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Positive response to proposal for new electricity interconnector

Plans to develop the NeuConnect Interconnector, the first direct link between Germany and Great Britain, were warmly received by the local community in Grain last week.

NeuConnect held a public information event to display its proposals for the interconnector on Wednesday 21 November at the Isle of Grain Village Hall.

The developer said that more than 30 people attended the event to learn more about the project, view the plans and speak with the project team.

If approved by Medway Council, the plans would see an 'invisible highway' of approximately 700km of subsea cables being built, allowing up to 1.4GW of electricity to move in either direction to provide power to tens of millions of homes over the project's lifespan.

The fully-financed £1.4bn interconnector scheme is being developed by an international, experienced consortium with a proven track record in delivering large-scale energy infrastructure projects.

David Inglis, CEO of NeuConnect Britain Limited, said:

"I'd like to thank everyone that took the time to attend our public information event, and thank them for the support that they showed."

"Interconnectors are increasingly becoming more integral to energy networks, as they allow a safe, secure and affordable supply of electricity."

"We hope to provide significant economic benefits through this project, including up to £1bn worth of contract and business opportunities, and up to 500 jobs during construction."

In August 2018, the project was granted a UK Interconnector Licence by regulators OFGEM.

NeuConnect will host more events in early 2019 as part of the formal consultation activity, where feedback from the local community will be welcomed to contribute towards the project.

NeuConnect anticipates submitting a planning application to Medway Council in mid-2019.

NeuConnect is targeting 2023 for project completion, helping meet Great Britain and Germany's future energy needs and delivering significant benefits for consumers, businesses and industry in less than 5 years.

The local community can contact the NeuConnect Community Engagement team via freephone on **0800 298 7040** or via email at **neuconnect@communityfeedback.co.uk**.

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