



Meeting note

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Meeting with	National Grid
Venue	Teleconference
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate Chris White (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Tracey Williams (Case Manager) Siân Evans (Case Officer) Hannah Pratt (Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Alison Down (EIA and Land Rights Advisor) National Grid Eloise Frank (Project Engineer/ DCO Manager) Jacqui Fenn (Senior Consents Officer)
Meeting objectives	Project update
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

Introduction

National Grid (the Applicant) and the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) case team introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Inspectorate continued by outlining its openness policy and ensured those present understood that any issues discussed and advice given would be recorded and placed on the Inspectorate's website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). Further to this, it was made clear that any advice given did not constitute legal advice upon which the Applicant (or others) can rely.

Project update

The Applicant advised that the Town and Country Planning Act application for a new substation at Bryncir has been submitted to Gwynedd County Council.

Negotiations are still progressing with regard to route options A and B of the North Wales Connection project. The Applicant stated that they intend for these negotiations to be complete and an option chosen before the Examination opens.

Design document

The Applicant is proposing to submit a design guide for the tunnel head houses. This is likely to be an annex to the Design and Access Statement. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to consider how this would be secured in the Development Consent Order (DCO) and suggested the Applicant look at the DCO for the Hinkley Point C Connection project.

Habitats Regulations Assessment

The Inspectorate offered to review a draft version of the Habitats Regulations Assessment report prior to submission of the application. The Inspectorate will not comment on merits but can advise on the process and format. The Inspectorate asked for advance notice of submission of a draft report so a review could be programmed in, and advised the Applicant to consider timing to ensure sufficient time for any comments to be taken into account.

Date of next telecon meeting

Monday 11 September 2018