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# Connections Reform

General Update

16 October 2025

# Agenda

1. Upcoming events
2. Detailed checks and when you'll next hear from us
3. Queue management
4. Confidence in the process
5. BESS – converting to demand
6. Timeline and progress
7. Q&A

# Q&A

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Q&A questions not relating to today's agenda will be archived to support future webinars.

From this week the FAQs will be updated weekly with a target date of each Thursday.



# Upcoming engagement

| Events                              | Agenda  |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Webinar  | Securities<br>Detailed checks                   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November – Webinar | Preparing for Queue Formation<br>Communications |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> November – Webinar | Preparing for offers                            |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December – Webinar | General update                                  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> December – Webinar | Offers Q&A                                      |
| Date TBC: Connections Seminar       | All connections matters                         |

From today we will re-start weekly NESO portal user newsletters

# Detailed checks

Jamie Webb

# Detailed checks update

- 98.8% of customers have received the final results of their initial checks
- We have started the detailed checks
- We will be contacting you in the next few weeks if you have failed detailed checks or if we require further evidence
- **Types of documents:**
  - Title Plans
  - Unredacted land rights documentation (lease agreements, option agreements, etc.)
  - Explanatory letters confirming user has land rights
- We will email or call you to explain the issue
- Expectation is for you to respond in 4 days
- We will publish guidance to support any queries you have

Sept – Nov 2025

Detailed checks of evidence

**We have started this process**

# Detailed checks process

There will be two customer pathways for detailed checks:

Detailed checks

Queue formation

Detailed checks



**PASS detailed checks** – you will receive an email at queue formation confirming queue position and have passed all checks



**FAIL detailed checks** – we will contact you to resolve the issues



**PASS detailed checks** – you will receive an email at queue formation confirming in the queue SUBJECT to detailed checks



**FAIL detailed checks** – we will contact you to resolve the issues

## Checks will cover

- Director Verification
- Duplication checks
- Minimum Acreage
- Land Rights Documentation
- Planning Route/Development Consent Order (DCO)

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# Queue Management Milestones

Sonia Poonian

# Queue management during G2TWQ

We are listening to customer feedback and are proposing the following clarifications to how we Queue Management (QM) milestones compliance through the G2TWQ process.

| Scenario   | Do QM milestones need to be met?             |
|--|--|
| For projects that have applied for a <b>Gate 1</b> Offer or will receive a <b>Gate 1</b> Offer as part of G2TWQ process  | No   |
| For projects that have applied for <b>Gate 2</b> as part of G2TWQ  | Not until Gate 2 offers are <b>accepted*</b> |
| For projects where <b>milestones lapsed before</b> original G2TWQ close of window  | Yes  |
|  Where QM evidence was provided as part of G2TWQ, this will be updated to project records, as appropriate |  |

Customers have 3 months to sign their Gate 2 Offer, which will include the updated QM milestones dates. This period allows customers the time to ensure that your QM evidence is available once the Gate 2 Offer is accepted. In parallel to this process, the [QM 60 calendar day rectification period](#) provides further flexibility.

\* Should customers need evidence of meeting QM for other purposes, they can continue submitting the evidence and NESO will support you in verifying and confirming them.

# QM during G2TWQ

G2TWQ original  
window close  
29 July 2025

G2 offer  
issued

G2 offer  
accepted

Milestones to be met

Milestones not (yet) needed\*

Milestones to be met

**Gate 2**  
projects

Where QM evidence was provided as  
part of G2TWQ, this will be updated to  
project records, as appropriate

**Gate 1**  
projects

Milestones not needed\*

\* Should customers need evidence of meeting QM for other purposes, you can continue submitting the evidence and NESO will support you in verifying and confirming them.

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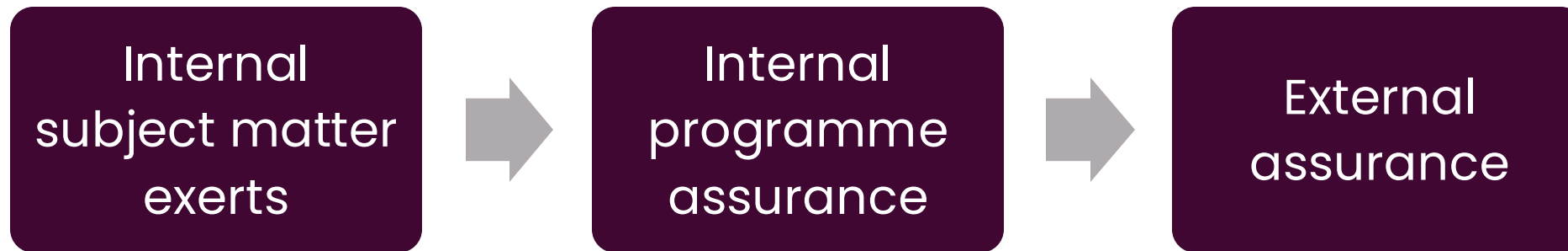


# Confidence in the process

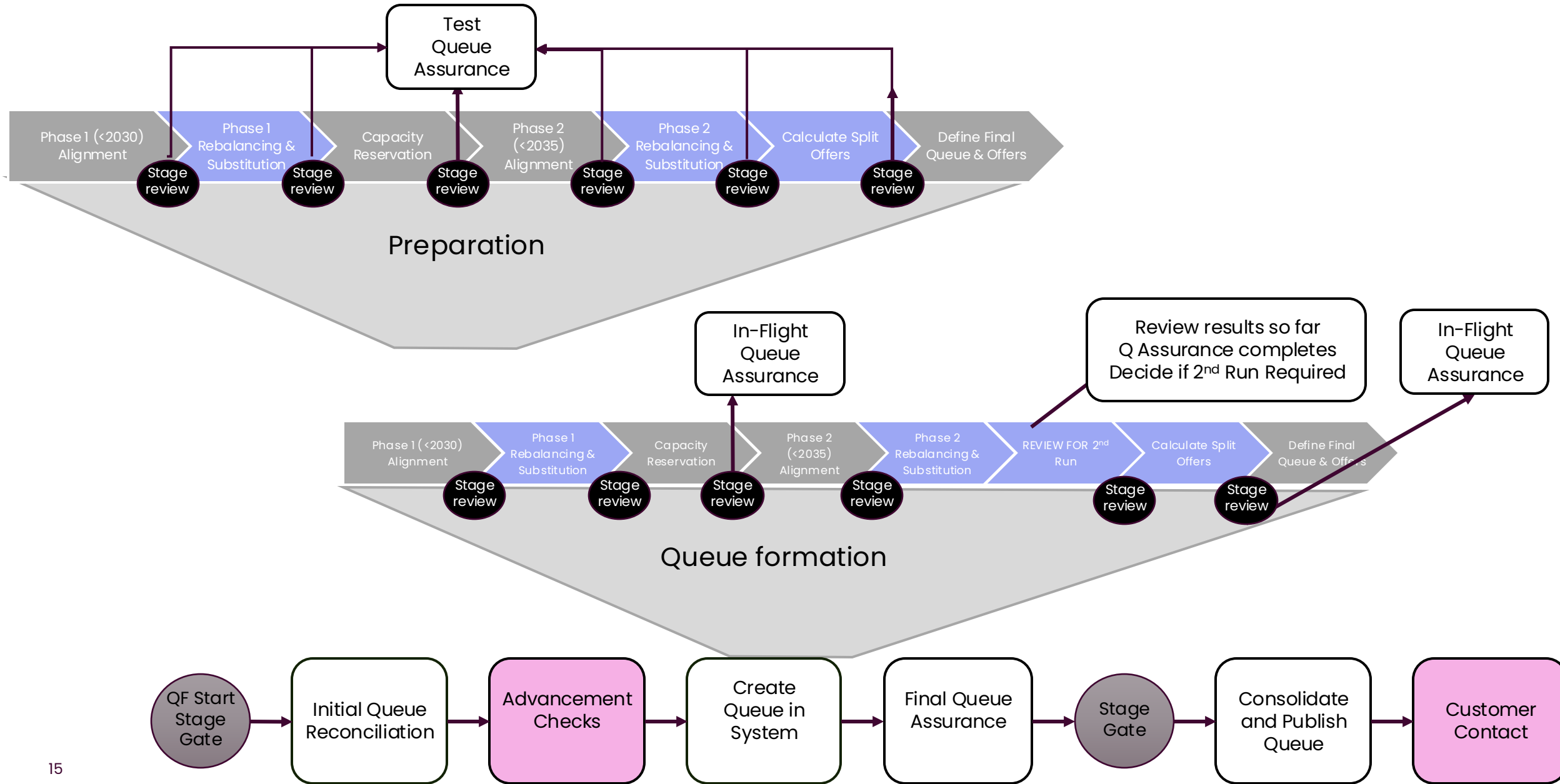
Gavin Lochhead

# Confidence in the process

All aspects of the Connections Reform programme have three lines of assurance to ensure the quality and integrity of the results for our customers.



# Queue formation: 14 checks to give confidence before results are shared



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# **BESS – converting to demand**

Folashadé Popoola

# BESS – converting to demand

Battery Energy Storage System queries answered (these will be added to our FAQ)

| Query   | Confirmation   |
|---|--|
| Any increase to the demand component of a BESS connection – including where such demand increases were made before January 2025 – is a material change? | Yes, that's correct. Assuming no other changes are requested, this increase in the demand element of the BESS would be at the back of the queue, which may result in a staged connection if the dates do not then align, with only the extra/increased demand element receiving a separate connection date best equivalent to other BESS Demand customers in the local area. |
| Will demand elements be assessed as a separate demand connection under GB Security and Quality of Supply Standard (SQSS) demand standards?              | Yes, demand elements will be address separately. More information on <a href="#">SQSS can be found on our website</a> .  |
| For securities obligations for demand elements, will they be aligned with those imposed on demand-only applicants.                                      | Yes, that's accurate.  |

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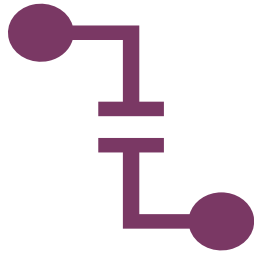
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# Timeline and programme progress

Matt Magill

# Impact on key energy programmes



**There will be no delays to RESP and SSEP, or CSNP** as a result of the re-baselined connections programme.

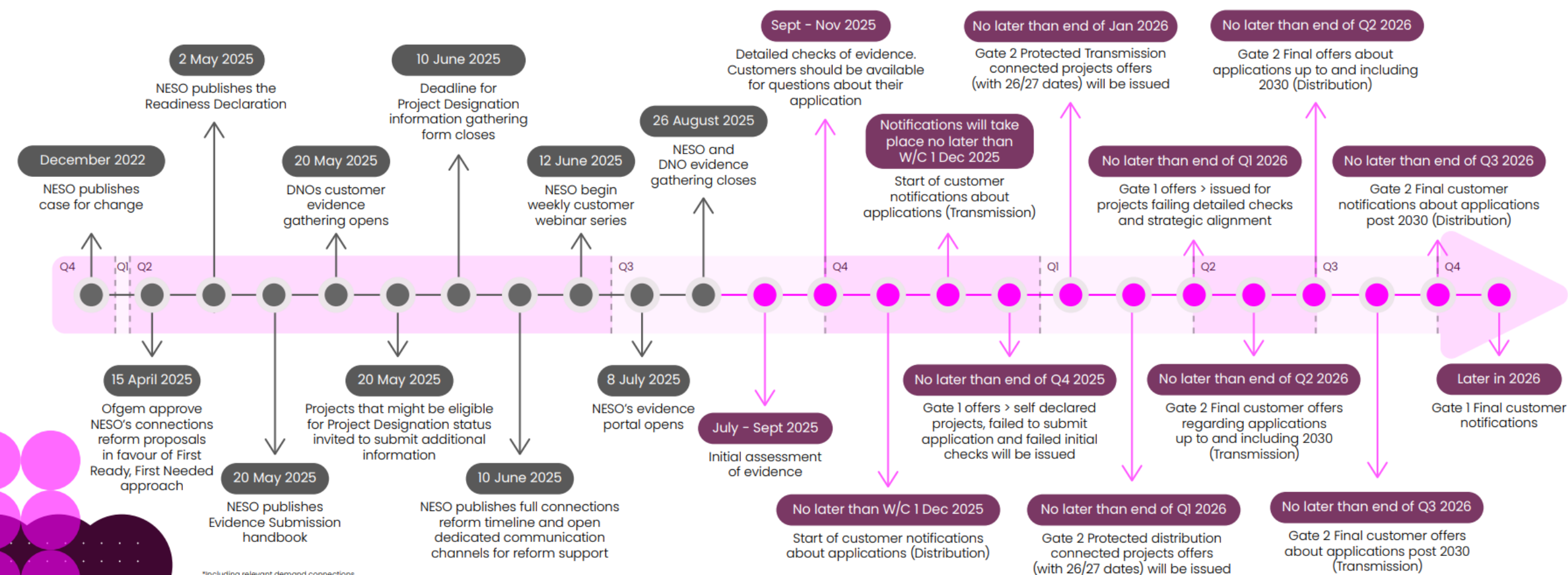


We will communicate the outcome for **CfD parties** before the CfD bid window closes.



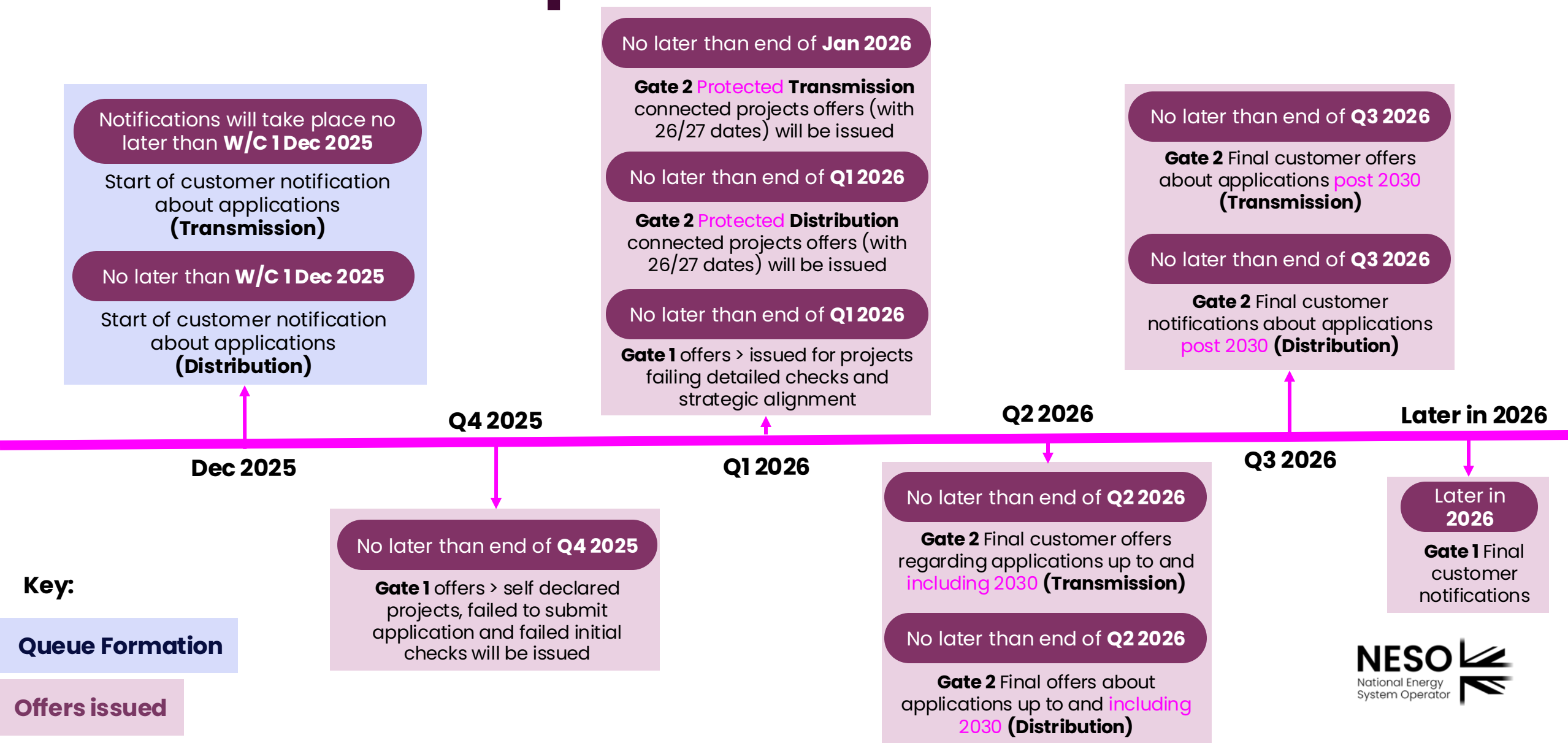
Based on our assessment, the risk of eligible projects missing out due to delays in getting a new Gate 2 contract is low. So, **the revised delivery plan should not affect your ability to take part in the CM auction.**

# Connections Reform timeline



\*Including relevant demand connections.  
Following the extension announced on 16 July, subsequent dates may be subject to change.

# Timeline snapshot



# Q&A

# Reminder – Feedback

- Listening to feedback, **we are now using Slido to capture your thoughts.** Please only put your hand up when you are called on to speak
- **The route for specific queries to be responded to has not changed**– please use the portal or email [box.connectionsreform@neso.energy](mailto:box.connectionsreform@neso.energy)
- We will not respond to each question on Slido individually (**We will respond to those most upvoted in the webinar**)
- We are using your feedback from these webinars to support prioritisation of portal development where possible
- All insights taken from Slido questions are allowing us to develop and updates the FAQs

# Slido Q&A

We will now take Slido Q&A for the remainder of the session.

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**We kindly request that do you do not raise project specific questions** and that you keep your question constructive and relevant to the content we have shared today.



# Thank you