

INFORMATION ITEM



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION	DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	8 JULY 2015	6

NORTH WEST COAST CONNECTIONS ROUTE ANNOUNCEMENT

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Over the last 5 years, National Grid has been exploring a number of options to connect a proposed new nuclear power station at Moorside in Cumbria into the National Grid network in Lancashire and Cumbria. It has been decided that Moorside will be connected at two points on the existing network to ensure security of supply. The chosen 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.

National Grid selected the corridor after listening to peoples' views at a series of 33 consultation events and considering over 1,200 written responses, including 70 from local authorities and parish councils.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

National Grid North West Coast Connections Project Manager

LINK TO INFORMATION

www.northwestcoastconnections.com

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

Fylde Council made representations, in regard to an offshore route option that would have come ashore in Fylde close to Blackpool airport, expressing concerns relating to ecological and visual impacts. This route will not now be pursued. As the chosen corridor will not directly impact on Fylde, it is proposed that no further officer time will be utilised on this project.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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