



## Meeting Note

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<b>Meeting with</b>	NuGen
<b>Venue</b>	Temple Quay House, Bristol
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>The Planning Inspectorate</b> Kathryn Dunne (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Helen Lancaster (Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Will Spencer (EIA and Land Rights Advisor)
	<b>The Developer</b> Gideon Amos (NuGen) Richard Griffiths (Pinsent Masons)
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Project Update Meeting to discuss the Moorside nuclear power station proposal
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

### ***Welcome and Introductions***

NuGen (the developer) was advised about the openness policy and that any advice given will be recorded and placed on the Planning Inspectorate website along with meeting notes. The Inspectorate explained that any advice given does not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) can rely.

### ***Project update***

NuGen provided a summary of the main characteristics of the proposed development. It was noted the developer's transport strategy would propose a largely rail-served development and it is possible that this railway element could constitute a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). The option of including housing in the proposals is being considered, as a result of the proposals in the Housing and Planning Bill. This would be subject to the programming of the project, relative to the commencement of the proposals in the Bill.

NuGen provided some clarity regarding works that are proposed outside of the national policy statement (NPS) site boundary, including site clearance material and access; NuGen confirmed that no operational elements of the

power station are proposed to be outside of this boundary. The Inspectorate advised that the developer will need to demonstrate that they have considered alternatives in regard to the proposals outside of the NPS boundary.

A description of some potential legacy uses was also provided. The constraints of the Planning Act 2008 regarding the permanency of such uses is being reviewed by the developer, however permanent legacy uses being considered include:

- Marine Offloading Facility (MOLF);
- Railway/transport improvements;
- Worker accommodation; and
- Training facilities.

NuGen confirmed that during the peak of the construction phase, its latest estimate was that circa 6000 workers will be on site.

It was agreed that NuGen would provide information on the level of detail /flexibility for which consent will be sought for each component of the proposed development.

The timing of the Moorside project and the separate grid connection project was discussed, including the potential for a joint pre-application meeting with National Grid. NuGen noted that the red lines for the two projects may overlap, but that the works would be compatible with each other.

NuGen confirmed that non-statutory consultation is scheduled for January/February 2016 and Stage 2 statutory consultation is expected to commence in May 2016. This will include a guidance document on what is proposed to be authorised through the DCO.

The DCO application is expected to be submitted in April 2017. NuGen are proposing to include a deemed marine licence within the draft DCO.

### ***Project issues***

A discussion was held regarding various issues raised by the Inspectorate and NuGen. As a result of this it was confirmed that:

- The development is proposed to be largely rail-served. There is a recognition however that some road improvements are necessary to serve the proposed rail/port improvements.
- A strategy is being prepared by NuGen to deal with emergency evacuation scenarios and this is being discussed with the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR).
- The level of detail to be included within the Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) regarding the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) will depend on the potential effects of the proposed development.

- NuGen would welcome further discussions with the Inspectorate regarding the proposed methodology for the cumulative impact assessment in the EIA, including the projects to be included, the Inspectorate agreed.

There was a discussion regarding various land ownership issues and the proposed content of the consultation report. The Inspectorate also provided advice regarding 'tailpiece' issues associated with draft DCO requirements and the need for mitigation measures proposed in the ES to be tied to DCO requirements.

### ***Environmental Permit***

The Inspectorate explained that the Environment Agency (EA) would not be likely to comment on whether an Environmental Permit could be issued at least until it has been out to consultation on the draft permitting decision. Prior to this the EA is likely to only be able to confirm that the proposed development is capable of being permitted.

NuGen is in regular contact with the EA and is keen to submit the Permit application as soon as possible. NuGen is aligning its programme to enable the EA to be able to comment on the Permit during the Examination period.

### ***Transboundary Update***

The Inspectorate described the transboundary screening exercise that would be undertaken. It was explained that it is likely that the Republic of Ireland would be notified, in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 24 the EIA Regulations 2009. NuGen stated that it is already consulting the Republic of Ireland and the Isle of Man (although the latter is not an EEA State).

The Inspectorate noted that an update to the Advice Note on transboundary impacts is scheduled for publication in December 2015.

### ***Draft Documents***

NuGen is expecting to be able to send the draft application documents to the Inspectorate in Summer 2016.

The Inspectorate agreed to provide NuGen with the list of draft documents it is able to comment on.

### ***Examination process***

The Inspectorate confirmed that (if the application is accepted for Examination) the Examining Authority will be appointed as soon as possible after the formal acceptance decision.

### ***Future Meetings***

The merits of monthly telecons meetings between NuGen and the Inspectorate were discussed. It was agreed that the next face to face meeting should be held in April 2016.

### ***Agreed actions***

- NuGen to provide information to the Inspectorate on the level of detail /flexibility for which consent will be sought (for each component of the proposed development).
- NuGen and the Inspectorate to discuss the proposed methodology for the cumulative impact assessment.
- The Inspectorate to provide NuGen with a list of draft documents it is able to comment on. NuGen will then provide the Inspectorate with a draft programme of when each draft document would be submitted for review.
- The Inspectorate and NuGen to arrange the next face to face meeting for April 2016.