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## Representation on the Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2015 – 2030

Dear Sir / Madam,

This representation is made on behalf of the National Grid North West Coast Connections (NWCC) Project Team in response to the consultation currently being undertaken by Cumbria County Council (CCC) in regard to the emerging Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2015 – 2030. It should be noted that National Grid will submit a separate response in relation to existing gas and electricity transmission apparatus.

### Background

National Grid is developing the NWCC Project to connect Moorside, the proposed new nuclear power station near Sellafield in west Cumbria, into the National Electricity Transmission System. The Project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) which will be determined by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy following an application for development consent under the Planning Act 2008 (“the Act”).

Formal consultation on the NWCC proposals under Sections 42 and 47 of the Act ran from 28 October 2016 to 6 January 2017. CCC was formally consulted on the proposals under Section 42(2) of the Act and continues to engage with National Grid as the Project develops.

### Comments on Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2015 – 2030 Main Modifications:

Main Modification MM6a states: *“Although exact figures are not yet known, there is some indication that around 2.5 million cubic metres of excavation spoil may arise as a result of developments such as new nuclear build and **the associated upgrade of the National Grid network**; such forecasts and the estimated timescales for the projects are incorporated into the modelling for this WNA. In respect of C&D waste, the realistic scenario assumes some growth, but that materials are re-used, recycled or used onsite in place of primary aggregates, and thus assumes lower levels of waste generation.”* (text in bold is our emphasis).

For clarity, National Grid requests that Main Modification MM6a should specifically make reference to the NWCC Project, rather than *“the associated upgrade of the National Grid network”*.

## **Additional Comments on the Draft Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2015 - 2030:**

Although the extent of this current consultation is on the modifications to the Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan, National Grid would also like to make CCC aware there is a degree of interaction and in some cases overlap between the Draft Order Limits of the NWCC Project and the following allocations contained in the Draft Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan, which relate to Policy SAP2 – Waste treatment and management facilities; Policy SAP3 – Radioactive wastes treatment, management, storage and disposal; Policy SAP4 – Areas for minerals; and Policy SAP5 – Safeguarding of existing and potential railheads and wharves:

- CA31 Kingmoor Park East, Carlisle;
- M34 Kingmoor rail sidings, Carlisle;
- CO32 Land adjacent to Sellafeld Site;
- CO36 Sellafeld Site;
- M31 Salthouse, Millom (former site of temporary rail loading facility);
- M12 land near to Roosecote sand and gravel quarry, Barrow-in-Furness;
- M27 land adjacent to Roosecote sand and gravel quarry, Barrow-in-Furness; and
- BA26 Barrow Port and rail sidings, Barrow.

National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on the proposed NWCC Project and seek to minimise any interactions with proposed allocations as far as possible.

I would appreciate confirmation of receipt.

Yours sincerely



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