



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)
	National Grid Eloise Frank (Project Engineer/ DCO Manager) Jacqui Fenn (Senior Consents Officer)
Meeting objectives	North Wales Connection 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 outlined 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, due to the delayed submission date of the application for Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Power Station, their application is also being put back to Q1 2018.

The Applicant advised that they are working on Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) with Natural Resources Wales, Gwynedd County Council and Isle of Anglesey County Council amongst others. The Inspectorate welcomed this and advised that it is not unusual for draft SoCGs to be submitted with the application and for these to be progressed throughout the Examination. It is helpful for the ExA to see which matters are not agreed, as well as agreed so they understand what issues are outstanding.

The Applicant enquired whether it was necessary to have a full suite of documents in hard copy available at all the hearings. The Inspectorate advised that having the documents available to view electronically would suffice but to ensure these are downloaded onto a computer, rather than rely on Wi-Fi at venues, as this may be unreliable.

The Inspectorate also advised that at hearings on the Richborough Connection and Hinkley Point C Connection projects a screen was used to project plans and photomontages to aid understanding and ensure everyone was looking at the same documents. It helps the hearings run smoothly if the person operating the computer knows the documents well.

The Applicant advised that they are in contact with Horizon regarding which Welsh documents will be translated so that there is consistency between projects. This will then be passed to the local authorities for comment. The Applicant advised that they are considering placing all translated documents into one volume so they will be easy to find. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to make this clear in the Guide to the Application.

Habitats Regulations Assessment

The Applicant advised that they would send this to the Inspectorate early November 2017 for review.

Date of next telecon

The Applicant will advise the Inspectorate when they would like the next meeting.