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National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) update

Welcome to our latest update where you can find the latest news, projects and insights from National Grid Electricity Transmission - the owner of the high voltage electricity network in England and Wales.





383 Organisations





26 Presenters



>18 hours



7 (ESO/DNOs)
Partners



92% Felt they could input and ask questions



Felt we covered the right topics

We are listening

We have been busy analyzing the feedback gathered from the six regional stakeholder events – over 5,400 recorded verbatim comments. Today we

would like to share the high-level themes that have emerged.

Our stakeholders told us that their level of confidence in the energy industry reflecting their Net Zero needs in the energy transition was low to neutral (4.85/10), and their subsequent discussions revealed four distinct themes that were consistent across all six regions.

These were **Connection** timelines, genuine **Collaboration**, **Transparency** of plans and thinking/working as a **Whole System**.

Connection timelines:

- A lack of capacity to connect was the biggest challenge (79% agreed that current connection timescales had impacted them)
- This impacts achieving Net Zero for their region, which has a financial consequence for many
- Organisations were choosing to invest elsewhere or losing their funding

Genuine Collaboration:

- A need for continued, joined- up approach to transform the network

 this can't wait.
- This is both across the energy industry, and between this industry and regional representatives

Transparency of plans:

- There is a need to understand how to share plans
- And have clear timescales and visibility of both present and future capacity
- Planning has always been a fixed process with a fixed cadence, but uncertainty is something we all share. (75% said their needs are likely to change over time)

Thinking/working as a Whole System:

- There is an expectation on Networks to deliver as a Whole Energy System to get to Net Zero (Heat and Power)
- The events highlighted that all parties learn more and are more likely to find a way to align when talking together.

What's next?

We are methodically looking at the data from the regional events to establish the challenges and priorities of each region and turning the insight into action. We expect to share this work with you early in the new year.