

National Grid announces start date for consultation on £2.8bn Cumbrian connection

- **New connection needed to link the proposed Moorside nuclear power station in Cumbria into the electricity network**
- **National Grid announces 28 October as start date for consultation on detailed design**
- **Thirty public information events to take place during November and December**
- **Six years of work behind proposal which aims to find a balance between protecting landscapes and the cost passed on to bill payers**

National Grid has announced that it will start consultation on Friday 28 October on the detailed proposals for the £2.8bn project to connect the proposed new nuclear power station at Moorside in Cumbria into the electricity network.

A series of 30 public information events will be held in Cumbria and Lancashire to share information for the first time on the technologies which could be used to make the new connections and exactly where in the landscape they could be built. (See Notes to Editors for a full list of event times, dates and venues).

Robert Powell, North West Coast Connections Project Manager said: “We have been working on this project for six years now and, in that time, we’ve had thousands of conversations with communities and key groups. We have listened to their views and these have helped us shape our plans.

“This work has taken a long time but we feel that it is important for us to get the balance right between the cost of the project, which is ultimately passed on to bill payers and the desire to protect treasured landscapes.

“When we start consultation, we will show people exactly where in the landscape our pylons, underground cables and substations could sit.”

People are being urged to have their say on the latest proposals. National Grid is aiming to apply to the Government next year for permission for the connection to be built. This means that the forthcoming consultation could be the last to cover the whole route.

Robert added: "People's views have played an important role in helping us refine our project and we are keen to hear their opinions on the plans we have now developed. The next step is for us to apply for consent for the connections to be built, so it is important that people make the most of what could be the final opportunity to have a say on the project as a whole."

CONSULTATION

Consultation starts on 28 October 2016 and runs until 6 January 2017. People can register online now for project updates and further information on how to participate in the consultation is available on the website and will be sent to homes and businesses along the route.

The project website can be found at: www.northwestcoastconnections.com

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Consultation Event Programme

A full schedule of all the information events taking place, including details of the dates and venues, is listed below.

1. **Tuesday 01 November, 2pm-8pm – Rampside**
Rampside Village Hall, Roa Island Road, Rampside, Barrow-in-Furness, LA13 0PY
2. **Wednesday 02 November, 2pm- 8pm – Beckermert**
Reading Rooms, Sellafield Road, Beckermert, CA21 2XN
3. **Thursday 03 November, 2pm-8pm – Seascale**

Seascale Methodist Church, Gosforth Road, Seascale, Cumbria, CA20 1PU

4. **Friday 04 November, 2pm – 8pm – Distington**
Distington Community Hall, Church Road, Distington, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 5TE
5. **Saturday 05 November, 10am-3.30pm – Lindal in Furness**
Buccleuch Hall, The Green, Lindal in Furness, Cumbria, LA12 0LX
6. **Tuesday 08 November, 2pm-8pm – Askam-in-Furness**
Askam Community Hall, Duke Street, Askam-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA16 7AD
7. **Wednesday 09 November, 2pm -8pm – Moresby Park**
Moresby Rugby Union Club, Walkmill Park, Moresby, Whitehaven, CA28 8XW
8. **Thursday 10 November, 2pm-8pm – Heysham**
Heysham Library, 396 Heysham Road, Heysham, Morecambe, Lancashire, LA3 2BJ
9. **Friday 11 November, 2pm-8pm – Broughton in Furness**
The Victory Hall, Station Road, Broughton in Furness, Cumbria, LA20 6HN
10. **Saturday 12 November, 10am-3.30pm – The Green**
Thwaites Village Hall, The Green, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 5HZ
11. **Tuesday 15 November, 2pm-8pm – Stainburn**
Helena Thompson Museum, Park End Road, Workington, CA14 4DE
12. **Wednesday 16 November, 2pm-8pm – Great Orton**
Great Orton Village Hall, Great Orton, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA5 6LU
13. **Thursday 17 November, 2pm-8pm – Silecroft**
Silecroft Village Hall, Main Street, Silecroft, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 4NU
14. **Friday 18 November, 2pm-8pm – Bootle**
Bootle Village Hall, Bootle Station, Cumbria, LA19 5UY
15. **Saturday 19 November, 10am-3.30pm – Roosecote**
Roose Community Primary School, North Row, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria, LA13 0HF
16. **Tuesday 22 November, 2pm-8pm – Aspatria**
Aspatria Rugby Club, Station Rd, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 2AJ
17. **Wednesday 23 November, 2pm-8pm – Ravenglass**
Muncaster Parish Hall, Main Street, Ravenglass, Cumbria, Cumbria, CA18 1SQ
18. **Thursday 24 November, 2pm-8pm – Heysham**
Heysham Library, 396 Heysham Road, Heysham, Morecambe, Lancashire, LA3 2BJ
19. **Friday 25 November, 2pm-8pm – Newton-in-Furness**
Newton Village Hall, Newton Cross Rd, Newton-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA13 0ND
20. **Saturday 26 November, 10am-3.30pm – Grizebeck**
The Community Hall, Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA17 7XH

- 21. Tuesday 29 November, 2pm-8pm – Egremont**
Egremont Market Hall, Market Street, Egremont, Whitehaven, Cumbria, CA22 2DF
- 22. Wednesday 30 November, 2pm-8pm – Rockcliffe**
The Rockcliffe Centre, Rockcliffe, Carlisle, CA6 4AA
- 23. Thursday 01 December, 2pm-8pm – Seaton**
Seaton Village Hall (Welfare Hall), Welfare Lane (off Causeway Road), Cumbria, CA14 1PN
- 24. Friday 02 December, 2pm-8pm – Wigton**
The Market Hall, Church Street, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 9AA
- 25. Saturday 03 December, 10am-3.30pm – Kirkby-in-Furness**
Burlington C of E Primary School, School Road, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA17 7UH
- 26. Tuesday 06 December, 2pm-8pm – Whitehaven**
NuGen's Moorside Information Centre, Civic Hall, Whitehaven, Cumbria, CA28 7SH
- 27. Wednesday 07 December, 2pm-8pm – Carlisle West**
Morton Community Centre, Wigton Road, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA2 6JP
- 28. Thursday 08 December, 2pm-8pm – Millom**
Millom Network Centre, Salthouse Road, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 5AB
- 29. Friday 09 December, 2pm-8pm – Drigg**
Drigg & Carleton Parish Hall, Drigg Holmrook, Cumbria, CA19 1XF
- 30. Saturday 10 December, 10am-3.30pm – Natland**
Natland & Oxenholme Village Hall, Oxenholme Lane, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 7QQ

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