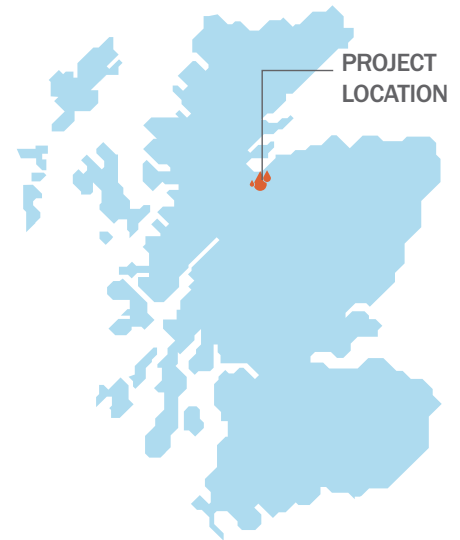


Loch na Cathrach Pumped Storage Hydro

We would like to introduce ourselves as the new owners of the Loch na Cathrach (formerly Red John) Pumped Storage Hydro project.

Statkraft acquired this project from Intelligent Land Investments (ILI) in December 2023. The project was conceived in 2015 and granted consent by the Scottish Government in June 2021. This project will store excess renewable electricity to use when it is needed, enabling increased use of renewable energy generation and helping provide security of supply as Great Britain's electricity network shifts away from fossil fuels.



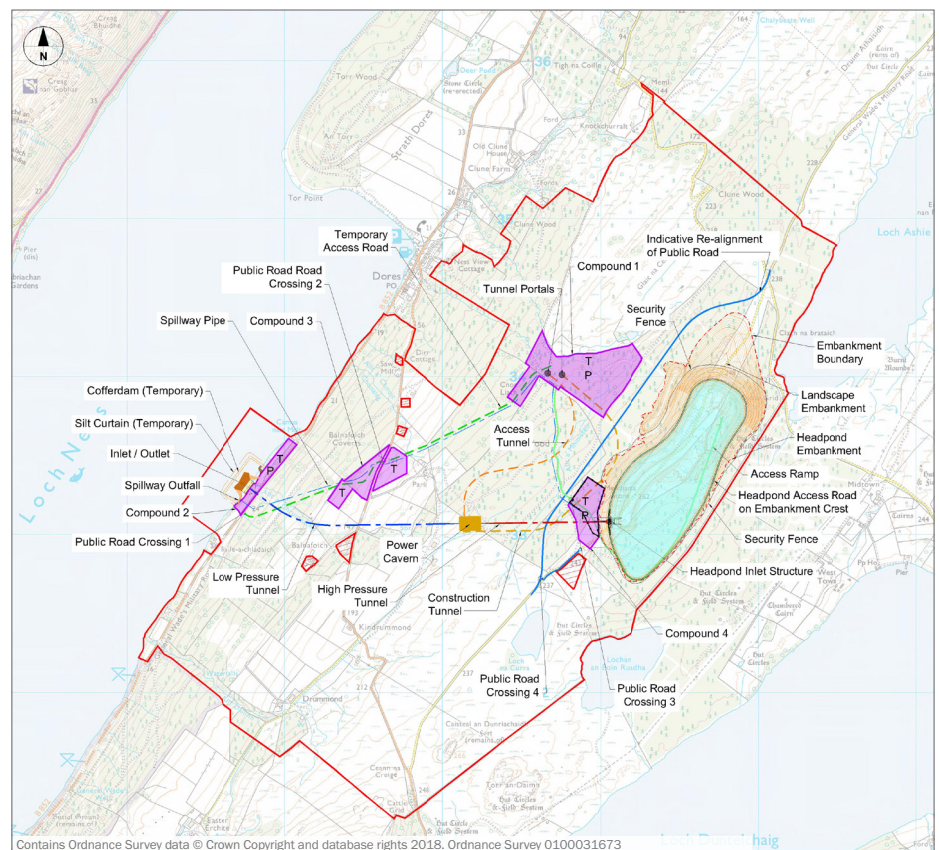
About Pumped Storage Hydro

Hydro pumped storage, or pumped-storage hydropower, is a type of energy storage system that uses two reservoirs at different elevations.

Water is pumped uphill from the lower reservoir to the higher one when electricity demand is low. When demand is high, the water is released back down, generating electricity as it flows through a turbine. It's like a big, water-powered battery that can store energy and release it when needed!

At Statkraft, we have over 125 years of experience in hydropower and are the largest producer of electricity from hydropower in Europe.

Approved infrastructure layout as part of Section 36 consent.



Visit the project website to download or request a printed copy of this image.

Introducing a New Name

During the development of this project, feedback from the community showed a preference for a new name that better reflects the local area.

We are very grateful for the assistance of various parties to help identify a suitable name. We have renamed the project Loch na Cathrach – “the loch of the seat”.

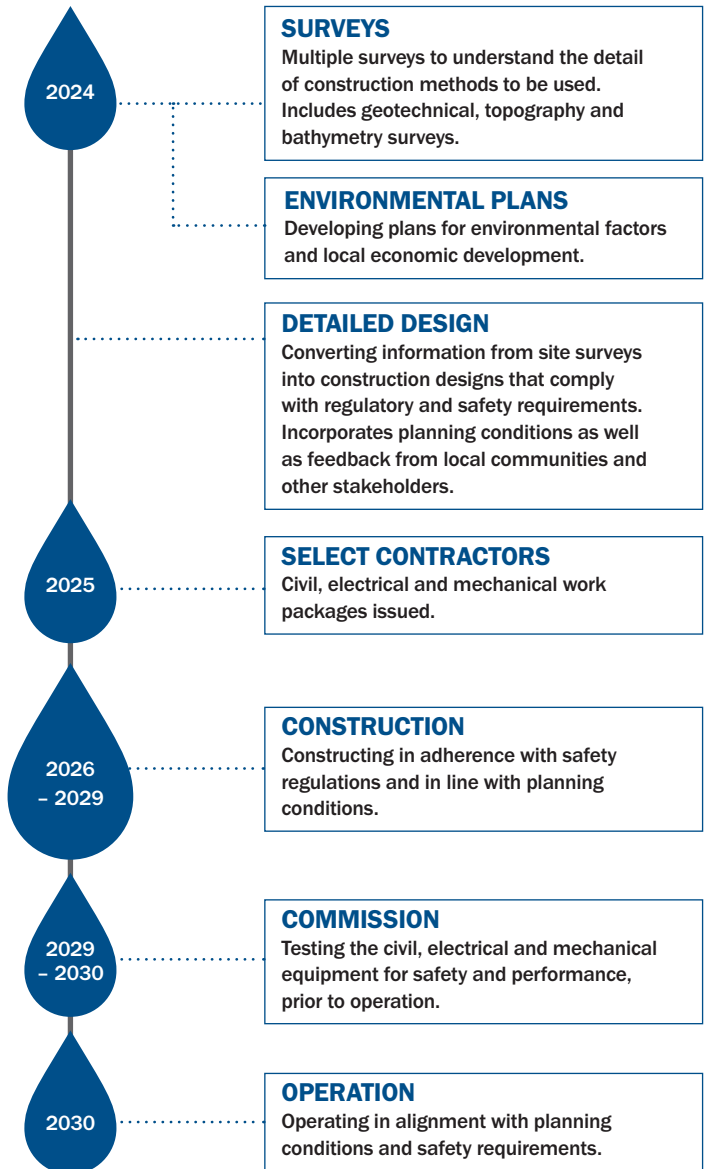
- The new name has evolved from discussions with:
- Ainme an Aite na h-Alba (Gaelic place names of Scotland - the official government body tasked with naming)
 - Organisations and experts in local history and the Gaelic place names of Loch Ness-side
 - Local Community representatives

Loch na Cathrach will be the name of both the new head pond and also of the project overall. Named for Cathair Fhionn (Fingal’s seat/chair), reputed to be where Fionn rested after his battle with Ashie (or alternatively from which he viewed the battle). Ashie was the son of a Norse King but we hope that is not a bad omen, given Statkraft’s Norwegian ownership!

It has meaning today, with Local Fèis basing their drama and creative work on the story, so it lives on. There are various other notable sites in the area, which also form parts of the story.

Loch na Cathrach is pronounced “*loch nuh KA-ruch*”

Project Timeline



Meet the project team:



DONALD WEIR

Donald is the Project Director responsible for all aspects of the project.



IAIN ROBERTSON

Iain heads our Scottish activities and will provide support on all aspects of this project.



ALISON HOOD

Alison will drive our community engagement and help maximise benefits to the community and region.



SEUMAS SKINNER

Seumas has recently returned to the Highlands and will work with our local partners to facilitate our community engagement.



PHONE:
0800 772 3458



EMAIL:
UKProjects@statkraft.com



VISIT:
www.Loch-na-Cathrach.co.uk
Sign up to our mailing list



Scan the QR code to view the project webpage