

Skye Reinforcement Project

Update on works

22 October 2026

Dear Isle of Skye Community Members,

We would like to provide an update on works associated with the **Skye Reinforcement Project** on the Isle of Skye.

COMPLETE – Broadford Substation, A87 Bellmouth Creation

Location of works	Broadford Substation
Works Activity	Bellmouth creation on A87
Impact	Some short temporary traffic management planned for 26 October 2026
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Works at the Old Corry Road/A87 junction near Broadford are now complete and traffic management has been removed. On the **26 October 2026** contractors are booked to install cat eyes – **temporary traffic management** will be put back in place **on the A87 for a very short duration** (a few hours).

Work has commenced on the upgrade of Old Corry Road itself. No access restrictions.

CURRENT – Surveys

Survey work will continue across the project area in October and November. These are mainly ‘walk over’ surveys.

UPCOMING - Access point construction along A87, B885 and Moll Road

Please note: the proposed works below remain subject to final consent agreements and therefore confirmation of start date.

Planned start date	2 nd November 2026 subject to consent agreements
Location of works	Locations along the A87, B885 and Moll Road
Works Activity	Construction of access points/Bellmouths
Impact	temporary lane closures at work locations, increased HGV traffic to work locations due to stone import from Skye Commercial quarries
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Access points/bellmouths:

Works will include **constructing and upgrading access points (bellmouths)**, where future access tracks will join the public road network. These bellmouths are required to maintain a safe traffic flow for all road users during future construction.

During the **first phase the following access points** will be constructed first.

6 access points off the A87 at Invergarry for the Overhead Line

4 access points off the A87 for the underground cable

5 access points (including upgrade of existing) off the A863 and B885 for the Overhead Line

4 access points off the Moll Road for the underground cable

We will keep you informed on work locations when the programme commences.

Further access points will be constructed following this first phase of works.

Temporary Traffic Management at work locations

Lane closures will be required on the A87 during access point construction. Traffic management might also be required where access points are being constructed off the B885 and Moll Road.

No road closures are anticipated, with access maintained at all times. Any required traffic management has been discussed and agreed with the relevant road authorities. It is anticipated that each access point will take 2-3wks to construct.

Contractors

These works will be carried out by **subcontractors appointed by Balfour Beatty**. These are expected to include Keltbray, UB Civils and Beaver Bridges, with other specialist contractors supporting the works where required.

Construction Traffic relating to access point works

We recognise that construction traffic is a key local concern. **Construction of the first phase of access points** will require aggregate deliveries from local quarries, resulting in increased HGV movement mainly along the A87 on the Isle of Skye.

GENERAL INFORMATION - What happens after the access point works?

Once the project moves into the full construction of the overhead line the exact sequence and methodology of works will depend on the final access strategy, and relevant consenting. Key work elements will include:

- Access track construction
- Formation of welfare / site compound / laydown areas
- Overhead line construction works

Keeping the community informed

We appreciate that local residents and road users wish to understand what activities are planned and when they are likely to take place. We remain committed to providing regular updates as details and programmes for individual work packages are finalised

and will continue to engage with the community throughout the construction programme.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact us at:

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You can also contact Balfour Beatty (regarding access point works) at:

skyecommunications@balfourbeatty.com

If you have not received this directly from us, please consider signing up to receive updates on the project website www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/skye-reinforcement.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

With best wishes,



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