

## News Release

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# National Grid reaches halfway point of consultation on new connections

13 October 2014

- **National Grid reaches halfway point of consultation on North West Coast Connections**
- **Further events to come and people can take part in consultation online**
- **Views will help shape the project taken forward to connect new generation into 'the grid'**

National Grid is halfway through its programme of consultation events on plans to connect new sources of electricity generation into 'the grid' in Cumbria and Lancashire.

Almost 1,000 people have visited events so far to meet members of the North West Coast Connections project team and discuss the proposals.

National Grid has been asked to provide a connection into the electricity transmission system for the proposed new nuclear power station, Moorside, near Sellafield in West Cumbria and to export the power generated by other new energy projects in the North West.

Robert Powell, Project Manager said: "It has been an interesting and enlightening few weeks. It has been great to get out to listen to what people have to say about our plans. We are mindful of the fact that we're working in one of the most beautiful parts of the country and it is our job to make sure we strike a balance between protecting treasured landscapes and keeping the lights on.

"We're gathering people's views and, once consultation has been completed, we will go away and spend time reflecting the comments we've received. This feedback will be used together with the findings from our own environmental and technical studies to help us choose which routes to take forward. People will have further opportunities to comment on the project as it progresses."

The North West Coast Connections team will be holding more events over the coming weeks (see *Notes to Editors*), and people have until Friday 28 November to submit their comments to the consultation.

People are encouraged to register their details on the North West Coast Connections project website if they wish to take part in consultation online and to also ensure they get regular updates on the project:

[www.northwestcoastconnections.com](http://www.northwestcoastconnections.com)

For more information about the project and future consultation events please contact the project team direct using any of the following methods:

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

### NWCC Consultation Event Programme

A schedule of the consultation events still to take place, including details of the dates and venues, is listed below.

1. **Wednesday 15 October – 1pm-8pm – Grizebeck**  
The Community Hall at Grizebeck, Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA17 7XH
2. **Thursday 16 October – 1pm-8pm – Gleaston**  
Gleaston Village Hall, Main Street, Gleaston, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 0QA
3. **Friday 17 October – 1pm-8pm – Barrow-in-Furness**  
The Forum, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 1HH
4. **Saturday 18 October – 10am-3:30pm – Roosecote**  
Roose Community School, North Row, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA13 0HF
5. **Wednesday 22 October – 1pm-8pm – Cleator Moor**  
Cleator Moor Civic Hall, Market Square, Cleator Moor, Cumbria, CA25 5AR
6. **Thursday 23 October – 1pm-8pm – Carlisle West**  
Morton Community Centre, Wigton Road, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA2 6JP

7. **Friday 24 October – 1pm-8pm – Distington**  
Distington Community Centre, Church Road, Distington, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 5TE
8. **Saturday 25 October – 10am-3:30pm – Cockermouth**  
Cockermouth Town Hall, Market Street, Cockermouth, Cumbria, CA13 9NP
9. **Tuesday 28 October – 1pm-8pm – Ulverston**  
Ulverston Victoria High School, Springfield Road, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 0EB
10. **Wednesday 29 October – 1:30pm-8pm – Wigton**  
Wigton Market Hall, Church Street, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 9AA
11. **Thursday 30 October – 1pm-8pm – Aspatria**  
Aspatria Rugby Club, Bower Park, Station Road, Aspatria, Cumbria, CA7 2AJ
12. **Friday 31 October – 1pm-8pm – Heysham**  
Heysham & Mossgate Community Centre, Townson Way, Heysham, Lancashire, LA3 2AW

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13. **Saturday 01 November – 10am-3:30pm – Askam-in-Furness**  
Askam Community Centre, Duke Street, Askam-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA16 7AD
14. **Wednesday 05 November – 1:30pm-8pm – Drigg**  
Drigg & Carleton Parish Hall, Drigg, Holmrook, Cumbria, CA19 1XF
15. **Thursday 06 November – 1pm-8pm – Bootle**  
Bootle Village Hall, Bootle Station, Cumbria, LA19 5UY
16. **Friday 07 November – 1pm-8pm – Broughton-in-Furness**  
Broughton Victory Hall, Station Road, Broughton-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA20 6HN
17. **Saturday 08 November – 10am-3:30pm – Dalston**  
Victory Hall, The Green, Dalston, Cumbria, CA5 7QB

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In Britain, we run the gas and electricity systems that our society is built on, delivering gas and electricity across the country. In the North Eastern US, we connect more than seven million gas and electric customers to vital energy sources, essential for our modern lifestyles.

#### **National Grid in the UK:**

- We own the high-voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales, operating it across Great Britain.
- We own and operate the high pressure gas transmission system in Britain.
- Our gas distribution business delivers gas to 11 million homes and businesses.
- We also own a number of related businesses including LNG importation, land remediation and metering.
- National Grid manages the National Gas Emergency Service free phone line on behalf of the industry - 0800 111 999 (all calls are recorded and may be monitored).
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