



Meeting Note

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Meeting with	National Grid
Meeting date	25 October 2012
Attendees (Planning Inspectorate)	Kathryn Powell - Senior Case Manager Melanie Dunn - Assistant Case Officer Jim Claydon - Pre-Application Inspector Andrew Luke - Senior EIA and Lands Right Advisor Laura Allen – Senior EIA and Lands Rights Advisor
Attendees (non Planning Inspectorate)	Jeremy Lee - Project Manager Jacqui Fenn – Consent Officer Janet Langsford - EIA
Location	Temple Quay House, Bristol

Meeting purpose	Project update meeting for the proposed Mid Wales Electricity connection project EN020010
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given	<p>National Grid (NGrid) announced the preferred sub station location and route corridor in July 2012, following non-statutory consultation with the local communities on the sites considered.</p> <p>The anticipated submission date of the proposed application for the electric line to the Planning Inspectorate is the end of 2013/early 2014. At approximately the same time a separate application under the Town and County Planning Act will also be submitted to the relevant local planning authority for works (the substation for example) related to the proposed electric line.</p> <p><u>Section 52 of the PA 2008</u> NGrid identified the potential need to seek authorisation under s.52 to obtain information about interests in land. NGrid is currently attempting to make contact with potentially affected landowners or to identify parties with interests in land (including for a number of unregistered titles). The need to apply for authorisation to serve a written notice in relation to interests in land will be determined through the outcome of these attempts, further refinements to the scheme, and the identification of the need for surveys. The process for determining s.52 requests is set out within the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 4 available on the planning portal website. The Planning Inspectorate discussed</p>
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	<p>some of these procedural steps with NGrid and advised that prior to submission of any s.52 requests, NGrid discuss this further with the Planning Inspectorate. The Planning Inspectorate confirmed that there is no statutory deadline to determine s.52 requests.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate confirmed that the fees for s.52 requests are charged per title. Where NGrid feel that this approach is not appropriate given the circumstances of a particular authorisation request(s), justification for this should be provided within the authorisation request.</p> <p>Where relevant, evidence of attempts to identify land owners and to obtain information about interests in land from the proposed recipients should be provided within the authorisation request.</p> <p><u>EIA Scoping</u> NGrid intends to submit its scoping request to the Planning Inspectorate at the end of 2012/early 2013. The Planning Inspectorate advised NGrid on the format of the request and the need to provide a shapefile at least two weeks prior to submission of the scoping request. The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 7 sets out what information needs to be provided with a scoping request.</p> <p>NGrid identified that conversations are ongoing with consultees on the proposed scope of the EIA. The Planning Inspectorate advised that any correspondence from consultees agreeing on the scope of the EIA should be included in the scoping request.</p> <p>NGrid confirmed that if access to land for environmental or engineering surveys is required, NGrid would seek to use authorisation under schedule 4 of the Electricity Act.</p> <p><u>Consultation</u> NGrid confirmed that the timing of the section 42 and 47 consultation will be when the project has become more defined (alignment) and when it is clear of the scope of the project, and relevant land interests identified.</p> <p>NGrid informed the Planning Inspectorate that they intend to review the approach to community engagement and consultation, and ensure that this is tailored to the requirements of the local community.</p>
Specific decisions/ follow up required?	NGrid confirmed that they will contact the Planning Inspectorate to clarify the consenting strategy for this proposal.
Circulation List	All attendees.