16th September 2018

Dear Member,

We're contacting you about a threat to Orkney's heritage. The current proposals to create an Orkney electricity transmission network would see miles of tall poles and a very obtrusive electricity substation near Finstown.

We are all in favour of renewable energy and a properly designed network to take this energy out of Orkney. Climate change/instability is the greatest threat to Orkney's heritage and we fear the world – and Orkney – is running out of time to combat it.

We have put forward alternatives to the promoters, Scottish and Southern Energy (SSEN). These involve a shorter route, across Scapa Flow, underground cabling on the entire route as opposed to part of it and much better design of the Finstown substation. We have not yet received a response so do not know what will be in a further round of public consultation to take place later this month.

We hope members will support our campaign to see the proposals modified. Please go along to the consultation events and study any insert that appears in *The Orcadian*.

We would welcome any feedback to the address above and help with the campaign.

We hope to see you at our next public meeting, on **Thursday 15th November** at 7 pm in the St. Magnus Centre. This is our AGM followed by a talk by Richard Shearer on Orcadians who lost their lives in World War I. We will also report on the campaign.

Yours sincerely

David Murdoch Vice- Chair