



Meeting note

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Meeting with	National Grid
Venue	Room 2, Temple Quay House, Bristol
Attendees	Chris White - The Planning Inspectorate Mark Wilson - The Planning Inspectorate Steffan Jones - The Planning Inspectorate Sian Evans - The Planning Inspectorate Tayo Olaitan - The Planning Inspectorate Helen Lancaster - The Planning Inspectorate Nicola Mathiason - The Planning Inspectorate Legal Team Richard Walsh - National Grid Nikki Suri - National Grid Joe Turner - National Grid Sheena Froggatt - National Grid Peter Bryant - National Grid
Meeting objectives	National Grid to update the Planning Inspectorate on the Hinkley Point C Connection project
Circulation	All

National Grid was made aware of the Planning Inspectorate's openness policy (that any advice given will be recorded and placed on the Planning Inspectorate's website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008, as amended by the Localism Act 2011 (PA 2008)). Any advice given does not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) can rely.

Update on Consultation under s42 and s47

National Grid informed the Planning Inspectorate it has now completed its statutory consultation under s42 and s47 of the PA 2008; its community consultation concluding on 29 October 2013.

The Planning Inspectorate asked National Grid to provide it with details of the location of the venues used in their consultation. This information will assist the Planning Inspectorate in identifying potential venues if required for deposit locations and/or outreach sessions with the public. National Grid is continuing to analyse the

information collected during the consultation and agreed to provide the Planning Inspectorate with the requested information.

The Planning Inspectorate informed National Grid it may want to remind Local Authorities (LA) of the tight deadlines within a potential examination timetable; LA will need to ensure internal processes are sufficiently robust to meet the necessary submission deadlines.

National Grid informed the Planning Inspectorate that they are still negotiating with some landowners; some 450 plots of land host the infrastructure, which requires agreements with around 2000 owners/occupiers.

Alternatives within the DCO

National Grid announced that it was their current intention to include the two different route options available in the Portbury/Portishead area within their draft Development Consent Order (DCO). National Grid's preference is for the straighter, more direct route, running parallel to the existing M5, however they feel it sufficiently important for both options to be considered at examination, both route options are contained within the Environmental Statement (ES). National Grid has been presenting two pylon options throughout its statutory stage of consultation, the traditional steel lattice pylon and the new T-pylon design. A 3D visual model of the two options was provided at consultation events and in a number of Information Hubs where trained staff were on hand to demonstrate the proposals to members of the public.

Draft DCO

National Grid supplied the Planning Inspectorate with a draft version of its DCO and Explanatory Memorandum (EM) prior to the meeting. The Planning Inspectorate has, since the meeting, provided detailed comments on National Grid's draft DCO and EM which can be accessed at the following link:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/document/2217158>

National Grid informed the Planning Inspectorate that the proposed inclusion of a substation at Aust has now been removed from the draft DCO. They explained that the dynamic and changing nature of background generation and system constraints within the area had led to a back-check and review which concluded the substation was no longer required.

Pre-submission, submission and associated issues

National Grid has requested advice from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the submission of their application documents; National Grid should seek advice from personnel from the Planning Inspectorate's Information Technology team in order to receive the best advice possible. The Planning Inspectorate agreed to investigate dates for a meeting if possible taking into consideration the availability of staff members.

National Grid is considering keeping its information hub at Nailsea open after the submission of the application to the Planning Inspectorate and intends to use up to nine libraries to host hard copies of the project application and examination documents.

The Planning Inspectorate informed National Grid that they are now trialling electronic deposit locations for examination documents and any information regarding popular areas/locations that National Grid may have identified to support the identification of deposit locations would be welcome.

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National Grid enquired how they should notify the public of the submission of their application to the Planning Inspectorate; the Planning Inspectorate advised that typically applicants issue a press release after an acceptance is confirmed. It is for NG to decide how to publicise the acceptance of the project outside of the statutory process,

The Planning Inspectorate confirmed that the registration period for the relevant representation is for the applicant to determine, subject to the minimum time period set down in regulation. During the registration period any enquiries NG receive about the process of registering should be directed to the PINS case team and / or the National Infrastructure Planning Portal website. Any relevant representations made on the prescribed form and received by National Grid during this period should be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate without delay.

National Grid should ensure that their GIS shapefile be provided to the Planning Inspectorate around 3 weeks prior to the date of submission.

The Planning Inspectorate informed National Grid that a dedicated mailbox for the project has been created; correspondence should either be sent to the mailbox or correspondence should be copied into the mailbox at all times.

National Grid advised the Planning Inspectorate that they plan to submit their application in late March/early April 2014.