



## Meeting note

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<b>Meeting with</b>	National Grid
<b>Venue</b>	Temple Quay House, Bristol
<b>Attendees</b>	Kath Dunne – Infrastructure Planning Lead Mark Wilson - Infrastructure Planning Lead Hannah Pratt – Senior EIA and Land Rights advisor (PINS)  Jacqui Fenn – National Grid Eloise Frank – National Grid
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Project update meeting regarding the North Wales Connection Project.
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

All parties were familiar with the Planning Inspectorate's statutory duty, under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 as amended (PA 2008), to record the advice that is given in relation to an application or a potential application and to make this publicly available. All parties were also aware that any advice given by the Planning Inspectorate does not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) can rely.

National Grid (NG) explained that they will bring their lands lead officer, Annette McNally, to upcoming meetings, the Planning Inspectorate agreed with this approach.

In regard to Crown Land, the Planning Inspectorate advised NG to review the Hornsea 2 Offshore Wind Farm and the North Wales Wind Farms Connection made Development Consent Orders.

NG explained that in three locations along the proposed route, the new and old lines will transposition/swap-over, in order to maintain a close parallel alignment and seeking to reduce effects on constraints including residential properties. This will result in certain sections of the line being a mix of Planning Act and Electricity Act consents, the result of which may have legal implications when dismantling/decommissioning the lines.



## The Planning Inspectorate

NG is still on track to commence statutory consultation on 5 October 2016, although there will be some cross-over of consultation periods with the Wylfa consultation, no public events for the North Wales Connection project will commence until the Wylfa events have finished.

NG previously undertook smaller scale events to discuss certain aspects of the project, for example the Menai crossing. As these events were well attended they are including and expanding on this approach for their statutory consultation.