

## News Release

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# National Grid starts countdown to first consultation event

12 September 2014

- **National Grid to hold first of 33 consultation events in Dalton-in-Furness**
- **People urged to take opportunity to share views on proposals for new connections**
- **Company keen to listen to feedback to shape the Project taken forward**

National Grid is starting the countdown to the first of a series of 33 consultation events on plans to connect new sources of power generation into the national electricity network in Cumbria and Lancashire.

The first event takes place in Dalton-in-Furness at the Dalton Drill Hall on Thursday 18 September between 1pm and 8pm. It is the first of many opportunities for people to meet with the company's NWCC Project team to discuss the proposals (see Notes to Editors for full list of events).

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

Robert Powell, Project Manager said: "We're looking forward to getting out and talking to people about our proposals. This Project has been a long time in the planning and we want to make sure that everyone has their opportunity to have their say on the work we've done so far. All the comments and views we receive will be vital in helping us shape the Project we take forward.

"During consultation we'll help people understand the important balance we need to strike. We have to find a way of making these vital new connections in a way which treads as lightly as possible on the treasured landscape and environment of Cumbria and Lancashire.

"At the same time, we must be conscious of the impact of our work on people's bills and the need to make sure that everyone in the UK has the electricity they need now, and for generations to come."

Over a five year period, National Grid has been working with local authorities in Lancashire and Cumbria, as well as environmental, business and community groups on the possible routes for connecting the proposed new power generation.

National Grid's 'emerging preference' at the current point in the project is to build a complete connection with routes going:

- onshore north from Moorside to a point on the existing network at Harker, near Carlisle
- in addition to routes going:**
- onshore south from Moorside across the Barrow Peninsula and through a tunnel under Morecambe Bay which would come up near Heysham in Lancashire to connect into the existing network.

This will effectively create a 'power ring' around the NW coast which would give Moorside a secure connection into the grid and also allow other new generators to link into the electricity network in the future.

There is potential for the onshore parts of the routes to follow the path of existing lower voltage power lines operated by Electricity North West. Where this happens, it is possible that some of these lines could be removed and replaced with higher voltage lines that follow the same path.

National Grid will also be seeking views on alternative routes coming south from Moorside that go offshore through the Irish Sea to the south or overland around the South Lakes and into North Lancashire. However the company has not prioritised these options for consultation and it believes that specific environmental and technical challenges associated with both of them make it less likely that they would be taken forward.

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).

People can also register for text alerts by texting '**NWCC**' to **80800** to receive notification when information about the Project becomes available.

For any other enquiries, please contact the Project team direct using any of the following methods:

- Freephone: 0800 876 6990
- Email: [nationalgrid@northwestcoastconnections.com](mailto:nationalgrid@northwestcoastconnections.com)
- Freepost: Freepost NG NWCC

**PICTURE CAPTION:** Members of the North West Coast Connections Project team building robots with visitors to the Westmorland Show ahead of the 33 consultation events taking place over the next eight weeks.

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**Notes to Editors:**

**North West Coast Connections - consultation event programme**

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

**SEPTEMBER 2014**

1. **Thursday 18 September – 1pm-8pm – Dalton-in-Furness**  
Dalton Drill Hall, Nelson Street, Dalton in Furness, Cumbria, LA15 8AF
2. **Friday 19 September – 1pm-8pm – Rampside**  
Rampside Hall, Rampside, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA13 0PX
3. **Sat 20 September – 10am-3:30pm – Cartmel**  
Cartmel Village Hall, Cartmel, Cumbria, LA11 6QB
4. **Wednesday 24 September – 2:30pm-8pm – Lindal-in-Furness**  
Buccleuch Hall, The Green, Lindal-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA12 0LX
5. **Thursday 25 September – 1:30pm-8pm – Seascale**  
Seascale Methodist Church Hall, Gosforth Road, Seascale, Cumbria, CA20 1PU
6. **Friday 26 September – 1pm-8pm – Beckermeth**  
Beckermeth Reading Room, Sellafield Road, Beckermeth, Cumbria, CA21 2XN
7. **Saturday 27 September – 10am-3:30pm – Workington**  
Workington Bridge Church, Central Square, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 3BG
8. **Tuesday 30 September – 1pm-8pm – Kendal**  
Friends Meeting House, Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 4BH

**OCTOBER 2014**

9. **Wednesday 01 October – 1pm-8pm – Fletchertown**  
Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 1BS
10. **Thursday 02 October – 1pm-8pm – Egremont**  
Egremont Market Hall, Market Street, Egremont, Whitehaven, Cumbria, CA22 2DF
11. **Friday 03 October – 1pm-8pm – Maryport**  
The Wave Centre, Irish Street, Maryport, Cumbria, CA15 8AD
12. **Saturday 04 October – 10am-3:30pm – Whitehaven**  
St James' Community Centre, High Street, Whitehaven, Cumbria, CA28 7PY
13. **Wednesday 08 October – 1pm-8pm – Rockcliffe**  
Rockcliffe Community Centre, Rockcliffe, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA6 4AA
14. **Thursday 09 October – 1pm-8pm – Ravenglass**  
Muncaster Parish Hall, Main Street, Ravenglass, Cumbria, CA18 1SQ
15. **Friday 10 October – 1pm-8pm – Morecambe**  
The Platform, Station Buildings, Marine Road West, Morecambe, Lancashire, LA4 4DB

16. **Saturday 11 October – 10am-3:30pm – Millom**  
Millom Network Centre, Salthouse Road, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 5AB
17. **Wednesday 15 October – 1pm-8pm – Grizebeck**  
The Community Hall at Grizebeck, Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA17 7XH
18. **Thursday 16 October – 1pm-8pm – Gleaston**  
Gleaston Village Hall, Main Street, Gleaston, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 0QA
19. **Friday 17 October – 1pm-8pm – Barrow-in-Furness**  
The Forum, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 1HH
20. **Saturday 18 October – 10am-3:30pm – Roosecote**  
Roose Community School, North Row, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA13 0HF
21. **Wednesday 22 October – 1pm-8pm – Cleator Moor**  
Cleator Moor Civic Hall, Market Square, Cleator Moor, Cumbria, CA25 5AR
22. **Thursday 23 October – 1pm-8pm – Carlisle West**  
Morton Community Centre, Wigton Road, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA2 6JP
23. **Friday 24 October – 1pm-8pm – Distington**  
Distington Community Centre, Church Road, Distington, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 5TE
24. **Saturday 25 October – 10am-3:30pm – Cockermouth**  
Cockermouth Town Hall, Market Street, Cockermouth, Cumbria, CA13 9NP
25. **Tuesday 28 October – 1pm-8pm – Ulverston**  
Ulverston Victoria High School, Springfield Road, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 0EB
26. **Wednesday 29 October – 1:30pm-8pm – Wigton**  
Wigton Market Hall, Church Street, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 9AA
27. **Thursday 30 October – 1pm-8pm – Aspatria**  
Aspatria Rugby Club, Bower Park, Station Road, Aspatria, Cumbria, CA7 2AJ
28. **Friday 31 October – 1pm-8pm – Heysham**  
Heysham & Mossgate Community Centre, Townson Way, Heysham, Lancashire, LA3 2AW

#### **NOVEMBER 2014**

29. **Saturday 01 November – 10am-3:30pm – Askam-in-Furness**  
Askam Community Centre, Duke Street, Askam-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA16 7AD
30. **Wednesday 05 November – 1:30pm-8pm – Drigg**  
Drigg & Carleton Parish Hall, Drigg, Holmrook, Cumbria, CA19 1XF
31. **Thursday 06 November – 1pm-8pm – Bootle**  
Bootle Village Hall, Bootle Station, Cumbria, LA19 5UY
32. **Friday 07 November – 1pm-8pm – Broughton-in-Furness**  
Broughton Victory Hall, Station Road, Broughton-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA20 6HN

### 33. 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).
- Our portfolio of other businesses is mainly concerned with infrastructure provision and related services where we can exploit our core skills and assets to create value. These businesses operate in areas such as Metering, Grain LNG Import, Interconnectors and Property. National Grid Carbon Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of National Grid and it undertakes Carbon Capture Storage related activities on behalf of National Grid.

#### National Grid in the US:

- In the northeast US, we connect more than seven million gas and electric customers to vital energy sources, essential for our modern lifestyles.
- National Grid delivers electricity to approximately 3.3 million customers in Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island. It is the largest distributor of natural gas in northeastern U.S., serving approximately 3.4 million customers in New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.



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