

Case Name: P608-24 Pet: James Walker & others for Judicial Review

Case Ref No: COS-P608-24

Date Permission granted: 3 September 2024

Date of Substantive Hearing: 17 and 18 December 2024 (2 days)

Agents:

Petitioner; DWF LLP

Respondent; Scottish Government

Interested Party; Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP

Case Description

This is a Petition for Judicial Review of the decision of the Scottish Ministers dated 23rd April 2024 to grant consent under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 and a direction under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to install and keep installed approximately 9.3km of 123kV overhead line located in the planning authority area of Dumfries and Galloway.

The Petitioners are the heritable proprietors of lands on which the proposed Wind Farm development will be developed and have objected to it on the grounds that an alternative route should be considered; there has been a failure to engage in any

meaningful way with the local community to communicate reasons for the re-routing; and there will be potentially significant environmental impacts on biodiversity, archaeology, landscape and visual amenity, loss of ancient woodland, ecology and ornithology, cultural heritage and traffic and transport.