



Regional Energy Strategic Plan (RESP) Methodology consultation

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This consultation is a step towards producing the final RESP Methodology which will be published in Summer 2026, subject to Ofgem and DESNZ approval. The RESP Methodology will then be used to produce the first set of full 11 RESPs – one for Scotland, one for Wales and for nine English regions.

These questions are split into 15 sections:

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| Terminology | Spatial Context |
| Engagement | Strategic Investment Need |
| Local Actor Support | In-Development Register |
| Governance | Technical Coordination |
| Nations & Regions | Network Plan Assurance |
| Context | Societal Considerations |
| Pathways | Environmental Approach |
| Consistent Planning Assumptions | Digital and Data |



About you / your group / your organisation (mandatory questions)

1. What is your name?

2. What is your email address?

3. What is your role / job title?



4. What is your organisation name?



5. Please give a brief overview of your organisation:





6. Which category best describes your organisation? (Select all that apply)

- 1. Householder, community group or representative of a local community, inc. local campaign group
- 2. Local authority or a representative of local authorities
- 3. Business or a representative of businesses
- 4. Large energy user – e.g. industrial business, port, airport
- 5. Housing or commercial developer
- 6. Non-energy infrastructure provider – e.g. water, telecoms, transport
- 7. National or GB-level campaign or interest group/organisation
- 8. Network operator – distribution (electricity Distribution Network Operators (DNOs), Gas Distribution Networks (GDNs), independent Distribution Network Operators (iDNOs), Independent Gas Transporter (IGT) or trade association)
- 9. Network operator – transmission (TOs, National Gas)
- 10. Installer, operator or trade association for low carbon technologies e.g. EV chargers, heat pumps, solar, batteries, etc.
- 11. Manufacturer of energy infrastructure equipment
- 12. Flexibility provider inc. aggregators
- 13. Renewable energy or storage project developer and/or operator
- 14. Hydrogen producer



15. Researcher, innovator, think tank or consultancy

Other - please specify:

7. Which Nation or Region are you / your organisation located in, or interested in? (Select all that apply - for reference, a list of Local Authorities by nation / region is here)

Scotland

Wales

Central England

East

East Midlands

Greater London

North East and Yorkshire

North West

South East

South West

West Midlands



8. Has your response been approved by your internal governance / approval process, where relevant?

Yes

No

9. Following your submission, are you happy to be contacted specifically in relation to this consultation, to further understand your views?

Yes

No

10. How would you like us to treat your response?

My response can be published

My response is confidential - not to be published in an identifiable form



Terminology

1. Do you agree that in Scotland and Wales the strategic plans outlined in this methodology should be known as the Scotland RESP and Wales RESP respectively?

- Strongly agree
 - Somewhat agree
 - Neither agree nor disagree
 - Somewhat disagree
 - Somewhat agree
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2. If not, what alternative should be used?



Engagement

1. Do you agree with our approach to engagement as we develop the RESPs?

- Strongly agree
 - Somewhat agree
 - Neither agree nor disagree
 - Somewhat disagree
 - Strongly disagree
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2. Please provide your reasoning?



Local Actor Support

1. Do you agree with the approach we have outlined on local actor support, and how we have phased the delivery?

- Strongly agree
 - Somewhat agree
 - Neither agree nor disagree
 - Somewhat disagree
 - Strongly disagree
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2. Please provide your reasoning?



Governance

1. Do you agree that local authorities should be able to decide whether to send a political representative or officer to the strategic board?

- Strongly Agree
 - Somewhat Agree
 - Neither agree nor disagree
 - Somewhat Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
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2. Please provide your reasoning?



3. Do you agree with our proposed voting structure for strategic boards?

- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

4. If you think we should change it, please provide your reasoning?

5. Do you feel any changes should be made to the proposed terms of reference?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No



6. Please provide us the details?

7. Do you agree with our proposals for appointing members of the strategic boards?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

8. If you think we should change it, please provide your reasoning?



9. Do you agree with our proposed design for working groups?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

10. If not, what changes would you propose and why?

11. Do you agree with the proposed representation for the GB Steering Committee?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree



12. If not, are there other participants you feel we should consider?



Nations & Regions Contexts

1. Do you agree with the approach for the Nations and Regions Contexts?

- Strongly Agree
 - Somewhat Agree
 - Neither agree nor disagree
 - Somewhat Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree
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2. Please provide your reasoning?



3. How do you envisage using the Nations and Regions Contexts and what would make the output work best for your needs?

Pathways

1. Do you agree with the scope of 'Whole Energy' for RESP Outputs?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

2. How do you envisage using the RESP Pathways and how can we communicate pathways to support you to use them effectively?



3. Do you agree with the approach for the RESP Pathways?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

4. If not, please provide your reasoning?



Consistent Planning Assumptions (CPAs)

1. Do you agree with our prioritisation approach and criteria set out to evaluate the validity of the Consistent Planning Assumptions values?

- Strongly agree
 - Somewhat agree
 - Neither agree nor disagree
 - Somewhat disagree
 - Strongly disagree
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2. Please provide your reasoning?



3. Do you agree with our approach for the Consistent Planning Assumptions?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

4. Please provide your reasoning?

Spatial Context

1. Our preferred approach is to move the RESP delivery dates back to enable option 2 (page 75). Do you support this approach and are there any other wider factors we should consider?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No



2. Do you agree with our proposed approach for the Spatial Context?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

3. Please provide your reasoning?

4. How do you envisage using the Spatial Context output and how can we communicate the output to support you to use it effectively?



Strategic Investment Need

1. Do you agree with our description of the three types of complexity and the examples indicated?

- Strongly agree
 - Somewhat agree
 - Neither agree nor disagree
 - Somewhat disagree
 - Strongly disagree
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2. What additional considerations should we take to categorise complex strategic energy needs. Please provide your reasoning.



3. What further considerations should we take as we develop the approach for specifying and categorising Strategic Investment Needs to ensure consistent regulatory treatment of network investments? Please provide your reasoning.

In-Development Register

1. Will commercial sensitivities discourage you or other stakeholders from contributing to the in-development register?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

2. What measures could help build confidence in sharing information?



Technical Coordination

1, What examples of whole system optimisation opportunities are you aware of and what considerations should we take to identify, prioritise and develop these collaboratively with you?

Network Planning Assurance

1. Do you support the selection of option 2 (page 154) as delivering best value in assuring alignment?

- Yes
 - Neutral
 - No
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2. If not, please provide your reasoning.



3. What further considerations should we take as we develop the approach to Network Planning Assurance for gas distribution networks?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

4. Please provide your reasoning.



Societal Considerations

1. Do you agree with our approach to societal considerations? What additional considerations should we make on PSED (public sector equality duty) as we develop the RESPs?

- Strongly agree
 - Somewhat agree
 - Neither agree nor disagree
 - Somewhat disagree
 - Strongly disagree
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2. Please provide your reasoning.



Environmental Approach

1. Do you agree with our proposed environmental approach?

- Strongly agree
 - Somewhat agree
 - Neither agree nor disagree
 - Somewhat disagree
 - Strongly disagree
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2. Please provide your reasoning if you think we should be doing this differently?



Digital & Data

1. Do you have any observations or suggestions on our proposed approach to managing RESP data?

2. How frequently do you believe data refreshes should occur to ensure the RESP remains accurate and useful? What criteria should trigger a data refresh? Please provide your reasoning.



Overall

1. Overall, do you agree with the approaches proposed across the RESP methodology? Are there any elements of the methodology that you would like to see in more detail?

Conclusion

Thank you for participating in our consultation survey. You will be able to download a PDF copy of your responses on the next page.