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News Release

National Grid urges people to have their say on vital connection project in Cumbria

- **New connection needed to link Moorside the new nuclear power station proposed in Cumbria into the electricity network**
- **Current consultation exercise could be the last on the whole project**
- **National Grid urging people to make the most of the opportunity to shape plans for the connection**

National Grid is encouraging people to make the most of the opportunity to help shape plans for the project to connect the proposed new nuclear power station at Moorside in Cumbria into the electricity network.

The company has sent nearly 90,000 newsletters to homes and businesses along the route of the proposed connection, inviting people to a series of consultation events to talk to members of the North West Coast Connections team and to view the plans in more detail.

Robert Powell, Project Manager said: "We have been talking to key groups and local communities about our project for six years now, but it is likely this will be the last time we ask for people to comment on our plans for the connection as a whole. We are encouraging people to give us feedback now as we expect to be in a position to apply to the Government next year for permission to build the connection."

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 believe the proposal we are consulting on 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. We've already had hundreds of conversations with people about our proposals at the consultation events which have taken place so far and are looking forward to having many more over the coming weeks."

CONSULTATION

National Grid's consultation will run until 6 January 2017. Between 15 November and 10 December there are 20 consultation events taking place (see Editors Notes for full list). People can also take part online on the project website and register their details for updates as the project progresses.

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

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Notes to Editors:

Consultation Event Programme

Consultation events taking place from 15 November to 10 December 2016:

- 1. Tuesday 15 November, 2pm-8pm – Stainburn**
Helena Thompson Museum, Park End Road, Workington, CA14 4DE
- 2. Wednesday 16 November, 2pm-8pm – Great Orton**
Great Orton Village Hall, Great Orton, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA5 6LU
- 3. Thursday 17 November, 2pm-8pm – Silecroft**
Silecroft Village Hall, Main Street, Silecroft, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 4NU
- 4. Friday 18 November, 2pm-8pm – Bootle**
Bootle Village Hall, Bootle Station, Cumbria, LA19 5UY
- 5. Saturday 19 November, 10am-3.30pm – Roosecote**
Roose Community Primary School, North Row, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria, LA13 0HF
- 6. Tuesday 22 November, 2pm-8pm – Aspatria**
Aspatria Rugby Club, Station Rd, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 2AJ
- 7. Wednesday 23 November, 2pm-8pm – Ravenglass**
Muncaster Parish Hall, Main Street, Ravenglass, Cumbria, Cumbria, CA18 1SQ
- 8. Thursday 24 November, 2pm-8pm – Heysham**
Heysham Library, 396 Heysham Road, Heysham, Morecambe, Lancashire, LA3 2BJ
- 9. Friday 25 November, 2pm-8pm – Newton-in-Furness**
Newton Village Hall, Newton Cross Rd, Newton-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA13 0ND
- 10. Saturday 26 November, 10am-3.30pm – Grizebeck**
The Community Hall, Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA17 7XH
- 11. Tuesday 29 November, 2pm-8pm – Egremont**
Egremont Market Hall, Market Street, Egremont, Whitehaven, Cumbria, CA22 2DF
- 12. Wednesday 30 November, 2pm-8pm – Rockcliffe**
The Rockcliffe Centre, Rockcliffe, Carlisle, CA6 4AA
- 13. Thursday 01 December, 2pm-8pm – Seaton**
Seaton Village Hall (Welfare Hall), Welfare Lane (off Causeway Road), Cumbria, CA14 1PN
- 14. Friday 02 December, 2pm-8pm – Wigton**
The Market Hall, Church Street, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 9AA
- 15. Saturday 03 December, 10am-3.30pm – Kirkby-in-Furness**
Burlington C of E Primary School, School Road, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA17 7UH
- 16. Tuesday 06 December, 2pm-8pm – Whitehaven**
NuGen's Moorside Information Centre, Civic Hall, Whitehaven, Cumbria, CA28 7SH
- 17. Wednesday 07 December, 2pm-8pm – Carlisle West**
Morton Community Centre, Wigton Road, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA2 6JP
- 18. Thursday 08 December, 2pm-8pm – Millom**

Millom Network Centre, Salthouse Road, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 5AB

19. Friday 09 December, 2pm-8pm – Drigg

Drigg & Carleton Parish Hall, Drigg Holmrook, Cumbria, CA19 1XF

20. Saturday 10 December, 10am-3.30pm – Natland

Natland & Oxenholme Village Hall, Oxenholme Lane, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 7QQ

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