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Connections Reform Webinar

May 2026

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Please use the Q&A button, located at the top of your screen, to send questions to our panel. We will answer as many as we can during the session. Presubmitted questions can be also found here.



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We are recording our presentations and responses to the pre-submitted Q&A for sharing with our customers.



Session follow up

We will share the presentation, including Q&A, as soon as possible after this session. You will receive it by email and be able to download it from our website:

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Next webinar

Our next webinar will be held on **Thursday 18 June 2026**. You will be able to register for it shortly through our website

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Agenda

Welcome

Neil Hopkins

**Progress on Gate 1 ATV and Gate 2
Variation Update**

Joe Martin

Improving Communications

Neil Hopkins

Q&A

Panel

Webinar Date: 21 May 2026

To submit a question, please use the Q&A Function.

If you see a question submitted by another attendee which you would like to hear answered, please use the vote button on the question

Welcome

Neil Hopkins

Communications Manager

Connections Reform | Key updates and Developments



Key milestones

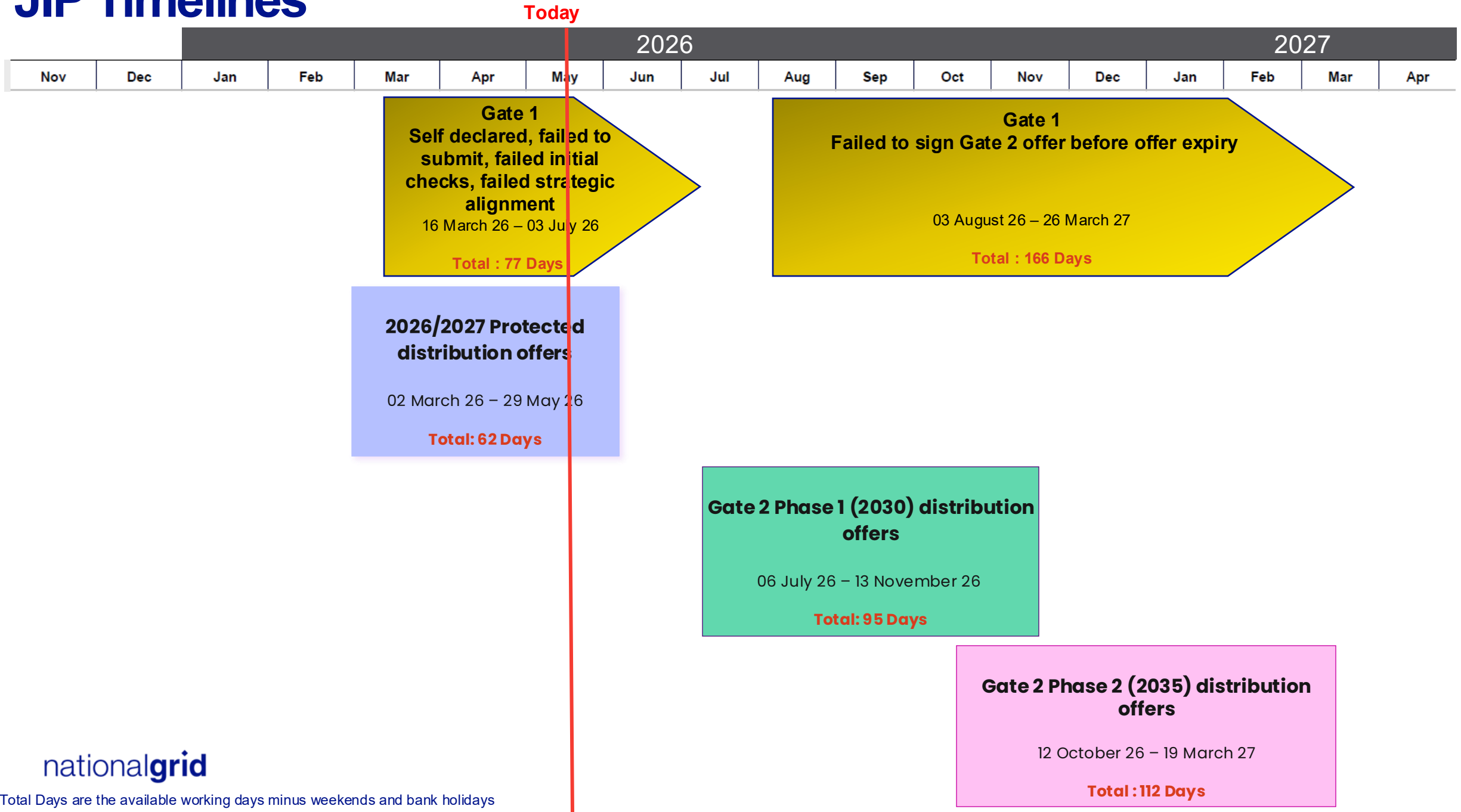
- Currently on track to meet Joint Industry Plan timeframes for Protected Projects
- Expecting to receive variations for Gate 2, Phase 1 Projects from NESO end of June/early July



How have we been preparing and what happens next?

- New Demand Datasets have been released onto our website: <https://connecteddata.nationalgrid.co.uk/dataset/demand-data>
 - This includes all demand projects recorded in our systems above 1MW —covering both projects in the connections queue and those already connected to the NGED network.

JIP Timelines



Updates from our partners

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ENA webinar

As of 1 June 2026, new minimum information requirements will apply to all eligible demand connection applications.

ENA are hosting a webinar today to explain more: <https://lnkd.in/eE6Br87j>

Demand Queue Entry Requirements webinar

Join for an update on the new guidance for demand connections applications of 5MVA or above.

Thursday, 21 May 2026
13:00-14:00



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Progress Update

Joe Martin

Head of Connections Customer Contract
Management

Connections Reform | Contracts Updates

CMP434 Window (Enduring)

- The dates for the first CMP434 window have not yet been confirmed
- NGED is proactively engaging with NESO to open the window as soon as reasonably practicable

Protected Project Update

- 61% Protected G2 variation have been issued
- Expect to issue 85% by end of this week – on track to meet Joint Industry Plan timeframes
- Projects with Transmission Works will **not** receive updated Transmission Works or Costs – the G2 variation will reflect the existing contracted position

Protected Technical Limits Project Update

- In agreement with other DNO's NGED will provide letters to customers confirming progression or no progression, in alignment with the positions agreed with developers
- Where a project has elected to progress NGED will provide an updated Cost Breakdown
- Where a project has elected to **not** progress NGED will **not** provide an updated Cost Breakdown, instead this will follow in the full Gate 2 Variation at a later date
- NGED **cannot** confirm the firm connection Works and Costs until the Gate 2 variation is issued, in line with the projects phasing

Phase 1 Project Update

- NGED anticipate receiving variations from NESO end June, early July
- First releases to customers in August.
- We recognise this coincides with the summer holiday period – please ensure sufficient resource is available throughout this time

Connections Reform | Contracts Updates

Technical Limit Expression of Interest

- NGED are exploring opportunities to open a Technical Limits Expression of Interest Window
- Phase 1 projects will receive an Expression of Interest alongside the Gate 2 variation
- This EOI will need to be complete alongside the execution of the Gate 2 variation
- NGED will commence releasing Technical Limits variations towards the closure of the CP435 programme (TBC)
- Phase 2 update to come later in the CMP435 programme

Communications Update

Neil Hopkins

Communications Manager

Communications Update

Improving our data

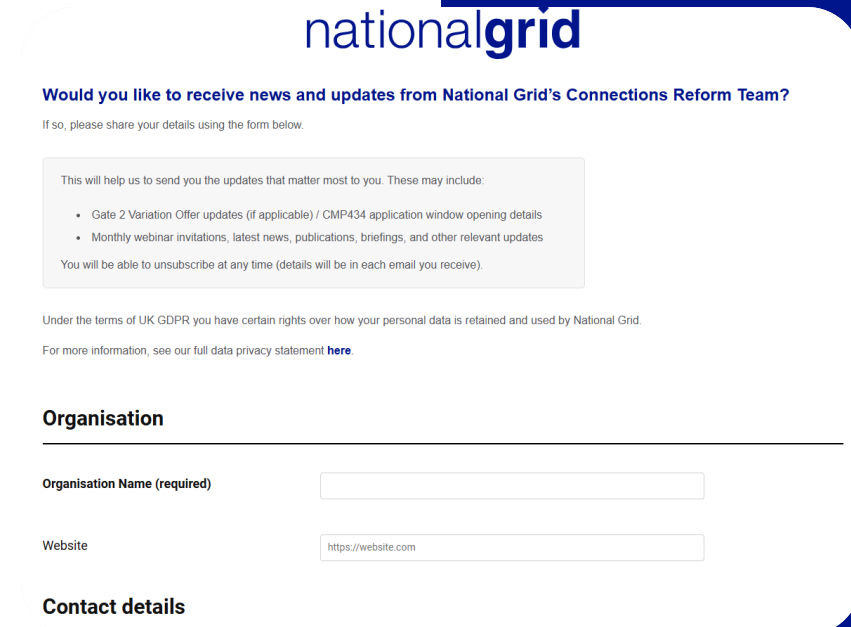
We are improving our email platform and the data that sits behind it.

A small percentage of customers may be asked to confirm details if we're missing data (for example your first name).

We're also making it easier to sign up for future news, updates and webinar invites (for example if you've joined today's session from a LinkedIn post).

If you're not already signed up, please follow this link (which will also be sent when the slides for this session are uploaded):

<https://nationalgrid-wf.tractivity.io/ExternalFormViewer/Form.aspx?ExternalFormID=92>



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If so, please share your details using the form below.

This will help us to send you the updates that matter most to you. These may include:

- Gate 2 Variation Offer updates (if applicable) / CMP434 application window opening details
- Monthly webinar invitations, latest news, publications, briefings, and other relevant updates

You will be able to unsubscribe at any time (details will be in each email you receive).

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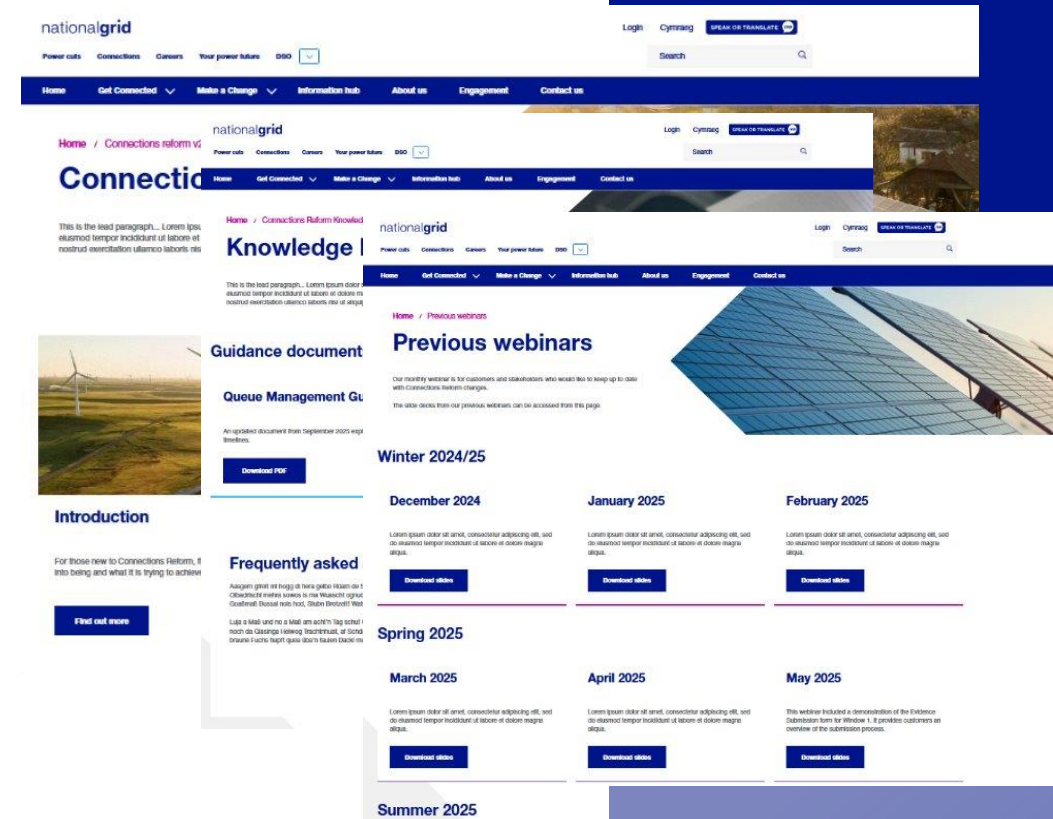
We are revitalising our website in the coming weeks.

The aim is to make it easier than ever to find information from previous webinar sessions to the latest application guidance.

We will drop you a note as it goes live – please also look out for the announcement via our LinkedIn feed: <https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/national-grid-electricity-distribution/>

All feedback is welcome!

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Communications Update

Customer event

We are starting to plan an in-person event for our customers.

This will be an opportunity to come together, sharing key insights/updates across CMP435, CMP434 and Demand Reform as well as networking with peers.

Heads up:

- Aiming for late Autumn
- Intention to host approximately in the middle of our license areas
- Lunch will be provided!

Want to make a suggestion for the agenda? Let us know!

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Q&A Session

Q&A



Sarah Kenny-Levick
Head of Reform Strategy



Joe Martin
Head of Connections
Customer Contract
Management



Kyle Smith
Connections Reform
Implementation Manager



Pre-submitted questions have been loaded into the Q&A for this meeting, along with answers

If you see a question submitted by another attendee and would like a more detailed discussion, please use the [vote button](#) on the question

Presubmitted questions

Question	Answer
Is there any update on non firm enduring technical limits?	As per earlier update – NGED are progressing with sending update letters to projects connecting pre-2028 under a technical limits scheme. These will include updated cost breakdowns – full Gate 2 variation will follow inline with the firm connection date phasing.
Are you giving customers the opportunity to adjust project technical details ahead of the Gate 2 offer?	Where updated G99 submissions are required NGED have engaged with relevant customers however we are currently issuing protected project Gate 2 variations now with Phase 1 commencing shortly.
Could you please clarify whether protected dates will be issued on non-firm offers in alignment with Phase 1 DNO timelines? Many developers have been working to those dates and it would be very challenging to wait until the September 2026 to January 2027 window to receive offers intended for 2026 non-firm connections. Any guidance on this would be greatly appreciated.	Please see response to previous question on Technical Limits
Regarding T/L offers — as these are issued directly by DNOs and do not require NESO alignment, would it be possible for DNOs to confirm these offers as soon as possible for the 2026/27 delivery years? It seems disproportionate to expect developers to wait until the Firm Offer stage before receiving confirmation on these.	Please see response to previous question on Technical Limits
How do we receive our variation offers, via email or via the portal?	Gate 2 variations will be sent via email with an executable DocuSign following within 1 working day of receipt.

Presubmitted questions

Question	Answer
<p>I've not received a new offer for a protected project. I thought you said these would be sent out on 23 April.</p>	<p>In line with the published NESO timelines all protected projects will be sent to customers no later than end of May 2026.</p>
<p>Please can you upload pre submitted questions into Slido so they can be upvoted? They aren't necessarily the most pressing questions that most developers want answered and can take up valuable time in the webinar. Keep up your great work! And thank you 🙌</p>	<p>Thanks for the suggestion. We have uploaded these into the Q&A for this meeting.</p>
<p>On the topic of communications within the connections reform process — could you help us understand how developers are expected to sign a Variation Agreement within 30 days when query response times from DNOs and NESO are currently running at 2 to 4 weeks, and the longest timeframes have not yet been consistently met? Is there any flexibility or plan to address this mismatch?</p>	<p>Whilst we cannot comment on NESO's timeline, queries directly with NGED are being tracked and measured against internal SLA's which are not in the 2-4 week timeframe.</p>
<p>Could you provide an update on when the window for CMP434 is expected to open?</p>	<p>As committed to in multiple webinars, NGED will notify customers the moment we have any update on the first CMP434 window opening.</p>

Presubmitted questions

Question	Answer
<p>Can you provide clarity around the 4.94MW TEA requirement please? We've been told TEA is needed and not needed in equal measure for our project of this size.</p>	<p>The requirement to go through a Transmission Assessment was changed due to the outcome of CMP446, whereby the requirement is now;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• any project which is 5MW or above is required to go through TEA;• a project which is 4.99MW or below will not be required to go through a TEA, with the exception of where the Grid Supply Point (GSP) has known Fault Level issues. <p>Where the GSP has Fault Level issues the requirement to go through a TEA is to remain at 1MW (a full list of these GSP's can be found in the Evidence Handbook, via the NESO website) This may be why projects experience different responses when requesting connection of 4.94MW. It will be dependent on the GSP which the project is connecting into.</p>

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More information



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