

Countdown begins to first National Grid information event in Cumbria

The countdown begins to the first of National Grid's information events at which they will share the work done to date on developing plans to build a new connection to link the proposed new nuclear power station at Moorside in Cumbria into 'the grid'.

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- First of 27 events takes place on Tuesday 15 September
- People invited to learn more about plans for new connection
- Formal consultation on exact line of the connection expected in spring/summer 2016

National Grid has started the countdown to the first of a series of community information events which will help the company develop plans for a new connection to link new sources of electricity, including the proposed new nuclear power station at Moorside, into 'the grid' in Cumbria and Lancashire.

The first event takes place at Egremont Market Hall on Tuesday 15th September and will be followed by a further 26 events, concluding with a final event at Heysham Library on Thursday 29th October (full list of events attached).

People will be able to meet members of the North West Coast Connections project team and see the progress made since the company announced its chosen route for the new connections in June.

Robert Powell, Project Manager, says: "These events will allow us to continue the dialogue we started with communities during our consultation back in autumn 2014.

"At our events we'll share the work we've done so far, including our work with landowners, Electricity North West and other key groups to start to develop the initial design for the new connection. Over the coming months, we expect to further refine the design of the connection ahead of carrying out formal consultation next year."

The proposed new power station at Moorside will be connected at two points on the existing National Grid network to ensure security of supply.

National Grid's chosen route corridor runs from Harker substation near Carlisle, largely following the path of existing low voltage power lines around the Cumbrian coast to Moorside. It then heads from Moorside to the Furness peninsula where it goes under Morecambe Bay to emerge at Middleton substation near Heysham, in Lancashire.

The company is keen to involve community groups in the development of its plans for the new connection. Organisations interested in arranging for a briefing on the project are asked to get in touch with the community relations team by calling freephone 0800 876 6990.

National Grid aims to submit an application for consent to build the new connection to the Planning Inspectorate in 2017. A decision will then be made by the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy and Climate Change.

If consent is granted, construction work is expected to start in 2019.

National Grid is required to provide NuGen, the developer of the proposed nuclear power station, with the first phase of the connection into its transmission network by 2024.

People can register their details on the North West Coast Connections website to make sure they get updates on the project and are informed when the community events in the autumn are taking place: www.northwestcoastconnections.com

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Notes for editors

Notes to Editors: List of community information events Press release, list of events and newsletter also available on the project website: www.northwestcoastconnections.com. Tues 15 Sept, 2pm–8pm Egremont Market Hall, Market Street, Egremont, Whitehaven, Cumbria CA22 2DF Weds 16 Sept, 2pm–8pm Lindal-in-Furness Buccleuch Hall, The Green, Lindal-in-Furness, Cumbria LA12 0LX Fri 18 Sept, 2pm–8pm Seaton Seaton Village Hall (Welfare Hall), Welfare Lane (off Causeway Road), Seaton, Cumbria CA14 1PN Sat 19 Sept, 10am–3.30pm Broughton Moor Broughton Moor Primary School, Broughton Moor, Maryport, Cumbria CA15 7RZ Tues 22 Sept, 2pm–8pm Silecroft Silecroft Village Hall, Main Street, Silecroft, Millom, Cumbria LA18 4NU Weds 23 Sept, 2pm–8pm Ravenglass Muncaster Parish Hall, Main Street, Ravenglass, Cumbria CA18 1SQ Thurs 24 Sept, 2pm–8pm Beckermets Beckermets Reading Rooms, Sellafield Road, Beckermets, Cumbria CA21 2XN Fri 25 Sept, 2pm–8pm Broughton-in-Furness The Victory Hall, Station Road, Broughton-in-Furness, Cumbria LA20 6HN Tues 29 Sept, 2pm–8pm Rampsides Rampsides Village Hall, Roa Island Road, Rampsides, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria LA13 0PY Weds 30 Sept, 2pm–8pm Workington Helena Thompson Museum, Park End Road, Workington, Cumbria CA14 4DE Thurs 1 Oct, 2pm–8pm Waverton Waverton Village Hall, Waverton, Wigton, Cumbria CA7 0AE Fri 2 Oct, 2pm–8pm Dearham St Mungo's Mission Rooms, Church Street, Dearham, Cumbria CA15 7HX Sat 3 Oct, 10am–3.30pm Carlisle West Morton Community Centre, Wigton Road, Carlisle, Cumbria CA2 6JP Thurs 8 Oct, 2pm–8pm Millom Millom Network Centre, Salthouse Road, Millom, Cumbria LA18 5AB Thurs 8 Oct, 2pm–6pm Roosecote (bus event) Roose Community Primary School, North Row, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria LA13 0HF Fri 9 Oct, 2pm–8pm Grizebeck The Community Hall, Grizebeck, Kirkby in Furness, Cumbria LA17 7XH Sat 10 Oct, 10am–3.30pm Seascale Seascale Methodist Church Hall, Gosforth Road, Seascale, Cumbria CA20 1PU Weds 14 Oct, 1pm–5pm Whitehaven NuGen's Moorside Information Centre, Civic Hall, Whitehaven, Cumbria CA28 7SH Weds 14 Oct, 2pm–8pm Moresby Moresby Rugby Union Club, Walkmill Park, Moresby, Cumbria CA28 8XW Thurs 15 Oct, 2pm–8pm Great Orton Great Orton Village Hall, Great Orton, Carlisle, Cumbria CA5 6LU Fri 16 Oct, 2pm–8pm Aspatria Aspatria Rugby Club, Bower Park, Station Road, Aspatria, Cumbria CA7 2AJ Sat 17 Oct, 10am–3.30pm Rockcliffe The Rockcliffe Centre, Rockcliffe, Carlisle, Cumbria CA6 4AA Weds 21 Oct, 2pm–8pm Drigg Drigg & Carleton Parish Hall, Drigg, Holmrook, Cumbria CA19 1XF Thurs 22 Oct, 2pm–8pm Bootle Village Hall, Bootle Station, Cumbria LA19 5UY Fri 23 Oct, 2pm–8pm Askam-in-Furness Askam Community Hall, Duke Street, Askam-in-Furness, Cumbria LA16 7AD Sat 24 Oct, 10am–3.30pm Newton-in-Furness Newton Village Hall, Newton Cross Road, Newton-in-Furness, Cumbria LA13 0ND Thurs 29 Oct, 2pm–8pm Heysham Heysham Library, 396 Heysham Road, Heysham, Lancashire LA3 2BJ

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