



Meeting note

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Meeting with	National Grid
Venue	Telecon
Attendees	Ken Guest - National Grid Emer McDonnell – National Grid Kath Dunne – Infrastructure Planning Lead Gail Boyle – Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor Hannah Nelson – EIA and Land Rights Advisor
Meeting objectives	Project update telecon meeting
Circulation	All

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

National Grid provided background information on the other consents required for the Nemo Link proposal:

- The onshore converter substation has outline consent
- National Grid's substation has outline consent
- Associated cables between the above structures have been granted (full) planning permission.

Discussions are now being held between Thanet and Dover local planning authorities and National Grid regarding the reserved matters applications for the above.

National Grid has a connection date of October 2018 for the Richborough Connection Project.

The local authorities have requested a photomontage from the Ash Levels, however National Grid explained that the production of this photomontage will be completed after submission of the application, to ensure that this is produced in appropriate weather conditions.

National Grid and the local authorities have yet to reach agreement on construction hours. Currently National Grid intend to work 7 days per week to meet their connection date.

The local authorities have provided feedback on National Grid's requirements within the draft DCO. National Grid and the local authorities are due to meet on 18 November 2015 to discuss the draft DCO and planning statement.

The Planning Inspectorate advised that it would be helpful if National Grid could list, within their application, the SOCGs they are producing and a brief summary of the topics to be addressed within each statement.

National Grid confirmed that they are content for the Planning Inspectorate to publish application documents upon submission. National Grid confirmed their intention to submit the application in mid-January 2016.

National Grid queried some advice from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the TEN-E Regulation 'early consultation' and how this should be represented in the consultation report. National Grid explained that at the point of their early non-statutory consultation, the Richborough Connection Project was not identified as a TEN-E project and therefore it cannot be identified as 'early consultation' under the TEN-E Regulation, the Planning Inspectorate agreed.

Actions

National Grid will provide the Planning Inspectorate with potential hearing venues and their intended dates for relevant representations, if the application is accepted for examination.

National Grid agreed to send their TEN-E Regulation checklist to the Planning Inspectorate prior to submission, along with the final version upon submission of the application.

National Grid will provide their Consents and Licences Schedule relevant to the Richborough Connection Project.

National Grid will provide the shapefile to the Planning Inspectorate in mid-December.

National Grid will send the outstanding appendices accompanying the draft Habitat Regulations Assessment Report shortly. The Planning Inspectorate will provide comments on the report.