

Projects Update

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Summary and Recommendation:

This paper provides a summary update of key projects relating to the Councils nuclear activities and Members are asked to note the current position and way forward.

1. Nuclear New Build

- 1.1. The Council has been formally consulted on the Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC) by NuGen, refer to Appendix 1. The SOCC states how NuGen intend to carry out consultation on the proposed new nuclear power station with the public. It states how it will carry out its consultation what different forms of community engagement it will carry out and who with.
- 1.2. The Council was formally consulted on the SOCC on the 02nd March. Under the Planning Act 2008 we have 28 days to formally respond to the consultation. In order to respond within this time frame the Councils response will go to the Executive on the 24th March for agreement. In the future any such decisions will be taken by the NSIP panel.
- 1.3. NuGen will then, after taking due regard to the Councils comments, produce a final SOCC that will be published in April in the local press. They aim to carry out their first consultation on the strategic issues in May 2015.
- 1.4. NuGen held the first “Moorside Technical Group” meeting in Whitehaven golf course on Wednesday the 11th March. The event was by invitation and included all key stakeholders. Copeland Borough Council where asked to give a short presentation on the councils involvement in the project to date.

2. North West Coast Connections Project

- 2.1. The National Grid continue to examine all the consultation responses submitted to the ‘Route Corridor Study,’ which closed in November 2014. National Grid hope to make an announcement in July on the preferred route corridor haven taken into consideration all the response and made an informed decision.

3. Geological Disposal Facility

- 3.1. RWM has been holding a series of events around the country to communicate the aims and methods of the National Geological Screening (NGS) exercise. Three further events took place in Manchester on the 19th March, London 25th March and Bristol 26th March.
- 3.2. The exercise looked at what geological attributes should be considered in producing national, high-level screening guidance, using existing geological information and based on the requirements of the generic geological disposal facility (GDF) safety cases. The resulting high-level guidance will then be applied across the country, in order to bring together high-level geological information relevant to the GDF safety cases.
- 3.3. RWM is working with other experts to identify the key geological attributes that could affect the safety of a GDF. It has also been holding events with specialist and non-specialist audiences around the country to ensure the widest possible range of inputs to the process. An Independent Review Panel is being assembled by the Geological Society, a Learned Society representing the geological profession, to scrutinise and comment upon RWM's work
- 3.4. This process will result in draft screening guidance, which will identify the geological attributes that are relevant to the safety case. This draft guidance will be published for comment in a public consultation exercise, currently planned for the summer/early autumn of 2015
- 3.5. Once all the contributions and comments from the consultation have been considered, the final Screening Guidance document will be produced. RWM will work with the British Geological Survey to apply the guidance and produce a range of outputs. These may include maps showing specific geological characteristics of the UK with an accompanying, explanatory document. It is planned to issue these outputs towards the end of 2016.

4. New Nuclear Local Authorities (NNLAG)

- 4.1. Denise Gallen and Steve Smith from Copeland Borough Council attended the NNLAG event in Somerset on the 05th March. The event was hosted by Somerset County Council in Taunton and attended by a variety of local authorities that will have new nuclear power stations in their area.
- 4.2. The meetings have been reinvigorated due to the increased activity in the nuclear new build sector. Somerset County Council shared experiences and lessons learnt from the Hinkley point C project which was granted DCO permission and is currently under construction.

4.3. There was presentations from Anglesey on the Horizon project and South Gloucestershire on Oldbury and Suffolk on the Sizewell C project. Copeland give a presentation on the progress of the Moorside site.

4.4. There was a discussion around the future of the group and it was agreed that it would remain a non-fee paying group which would continue to have more regular meetings. The sharing of experiences and lessons learnt with the other Local Authorities that are going through similar NSIP projects is invaluable and something that the Council aims to continue engaging in in the future.

5. Nuclear Policies

5.1. The Council is in the process of developing nuclear policies which outline Copeland aspirations for a sustainable and prosperous community. In order to capture the main issues and options 3 policy workshops were set up on:

- Reuse of Plutonium - 25th March Wednesday 9:30 -11:30 in Bainbridge Room
- Nuclear Waste - Completed
- Overview on NDA and Reprocessing – Completed.

5.2. All Members are invited to these workshops at which your views will be requested on the specific topic. Responses will be captured by officers and used to develop the Councils nuclear and energy policy statements in late summer.

6. NDA Strategy III

6.1. The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) will begin formal consultation on their strategy III document in September 2015.

6.2. The NDA will be working on a strategic engagement strategy to include all relevant stakeholders prior to the formal consultation launch in Sep.



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Statement of Community Consultation

How NuGen will consult
with you on our proposals



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Consulting you on our proposals

This **Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC)** sets out the process of how NuGen is going to consult on the proposed Moorside Nuclear Generating Station, with people living in the vicinity of the site of the Generating Station itself, (the Moorside Site, which is adjacent to the Sellafield site in West Cumbria) and sites for any additional supporting development (known as supporting development for a DCO).

This SOCC is not a consultation document and this is not part of NuGen’s consultation, which will be taking place in 2 stages; Stage 1 – Strategic Issues Consultation starting in May 2015 and Stage 2 – Proposed Application Consultation starting in approximately 2016 - prior to an application being submitted around spring 2017.

This SOCC is intended to help you understand how we will be consulting with you and how, at each consultation stage, you will be able to express your views on our proposals.

The Moorside Site has been identified by the Government in a national policy statement as potentially suitable for a new nuclear generating station. As a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, NuGen will need to make an application to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

Before a DCO application is made, NuGen is required to consult with those living in the vicinity of the site, Local Authorities, persons with an interest in the land and prescribed statutory bodies. This SOCC describes our plans for consulting those living within the vicinity of the site

We have consulted with the relevant local authorities on the content of this SOCC and have taken their views into account. The relevant Local Authorities are:

- Copeland Borough Council (CBC) – the Moorside Site is located in CBC’s area. In addition, Associated Development may also take place within its area;
- Allerdale Borough Council (ABC)- Associated Development may also take place within ABC’s area;
- Cumbria County Council (CCC) - the Moorside Site and any Associated Development would be located within CCC’s area.

This SOCC covers details of:

WHO	We describe which groups of people we will be focusing on in our two stages of consultation.
WHEN	We set out when we intend to consult with you at the two stages of consultation.
WHAT	A description of what we are proposing to develop, what the process is for getting consent to carry out our project, and what we will be consulting on at each of the two stages of consultation.
HOW	We set out how we will consult with you and how the responses we receive will be taken into account.



1. Pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008

NuGen (NuGeneration Limited) is a joint venture between Toshiba and GDF SUEZ. NuGen combines the strengths of its two parent companies – established financial robustness and proven operating experience – with world-leading technology provided by Westinghouse Electric Company, a group company of Toshiba.

Having secured an option to the Moorside Site, adjacent to the Sellafield site, from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, NuGen's Moorside Project aims to develop a new Nuclear Generating Station capable of generating 3.6GW and supplying up to 3.4GW of electricity to the network, providing approximately seven per-cent of the UK's current energy requirement from a low carbon energy source.

The development will include three Westinghouse AP1000® reactors, supporting cooling infrastructure, fuel and waste storage facilities, ancillary buildings, transmission infrastructure, access and transport arrangements.



The Westinghouse AP1000 Reactor

Additional supporting development, known as Associated Development for a DCO, may also be required outside of the Moorside site, and may include new transport and logistics infrastructure and accommodation for construction workers. Although this associated development may be required by NuGen temporarily for the construction period, we intend to explore, from the start, the future legacy and retention of this infrastructure as appropriate.

In addition to these potential legacy benefits, there will be further very significant local economic benefits arising from this multi-billion pound investment. This will include approximately 1000 jobs involved in the long-term operation of the facility and, at its peak, up to 6,000 jobs during construction. In total, between 14,000 and 21,000 jobs will be supported over the project lifetime. The large increase in expenditure locally will also have benefits for local businesses, services and the Cumbrian economy generally.



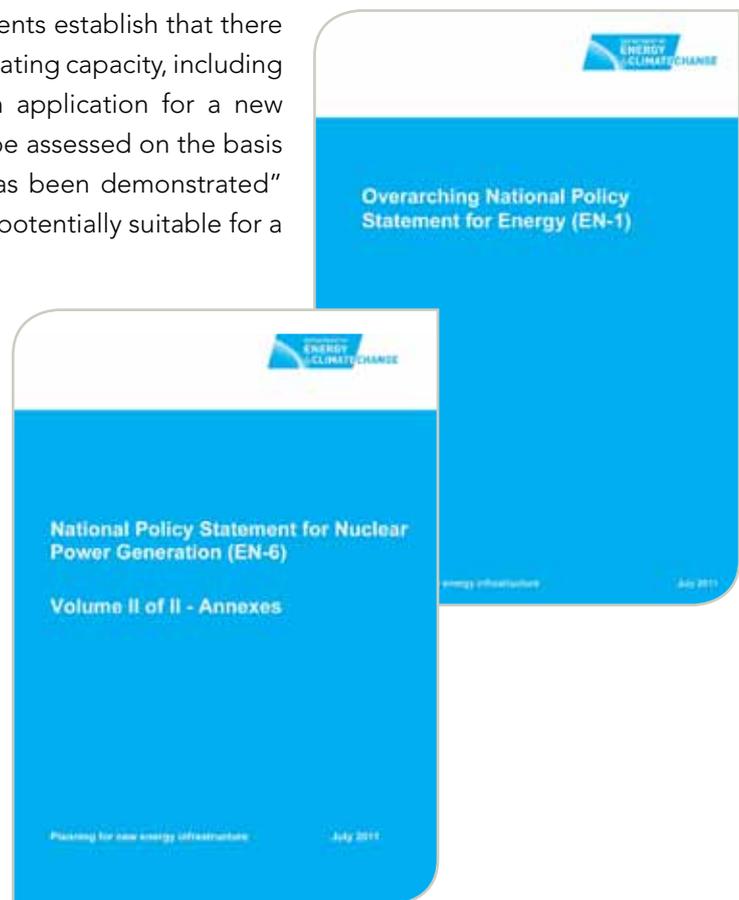
Pursuant to the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has set out policies in relation to nationally significant infrastructure projects in national policy statements. The Secretary of State must determine NuGen's future application for a DCO in accordance with the tests set out in the Planning Act 2008 and the following National Policy Statements:

- Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy - (NPS EN -1) and
- National Policy Statement for Nuclear Energy Generation (NPS EN-6)

These documents can be viewed in detail at the following web address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-policy-statements-for-energy-infrastructure>

Collectively, these national policy statements establish that there is an urgent need for new electricity generating capacity, including from nuclear. EN-6 makes clear that an application for a new nuclear generating station DCO should be assessed on the basis that "the need for such infrastructure has been demonstrated" and goes on to identify Moorside site as potentially suitable for a new nuclear generating station.



NuGen will apply to the Secretary of State under the Planning Act 2008 for a DCO to construct, operate and maintain the Nuclear Generating Station (being the “Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project”) and Associated Development to the Generating Station.

It is anticipated that this DCO application would be submitted approximately Spring 2017. The Planning Inspectorate (PINS), acting as the examining authority on behalf of the Secretary of State, will examine our application and representations made on it by interested parties, and will then submit its recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State who will make the final decision.

The local authorities where the Nuclear Generating Station and Associated Development (i.e. The Moorside Project) is proposed will have an important role in this process. In addition to having been consulted on this SOCC, Copeland Borough, Allerdale Borough and Cumbria County Council may comment upon both the content and the quality of our Stage 1 and Stage 2 consultations.

They will produce a Local Impact Report following the submission of our DCO application, which will identify local impacts arising from the Moorside Project and which will be considered by the examining authority and the Secretary of State.

As is recommended by PINS, NuGen also intends to produce a Statement of Common Ground, following the submission of the DCO application, which will set out those matters that are agreed and are not agreed between the parties.

Members of the public will also be able to comment on our proposals during the Stage 1 and Stage 2 consultation periods and your views will be important in helping us to develop the Moorside Project further. Once our application has been submitted to PINS in 2017 then anyone will be able to register and make representations regarding the project to the examining authority.

Further information on the DCO process can be found on the Planning Inspectorate’s website at the following web address

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/>

Possible planning application for site preparation works

In addition to the DCO for the Moorside Project, NuGen may also consider submitting a planning application for certain early site preparation works to Copeland Borough Council as local planning authority, to seek permission for these works in advance of the decision on the DCO.

If so, NuGen will aim to carry out a consultation on any proposed site preparation works in parallel with the DCO Stage 2 Consultation starting in May 2016.





Environmental information

It is necessary to assess any likely significant effects on the environment from the Moorside Project proposals, both positive and negative, and, where they are negative, we will propose mitigation measures to prevent, reduce and, where possible, offset any significant adverse effects on the environment. NuGen will, therefore, carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and will submit an Environmental Statement as part of its application for the DCO.

NuGen’s Stage 1 Consultation starting in May 2015 will include a summary of preliminary environmental information compiled by NuGen to date on the Moorside Project. Further preliminary environmental information, presenting the emerging findings of the EIA process, will be published as part of NuGen’s Stage 2 Consultation, starting in approximately May 2016.

Who Will We Consult

This SOCC is concerned with NuGen's approach and process for consultation with people living within the vicinity of the sites for the Moorside nuclear generating station and associated development.

We recognise that the development will have the greatest impact on the people that live nearest to the site and consequently they will have the greatest interest in our proposals. However, as this is a large scale development interest is also likely to be widespread.

Recognising this, we will have increased opportunities for engagement closer to the site but will also consult in locations across Cumbria.

Near the Moorside Site, on the West Cumbrian coast, we will hold a number of public exhibitions. Locations have been selected so that the majority of people will be within five miles of an event.

We will hold public exhibitions at:

- Whitehaven
- Cleator Moor
- St Bees
- Egremont
- Beckermest
- Gosforth
- Seascale
- Bootle
- Ravenglass
- Distington
- Millom

Further out from the Moorside site, we will hold further public exhibitions in larger population centres. These have been selected so that the majority of people would be within eight miles of an event.

- Workington
- Maryport
- Cockermouth
- Keswick
- Broughton in Furness

In the wider sub-region, we will hold public exhibitions at the following key population centres:

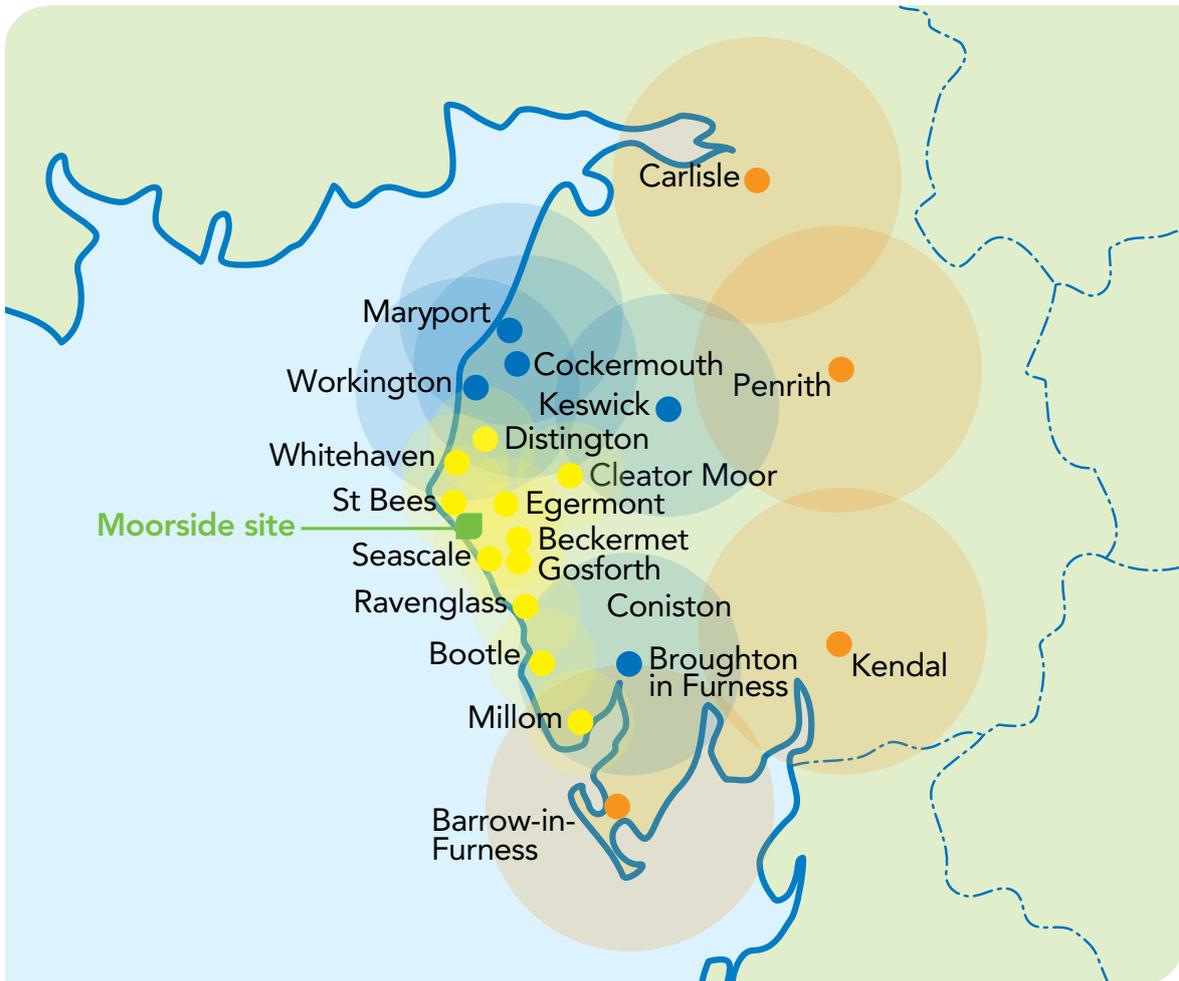
- Carlisle
- Penrith
- Kendal
- Barrow in Furness

We will make particular efforts to seek the views of the following categories of people and will develop an inclusion strategy to ensure that these groups have reasonable opportunity to access our consultation material:

- Economically challenged and socially deprived communities
- Those without broadband
- Geographically isolated communities
- Young people
- Older people
- Disabled people and those with learning difficulties
- Ethnic minorities
- Holiday home owners, tourists and visitors
- Time poor/busy working people
- Schools, colleges, workplaces and businesses



The following diagram illustrates the extent of the coverage this would provide.



YELLOW - 5 MILE RADIUS

- 1 Whitehaven
- 2 Cleator Moor
- 3 St Bees
- 4 Egremont
- 5 Beckermet
- 6 Gosforth
- 7 Seascale
- 8 Bootle
- 9 Ravenglass
- 10 Distington
- 11 Millom

BLUE - 8 MILE RADIUS

- 12 Workington
- 13 Maryport
- 14 Cockermouth
- 15 Keswick
- 16 Broughton in Furness

ORANGE - 10 MILE RADIUS

- 17 Carlisle
- 18 Penrith
- 19 Kendal
- 20 Barrow in Furness

NuGen will carry out consultation in two stages, prior to submitting the DCO, each of which will meet the requirements under S47 of the 2008 Planning Act. The first will begin in May 2015, for 10 weeks, and is described below.

DCO Stage 1 - Strategic Issues Consultation

This consultation will be focused on strategic issues for the Moorside Project, including NuGen's requirements and approach, broad locations and search areas for Associated Development, preliminary environmental information compiled by NuGen to date on the Moorside Project, and an indication of the scale of development. This consultation will not include detailed proposals for development, site layouts or designs.

DCO Stage 2 - Proposed Application Consultation

The DCO Stage 2 Consultation will begin in approximately May 2016, for 10 weeks.

This consultation will take into account the responses to the Stage 1 Consultation, and the further design development of the Moorside Project. The consultation will focus on the emerging proposals for the application and will include specific Associated Development locations and proposals, site layouts and design principles, for the Nuclear Generating Station and Associated development, scale of development, and further preliminary environmental information.

It is likely that this SOCC will be updated in Spring 2016 to give more detail of the Stage 2 Consultation proposals

If necessary, NuGen will supplement these stages by further specific issue consultation exercises.

A DCO Application will be submitted in spring 2017



What documents will we consult on for the DCO Stage 1 Consultation?

We will ensure consultation is meaningful, inclusive and clear by providing consultees with information that can be easily understood, to enable constructive and informed comments on the Moorside project. Consultation materials will explain elements of the Moorside Project on which we are, actively seeking the views of the local community. A series of targeted questions will be set out in order to capture your feedback on our proposals. We will not be seeking your views on the need for nuclear, as this has already been decided by the Government through the National Policy Statements.

NuGen will produce the following documents for the DCO Stage 1 – Strategic Issues Consultation, which will start on 16th May 2015:

- Consultation Summary Document
- The Consultation Document (Including a summary of preliminary environmental information and a questionnaire)
- The Preliminary Environmental Information Appendix (Comprising the draft Scoping Report for the Environmental Impact Assessment, and the Evidence Plan for the Habitats Regulation Assessment).

We will produce a further set of documents for the DCO Stage 2 – Proposed Application Consultation in approximately May 2016. Before this, we will review the effectiveness of our approach and produce a revised SOCC in spring 2016, setting out how we will carry out this next stage of DCO consultation, and the documents to be comprised within it. As with this SOCC, we will consult with the Local Authorities before publishing it.

Hard copies of all of the documents will be available to view at NuGen offices in West Cumbria and at our drop-in centre in Whitehaven, where we will also maintain a permanent exhibition. They will also be available at all our public exhibitions (to be held in the locations identified above), in selected libraries and in the offices of Copeland Borough Council, Cumbria County Council and Allerdale Borough Council.

Copies of the documents will also be available to view and to download from the project website: www.nugeneration.com

How Will We Engage With People in Our Consultation

We will use a number of ways to engage with people throughout the consultation process and ensure you are given the opportunity to find out more and take part. These include:



Exhibitions – We will have a mobile exhibition that will provide information and give you the opportunity to talk to our team about our plans and for you to let us know what you think. These exhibitions will remain open outside normal working hours to allow access for as many people as possible. We will also maintain a permanent exhibition at our drop-in centre in Whitehaven town centre.



Direct Mail – We will send out a newsletter launching the Stage 1 consultation which will include detail of event venues. We will also send out a summary consultation documents at the beginning of the consultation period to all properties (residential and business), within the Whitehaven Travel to Work Area (an Office of National Statistics defined area). If you don't receive a copy of either of these documents, and believe that you should have, please contact NuGen and we will send out further copies. Copies of these documents will also be available on our consultation website (www.nugeneration.com)



Newsletter – We will produce a regular newsletter which will be available on our consultation website (www.nugeneration.com) and will be emailed to everyone who registers via the web site to receive it. The newsletter will provide detail on the consultation, including how to get involved and where more information can be found.



Press Campaign – This SOCC has been advertised in the following local newspapers:

Whitehaven News
News and Star
Times and Star
Cumberland News

Cumberland and Westmorland Herald
Westmorland Gazette
North West Mail
Keswick Reminder

We will run a press campaign from 15th April 2015 including Press releases and adverts. We will also offer press briefings to all local publications. This campaign will announce and give information on our consultation events in advance of the start of the consultation period on 16th May 2015.



2. The criteria determined by the Office for National Statistics for defining TTWAs is that generally at least 75% of an area's resident workforce work in the area and at least 75% of the people who work in the area also live in the area.



Posters – Will be placed in prominent locations in consultation towns.



TV/Radio – We will promote the consultation and events by offering interviews and briefings.



Stakeholders, groups and organisations – We will engage with a range of stakeholders, bodies and organisations to make them aware of the consultation and, where appropriate, provide details of how their membership can get involved. We will have one to one meetings with key stakeholders as requested.



Website – All consultation documentation and details of all stages of consultation, including event locations and timings, will be available on our website (www.nugeneration.com) which will be sign-posted in all literature.



Social media – We will use social media to publicise each stage of the consultation and to provide information on how to access events and information on how to respond. We will also review social media activity to identify any key issues that may trend in relation to the Moorside Project



Presentations – We will provide presentations on our proposals to town and parish councils in the vicinity of the site. We will also offer presentations to schools and colleges and other groups by request.

We are aware that a number of consultations may take place over the next 18 months that relate to planning, energy or nuclear related issues. To avoid confusion we have identified those currently known to us. We wish to make it clear that these consultations are separate and not linked to NuGen's consultation on the development of Moorside.

The other consultations include:



NDA -The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority will publicly consult on its new Strategy through the autumn of 2015. This will include issues associated with Sellafield.



MOD - The Ministry of Defence have recently been consulting on the location of interim storage for intermediate radioactive waste. This consultation will have closed before the commencement of Stage 1.



Copeland Council - Copeland Borough Council is consulting on the Site Allocations Document for their Local Plan. This consultation will have closed before the commencement of Stage 1.



Allerdale Borough Council - Allerdale Borough Council is consulting on the Site Allocations Document for their Local Plan. This consultation will have closed before the commencement of Stage 1.



National Grid - National Grid has recently carried out an initial consultation on routes for new infrastructure to strengthen its ability to transmit energy from the proposed Moorside Project. This consultation finished at the end of November 2014, we understand that further consultation will take place in 2016.



DECC – The Department of Energy and Climate Change is developing plans for consultation about the future location for geological disposal facility. Details of this process are not yet determined.



How You Can Respond

When the DCO Stage 1 – Strategic Issues Consultation, starts in May 2015, you will be able to submit comments during the 10-week consultation period in a number of ways:

-  Collect and complete a feedback form from one of our public exhibitions or return it to us at a public exhibition or by using the freepost address that will be provided.
-  Complete the online feedback form on our website: www.nugeneration.com or,
-  **Write to us at:** Nugeneration – Have Your Say, Unit 16, Ingwell Hall, Westlakes Science & Technology Park, Moor Row, Cumbria CA24 3JZ
-  Email us at haveyoursay@nugeneration.com
-  Call us, for more information on the consultation you can contact us through the Moorside General Enquiries number 01946 691281.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS WILL BE THE 25th JULY 2015

What Happens to Your Response

Comments submitted electronically via the “haveyoursay” email address will trigger an automated confirmation of receipt during consultation periods. All responses will be recorded, reviewed and considered as part of the consultation process.

As this is a consultation exercise to support an application under the Planning Act 2008, responses received will be made public, subject to data protection laws.

We will produce a DCO Stage 1 - Interim Consultation Report in late Autumn of 2015, that will summarise the key points arising from the DCO Stage 1 Consultation. We will produce a DCO Consultation Report in approximately May 2016 to accompany our DCO Stage 2 Consultation - The Proposed Application Consultation, which will outline the responses that we’ve received and how we have taken them into account in developing the Moorside project.

Following the DCO Stage 2 – Proposed Application Consultation, we will produce a DCO Stage 2 - Interim Consultation Report in late 2016, that will summarise the key points arising from the DCO Stage 2 Consultation. A Final Consultation Report will be submitted with the application for a DCO, explaining how responses from each of our consultations have been taken into account in the development of our Moorside Project proposals. Where we have not altered our proposals to reflect comments, we will explain our reasoning.



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