North West Coast Connections Project

ERP Workshop
10th May 2013
Project Need

- >450,000 people (down from 1.3 million at stage 1)
- 11 District/Borough Councils across two Counties
- 181 parishes (down from 582 at stage 1)
- Around 140 miles of power corridor needed
- Treasured landscapes
- Ecologically significant landscapes
Working Environment

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- Ecologically significant areas
- Local designations
- Places of real significance for local communities
The Toolkit
Strategic Options Outcome

- Places of real significance for local communities
- Engaged and positive stakeholders
- NuGen and Electricity North West active partners
- Open
- Honest Engaged
- Genuine dialogue
Working With Communities

- Although we are at an early stage of the project we have over 3 years of dialogue already
- NW steeped in energy projects and knowledge
- Communities are engaged and savvy
- NG wish to build on existing community structures
- Built on the work of Britain's Energy coast
Working With Communities

- We have trusted stakeholders and generated trust in return
- We have worked with community representative groups at an earlier stage than is normal for developers
- Stakeholders are reassured that we are open and transparent
Strategic Partners

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Have We Been Successful?

- Local authorities satisfied with stage 1 consultation
- 7000+ website visits with 254 representations from the public
- Balanced reporting in the media
“We recognise the importance of the project to the west coast economy and we want to take part in consultations about all the options.”

“There’s no ‘us and them’, the local authorities and National Park are all working closely with the National Grid”