

APPENDIX 13b - Stage Two Consultation. NuGen Interim Response. Summary of Community Responses

NuGen and the Moorside Project are the subject of a strategic review which may affect how the Moorside Project is taken forward. This could mean a potential change to the shareholders of the company, the technology that may be used and consequently the details of the development proposals.

As a result, it is not possible at present to set out definitively how NuGen will take account of (or “have had regard to”) the consultation responses received, as required by section 49 of the Planning Act 2008. For more detail, please refer to the main report.

The most commonly raised issues have been summarised below, and are divided by theme, all issues will be considered as the Moorside Project moves forward towards the next design phase.

Number of issues raised per feedback theme



#	Summarised issue	NuGen’s preliminary comment, subject to outcome of the strategic review and iterative design process
Main Moorside Site and Environs (total no. of responses in category: 744)		
1	The reuse of waste heat was generally supported, particularly for use in local homes and facilities, though there was some scepticism that it could be delivered.	<p>NuGen will keep under review the possibility of achieving a district heating solution, depending on feasibility.</p> <p>Under the stage two proposals, feasibility was assessed for using waste heat from the Moorside for community or local commercial benefit, or for Moorside itself.</p> <p>The report concluded that opportunities were constrained by the then-choice of technology, though this is subject to the outcome of the strategic review.</p>
2	A majority of those responding on the issue requested that Nursery Road should remain open, there were some who expressed views in support of the proposal to close it or introduce traffic restrictions.	Recognising the importance of the Nursery Road route to local people, following Stage Two Consultation NuGen has undertaken a review of access to the Moorside Project to seek ways to retain this route or, at the very least, retain a revised route from Beckermet south-westwards to the A595.

		<p>The final proposal is dependent on the final mound designs and the outcome of a wide range of other factors. However, in reaching its final scheme design, NuGen will have regard to consultee comments and the desire to retain such a link to the A595, if at all possible.</p>
3	<p>Concern regarding the proximity of the proposal to Beckermat was a key theme.</p>	<p>A study of ground conditions and technological and safety requirements led to conclusion that the optimum solution was the current reactor arrangement. The Moorside Site is constrained due to its location in a narrow developable strip between the A595 and the River Ehen flood plain. Immediately to the south is Sellafield and to the north Beckermat. The geology of the Moorside Site and the need manage the excavated material on the site remove any other potential options. Consideration of reactor locations was specifically excluded from the Stage Two Consultation for this reason - in that the location is determined based on geology, technological, and safety assessments and requirements. As the strategic review continues, the feasibility and requirement for the use of land at Yottenfews will be reviewed and assessed, including any opportunities and alternatives, which will be summarised in in a future consultation.</p>
4	<p>There was a diverse range of comments regarding the proposed mounding at the site. There was a strong feeling that they should be used to provide community amenities or public green space. Some felt they should be high enough to screen development others that they should be minimised.</p>	<p>It is recognised that the nature of the profiling and screening of the Moorside Site is important for consultees. There were a range of views, and stakeholders in different locations are affected in different ways.</p> <p>The design of the screening is also heavily dependent the final design of the nuclear island, NuGen's waste strategy and the requirement for screening from multiple views.</p> <p>Additional work is required on reconciling these issues, particularly following the strategic review, in order to design a landscape solution which best provides the appropriate balance.</p>

		NuGen will have regard to the consultation responses received to date on this issue, and will present its proposal on the mounds at any future consultation.
5	Preference for the western route for a proposed new Sellafield access route.	Public opinion received at the Stage Two Consultation has supported the western route. Therefore, NuGen has withdrawn the eastern option and is considering optimising the western route. This is likely to be different to the western route option at Stage Two Consultation following further assessment and design work. This new proposal, which has been formed having had regard to consultation to date, will be set out in any future consultation.
6	The community expressed a desire to see a high quality of design and materials in the buildings and infrastructure.	NuGen is committed to good design of buildings and infrastructure. NuGen has engaged consultant master planners to help produce the design for the Moorside Site. In addition, NuGen conducted an international design competition to identify preferred architectural, and landscape design contractors.
7	Concerns about the proximity of the electricity switchyard to Beckermat.	<p>NuGen's project review exercise identified the potential of adjusting the position and ground level of the substation allowing the potential for improved screening. Should this be taken forward, this revision will form the next design phase of the Moorside Project. NuGen has worked with Electricity North West to optimise the position and undergrounding of its lines, one of which will be removed.</p> <p>The route of National Grid's lines is a matter for consideration under its North West Connections Project.</p>
8	A variety of other issues were raised.	All the issues raised have been recorded and will continue to be given consideration as and when the development of the Moorside Project moves forward. These issues are important to NuGen and will be taken into account as the Moorside Project evolves. The Consultation Report that NuGen will submit with the DCO application will set out all issues raised during NuGen's consultation.

Accommodation Sites General (total no. of responses in category: 403)		
9	Support for the future long term use of accommodation.	<p>NuGen is preparing a legacy strategy to set out its intent to maximising the legacy provided to the community from the Moorside Project. There have been varying views on whether temporary accommodation sites should have a long term uses to make good use of the investment NuGen provides. The decision on the suitability of the sites for future use is not NuGen's. This is a matter for Copeland Borough Council, the local planning authority.</p> <p>NuGen is committed to working with the local authorities to facilitate the future use of the temporary accommodation sites where the local authority has supported the permanent use of the sites.</p>
10	Opposition to the future of facilities and desire that they should revert to previous undeveloped state.	
11	Several suggestions were made for additional or alternative sites that ought to be used and alternative approaches such as using spare rooms, hotels and B&Bs.	<p>NuGen is currently preparing a more detailed accommodation strategy setting out the aims, objectives and justification for its approach. Consideration has been given to alternative sites and alternative approaches suggested during the Stage Two Consultation. The Strategy will be presented as part of the revised proposals.</p>
12	Opposition to the use of Accommodation Sites in particular.	
13	Suggestions were received regarding the design and the facilities that might be included as part of the proposals.	<p>NuGen is committed to a good quality of design on its temporary Accommodation Sites. The comments we have received will be passed forward to the detailed design stage of the Moorside Project.</p>
14	Specific responses were received about a lack of integration into existing facilities and the pressures of a large, transient, primarily male population.	<p>NuGen will employ local people wherever possible. Where it is necessary to import a temporary construction workforce it will work with local partners to achieve social cohesion. NuGen will be looking at a careful balance between the provision of dedicated and shared social and leisure facilities that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide integration; • provide for the needs of the workforce; • support the maintenance and provision of local facilities for local benefit: and • do not undermine or unduly compete with existing or proposed local facilities.

		It should be recognised that the additional workforce in the area will lead to considerable economic gains for those already based in the area, as the need to create and manage facilities and the spend of the workforce will support many local businesses and jobs.
15	Greatest level of concern expressed over Corkicke.	<p>All three accommodation sites were supported in the Stage One Strategic Issues consultation. Corkickle had the highest level of support with 71% of respondents supporting it. The higher level of concern received in relation to Corkickle at this more detailed stage was heavily influenced by concerns related to the traffic generated and its impact on Coach Road.</p> <p>NuGen recognises that the highways network is more constrained at Corkickle as it is close to Whitehaven Town Centre. NuGen will consider these issues when finalising its plans for the area. It should be noted that a significant number of people were concerned that NuGen might have proposals to widen Coach Road with consequent effects on the church, school and residential properties. However, NuGen currently has no plans to widen Coach Road and did not include any such plans within the Stage Two Consultation.</p>
16	Questions about increases in policing.	NuGen is committed to working with the police and local bodies to support policing and community safety both through management arrangements with its contractors and by wider support measures embedded in a Section 106 legal agreement with the local authorities which will commit NuGen to providing resources to support this area.
Accommodation Sites - Mirehouse (total no. of responses in category: 59)		
17	Concerns about number of workers with no links to the community.	See the response to issue 14 regarding integration.

18	Concerns about traffic impact and parking.	These concerns are noted and the final transport arrangements will take into account the traffic impacts for the Mirehouse area and ensure that impacts of NuGen's traffic generation are properly managed and mitigated.
19	A variety of additional issues were raised.	All the issues raised have been recorded and will continue to be given consideration as and when the development of the Moorside Project moves forward. These issues are important to NuGen and will be taken into account as the Moorside Project evolves. The Consultation Report that NuGen will submit with the DCO application will set out all issues raised during NuGen's consultation.
Accommodation Sites - Corkickle (total no. of responses in category: 182)		
20	Concerns about the number of contractors to be housed unbalancing the demographics of the neighbourhood possible anti-social behaviour.	Please see responses to 14, 16 and 17.
21	Concerns about effects of traffic increases on Coach Road, school and church, parking, overlooking, etc.	NuGen recognises that the highways network is more constrained at Corkickle as it is close to Whitehaven Town Centre. NuGen will consider these issues when finalising its plans for the area. It should be noted that a significant number of people were concerned that NuGen might have proposals to widen Coach Road with consequent effects on the church, school and residential properties. However, NuGen currently has no plans to widen Coach Road and did not include any such plans with the Stage Two Consultation.
22	Statements of support and a variety of positive suggestions.	NuGen welcomes the support it receives and will continue to consider the various positive suggestions as the Moorside Project is taken forward.
23	A variety of additional issues were raised.	All the issues raised have been recorded and will continue to be given consideration as and when the development of the Moorside Project moves forward. These issues are important to NuGen and will be taken into account as the Moorside Project evolves. The Consultation Report that NuGen will submit with the DCO application will set out all issues raised during NuGen's consultation.

Accommodation Sites - Egremont (total no. of responses in category: 38)		
24	Concerns about increased traffic and parking.	These concerns are noted and the final transport arrangements will take into account the traffic impacts for the Egremont area and ensure that impacts of NuGen's traffic generation are properly managed.
25	Support for cycle route proposals from site.	Support for the enhancement of the cycle route from Egremont to the Moorside Site is noted.
26	Preference for sustainable use for building possibly local affordable housing, although some preferred to have green field returned.	<p>NuGen is preparing a legacy strategy to set out its intent to maximising the legacy provided to the community from the Moorside Project. There have been varying views on whether temporary accommodation sites should have long-term uses to make good use of the investment NuGen provides. The decision on the suitability of the sites for future use is not NuGen's. This is a matter for Copeland Borough Council, the local planning authority.</p> <p>NuGen is committed to working with the local authorities to facilitate the future use of the temporary accommodation sites where the local authority has supported the permanent use of the sites.</p>
27	A variety of additional issues were raised.	All the issues raised have been recorded and will continue to be given consideration as and when the development of the Moorside Project moves forward. These issues are important to NuGen and will be taken into account as the Moorside Project evolves. The Consultation Report that NuGen will submit with the DCO application will set out all issues raised during NuGen's consultation.
Corkickle to Mirehouse Railway / Rail General (total no. of responses in category: 193)		
28	A large number of comments were received in relation to all of the railway proposals, not just the specific section highlighted in the consultation materials. Support for investment in rail.	Detailed work on the rail proposal is continuing with the involvement of Network Rail and rail operators. The various comments received will be considered when NuGen moves into the next phase of rail transportation design. In addition to developing detailed proposals to deal with NuGen's own direct requirements, NuGen is also working with partners such as the Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership with regard to supporting the wider Cumbrian rail development strategy.

29	Comments were largely supportive with some concerns and criticisms included, specifically relating to residential impact near new sections of railway and facilities.	NuGen notes the support received for its rail proposals. As the Moorside Project proceeds, detailed environmental impact assessments will be finalised identifying any mitigation measures that are required in relation to the impacts on local residential properties. The detailed views received here will be taken forward and considered as part of the further design development.
30	Concerns were primarily due to noise, vibration, dust and light pollution.	Concerns with impacts arising from rail activities have been noted. Detailed environmental impact assessments will be finalised identifying any mitigation measures that are required in relation to the impacts arising from the new rail infrastructure.
31	A variety of additional issues were raised.	All the issues raised have been recorded and will continue to be given consideration as and when the development of the Moorside Project moves forward. These issues are important to NuGen and will be taken into account as the Moorside Project evolves. The Consultation Report that NuGen will submit with the DCO application will set out all issues raised during NuGen's consultation.
Highways* (total no. of responses in category: 619)		
32	There were many comments that the proposals did not go far enough and would leave an inadequate road network, this included a substantial list of areas in need of improvement or of specific concern. There was also support for the proposals but this came with a substantial list of additional improvements that could be made.	<p>NuGen recognises the significant concerns that exist in relation to the road networks in West Cumbria. The Stage Two Consultation proposals set out a preliminary assessment of the road improvements that are likely to be required. Additional traffic modelling, assessment work and consideration of appropriate mitigation (be that junction improvements, traffic management measures or even funding to the highways authority) will continue.</p> <p>The comments we have received are helpful in ensuring that NuGen gives full consideration to the specific issues that concern people. The objective is to ensure NuGen provides measures that as far as possible, mitigate the impacts that the NuGen project creates. Overall the Cumbria transport network already has capacity issues, particularly during peak periods that are unconnected to NuGen's impacts. NuGen is working with local partners, in particular the Cumbria Local</p>

		Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the Cumbria Rail Board to lend support to the case to Government for wider infrastructure improvements in the area to complement the work that NuGen will need to do to manage its own impacts.
33	Concern was also raised that the development would make traffic congestion worse, with specific areas of congestion highlighted in responses.	NuGen's focus is on managing the traffic generated during construction, as this will be the peak traffic impact generated by Moorside. Mitigation measures will be aimed ensuring the situation is not made worse during this period. Longer term, when Moorside moves into its operational phase, the amount of traffic generated will be much lower (although NuGen may seek to model and mitigate for outage periods, when for 2-3 weeks every year, additional workers and traffic will place demands on the highway network). The additional capacity provided by highway improvements to deal with the construction phase will provide permanent benefits beyond Moorside's own needs which will be a major legacy gain for the community.
34	There was a perception that the proposals didn't do enough to improve the highways in the area south of Moorside.	NuGen's transportation and accommodation strategies as set out in the Stage Two Consultation and assessments of their impacts, indicate that there will be no impacts on the road network south of Moorside that would trigger the need for road improvements from NuGen. As previously referred to, NuGen is working with local partners including the Cumbria LEP, to encourage transport improvements in the area that are not related to the impacts generated by the Moorside Site. Response 32 above applies also.
35	There was specific objection to the proposed right hand turn at the Moor Row junction with A595 and Scalegill Road, which included assertions that it was dangerous and would be better served with different improvements.	NuGen will look carefully at the issues related to this junction including the representations received when the project moves back into a detailed design phase.
36	Respondents identified a large number of additional locations and concerns that the highways proposals either did not address problems, or that they would make the situation worse.	NuGen's transport consultants will consider these additional suggestions and comments when the project moves into its next design phase.

37	Support for the use of rail and sea to take the pressure off the roads, particularly for the transportation of construction materials.	NuGen notes the support for these elements of its transport strategy.
38	A variety of other comments were made	All the issues raised have been recorded and will continue to be given consideration as and when the development of the Moorside Project moves forward. These issues are important to NuGen and will be taken into account as the Moorside Project evolves. The Consultation Report that NuGen will submit with the DCO application will set out all issues raised during NuGen's consultation.
Public Rights of Way (total no. of responses in category: 299)		
39	Desire to see as little disruption to foot and cycle paths as possible. There was specific and detailed opposition to the proposed diversions to the England Coastal Path National Trail.	NuGen will seek to minimise as much as possible disruptions to foot and cycle paths. This will need to be done whilst retaining acceptable health and safety standards during construction, and without compromising the safety and efficiency of the operating site.
40	People commented that NuGen should take the opportunity to enhance the cycling infrastructure in the area along with a list of suggestions for how this could be done.	NuGen notes the support for enhancement of cycling infrastructure. NuGen will consider opportunities to do this within the context of its own developments.
41	There was specific opposition to the suggested diversion of Sustrans route 72 near Moorside, which was felt to be unsuitable. Comments included suggestions of how to resolve the major issues.	Sustrans route 72 runs through the proposed Moorside Site and must be diverted permanently. NuGen recognises the concerns about the diversion proposed and will examine the opportunity for further improvements in the route in future design reviews whilst recognising the security required for an operational nuclear site.
42	A variety of other comments were made.	All the issues raised have been recorded and will continue to be given consideration as and when the development of the Moorside Project moves forward. These issues are important to NuGen and will be taken into account as the Moorside Project evolves. The Consultation Report that NuGen will submit with the DCO application will set out all issues raised during NuGen's consultation.
Common Land (total no. of responses in category: 98)		
43	There was slightly more support than opposition for NuGen's proposals. There were a number of specific suggestions, concerns and comments on mainly on the	NuGen notes the support for the strategy and will continue to seek opportunities for improvements that address the concerns that have been expresses as the

	quality of the replacement land and the principle of using common land. There were a small number of issues raised.	Moorside Project is further developed.
44	A variety of other comments were made.	All the issues raised have been recorded and will continue to be given consideration as and when the development of the Moorside Project moves forward. These issues are important to NuGen and will be taken into account as the Moorside Project evolves. The Consultation Report that NuGen will submit with the DCO application will set out all issues raised during NuGen's consultation.
Site preparation application(s) to Copeland Borough Council (total no. of responses in category: 172)		
45	Opinion was split on the question, with slightly more people opposing the principle of an application than supporting it. Comments objecting to the early application in part came from a fear of it being pre-emptive if the project does not go ahead or was delayed significantly.	Should NuGen decide to proceed with advanced site preparation and seek approval for early works through an application to Copeland Borough Council, it is anticipated that this would be subject to an agreement that if the full project did not proceed the land would be reinstated to its original condition.
46	Concern was expressed that it would be difficult for Copeland Borough Council (CBC) to approve the application as it runs contrary to its local plan and could be seen to pre-judge the DCO application.	<p>Policy ST3 (Strategic Development Priorities) of the CBC Core Strategy states that: <i>"In pursuit of economic regeneration and growth to fulfil strategic objectives for Copeland and West Cumbria, the following locations are priorities for development:The site at Moorside selected in National Policy Statement EN6 as the location for a nuclear power station"</i>.</p> <p>It is clear that the Core Strategy recognises the significant contribution the Moorside Project will make to CBC's economic regeneration and strategic objectives.</p> <p>Any early works development application that would be decided by Copeland Borough Council and will be considered against its policies - which do support the principle of the development. In determining any such application, a material consideration (which carries significant weight) will be the national priority for the Moorside Project set out in the National Planning Policy Statements of EN-1 (Overarching Energy NPS) and EN-6 (EN-6 Nuclear Power Generation NPS).</p>

47	Support for the idea came with caveats that it be carried out with minimum disruption and with assurances of restoration should the project not go ahead.	NuGen is committed to carrying out work with minimum disruption, mitigating actions to offset impacts and, as has been mentioned above, a commitment to restore the land should, for any reason, the Moorside Project not go ahead.
48	A variety of other comments were made.	All the issues raised have been recorded and will continue to be given consideration as and when the development of the Moorside Project moves forward. These issues are important to NuGen and will be taken into account as the Moorside Project evolves. The Consultation Report that NuGen will submit with the DCO application will set out all issues raised during NuGen's consultation.
The benefits and legacy that NuGen wants to leave (total no. of responses in category: 632)		
49	<p>Many comments expressed scepticism that the project will deliver benefits to local communities and businesses. A smaller number of people, supported the proposals, many with caveats on their support. Several reasons were given for this, including comparisons with the packages put forward by other projects, that the benefits do not outweigh the impacts and that there is a lack a definition in the proposals. Part of this opposition was mixed with general opposition to a nuclear project of this nature. There was support for employing local people on the project, including support for local training and first preference for local labour.</p>	<p>The Moorside Project is a multi-billion-pound inward investment that will create more than a thousand high quality, long-term jobs, and many thousands more jobs during the construction period. These, in turn, will create a wave of spending through the locality that adds many further jobs to the local economy. NuGen will make a considerable investment in up-skilling local people to carry out the jobs being created.</p> <p>Britain's Energy Coast's Economic Strategy recognises that the Moorside Project is essential to the economic health of the area. In addition to these clear and obvious benefits, NuGen is committed to maximising the local benefit of everything it does particularly the huge investment that will occur during the construction phase. A large part of that investment will create transport infrastructure improvements to cater for Moorside's short-term requirements but will provide long term benefits for the community.</p> <p>In addition to this, NuGen is keen to maximise benefits in a wide range of areas and has set out the areas in which it proposes to provide legacy and benefits in its Stage Two Consultation. NuGen is preparing a legacy strategy to make clear its intentions in relation to maximising</p>

		<p>benefit and guide the actions it develops. The full extent of such benefits has not been determined at this stage.</p> <p>NuGen has expressed its commitment to entering into a Section 106 legal agreement that will provide a basis for its local support across a wide range of activities through the necessary mitigation required for the Moorside Project.</p>
50	Investment or support for local health care facilities was the next most suggested legacy benefit.	<p>NuGen has noted this view. The Stage Two Consultation identified healthcare as one of the areas NuGen could provide support in.</p> <p>NuGen has instigated a Health Impact Assessment that will determine how NuGen's activities will affect health issues in the locality. Whilst NuGen has funded this, it is independently steered and will provide guidance on the nature of NuGen's impact on health and what actions it could most appropriately take in this area.</p>
51	Significant support for directing legacy benefit to Beckermat, the community most affected. Lots of detailed suggestions made.	<p>NuGen's Stage Two Consultation made it clear that specific proposals are being developed for the local communities immediately adjacent to the Moorside Site and the Accommodation Sites, and the closest main local population and service centres. The communities adjoining the Moorside Site and adjoining the accommodation sites at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beckermat and Braystones; • Mirehouse; • Corkickle; and • Egremont. <p>NuGen is grateful for the large number of suggestions made and will give consideration to them all when we develop proposals for the local community.</p>
52	Suggestion that there should be investment in local amenities.	Please see the response to issue 51.
How NuGen's design for the Moorside Project has evolved (total no. of responses in category: 64)		
53	There was concern about changes, and perceived changes to the proposals since the first stage of consultation focussed, particularly around the site footprint,	The Stage One Consultation, in summer 2015, was a Strategic Issues consultation. Detailed layouts were not available at the time. The plans included the boundary of

	<p>building height, and also a closer proximity to residential properties. There was also criticism of the main Moorside site search area criteria.</p>	<p>the National Policy Statement designated Moorside site. This boundary has not changed and will contain the Moorside Nuclear Power Station. In addition, the plans indicated search areas that would be considered for Associated Development including temporary construction activities.</p> <p>The Stage Two Consultation provided more detail of site layouts and building boundaries, including heights and massing, and landscaped mounding proposals.</p> <p>The search area for the Moorside site, which was identified within the Stage One Consultation materials, was drawn to include potential temporary and construction-related uses with the intention of the final nuclear power plant being wholly contained within the designated site.</p>
54	<p>There was some support for the evolution of the project and general praise of its consideration.</p>	<p>NuGen is grateful for the support it has received. The principle of developing a nuclear power station on the Moorside is reflected in National Planning Policy.</p>
<p>Landscape strategy (total no. of responses in category: 193)</p>		
55	<p>Support for the strategy and good design for the mounds outweighed criticism or dissatisfaction with the current strategy.</p>	<p>NuGen is pleased to see that its approach is supported and will continue to develop the design to further refine the proposals.</p>
56	<p>Varied comments about the mounds. This included calls for the mounds to look 'natural' and for them to be accessible by the public and visually interesting.</p>	<p>These preferences will be taken forward into future design processes.</p>
57	<p>Requests for spoil to be taken off-site for reasons including that it would allow the site size to be reduced, allow Nursery Road to remain open and that it would prevent the site from looking unnatural.</p>	<p>NuGen notes the desire for excavation spoil to be taken off site and it has examined this option extensively. Unfortunately, studies have shown that there are no alternative locations that could receive excavated material from the Moorside Site and that the implications of transporting the volume of material involved would have unacceptable environmental impacts.</p> <p>Recognising the importance of the Nursery Road route to local people, the review of the Moorside Project after the Stage Two Consultation has sought ways to retain this route or, at the very least, retain a revised route from Beckermat south-westwards to the A595. A final outcome of the feasibility of this is</p>

		dependent on final mound designs and the outcome of a wide range of other factors. Nevertheless NuGen will seek to try and retain such a link to the A595 if at all possible. As referred to above, further transport modelling will take place to inform the options.
58	Specific concerns about the mounds included a desire to see wildlife and habitat protection and water run-off / flood risk managed carefully.	These comments are noted and will be taken forward into the next stage of the project.
59	A variety of other issues raised.	All the issues raised have been recorded and will continue to be given consideration as and when the development of the Moorside Project moves forward. These issues are important to NuGen and will be taken into account as the Moorside Project evolves. The Consultation Report that NuGen will submit with the DCO application will set out all issues raised during NuGen's consultation.
Land and property (total no. of responses in category: 285)		
60	There were concerns raised about the impact of the project on property prices, combined with a feeling that the proposed property support scheme would not be adequate. There were suggestions that discussions should be on an individual basis, extended to those renting, and for compensation to be hardship-based.	<p>NuGen understands the concerns of residents located close to this national priority project, and notes the comments made on the proposed voluntary support scheme. It will consider the suggestions.</p> <p>NuGen has, and will continue to, consult with affected landowners in order to seek voluntary agreements over land required.</p>
61	Opposition to the limit on homes bought before 2008 in the Property Support Scheme, with statements from respondents indicating that there that there was no way to know the full impact of the project until very recently.	NuGen notes the comments made on the proposed voluntary support scheme and will consider the suggestions.
62	View that it was unfair people could not sell their home now and there ought to be immediate support to assist people that wanted to on an individual basis.	<p>NuGen understands the concerns of residents located close to this national priority project. It notes the comments made on the proposed voluntary support scheme and will consider the suggestions.</p> <p>NuGen has, and will continue to, consult with affected landowners in order to seek voluntary agreements over land required.</p>
63	Specific comments were made that other projects had more generous schemes and that more information was needed.	NuGen notes the comments made on the proposed voluntary support scheme and will consider the suggestions.
64	Concerns about potential flooding due to proposed works.	NuGen will carry out detailed flood risk assessments and studies of the emerging proposals including the configuration of

		the mounds. Account will be taken in the design of drainage and flood implications. NuGen will put in place any mitigation measures required to manage drainage and flood risk in the area.
65	Variety of other issues raised.	All the issues raised have been recorded and will continue to be given consideration as and when the development of the Moorside Project moves forward. These issues are important to NuGen and will be taken into account as the Moorside Project evolves. The Consultation Report that NuGen will submit with the DCO application will set out all issues raised during NuGen's consultation.
Health and impacts (total no. of responses in category: 560)		
66	Concerns about environmental contamination.	NuGen will undertake all appropriate and necessary assessments and environmental impacts will be controlled and mitigated where necessary. Atmospheric and marine discharges will be within acceptable limits and will be regulated by the Environment Agency.
67	Concerns that West Cumberland Hospital and health provisions will not have sufficient capacity.	<p>The DCO Consultation document identified healthcare as one of the areas NuGen could provide support in.</p> <p>NuGen has instigated a Health Impact Assessment that will determine how NuGen's activities will affect health issues in the locality. Whilst NuGen has funded this, it is independently steered and will provide guidance on the nature of NuGen's impact on health and what actions NuGen could most appropriately take in this area.</p>
68	Belief that no health benefits will arise from the project.	<p>NuGen will work with local partners to identify ways it can maximise local health benefit in a range of areas. There is a link between employment / wealth, and health that the economic benefits of the Moorside Project could positively influence.</p> <p>Through its legacy strategy, NuGen will seek opportunities for the investments in health, required to support its temporary construction workforce, to deliver long-term health benefits for the community.</p>
69	Concerns about combined visual impact of pylons / power station.	NuGen's project review exercise has identified the potential of adjusting the position and ground level of the substation allowing the potential of

		<p>improved screening. NuGen will continue to evolve its design and its final proposals will be the subject of a further consultation.</p> <p>NuGen has worked with Electricity North West to optimise the position and undergrounding of its lines, one of which will be removed. The route of National Grid's lines is a matter for consideration under is North West Connections Project.</p> <p>Decisions in relation to the proposed National Grid power lines are outside NuGen's control. As detailed throughout the consultation documentation, representations which appeared to relate, in full or part, to the National Grid project were shared with National Grid (unless the respondent asked for them not to be - no respondents did).</p>
70	Belief that the project benefits will outweigh disadvantages.	NuGen considers that benefits both locally and nationally will outweigh disadvantages. NuGen will take all reasonable steps to maximise the local benefits and minimise negative impacts.
71	Concern about the impact of vibration during construction.	In considering its design and construction methodology, NuGen will seek to minimise vibration impacts as far as possible and then consider any means of mitigating any residual effects on local residents. Appropriate working hours arrangements will be discussed with local authorities before finalising detailed project 'requirements'.
72	People have most concerns about impacts during the construction period.	NuGen recognises this and is committed to design-out negative impacts as far as possible, and introduce mitigation to manage the residual effects. Throughout the implementation of the Moorside Project NuGen will work with local people and monitor and manage impacts.
73	Greatest concern over the impact of increased road traffic.	NuGen's objective is to ensure it provides measures that as, far as possible, mitigate the impacts that the Moorside Project creates. Please see the response to issues 32, 33 and 34.
74	There were general concerns about the impacts on nearby communities and specific concerns raised included the impact of vibration, noise, air quality and light.	NuGen's environmental assessments of its proposals will identify the impact of NuGen's activity over the existing baselines, which have already been assessed and recorded. This information will be used to inform the project design that will in itself seek to minimise

		negative impacts. Where negative impacts cannot be managed NuGen will put mitigation measures in place wherever possible.
75	Variety of other issues raised.	All the issues raised have been recorded and will continue to be given consideration as and when the development of the Moorside Project moves forward. These issues are important to NuGen and will be taken into account as the Moorside Project evolves. The Consultation Report that NuGen will submit with the DCO application will set out all issues raised during NuGen's consultation.
Other comments (total no. of responses in category: 800)		
76	Nearly 250 respondents were generally opposed to the project for a variety of reasons. Many were against the principle of such development or location.	The Moorside Site has been allocated within the National Planning Policy Statement (EN6) following a central government site allocation process. This process involved local stakeholder engagement. The site (now called the Moorside Site) received the support of elected bodies in West Cumbria. As a result, the principle of development and the location are not the subject of NuGen's consultation.
77	Concerns about safety, including evacuation plans.	<p>NuGen's overriding priority is safety. Regulated by the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR), the UK has a robust and rigorous regulatory system, which requires nuclear site licensees to construct, operate, and decommission nuclear sites to the highest standards of safety.</p> <p>In partnership with the local authorities, neighbouring nuclear operator Sellafield Limited, the emergency services, and regulated by ONR, NuGen will develop robust plans for emergency planning and preparedness.</p> <p>These plans will be agreed with relevant key stakeholders and regulators and are not the subject of the DCO application.</p>
78	Concerns about environmental impact.	<p>NuGen will undertake all appropriate assessments to ensure that any environmental impacts are controlled and mitigated to the satisfaction of the environmental protection regulator, the Environment Agency.</p> <p>Within the construction period, NuGen's</p>

		environmental assessments will identify the impact of NuGen's activity. This information will be used to inform project design that will in itself seek to minimise negative impacts. Where negative impacts cannot be managed, NuGen will put mitigation measures in place wherever possible.
79	Support for the project.	Messages of support were gratefully received and noted.
80	Concern about the long-term disposal of nuclear waste.	<p>When Moorside is decommissioned, the UK Government will ultimately take responsibility for the management of higher level waste, under an agreed decommissioning and waste management plan, funded by NuGen through its funded decommissioning plan.</p> <p>The Government's long-held policy is to develop a geological disposal facility for spent fuel and high level waste. The Government and its agency, Radioactive Waste Management Limited are taking the implementation of this policy forward.</p>
81	A variety of other issues raised.	All the issues raised have been recorded and will continue to be given consideration as and when the development of the Moorside Project moves forward. These issues are important to NuGen and will be taken into account as the Moorside Project evolves. The Consultation Report that NuGen will submit with the DCO application will set out all issues raised during NuGen's consultation.
Consultation (total no. of responses in category: 304)		
82	Some respondents do not accept the validity of the consultation specifically because it was not consulting on the principle of the project.	Please see the response to issue 79.
83	Some respondents believe that consultation was token effort. Scepticism was expressed that comments would be considered or taken into account.	<p>NuGen will submit a full consultation report as part of its Development Consent Order application. This will set out the consultation responses that have been received and how NuGen has had regard to them in determining its final proposals.</p> <p>As final proposals have not yet been determined it is not possible at this stage to set out how we have had regard to the consultation responses as no final decisions have been made. However, there are already examples of NuGen</p>

		<p>choosing options as a result of public views, as follow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not proceeding with the least supported proposed accommodation site, Cleator Moor, after the DCO Stage One Consultation. • Not proceeding with the eastern option to replace the existing Sellafield access road in line with public preferences. • Proposals to revising the position, height and screening around the electricity switchyard. • The strategic spatial approach adopted has been heavily influenced by the views of key local statutory consultees, including use of rail and location of accommodation sites.
84	Various issues related about content of the consultation materials and distribution.	These are noted and will be taken into account when NuGen designs any future consultations.
85	A wide range of detailed issues about the consultation process.	<p>All the issues raised have been recorded and will continue to be given consideration as and when the development of the Moorside Project moves forward. These issues are important to NuGen and will be taken into account to as the Moorside Project evolves.</p> <p>The Consultation Report that NuGen will submit with the DCO application will set out all issues raised during NuGen's consultation.</p>

* The feedback form included two highways related questions. One on highways, and one on highways improvements. The responses to both are incorporated here.