

Meeting Note

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Meeting with	National Grid
Meeting date	17 August 2011
Attendees (IPC)	Kay Fry, Jan Bessell, Andy Luke and Amy Cooper
Attendees (non IPC)	National Grid (NG) - Andrew Connolly, Will Bridges, Caroline Searle, Carolyn Gratty and Rod Dennis
Location	The IPC Board Room, Temple Quay House, Bristol

Meeting purpose	Project Update Discussion on the applicant’s consultation to date and matters relating to land rights and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
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Summary of outcomes	<p>The IPC advised on its openness policy, that any s.51 advice will be recorded and placed on our website. This advice, however, does not constitute as legal advice and the IPC is unable to discuss the merits of a project.</p> <p>The pre-application Commissioner appointed for this project is Jan Bessell. Her role is to support the work of the case teams, the scoping and screening process and add to the overall quality assurance procedures of the IPC.</p> <p>The Project It is National Grids (NG) obligation to connect the proposed 981MW power station at King’s Lynn to the transmission network. The proposed power station is of such a capacity that it can’t be accommodated by the nearby 132kV line. To accommodate the proposed power station a new 400kV connection is proposed from the power station to the existing National Grid 400kV line approximately 2.5km south of the power station. Associated works, not included within the DCO submission to the IPC, comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Gas Insulated Substation (GIS) already granted via s36 of Electricity Act 1989 - Modifications to the existing Norwich to Walpole 400kV line within permitted development.
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Consultation

Three stages of consultation are being undertaken by the applicant.

Stage One - NG consulted upon three corridor options known as West, Central and East. Stage 1 consultation took place to establish a preferred corridor route and included:

- Hosting 3 public events between March-April 2010
- Consulting residents within a 1.5km radius of all three corridors
- Attending 3 parish council meetings.

Postcode data used to consult local residents omitted a property in the east corridor. The applicant advised that the occupant has since been identified and consulted. The occupants and users of a travellers site were consulted; A liaison officer was identified, consultation information was left and the applicant engaged in conversation by knocking door to door.

It was concluded that the East Corridor was the preferred option for a variety of reasons all set out in the published route corridor preference report.

Stage Two - consultation was undertaken to establish an interim alignment. Activities included:

- The re-issue of the SoCC, describing arrangements for Stages Two & Three consultation
- Hosting two public meetings and two community workshops with the use of 3D modelling technology
- Discussion with land owners on their preference of pylon location.

41 parcels of land were identified within the preferred corridor, access is not needed to all of these but where access is needed, a 100% sign up for voluntary access has been achieved.

It was noted that other major projects proposed in the areas have dominated media coverage including a proposed CCGT power station and energy from waste plant.

Stage Three - consultation will identify the recommended alignment through ongoing discussion with land owners and analysis of land and environmental surveys.

Anticipated submission: Q1 2012.

NG indicated that affected parties have been receptive

	during consultation process therefore an IPC outreach event may not be necessary.
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Record of any advice given	<p>The IPC made the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NG to provide at least two weeks notice of their intention to submit scoping request to the IPC. When sending information electronically, a shape file of the defined route corridor/alignment should be provided. - If any compulsory acquisition is proposed. This should be made clear in the consultation exercise and clearly expressed as part of the DCO. - The applicant may submit a draft DCO for comment and is advised to provide this at least six weeks before submission. - Advice Note 10 describes the legislative framework and developer obligations under the Habitats Directive. Failure to comply with these obligations could cause difficulty at the acceptance stage. - If the Localism Bill gains royal assent slight changes to the primary and secondary legislation will be made. If the application is submitted beyond the designation of the Bill we advise the applicant reviews their submission taking into account any legislative changes and transitional arrangements.
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Specific decisions/follow up required?	N/A
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