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News Release

National Grid prepares for final consultation event

- **National Grid to hold final consultation event near Kendal on Saturday 10 December**
- **Views sought on plans for new connection needed to link Moorside, the new nuclear power station proposed in Cumbria, into the electricity network**
- **People can still give feedback to help shape proposals before consultation closes on 6 January**

National Grid is staging its final consultation event near Kendal on Saturday 10 December Cumbria to give people the opportunity to help shape plans for the North West Coast Connections project.

Hundreds of people have already attended events to meet members of the project team and to look at detailed plans showing how the proposed new nuclear power station at Moorside in Cumbria could be connected into the electricity network.

The closing date for feedback on the scheme is 6 January 2017 at 5pm.

Robert Powell, Project Manager said: "In total, we'll have held 30 consultation events along the route of the proposed connection. Our final event takes place on Saturday but the opportunity to give us feedback doesn't end there.

"Consultation is open until 5pm on Friday 6 January. People can still submit their feedback forms and letters to us until then, or provide feedback online via email or through our website.

"I would stress that it is really important that people give us their feedback now as this could be the last time we ask for people to comment on our plans for the connection as a whole. We hope to be in a position to apply to the Government next year for permission for the connection to be built."

National Grid is planning extensive measures to reduce the impact of the project on landscapes while balancing this with the need to keep customers energy bills affordable. These include:

- putting 23.4km (14.5 miles) of new line underground in the western section of the Lake District National Park
- placing cables in a tunnel measuring around 22km (13 miles) under Morecambe Bay
- removing many of the existing pylons owned by Electricity North West (ENW) and replacing them with fewer, taller pylons of its own operating at a greater voltage
- replacing the low voltage line in the area around the Hadrian's Wall UNESCO World Heritage Site with underground cables

Robert added: "We've worked hard to develop a project which we believe strikes the best balance between reducing the impact of the project on the environment and the cost of building the connection which is passed on to energy bill payers."

CONSULTATION

National Grid's final consultation event will take place at Natland and Oxenholme Village Hall, Kendal, LA9 7QQ on Saturday 10 December between 10.30am and 3.30pm. People can still give feedback until 5pm on Friday 6 January 2017 and register their details [here](#) for updates as the project progresses.

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

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Consultation Event Programme

Remaining consultation events:

- 1. Wednesday 07 December, 2pm-8pm – Carlisle West**
Morton Community Centre, Wigton Road, Carlisle, Cumbria CA2 6JP
- 2. Thursday 08 December, 2pm-8pm – Millom**
Millom Network Centre, Salthouse Road, Millom, Cumbria LA18 5AB
- 3. Friday 09 December, 2pm-8pm – Drigg**
Drigg & Carleton Parish Hall, Drigg Holmrook, Cumbria CA19 1XF
- 4. Saturday 10 December, 10am-3.30pm – Natland**
Natland & Oxenholme Village Hall, Oxenholme Lane, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 7QQ

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