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Connections Reform Webinar

September 2026

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Our next webinar will be held on **Wednesday 14 October 2026**. You will be able to register for it shortly through our website

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Agenda

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Dave Tuffery

02/ **Progress on Phase 1 offers**

Dave Tuffery

03/ **Contract Updates**

Joe Martin

04/ **Demand Reform**

Dave Tuffery

05/ **Q&A**

Panel

Webinar Date: 16 September 2026

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Welcome

Dave Tuffery

Head of System Access Reforms

Connections Reform | Key updates and Developments



Key milestones

- We have received 43 of the 51 Phase 1 Agreement to Vary (AtV) from NESO
- Issued our first 5 batches of Phase 1 offers on schedule as per our published plan
- Have run a bespoke webinar for every batch to provide early visibility of outcomes– available to view on our website



How have we been preparing and what happens next?

- Improving transparency and ease of access to GSP outcomes
- Preparing for our in-person event in Warwick on the 5 November – please scan the QR Code opposite to register your place!
- Sent out feedback forms to all customers who received a Protected offer or attended our phase 1 GSP webinars

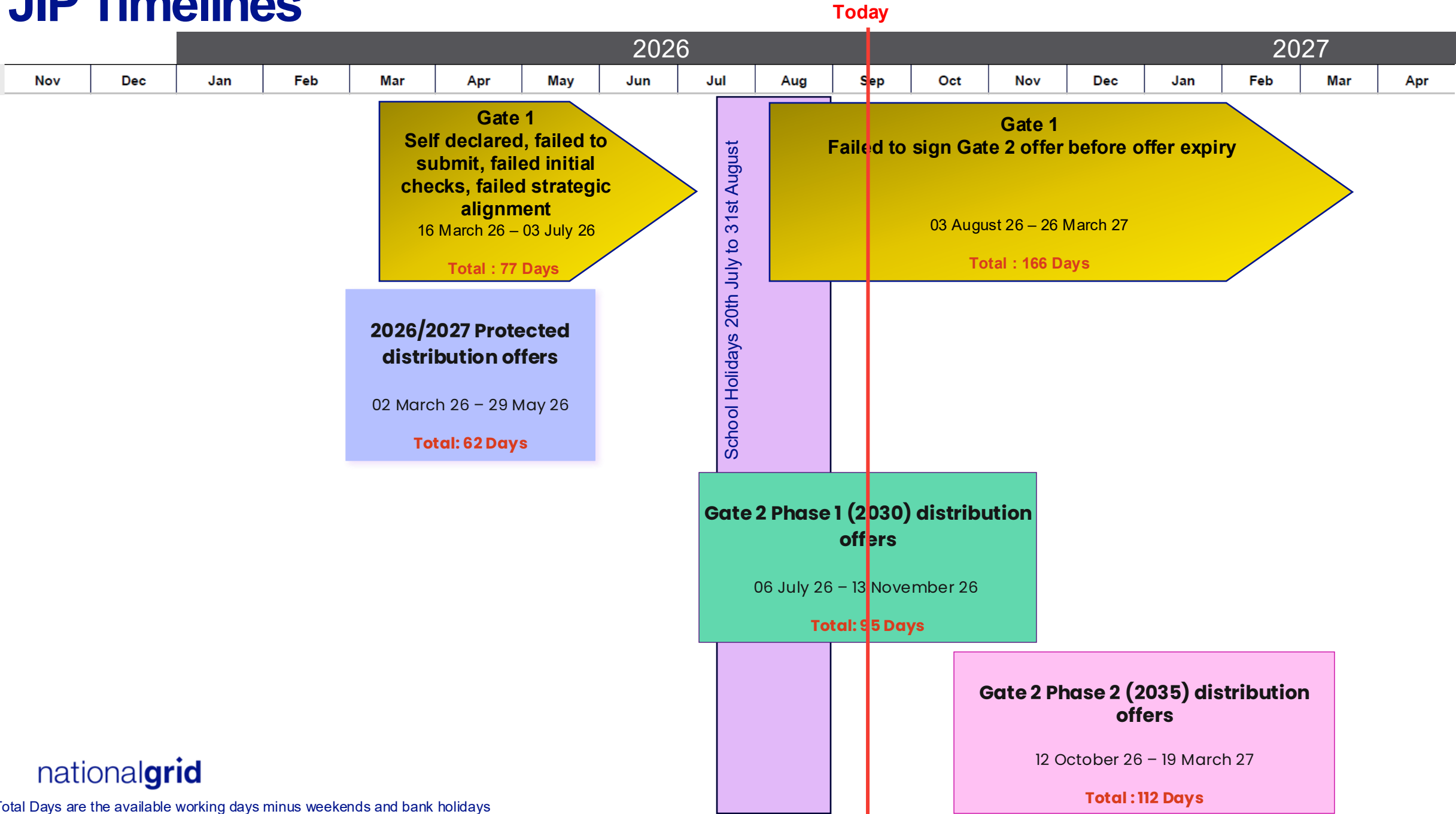


Forward Looking

- We will shortly be launching a Demand Reform webpage to keep customers more informed
- We are working on our Gate 2 Phase 2 plans and run-rates



JIP Timelines



* Total Days are the available working days minus weekends and bank holidays

GSP Batch Offer Run Rates | Best view dated 12 Sep 2026

*TOCO – Transmission Owner Connection Offer
**ATV – Agreement to Vary
Green = Received or Issued

GSP Batches – Expected Offer Dates Per Batch										
Batch Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Early sight of TOCO info	08 June 2026	06 July 2026	22 June 2026	24 July 2026	03 Aug 2026	03 Aug 2026	20 July 2026	27 July 2026	03 Aug 2026	10 Aug 2026
Expected AtV receipt from NESO	10 July 2026	15 & 17 July 2026	27 July 2026	28 July 2026	4 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	4 Sept 2026	11 Sept 2026
Expected Offer Issue Date (week commencing)	17 Aug 2026	24 Aug 2026	31 Aug 2026	07 Sept 2026	14 Sept 2026	21 Sept 2026	28 Sept 2026	05 Oct 2026	12 Oct 2026	19 Oct 2026
Status	Offers sent	Offers sent	Not Applicable	Offers sent	Offers sent	Offers being prepared	Offers being prepared	Offers being prepared	Awaiting information	Awaiting information
GSPs per Batch	Swansea North	Exeter		Landulph	Grange	Alverdiscott	West Burton	Iron Acton	Coventry	Grendon
				Port Ham	Bridgwater	Lea Marston	Cardiff East	East Claydon	Berkswell	Walpole
				Taunton	Sandford	Indian Queens	Pyle	Willington	Rassau	Ratcliffe
				Upper Boat 132 & 33 KV		Axminster	Drakelow	Staythorpe	Feckenham	Cellarhead
						Pembroke			Uskmouth	
						Chesterfield			Rugeley	

Connections Reform | Offers Updates

NGED Detailed Breakdown – Protected and Phase 1

	Offers to be sent	Number of offers sent	Offers in Preparation	Rejected	Rejected %	Accepted	% Accepted
Protected*	154	154	-	2	1%	152	99%
Phase 1	107	19	57	-	-	9	8%

Protected
*We issued all our Protected offers within the Joint Industry Plan (JIP) timeline and have got everything into a signed or rejected position

ENA Connections Reform Dashboard – Protected and Phase 1

All Offers Issued						
Description: Volumes of offers issued to customers, for protected projects offers with protected status of 1 and 2a* and Phase 1, including T & D breakdown and % completion against target volumes.						
	Protected Offers		Phase 1 Offers		Total Offers**	
D offers	Target 426	Offered 426	Target 291	Offered* 37	Target 717	Offered 463
T connecting and large embedded offers	Target 289	Offered 289	Target 342	Offered 137	Target 631	Offered 426
TOTAL***	Target 715	Offered 715	Target 633	Offered 174	Target 1348	Offered 889

The table above shows the number of Protected and Phase 1 offers sent and accepted for D and T*.
*Data correct to 12.00 14 September 2026

*Phase 1 D offers begin mid-July
**Total offers tracking to Nov 2026 targets (end of Phase 1)

Contracts 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.

Signing Period

- Projects will have 30 days to accept their variations. If a Gate 2 variation is not accepted within this period, the Gate 2 variation will be revoked and a Gate 1 notice issued

Rejection

- Either Gate 2 variation lapses or customer confirms on the signature page that the Gate 2 variation is rejected – this can be done ahead of the 30 days.

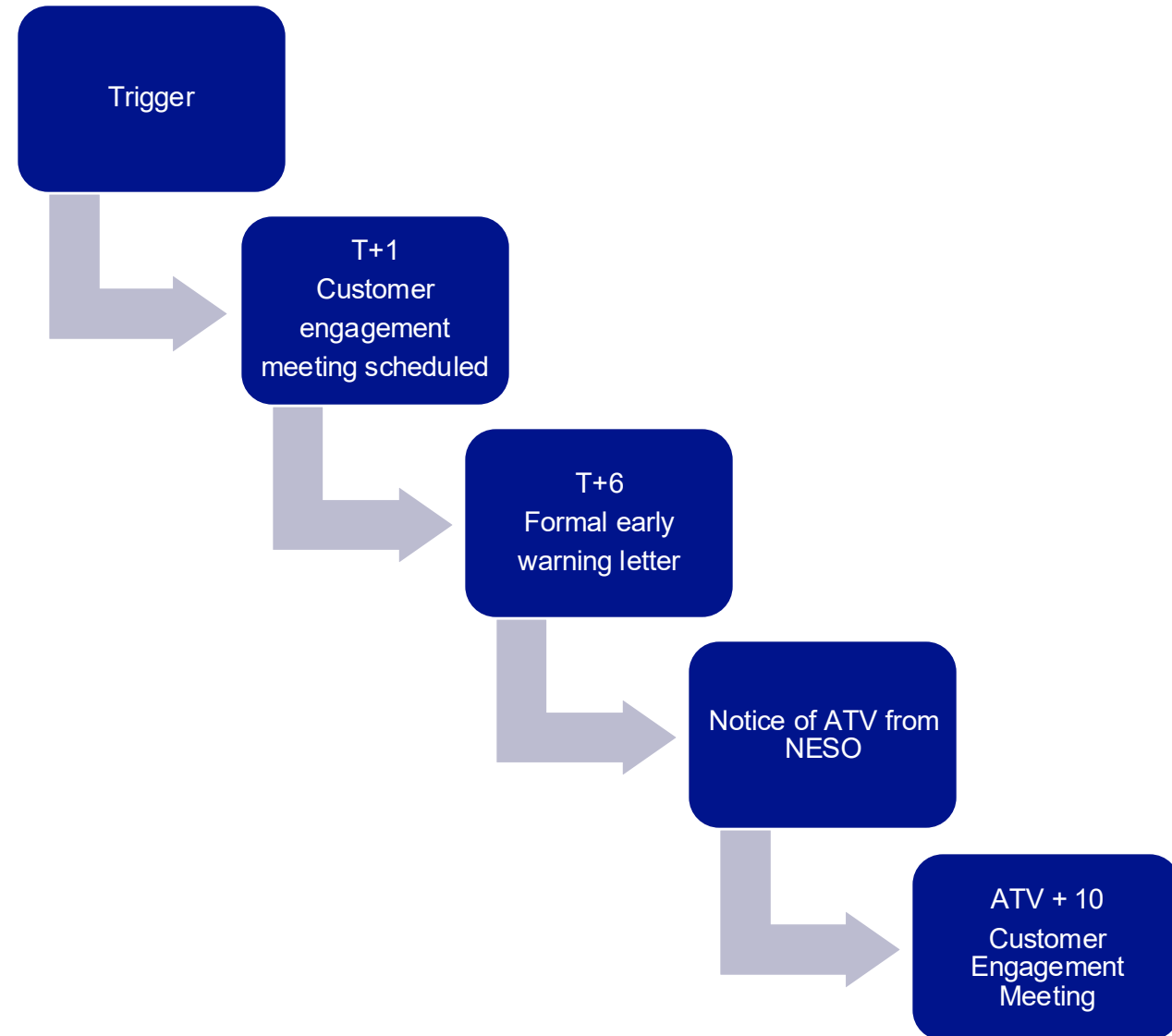
Hybrid Variations

- Projects with more than 1 technology have the ability to decline individual technologies on the Gate 2 variation. Declining an individual technology also declines any associated capacity.

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Delays following a Gate 2 outcome

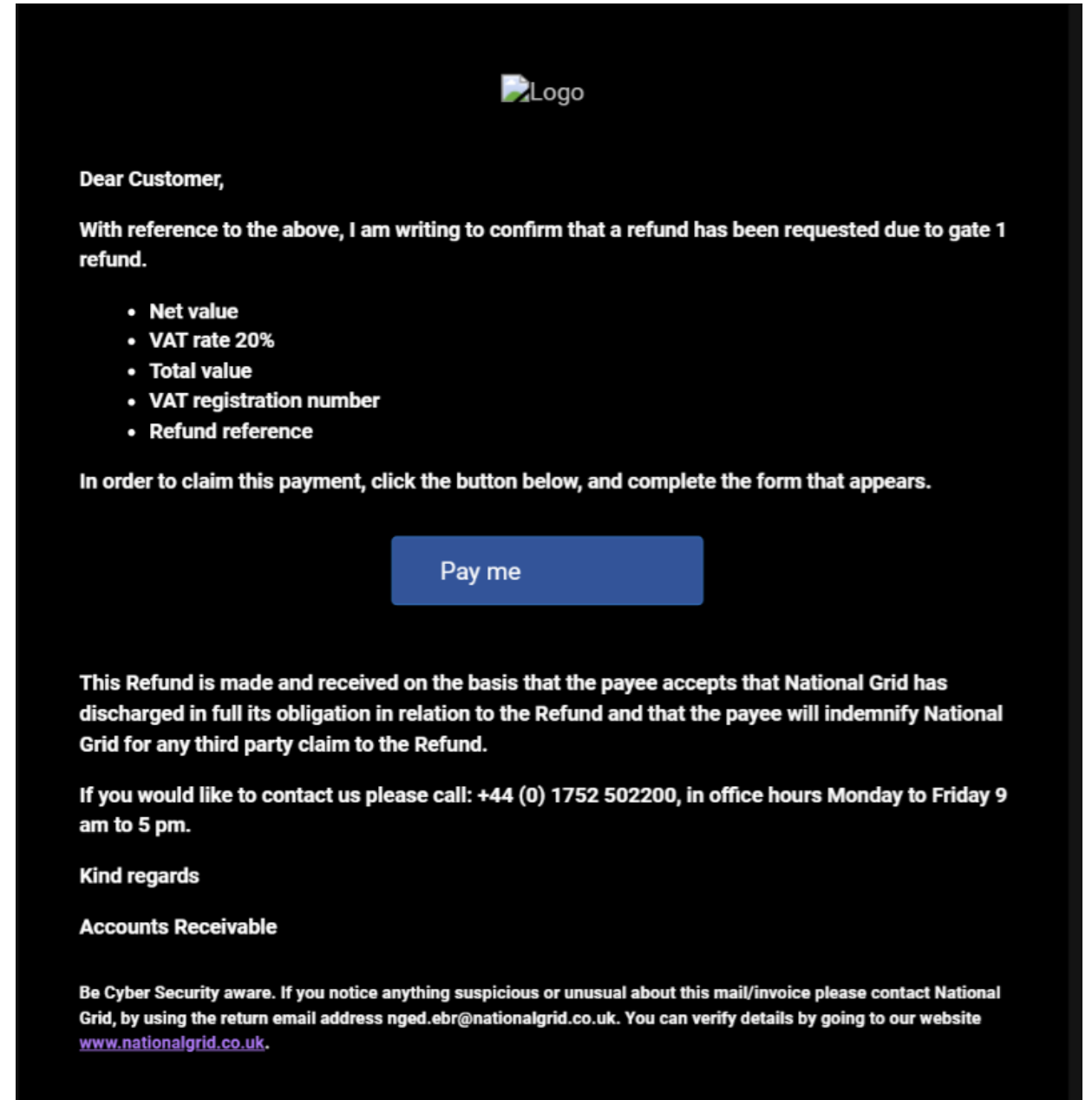
- NGED are aware there have been a small minority of projects where the Gate 2 variation has delivered suboptimal outcomes. These developers have been contacted by NGED and we are continuing dialogue with all respective parties to minimise impact to developers.
- NGED are hosting a series of all day workshops with NGET this week and next. The outcomes of these will be confirmed with developers as and when any engineering outcomes are decided upon.
- Going forward and building on existing customer engagement plans, NGED have developed an “Early Warning” process **if** these situations were to present themselves again.
- NGED have produced a series of “principles” defining what triggers this process
- The purpose of this is to **provide a defined and structured process enabling NGED to give developers as much transparency as possible to potential outcomes.**
- The “Early Warning Letter” could result in no change when the Gate 2 variation is delivered



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Gate 1 Refund Email:

- The example on the right shows a Gate 1 refund email sent to a developer.
- This email is a legitimate email and will enable NGED to refund any remaining funds held back.



Demand Reform

Dave Tuffery

Head of System Access Reforms

Demand Reform | Progressing in parallel to Connections Reform implementation - NGED supporting on all and leading on several interventions

	Issue	Intervention	Go Live
	No limit for Dx applications	Propose 240MW upper cap case studies inconclusive	2027 Not progressing
	No clear threshold for Demand Transmission Impact Assessment (TEA)	Discussions still ongoing – NGET stated 50MW too high.	2027
	2033-2039 dates make embedded demand (ED) projects non-viable	Developing non—firm mechanisms for demand	2027
	Embedded demand alignment in G2WQ	Methodology in discussion	2027
	Forecast SQSS non-compliant GSPs and lack of contracted capacity for demand	Week 24 / growth capacity programme	2026
	50GW+ Data Centres (many speculative) soaking up demand capacity in UK queue	Financial mech & additional milestones* + readiness/strategic alignment (2027)	2026
	Lack of queue and network capacity data available for demand	Demand Capacity Register to be mandated Consultation expected September 2026	2027
	Lack of acceleration framework for embedded demand projects	CAS framework launched in 2026 with a focus on Tx acceleration in 2026	2027 Dx acceleration
	Demand entry requirements	5MW+ entry requirements increased in line with generation G99 (LOA + heads of terms)	Implemented June 26

*policies covered in the Curate consultation – response due 16th Sept

Q&A Session



- No questions received for this month
- We have recently updated our registration system
- Questions can be presubmitted when you register – look for the link identified in **green** (left)
- Feedback on the new system is welcome!

The next Connections Reform webinar will be held on 16 September 2026 at 13:00 - and we'd be delighted if you'd join us!

The Plan

In under 60 minutes, we'll share the latest information on:

- Progress against the Joint Industry Plan
- Gate 2 Phase 1 Offer progress
- Demand Reform

We're here to answer your questions, so there will be time for live Q&A as well.

We hope that you can join us. To register your place, please follow the registration instructions below.

If you've missed any of our previous webinars, slide packs and Q&As are available through our [Connections Reform website](#).

Do you have a question for the team?

[Please follow this link](#) to presubmit any questions to the team before the webinar.

[INVITEE NAME], please let us know if you would like to attend this event:

☐ ✓ Yes, I would like to attend

Event Details

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16 September 2026 – 13:00 - 14:00

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Q&A



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We'll be answering pre-submitted questions then moving onto live questions.

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

Live Q&A – 16 September 2026

Question	Answer
We have the Batch 8 GSP webinar coming up tomorrow. Will we find out on that webinar what, if any, transmission reinforcement costs our project will incur?	The webinars are designed to be high level sessions, presenting a high level look at each GSP. We don't go into detail about individual projects in that public forum
You mentioned that there may be some slippage on some of the GSPs at the backend. Do you have a view as to when all Phase 1 offers will be sent out (we are in Cellarhead, last GSP in final batch)? Will it definitely be before 13/11?	We are committed to working towards the 13 November backstop date, although this is reliant on us receiving a resolution that is the best outcome we can get for our customers. The run rate page on our website is regularly updated and is the best source of information on the progress being made.
Data tables are incorrect - we have a 'protected' Gate 2 Phase 1 project with a 2027 date that is still yet to receive its Gate 2 offer to great frustration and impact on the project	We had a handful of delay notices from NGET and NESO, and these schemes were removed from the offers to be sent out. It is likely that the scheme being referred to here is one of those – for more information please email the team and we'll look into it (box.ConnectionsReformNGED@nationalgrid.co.uk)
Hi David/Joe, thanks for hosting. 2 questions from us I'm hoping we can touch on: 1) If we have a BESS gate 1 project but we are adding solar retrospectively, how can we ensure it classes as hybrid in the next window? 2) Once we receive a G2 offer, what security period is that project expected to pay towards?	1) There are two options – you can apply to us as a hybrid and each technology will be considered on its own merit, or you can apply when the 434 window opens to get the outcomes at the same time 2) This will depend on when you sign your offer. For example if you sign in October, you're expected to secure the period from September – March. If you sign in the following period, it's April – October.
At a "complex GSP", is there a higher risk that the final NGED Gate 2 costs/timeline are later/more expensive than the NESO Gate 2 that the customer is sent?	This will depend on the connection date for the project. If it has a 2026/27 project, we can expect higher certainty over the costs. If the project is further out, for example 2034/2035, uncertainty over costs will be built into the variation.

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Question	Answer
Is it safe to assume that Demand Reform is primarily being driven by Data Centre demand?	From what we're seeing, Data Centre demand is a major factor to consider when ensuring that we don't have a spiralling queue as we did for generation. Demand Reform is trying to get ahead of the issue and ensure that only viable projects are taken forward.
If the GSP for my project is not listed in any of the different batches of Phase 1, does it mean that GSP will only be considering Phase 2 projects?	Yes, that's correct.
Am I right in thinking that the customer will also receive an overview of AtV from NESO when NGED does, a few weeks prior to the NGED Gate 2 landing?	The GSP webinars provide this insight into what we're seeing in the ATVs while we do our background studies. We provide as much information as we can, prior to the offers being finalised and issued.
In your previous slides, Rugeley was in Batch 9 but on the Gate 2 Phase 1 offer schedule webpage it is now saying Batch 10. please clarify which one is this GSP in?	We are expecting Rugeley to move into Batch 10 – in this instance the website is more up to date that our slide table for this session.
DCP 461 was raised in July to address the last scheme standing problem at connection GSPs. Phase 2 offers start in less than four weeks. Will DCP 461 be resolved before Phase 2 offers are issued — and if not, what should Phase 2 developers assume about their cost exposure if projects ahead of them reject their offers during the signing period?	We are hopeful that this is resolved before Phase 2 offers are ready to go out; it is currently with Ofgem for a decision. While Phase 2 is scheduled to begin in a month's time, there will be a period of time before offers are ready to be sent.

Live Q&A – 16 September 2026

Question	Answer
Are NGED going to continue with the Batch webinars for the Phase 2 projects also? Assume there will be a similar batch timescale to be provided in due course.	We have received good feedback for the first half of the GSP webinar programme and approach to publicising timelines, so anticipate running a similar programme for Phase 2.
What date is currently pencilled in for Rugeley GSP please? appreciate it will be subject to change, but we have some key financial decisions to make prior to 1st Oct - the info in the webinar will have a key bearing on the decisions	Rugeley is due to be discussed in the Batch 10 webinar, which is pencilled in for 1 October 2026.
Are all NESO AtV received by NGED, as should be the case according to the slide GSP Batch Offer Run rates?	We have received 43 of the 51 expected ATVs, with the remaining ones still being discussed so that we get the best outcomes for our customers.

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