

National Grid starts countdown to first community information event

14 September 2015

- **First of 27 events takes place on Tuesday 15 September**
- **People invited to learn more about plans for new connection**
- **Formal consultation on exact line of the connection expected in spring/summer 2016**

National Grid has started the countdown to the first of a series of community information events which will help the company develop plans for a new connection to link new sources of electricity, including the proposed new nuclear power station at Moorside, into 'the grid' in Cumbria and Lancashire.

The first event takes place at Egremont Market Hall on Tuesday 15th September and will be followed by a further 26 events, concluding with a final event at Heysham Library on Thursday 29th October (full list of events attached).

People will be able to meet members of the North West Coast Connections project team and see the progress made since the company announced its chosen route for the new connections in June.

Robert Powell, Project Manager, says: "These events will allow us to continue the dialogue we started with communities during our consultation back in autumn 2014.

"At our events we'll share the work we've done so far, including our work with landowners, Electricity North West and other key groups to start to develop the initial design for the new connection. Over the coming months, we expect to further refine the design of the connection ahead of carrying out formal consultation next year."

The proposed new power station at Moorside will be connected at two points on the existing National Grid network to ensure security of supply. National Grid's chosen route corridor runs from Harker substation near Carlisle, largely following the path of existing low voltage power lines around the Cumbrian coast to Moorside. It then heads from Moorside to the Furness peninsula where it goes under Morecambe Bay to emerge at Middleton substation near Heysham, in Lancashire.

The company is keen to involve community groups in the development of its plans for the new connection. Organisations interested in arranging for a briefing on the project are asked to get in touch with the community relations team by calling freephone 0800 876 6990.

National Grid aims to submit an application for consent to build the new connection to the Planning Inspectorate in 2017. A decision will then be made by the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy and Climate Change. If consent is granted, construction work is expected to start in 2019. National Grid is required to provide NuGen, the developer of the proposed nuclear power station, with the first phase of the connection into its transmission network by 2024.

People can register their details on the North West Coast Connections website to make sure they get updates on the project and are informed when the community events in the autumn are taking place: 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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List of community information events

Press release, list of events and newsletter also available on the project website:

www.northwestcoastconnections.com.

Tues 15 Sept, 2pm–8pm

Egremont

Market Hall, Market Street, Egremont, Whitehaven, Cumbria CA22 2DF

Weds 16 Sept, 2pm–8pm

Lindal-in-Furness

Buccleuch Hall, The Green, Lindal-in-Furness, Cumbria LA12 0LX

Fri 18 Sept, 2pm–8pm

Seaton

Seaton Village Hall (Welfare Hall), Welfare Lane (off Causeway Road), Seaton, Cumbria CA14 1PN

Sat 19 Sept, 10am–3.30pm

Broughton Moor

Broughton Moor Primary School, Broughton Moor, Maryport, Cumbria CA15 7RZ

Tues 22 Sept, 2pm–8pm

Silecroft

Silecroft Village Hall, Main Street, Silecroft, Millom, Cumbria LA18 4NU

Weds 23 Sept, 2pm–8pm

Ravenglass

Muncaster Parish Hall, Main Street, Ravenglass, Cumbria CA18 1SQ

Thurs 24 Sept, 2pm–8pm

Beckermet

Beckermet Reading Rooms, Sellafield Road, Beckermet, Cumbria CA21 2XN

Fri 25 Sept, 2pm–8pm

Broughton-in-Furness

The Victory Hall, Station Road, Broughton-in-Furness, Cumbria LA20 6HN

Tues 29 Sept, 2pm–8pm

Rampside

Rampside Village Hall, Roa Island Road, Rampside, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria LA13 0PY

Weds 30 Sept, 2pm–8pm

Workington

Helena Thompson Museum, Park End Road, Workington, Cumbria CA14 4DE

Thurs 1 Oct, 2pm–8pm

Waverton

Waverton Village Hall, Waverton, Wigton, Cumbria CA7 0AE

Fri 2 Oct, 2pm–8pm

Dearham

St Mungo's Mission Rooms, Church Street, Dearham, Cumbria CA15 7HX

Sat 3 Oct, 10am–3.30pm

Carlisle West

Morton Community Centre, Wigton Road, Carlisle, Cumbria CA2 6JP

Thurs 8 Oct, 2pm–8pm

Millom

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

Thurs 8 Oct, 2pm–6pm

Roosecote (bus event)

Roose Community Primary School, North Row, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria LA13 0HF

Fri 9 Oct, 2pm–8pm

Grizebeck

The Community Hall, Grizebeck, Kirkby in Furness, Cumbria LA17 7XH

Sat 10 Oct, 10am–3.30pm

Seascale

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

Weds 14 Oct, 1pm–5pm

Whitehaven

NuGen's Moorside Information Centre, Civic Hall, Whitehaven, Cumbria CA28 7SH

Weds 14 Oct, 2pm–8pm

Moresby

Moresby Rugby Union Club, Walkmill Park, Moresby, Cumbria CA28 8XW

Thurs 15 Oct, 2pm–8pm

Great Orton

Great Orton Village Hall, Great Orton, Carlisle, Cumbria CA5 6LU

Fri 16 Oct, 2pm–8pm

Aspatia

Aspatia Rugby Club, Bower Park, Station Road, Aspatia, Cumbria CA7 2AJ

Sat 17 Oct, 10am–3.30pm

Rockcliffe

The Rockcliffe Centre, Rockcliffe, Carlisle, Cumbria CA6 4AA

Weds 21 Oct, 2pm–8pm

Drigg

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

Thurs 22 Oct, 2pm–8pm

Bootle

Bootle Village Hall, Bootle Station, Cumbria LA19 5UY

Fri 23 Oct, 2pm–8pm

Askam-in-Furness

Askam Community Hall, Duke Street, Askam-in-Furness, Cumbria LA16 7AD

Sat 24 Oct, 10am–3.30pm

Newton-in-Furness

Newton Village Hall, Newton Cross Road, Newton-in-Furness, Cumbria LA13 0ND

Thurs 29 Oct, 2pm–8pm

Heysham

Heysham Library, 396 Heysham Road, Heysham, Lancashire LA3 2BJ

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