

Thank you for your query relating to National Grid's proposed Mid Wales electricity connection.

The proposal is currently at the 'pre-application' stage of our process, as set out in the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). At this stage, the developer must undertake consultation about the project with statutory consultees (including relevant Parish Councils) and people living in the vicinity of the proposal. In order for comments to be taken into account at this stage, comments and responses should be directed to National Grid.

National Grid anticipate this application to be submitted to the IPC in 2013. When the application is submitted, the IPC have 28 days to decide whether or not to accept it for examination. The acceptance decision will take into account a number of factors, including whether the developer's public consultation has been adequate.

If the application is accepted, it will progress into the 'pre-examination' stage. This is the stage where people who wish to do so will be able to register to put their case to the IPC about the application. To put your case to the IPC, it is necessary to make a relevant representation. This is fulfilled by completing a registration form with your contact details and a summary of the issues you wish to raise. This stage of the process has no fixed timetable but normally takes approximately 3 months. The link below directs you to our Advice Note 8.3 which explains this aspect of the process in more details:

<http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Advice-note-8.3-web.pdf>

Those who complete the registration form before the set deadline will become an 'interested party'. All interested parties and statutory consultees will be invited to the Preliminary meeting and be kept informed of the examination process, including when to make further representations. In order for Montford Parish Council to become an interested party and fully partake in the examination process, I advise that they register their interest by submitting a registration form at the appropriate time. This time period will be advertised in the local media and on the IPC website. If Montford Against Pylons also wish to become an interested party, they would also need to follow this procedure.

For further information, the IPC have a suite of Advice notes (8.1-8.5) which detail how to get involved at every opportunity of the process. The link below will direct you to this documentation:

<http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/our-guidance-and-advice/>

I hope this provides clarification on the process however please contact me if you have any further queries.