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Dear requester

## Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 24 September 2025.

Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) as we believe that information relating to connections falls within the definition of environmental information as set out in Regulation 2(1) of the EIR.

## Request

You asked us:

*I am looking to request data on existing sites across the UK which currently have 100MW of power available – would this be possible? Alternatively would you be able to suggest how I might be able to capture this information?*

## Our response

Unfortunately, we are unable to progress your request any further without clarification of your request. In order to identify, locate and retrieve relevant information, we would need you to more fully describe the specific data you are seeking, and clarifying what you mean by 'sites'. The FOIA and EIR do not require you to explain why you are requesting information or how you want to use

it, but if you are unsure how to rephrase the request, then providing some level of description of the purpose behind it may help us understand what information you want.

Whilst we can't respond to your request without clarification, we have provided links to publicly available information that may be useful in the advice and assistance section below.

Regulation 12(4)(c) of the EIR allows for a public authority to refuse a request where it is formulated in too general a manner. This exception applies where a request is too non-specific for a public authority to identify and locate the information.

This exception is subject to the public interest test in the EIR. However, the Information Commissioner recognises that it is difficult to conduct a public interest test when a public authority is unsure what information the requester is after. The Commissioner therefore takes the position that the public interest in maintaining the exception will outweigh the public interest in disclosing what may be the wrong information.

This concludes our response to your request.

### **Advice and assistance**

NESO Connections team is responsible for leading and facilitating the process by which customers connect to and make use of the transmission system. Further information about NESO's role in Connections is available here: [NESO's role in Connections | National Energy System Operator](#).

- The TEC Register is a list of projects that hold contracts for Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC) with NESO. These include existing and future connection projects and projects that can be directly connected to the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS) or make use of it. The current TEC Register is published here: [Transmission Entry Capacity \(TEC\) register | National Energy System Operator](#). The Register can be filtered by column G which shows the 'Cumulative Total Capacity (MW)' for each project.
- Further information on connections sites is available through [Connections 360](#) (registration required).
- The TEC Register only covers connections to the transmission network. Some generation projects, particularly smaller projects, are contracted by Distribution Network Operators (DNO). A list of the connections data published by Transmission Owners and Distribution Network Owners is here: [Connections data – Energy Networks Association \(ENA\)](#).

## Next steps

Should you decide to submit a clarified request, we will respond as soon as possible and within 20-working days of receiving clarification. If we do not receive clarification within 40-working days, we will close your request.

If you are dissatisfied with our handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days and quote the reference number at the top of this letter. You can find our procedure here: [Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations | National Energy System Operator](#). The ICO's website also provides guidance on the internal review process: [What to do if you are dissatisfied with the response | ICO](#).

If you are still dissatisfied after our internal review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints). Alternatively, they can be contacted at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the National Energy System Operator (NESO).

Regards,

The Information Rights Team, National Energy System Operator (NESO)