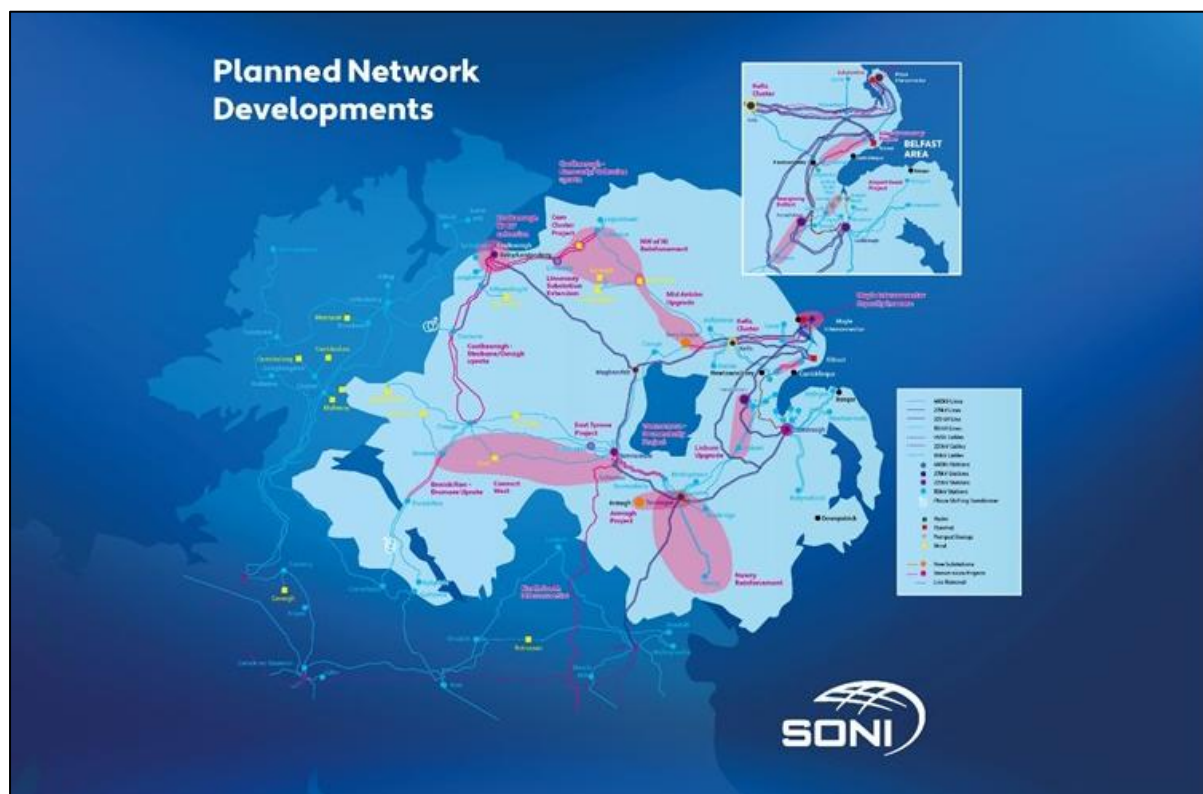




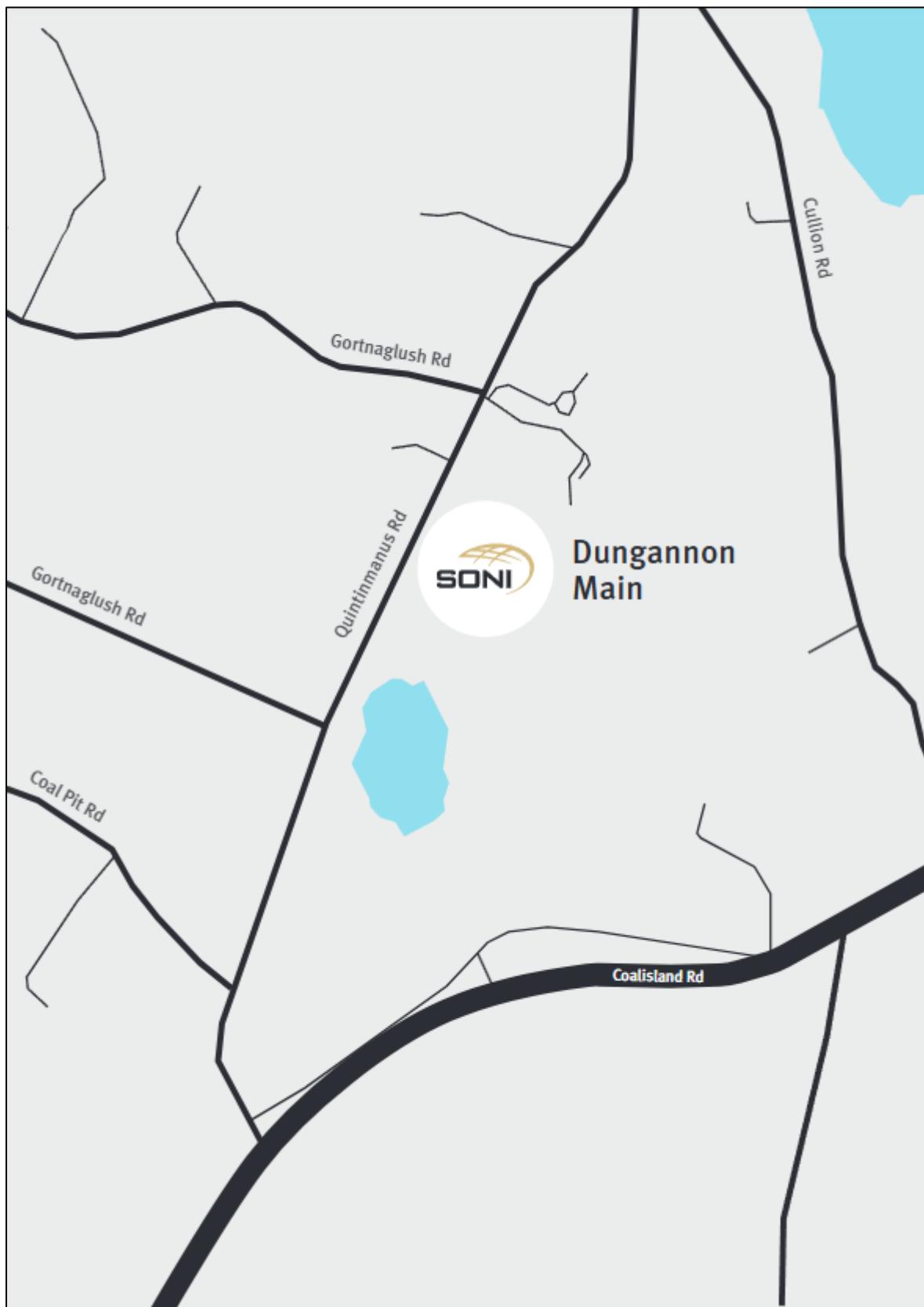


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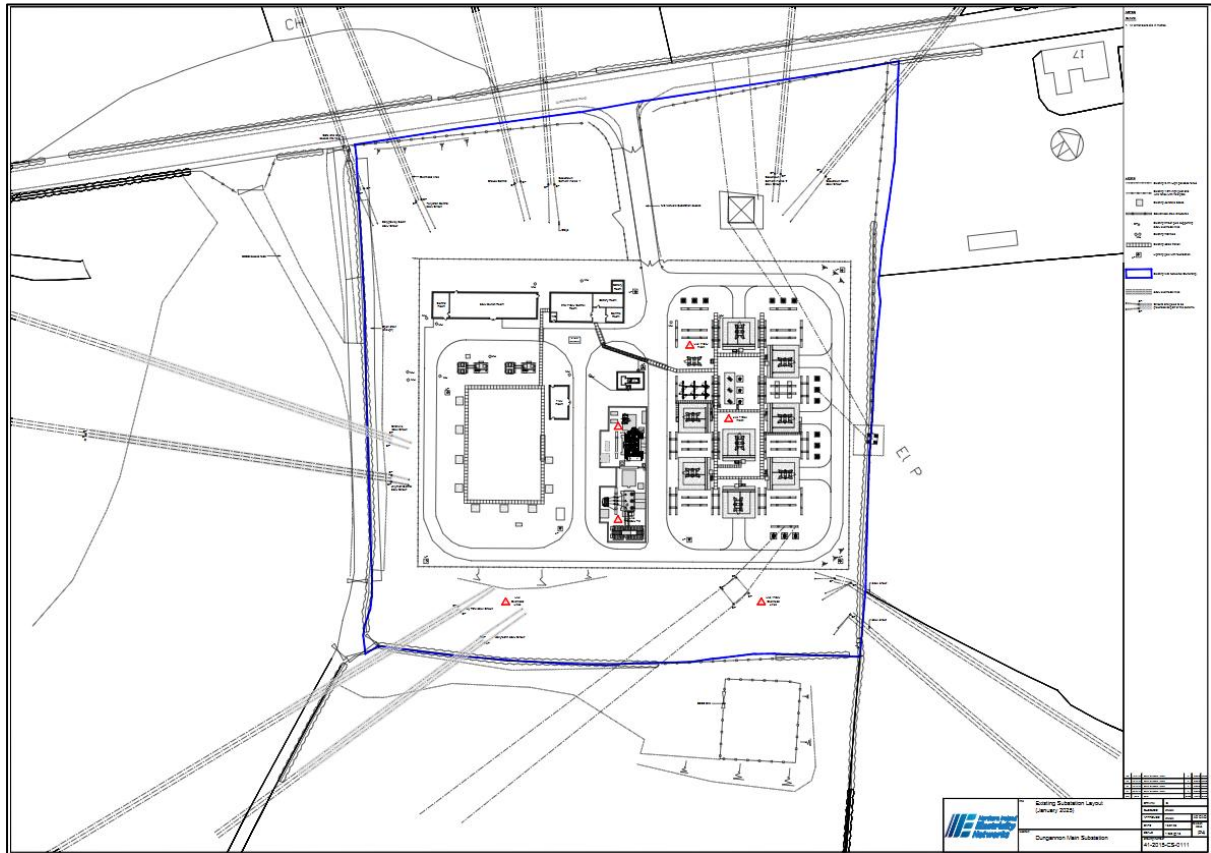
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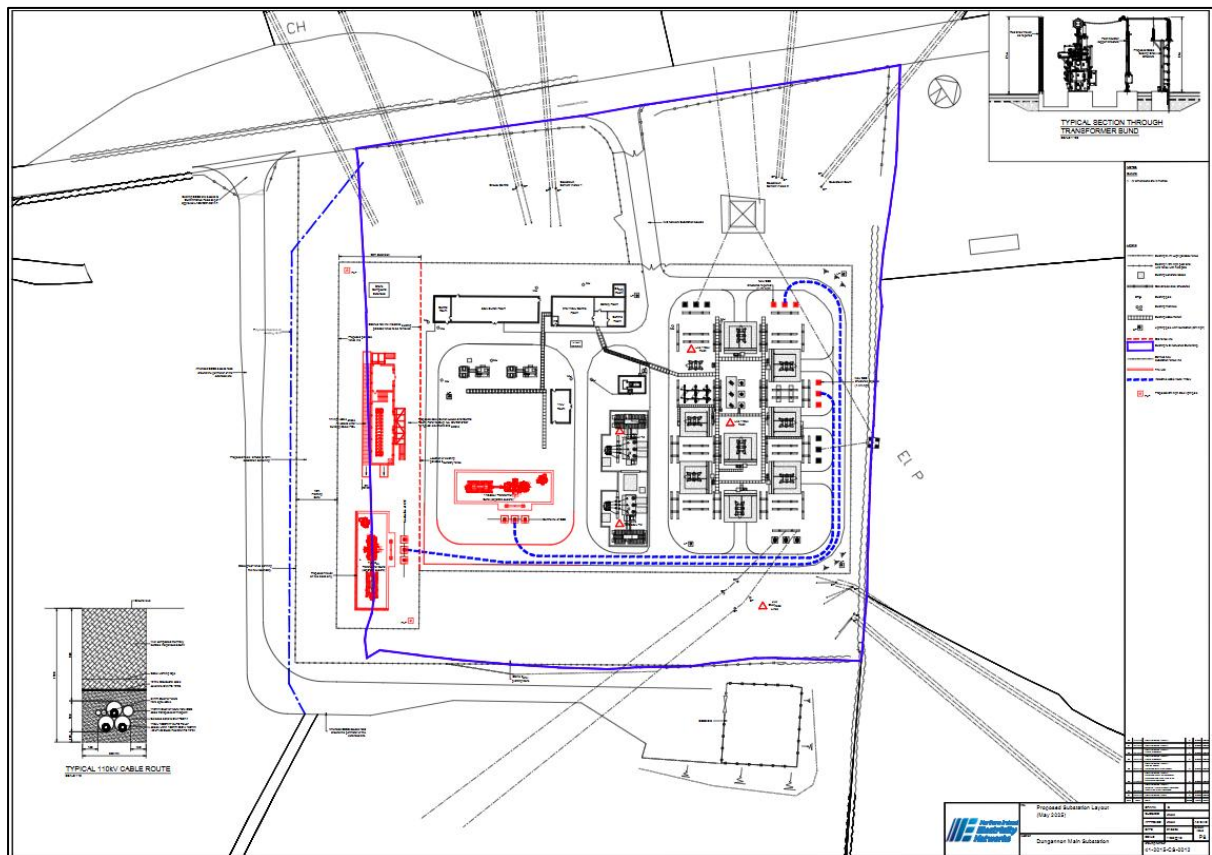
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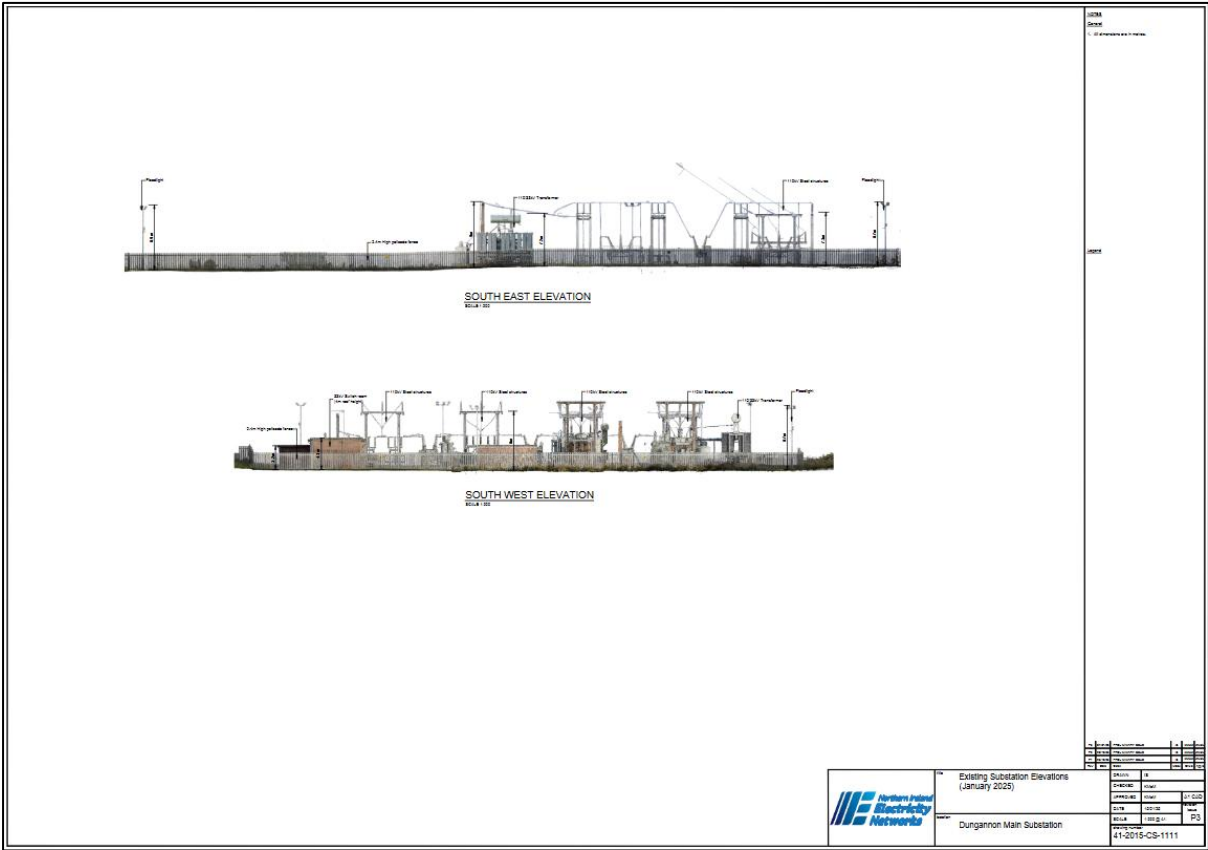
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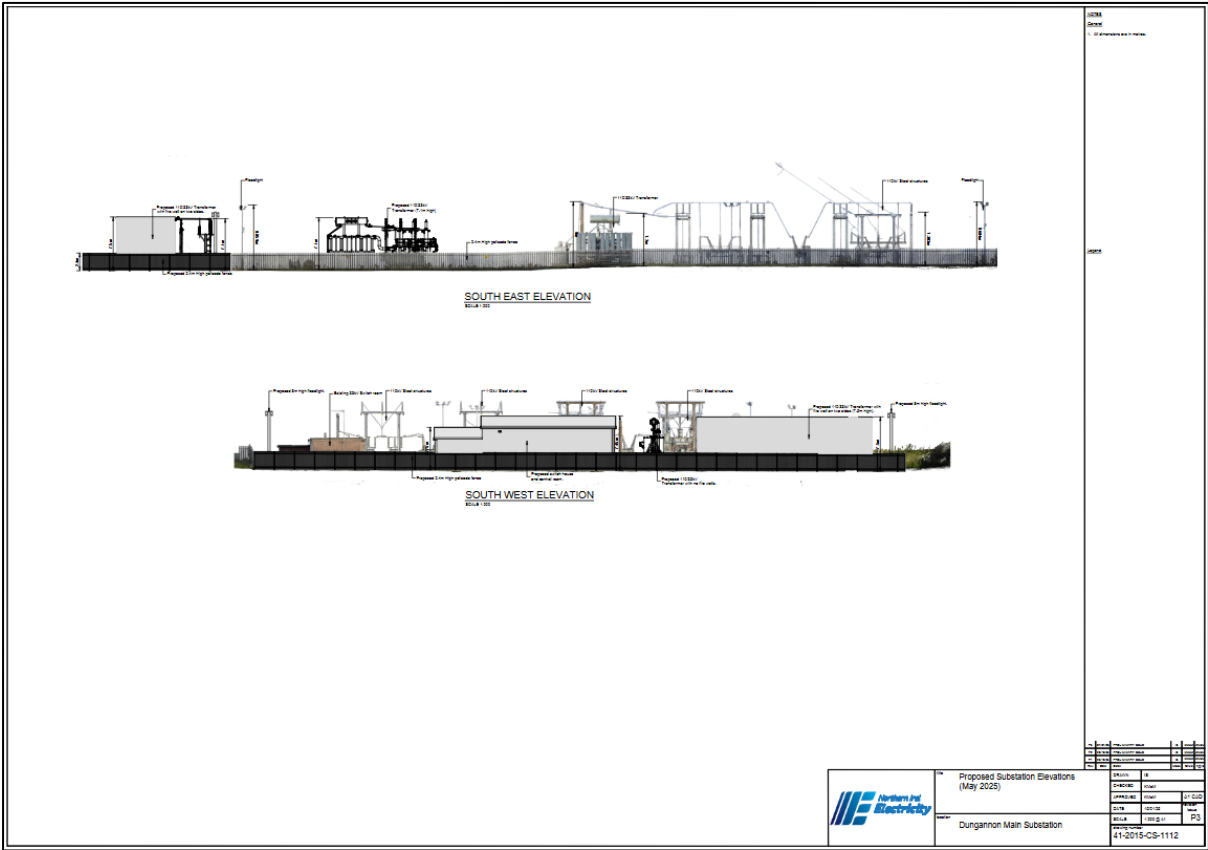
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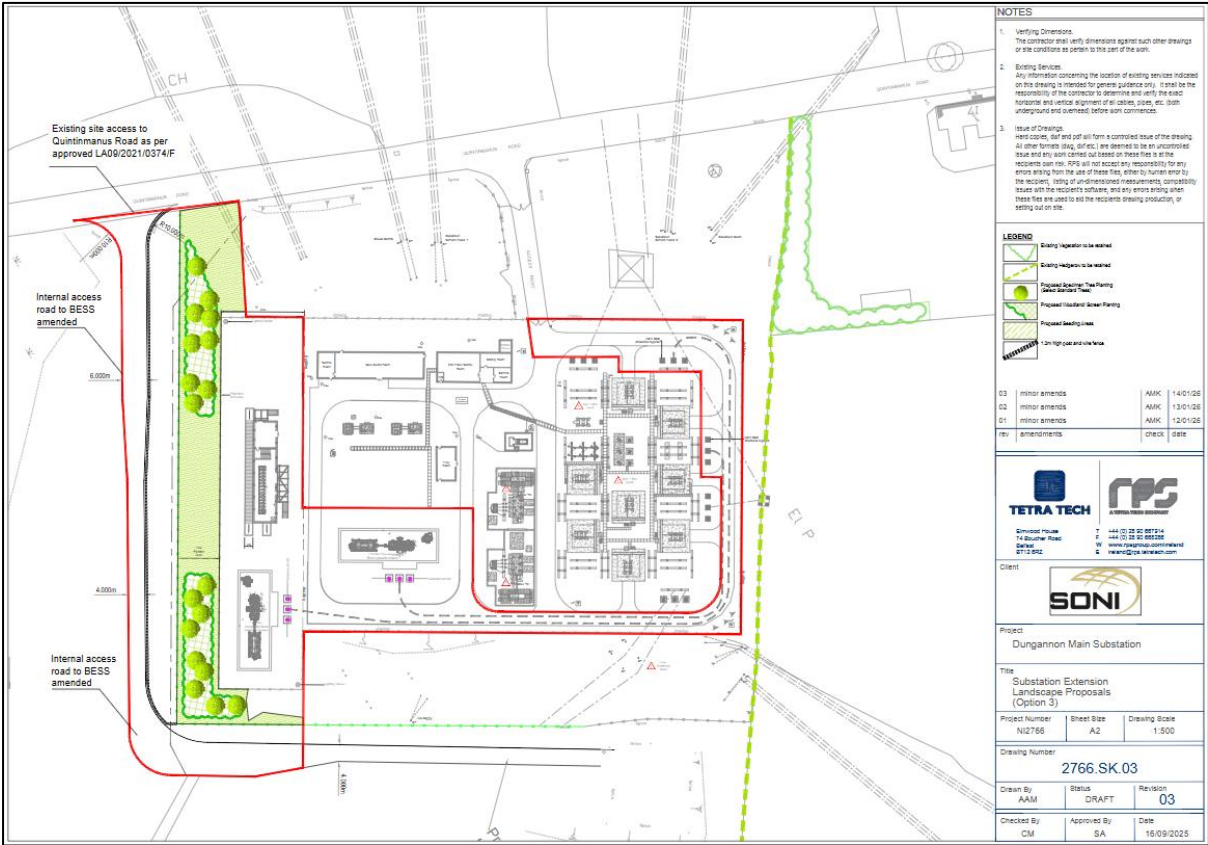
Existing Substation Elevations



Proposed Substation Elevations



Landscape Proposal Option



Photomontages – Existing View Looking Southeast



Photomontages – Existing View Looking Northeast



Existing view



Viewpoint Map



Tripod Location

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Field of view	65°	Distance	65 m			Status: Issued	Date:	August 2023						

Photomontages – Proposed View Looking Southeast



Photomontage



Viewpoint Map



Tripod Location

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Photomontages – Proposed View Looking Northeast



Photomontage



Viewpoint Map



Tripod Location

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9.8 Appendix 8: Feedback Forms



Feedback Form

As part of this process, we want to hear your views on our proposal for the East Tyrone Reinforcement project based on what you have learned at today's event.

Please note, any comments made about the project at this stage are not representations to any planning authority.

Do you live within the local area?

Yes ☐ No ☐

In which group are you? *Please tick the age category (in years) that applies to you.*

18-29	☐	30-44	☐	45-64	☐	65+	☐
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How did you hear about today's public engagement event?

Newspaper advertisement ☐

Facebook ☐

LinkedIn ☐

Family/Friend ☐

Elected representative ☐

SONI Landowner Engagement team ☐

Other (please specify) ☐:

Please turn over.

Please use these columns to indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I now understand what the East Tyrone Reinforcement Project involves					
I now understand why the East Tyrone Reinforcement Project is needed					
I have a better understanding of SONI's (System Operator) role					
I am satisfied with today's engagement with SONI					
The information provided was accessible and easy to understand					
The East Tyrone Reinforcement Project will benefit the local community					
The East Tyrone Reinforcement Project is crucial to help Northern Ireland meet its energy targets					

If you would like to provide any further feedback, please do in the space below.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

9.9 Appendix 9: Record of Engagement

Record of Engagement with SONI

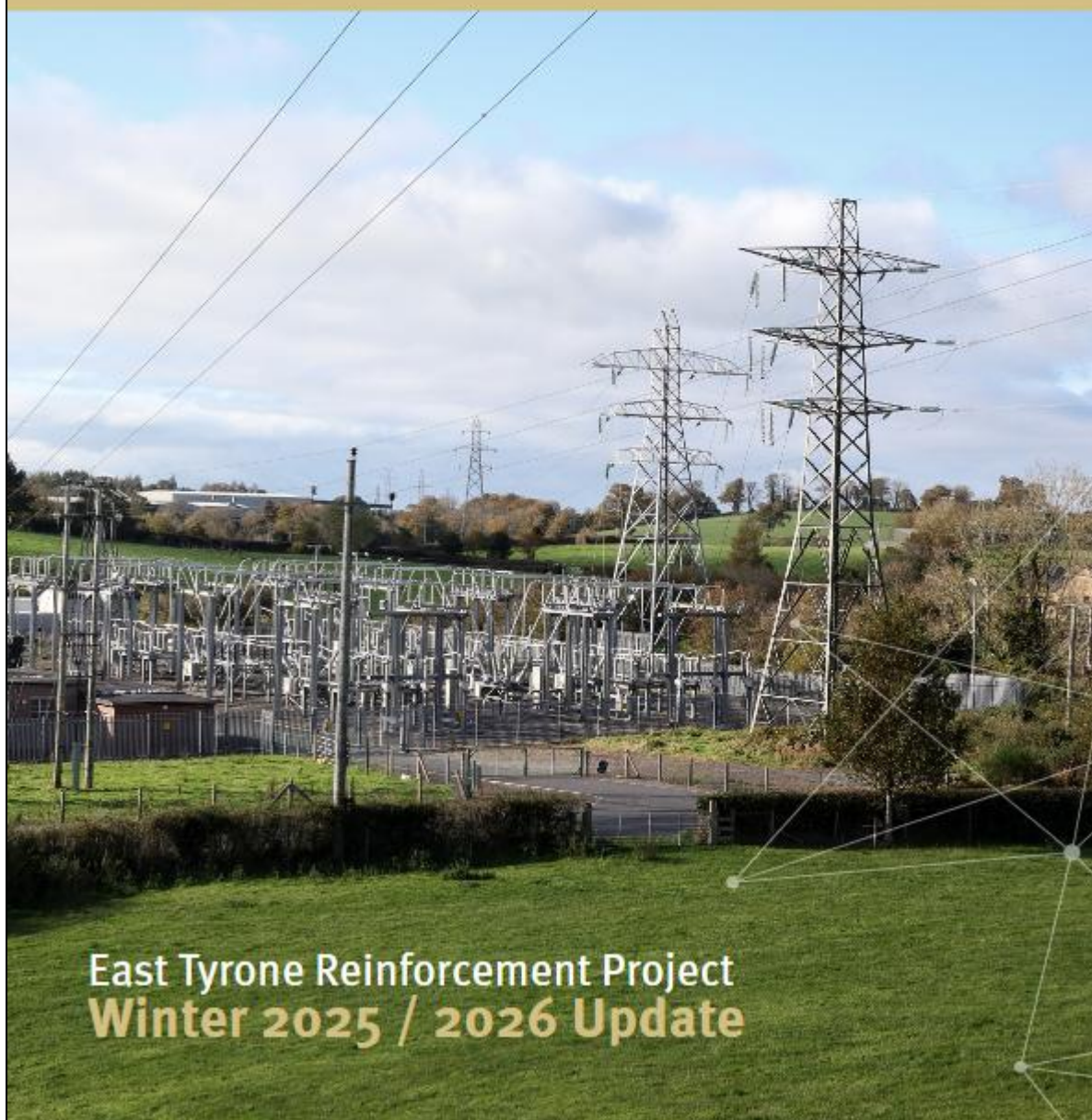
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Project: East Tyrone Reinforcement Project	
Location: The Junction Dungannon	Date: 28/01/2026
SONI Representatives:	

Engagement notes

Topics Discussed		
Agronomy	Ecology	Project Methodology
Air & Noise	Human Health	Requests
Alternatives	Landscape & Visual	Soils & Geology
Construction	Legal	Statutory Process
Communication/Consultation	Material Assets	Undergrounding
Cultural heritage	Planning	Water
Other:		

Please highlight the appropriate topic(s) covered where applicable.

9.10 Appendix 10: Project Brochure



East Tyrone Reinforcement Project
Winter 2025 / 2026 Update

Who is SONI and what do we do?

SONI is Northern Ireland's Transmission System Operator (TSO). We manage the electricity grid to ensure that power can flow from where it is generated to where it is needed.



Our team of experienced, expert engineers manage the electricity grid, second-by-second, every day of the year, to ensure power can flow safely, securely and reliably to homes, farms and businesses across Northern Ireland.

Electricity systems across the world are changing. At SONI, we have the crucial task of transforming the electricity system to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and support Northern Ireland's clean energy and climate action goals.

That means we have to make changes to our grid infrastructure and how we use it to introduce more and newer forms of renewable energy.

Like any piece of public infrastructure, the electricity grid was built at a moment in time. Beyond modernising the grid to support newer and cleaner forms of energy on to the system, SONI are responsible for planning grid upgrades to strengthen the existing network.

By working together, we can deliver a cleaner, more economical and secure energy future for everyone in Northern Ireland.

Our 3-Part Process for Developing the Grid

We are committed to gaining your input on any decisions we make on our investment projects. Our 3-Part Process puts stakeholder and public engagement at the heart of how we develop the transmission grid. By working together, we can create a stronger electricity system for Northern Ireland – with the least possible inconvenience to you.



PART 1:
**IDENTIFYING THE OPTIMUM SOLUTION
AND WHAT AREA MAY BE AFFECTED.**

When we have thoroughly researched the potential solutions, we will have what we call 'a best performing technology solution'. At this point we provide opportunities for you to have your say, before we finalise the solution and the location for the project.

PART 2:
IDENTIFYING WHERE THE PROJECT WILL BE BUILT.

Once we have examined all locations within the general area for the project, we narrow our choice to what we call 'a best performing location'. Again, we provide opportunities for you to participate in the process and tell us what you think before we finalise the location.

PART 3:
**PLANNING APPLICATION TO PROJECT
HANDOVER TO NIE NETWORKS.**

Should we receive a favourable decision from the planning authority, we will hand the project over for NIE Networks to construct and energise. We will continue to engage with local communities and landowners in the vicinity of the project, and make sure everyone is kept informed.

The East Tyrone
Reinforcement
Project is now within
PART 2 of SONI's
Grid Development
Process

What is the East Tyrone Reinforcement Project?

SONI is bringing forward the East Tyrone Reinforcement Project, which involves the extension of Dungannon Main substation, located on the Quintinmanus Road, Dungannon.

Dungannon Main substation currently supplies approximately 33,000 customers in Dungannon, Cookstown, Coalisland and the surrounding villages.

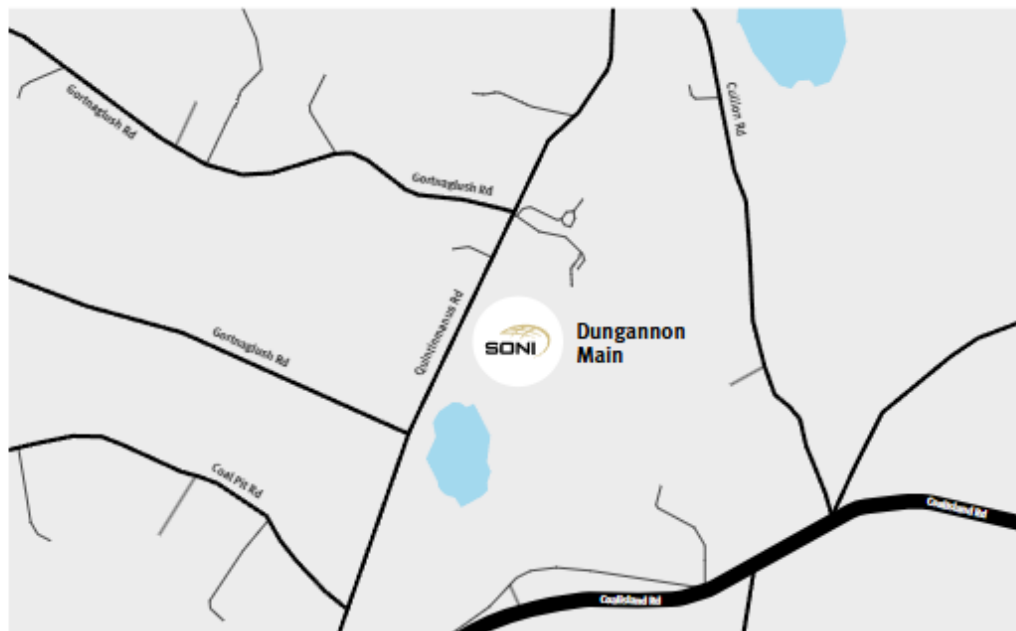
As part of SONI's role to plan the transmission grid in an efficient, economic and co-ordinated manner, the demand at Dungannon Main is forecasted to increase due to the expected electrification of heat and transport.

This has triggered the need for the East Tyrone Reinforcement project that will enhance capacity for forecasted demand and minimise risk to current supplies. The proposal will include:

- Extension of the existing substation compound
- Establishment of a second 110/33kV bulk supply point
- Installation of two new 110/33kV transformers to be connected into two spare 110kV bays

Dungannon Main is located on the Quintinmanus Road, Dungannon, displayed on the map below. During our first round of engagement on this project, we presented a general study area around the substation to facilitate the extension.

Following feedback from key stakeholders, alongside environmental and technical studies, we now have a specific site location for the extension of the substation.



Why are we doing this?

01

Improve grid strength, capacity and resilience in Mid Ulster

The demand currently supplied at Dungannon Main is projected to increase over time and will approach firm capacity of the substation. The East Tyrone Reinforcement project will enhance the substation's capacity, ensuring its continued resilience and ability to accommodate rising demand.

02

Facilitate new connections to the grid

The extension of Dungannon Main will increase capacity to facilitate local projects being connected to the grid.

03

Help meet increasing domestic and industry demand stimulating economic development

The Mid Ulster region hosts an expanding industrial and manufacturing sector; this sustained growth will place increasing pressure on the electricity transmission system. The East Tyrone Reinforcement project will increase capacity at Dungannon Main to accommodate rising demand. Not only will this strengthen grid resilience but also support further economic development in the local area.



What's happened so far?

The project has completed an initial round of consultation, which provided an opportunity to introduce the project to key stakeholders, such as elected representatives and council officials, and gain feedback on our initial proposals. During this stage, we looked at the study area and considered all environmental, technical and economic factors to identify the best location for the new infrastructure to go.

What's happening now?

SONI are now carrying out a further period of consultation to introduce the project to the local community, while also re-engaging with key stakeholders on our final proposals for the project.

During this phase of consultation, SONI will provide opportunities for the public to provide feedback in a number of ways.

This phase provides SONI with the opportunity to obtain valuable feedback before submitting a planning application to the Council.

What happens next?

At the end of this phase of consultation, SONI will consider all feedback which has been provided prior to a planning submission to Mid Ulster District Council. SONI will also prepare all reports and studies to be submitted alongside the planning application.

The necessary consents will be sought by the SONI Landowner Team to access the land needed for the project. Once the appropriate land access is granted and planning permission is secured, the project will be handed over to NIE Networks for them to begin construction.



How can I provide feedback?

There are many ways to get involved and provide feedback.
These include:



Online

Visiting the SONI Consultation Portal:
consult.soni.ltd.uk



In Person

Attending our consultation day where members of the project team will be available to discuss various aspects of the project:

Wednesday 28th January 2026, 2pm – 8pm
The Junction, Dungannon
12 Beechvalley Way, BT70 1BS



Via Email

Email your submission to us at:
info@soni.ltd.uk



In Writing

Write your own submission and post it back to us at:

East Tyrone Project
SONI Ltd, Castlereagh House,
12 Manse Road, Belfast BT6 9RT

We welcome your feedback until **6th March 2026**

You can follow us on: Facebook [/SONIElectricityNI](#), X (Twitter) [/soni_ltd](#) and LinkedIn [/soni-ltd](#),
or visit our project website at www.soni.ltd.uk



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East Tyrone Reinforcement Project

Agenda

Our Purpose

Managing a Power System in Transition

SONI's 3-Part Process for Developing the Grid

Overview of Dungannon Main

Existing Layout

Project Need

Our Proposal

How We Got Here

Project Overview

Next Steps

Our Purpose:

Meeting Northern Ireland's energy needs, today and in the future



Managing a power system in transition



The process to reach NI's Energy Strategy targets is both complex and ambitious.

- Significant upgrades to the current system – the power system was built at a point in time, and we need to ensure ageing infrastructure is upgraded to meet consumer needs today.
- Extensive programme of new development to meet Northern Ireland's changing energy needs.
- Ensuring secure flow of electricity for consumers on a second-by-second basis.
- Broader challenges (local acceptance from host communities and landowner agreement).

PART 1

Identifying
the optimum
solution and
what area may
be affected

PART 2

Identifying
where the
project will
be built

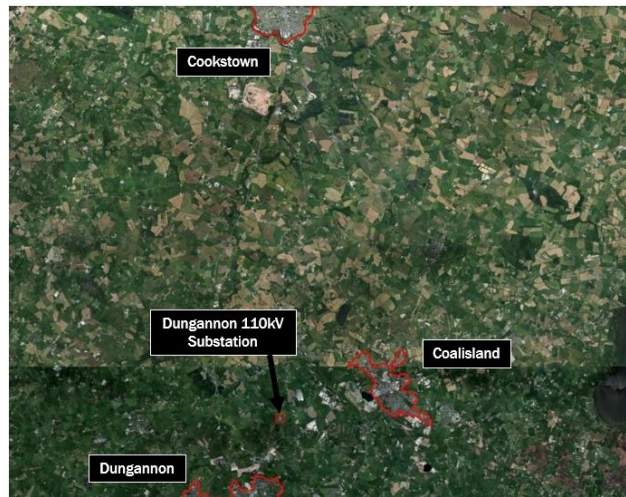
PART 3

Planning
Application to
Project Handover
to NIE Networks

SONI's 3-Part Process for Developing the Grid

Dungannon Main Substation

- 110/33kV substation located on the Quintinmanus Road, Dungannon.
- Currently supplies approximately 33,000 customers in Cookstown, Coalisland and Dungannon.
- Demand at the substation has been approaching operational capacity for a number of years.
- There is a need to improve capacity and bolster security of supply in the Mid Ulster area.



Existing Layout

- Dungannon Main is a 110/33kV bulk supply point.
- The substation contains:
 - A 110kV mesh
 - Two 110/33kV transformers
 - A 33kV switchboard
 - 33/11kV substation



Project Need

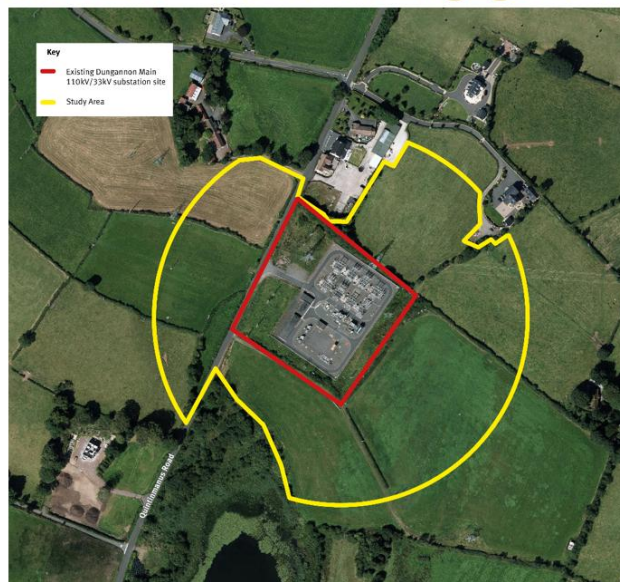
- Improve grid strength, capacity and resilience in Mid Ulster
- Facilitate new connections to the grid, stimulating economic development
- Help meet increasing domestic and industry demand in the Mid Ulster area

Our Proposal

Extension of the existing compound
at Dungannon Main substation



How We Got Here – Previous Engagement (Part 1)



Project Study Area
2022

Project Overview

- This project is required to enhance capacity for forecasted demand and bolster security of supply.
- The proposed extension will include:
 - Establishment of a second 110/33kV bulk supply point
 - Installation of two new 110/33kV transformers to be connected into two spare 110kV bays



Next Steps

- 1 Stakeholder Engagement**
To be carried out through Winter 2025/26
- 2 Public Event**
Wednesday 28th January 2026 in The Junction Dungannon
- 3 Planning Submission**
To be submitted in mid-2026
- 4 Project Handover**
Project to be handed over to NIE Networks in Q1 2028
- 5 Construction**
To commence in Q4 2028
- 6 Energisation**
Extension to be completed and fully energised Q4 2030





Thank You
Any Questions?

