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News Release

National Grid concludes consultation events but feedback still welcome

- **Over 2,000 people attended 30 consultation events to see plans for North West Coast Connections project**
- **Feedback welcomed until consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 6 January 2017**
- **Responses will help the company shape the final plan for the project which is expected to be submitted to the Government next year**

National Grid has concluded its consultation events on plans to connect the proposed new nuclear power station at Moorside into the electricity network. People now have until Friday 6 January 2017 to give feedback.

Nearly 90,000 newsletters were sent to homes and businesses along the proposed route of the new connection. These invited people to the local events to meet members of the project team and to look, for the first time, at detailed plans showing where in the landscape the equipment needed to make the new connection could sit. Over 2,000 people visited the events.

Robert Powell, Project Manager, said: "We've welcomed the opportunity to share with people the detail of the project we've developed over the past six years in discussion and consultation with communities, their elected representatives and key organisations.

"Our plans have come under a great deal of scrutiny and we are keen for people to share their feedback with us if they haven't done so already."

While the events have finished, information and background documents are still available on the project website and can be found at a number of locations across Cumbria and Lancashire.

Feedback is still welcome and can be submitted online through the website or by completing and returning a feedback form to **Freepost NG NWCC**.

BACKGROUND

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 where it passes through 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

CONSULTATION

Since 1 November National Grid has held 30 consultation events. The final event took place on Saturday 10 December at Natland & Oxenholme Village Hall, Kendal, LA9 7QQ. While events have now finished, people can still give submit their feedback to the consultation on the project website until 5pm on Friday 6 January 2017. By registering their details on the website people will also receive updates as the project progresses.

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

For further information about the project, please contact the project team direct using any of the following methods:

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Consultation Event Programme

A full schedule of all the information events that have taken 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 – Beckermeth**
Reading Rooms, Sellafield Road, Beckermeth, 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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- Our gas distribution business delivers gas to 10.9 million homes and businesses
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- We are the largest distributor of natural gas in northeastern U.S., serving approximately 3.6 million customers in New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

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