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Dear Cllr Parker

Application by National Grid for the proposed Hinkley Point C Connection

Thank you for your e-mail and attached letter dated 22 October 2013 in regard to the above project. Your e-mail and letter is useful for us to monitor emerging issues in response to a pre-application proposal. As you may be aware, however, The Planning Inspectorate can accept this letter for information purposes only at this stage.

The proposed Hinkley Point C Connection is currently at the pre-application stage and is expected to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in early 2014. I therefore encourage you to continue to contact the developer directly at this stage of the process as this is the best time to influence a project. I am aware that, to date the applicant has begun to carry out statutory consultation (under s42, 44 and 47 of the Planning Act 2008) on this project.

At the pre-application stage of the process, the developer is required to carry out extensive statutory consultation on the proposals before submitting their application to the Planning Inspectorate. This involves providing information about the proposal to various statutory and non-statutory bodies and the wider community, responding to questions, listening to suggestions and taking these into account to influence and inform the application ultimately submitted. The length of time taken to prepare and consult on the project will vary depending upon its scale and complexity.

I have included National Grid's contact details for you below:

Freephone: 0800 377 7347

E-mail: hinkleyconnection@nationalgrid.com

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Once the application has been formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, a decision must be made within 28 days as to whether or not the application can be accepted for examination (section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 as amended). Part of this assessment will consider whether the applicant has adequately complied with their duty to have taken account of any relevant responses received from persons

they are required to consult under s42, 44 and 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended), which includes certain local authorities and statutory bodies, persons with interest in the land and members of the public.

As you have raised concerns at the level of consultation you may wish to contact your local authority as they will have the opportunity to report on their view of the adequacy of the developer's pre-application consultation, when the application is formally submitted.

I would also like to refer you to the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Notes which can be found on the National Infrastructure Planning Portal website; I have provided links to the following Advice Notes as these may be of particular interest to you:

[Advice Note 8.1: How the process works](#)

[Advice Note 8.2: Responding to the developer's pre-application consultation](#)

I hope this information has been of use to you, please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

Steffan Jones

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Case Officer

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the Planning Inspectorate website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.