



## Meeting note

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<b>Meeting with:</b>	National Grid
<b>Venue:</b>	Conference Room 3, Temple Quay House, Bristol
<b>Attendees:</b>	Mark Wilson - The Planning Inspectorate Steffan Jones - The Planning Inspectorate Nicola Mathiason - The Planning Inspectorate Legal Team  Richard Walsh - National Grid Nikki Suri - National Grid Sheena Froggatt - National Grid Paul Cumpstone - National Grid
<b>Meeting objectives:</b>	National Grid to update the Planning Inspectorate on the Hinkley Point C Connection project
<b>Circulation:</b>	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.

### Project Update

National Grid informed the Planning Inspectorate it will be going out to consultation again between the 10 February and 10 March 2014, which will be in accordance with its consultation under s42 and s47 of the PA 2008.

National Grid proposes to move 9 pylons 550m to the East of where they were originally situated in the Southwick area. After receiving requests from landowners in the Southwick area, National Grid have decided to go out to consultation with landowners in the vicinity of the changes. The consultation period will include a public event which will take place on Saturday 15 February and will be carried out in accordance with National Grid's Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) produced under s47 of the PA 2008.

The Planning Inspectorate commented that National Grid may want to remind Local Authorities (LA) of the tight deadlines in an examination. LAs will need to ensure

internal processes and delegations are in place to meet the necessary submission deadlines identified in any examination timetable and also to be able to respond to requests for further information that the examining authority may issue.

### **Overview of draft Book of Reference and associated land plan**

National Grid produced a sample of their draft Book of Reference (BoR). National Grid's approach to the BoR is to separate the identified plots into different geographical areas – 'sections' – (this approach is based on landscape character but broadly following local authority boundaries and has been used as the basis for assessment within the Environmental Statement). Within these areas each plot is given a unique reference and number.

The Planning Inspectorate reminded National Grid to make clear what they intend to do with each individual plot of land, whether they were compulsorily acquiring the land or creating a new right (including the nature of the right) or extinguishing existing rights. It should also be clear which plots were to be used for temporary possession. This information would assist in distinguishing between the different identified plots. Including this information within the BoR may minimise the chances of an Examining Authority (ExA) requesting such information during an examination of an application.

National Grid was advised to familiarise itself with the Department for Communities and Local Government's (DCLG) guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land, which included guidance on how to approach producing the BoR. A revised version of the guidance was published on 3 September 2013.

National Grid informed the Planning Inspectorate that it is currently producing progress charts for each plot of land it has identified whilst collating the evidence to support the information presented in the said charts.

It was advised that National Grid list plots and explain at what point negotiations were at in relation to the listed plot.

### **Update on the Electronic Index**

The Planning Inspectorate gave National Grid advice on how it should consider submitting its electronic advice on 27 January 2014; the advice can be found at the following link:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/document/2253748>

National Grid has received this advice and has requested that the Planning Inspectorate provide contact details of their IT specialist, should they require any further information regarding the submission of electronic documents.

### **HCCG Meeting 14 March 2014**

National Grid invited the Planning Inspectorate to its Hinkley C Connection Group Meeting to be held on 14 March 2014 to hold a presentation on the PA 2008 and inform those attending how they can get involved in the process. It was agreed that members of The Planning Inspectorate case team will attend the meeting in order to deliver an outreach presentation.

**AOB**

National Grid enquired about how many physical hard copies of its application documents the Planning Inspectorate required; it was advised that National Grid provide one full suite of application documents whilst having the ability to produce requested documents quickly on demand.

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