

**Meeting Note**

<b>File reference</b>	<b>The NuGen Project in West Cumbria</b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Draft</b>
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<b>Meeting with</b>	<b>NuGeneration Limited (“NuGen”)</b>
<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Tuesday 8 November</b>
<b>Attendees (IPC)</b>	<b>Tom Carpen</b> (Case Leader) <b>Sheila Twidle</b> (EIA and Land Rights Manager) <b>Oliver Blower</b> (Case Officer)
<b>Attendees (non IPC)</b>	<b>Ian Shrubsall</b> (NuGen) <b>Manuel Prieto</b> (NuGen) <b>James Lough</b> (ARUP) <b>Richard Ford</b> (Pinsent Masons)
<b>Location</b>	IPC Offices, Temple Quay House, Bristol

<b>Meeting purpose</b>	Introductory meeting to discuss the proposed NSIP application for “The NuGen Project in West Cumbria”.
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<b>Summary of key points discussed and advice given</b>	<p><b>IPC openness policy</b></p> <p><b>IPC</b> advised on its openness policy, that any advice given will be recorded and placed on the IPC’s website under s.51 of the Planning Act 2008 and also to note that any advice given under s.51 does not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) can rely.</p> <p><b>IPC</b> clarified that it cannot discuss the merits of a case but can advise on procedural matters.</p> <p><b>Introduction to the NuGeneration Ltd proposal</b></p> <p><b>NuGen</b> referred to their letter dated the 6 November 2011 (<a href="#">Link</a>) outlining the project.</p> <p><b>NuGen</b> informed the IPC that it would like to use the following as the official project title: “The NuGen Project in West Cumbria”.</p> <p><b>NuGen</b> explained that it intentionally wished to avoid reference to Sellafeld which was separate and run by another company - Sellafeld Ltd.</p> <p><b>NuGen</b> explained that the site details have not been finalised</p>
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and that the site boundary currently encompasses a larger area (including works sites) than the completed power station will sit on. However, the site boundary does not show off-site associated development which is still to be determined. Technical details of the proposals have not been finalised and the number and model of reactors has not been decided. The projected output of the proposed power station will be up to 3.6GW.

**NuGen** informed the IPC that Copeland Borough Council has granted planning permission to undertake site characterisation works. This has allowed NuGen to carry out minor intrusive works on site (such as the drilling of bore holes) to test ground water levels and other site characteristics. NuGen committed to send a copy of the permission and site characterisation plan to the IPC.

### **Initial Information requested by the IPC**

**NuGen** confirmed that its letter provided at the meeting was not formal notification under section 46 of PA2008, but was notice of an anticipated application to enable the IPC to put details on its website.

IPC advised NuGen to be aware that regulation 6 of the EIA Regulations requires potential applicants to either request a screening opinion from the IPC or notify us that the development would be EIA development. The IPC further advised that both regulation 6 notification and formal consultation under section 46 of PA2008 must occur before carrying out formal consultation under section 42 of PA2008. This does not preclude informal consultation.

**The IPC** noted that upon formal regulation 6 notification that GIS shape file information would be needed at the same time. Details of the shape file information had been provided earlier to NuGen.

**NuGen** asked what level of information would be ideal for a scoping request (noting their awareness of existing advice).

**IPC** advised that the EIA regulations require a minimal amount of information (regulation 8). However, it would be in NuGen's interests in undertaking the EIA to provide as much information as possible when requesting a scoping opinion as this would enable consultees and the IPC to provide a more detailed response.

**NuGen** enquired whether it was possible to request a further scoping opinion. **IPC** confirmed that this is possible however it will be in the applicant's own interests to identify the most appropriate stage at which to make a scoping request

**IPC** enquired as to whether any consultation has already occurred.

**NuGen** confirmed no formal consultation has taken place but there has been discussion with some stakeholders including statutory consultees.

**IPC** enquired as to NuGen's proposed time scales for consultation and asked whether NuGen have begun engagement with local authorities.

**NuGen** confirmed that engagement has only just started and no feedback has been received as yet. NuGen went on to establish that there would be two stages to the consultation process.

**IPC** reminded NuGen that the emphasis of the new regime is on the applicant taking responsibility to ensure it has a complete application at the submission stage.

**NuGen** explained that it is starting to frame the project and working towards a master plan. The consultation will feed into the design of the plant and will commence in the next few weeks.

**IPC** reaffirmed that it is essential to differentiate between what is formal consultation/ notification and what is informal.

**IPC** advised that the consultation should help towards drafting the development consent order (DCO) and that the IPC would like to see any draft documents as soon as possible.

**IPC** asked whether the proposal was likely to include proposed compulsory acquisition of land and / or the inclusion of special category land.

**NuGen** confirmed that it is too early in the process to whether compulsory acquisition will be required or if special category land was needed, but that it was aware of the legislation and procedures regarding these.

**NuGen** confirmed they are aware of and will have regard to IPC advice notes including that on transboundary consultation.

**IPC** confirmed that if relevant consultation should take account of the Isle of Man.

**NuGen** enquired whether lessons learned from the Hinkley Nuclear Power Station proposal would be published by the IPC.

**IPC** informed NuGen that it could not comment on ongoing cases but that IPC advice notes are regularly updated or new advice added as necessary.

	<p><b>IPC</b> clarified that 'advice' does not carry the same status as 'guidance'. Guidance is a formal term for the purposes of section 37 (4) and section 55 of PA2008 and the applicant should ensure that where guidance has not been followed this is justified as part of any submission.</p> <p><b>Programme</b></p> <p><b>NuGen</b> advised its intention is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- submit application in 2014</li> <li>- request an EIA scoping opinion in mid 2012.</li> </ul> <p><b>Future engagement, next steps and AOB</b></p> <p><b>NuGen</b> sought guidance on future meetings with the IPC, and requested a further meeting before Christmas.</p> <p><b>IPC</b> advised that first and foremost, the applicant should ensure it engages directly with stakeholders and that meetings are most appropriate on a need basis and consideration should be given to involving relevant local authorities and any other stakeholders to certain meetings.</p>
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<b>Specific decisions/ follow up required?</b>	<p>NuGen to send a copy of the permission and site characterisation plan to the IPC.</p> <p>IPC to provide NuGen with a list of IPC contacts once a project team has been established.</p> <p>Interim points of contact are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Carpen for the IPC.</li> <li>• James Lough (of Arup) for NuGen</li> </ul> <p>NuGen to arrange the next meeting to take place before Christmas 2011.</p>

<b>Circulation List</b>	Attendees /Janet Wilson