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Connections Reform update

Webinar

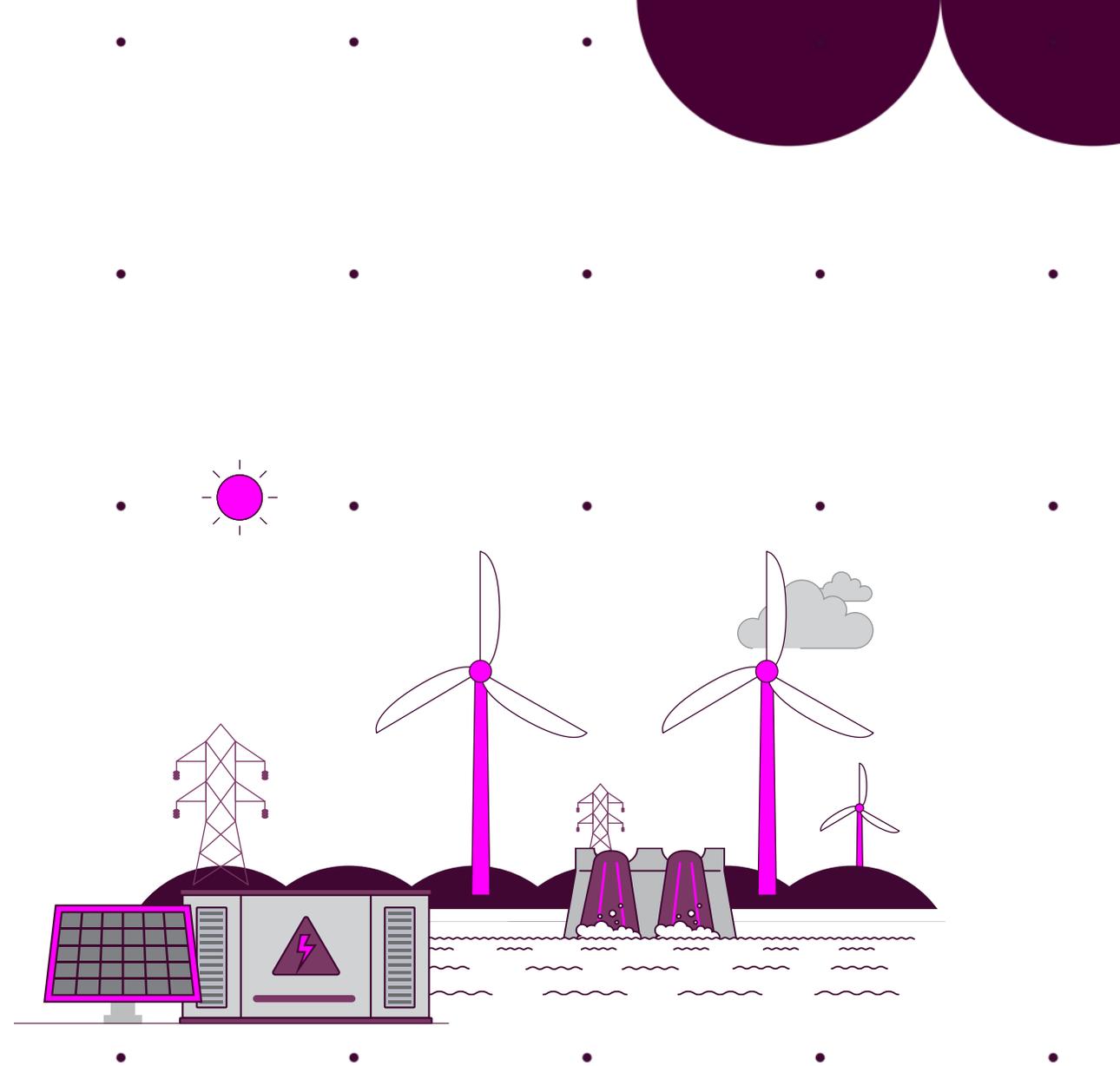
5 February 2026

Welcome

Robyn Jenkins

Agenda

1. Welcome and housekeeping
2. Offers webinar
3. Timeline update
4. Detailed Checks update
5. Queue Milestone flexibility
6. Contract signatures
7. Website improvements
8. Q&A



Q&A

Today's Q&A is open

Slido: NESO0502

We are moderating questions to ensure they are:

- not project specific
- not repeats of questions asked by others
- respectful and pertinent



Timeline update

Robyn Jenkins

Timeline

- NESO and partners are reviewing the programme timescales to strengthen the timeline and ensure offers are high quality and technically robust.
- A small number of technical issues are being resolved, which may result in minor date adjustments.
- All parties remain focused on maintaining momentum, with the aim of issuing as many offers as early as possible
- A revised timeline has been developed and is progressing through joint governance, with publication expected shortly to provide customers with greater certainty.
- The first offers are expected within weeks.

Offers webinar

- NESO and TO colleagues are preparing a short webinar to explain how technical engagement and the technical queries process will operate for T offers.
- The webinar will be released ahead of the first offers being issued, giving customers clarity before offers are received.
- Customers will be able to submit offer-related questions via Slido, with NESO and TOs responding to the highest-voted questions.
- Please help by avoiding duplicate submissions.



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Detailed Checks update

Jamie Webb

Detailed Checks update

All applications have undergone detailed checks.



Gate 2 projects requiring further clarification have been contacted.

If we have any outstanding questions regarding the resubmission evidence we received, we will contact you by phone or email.



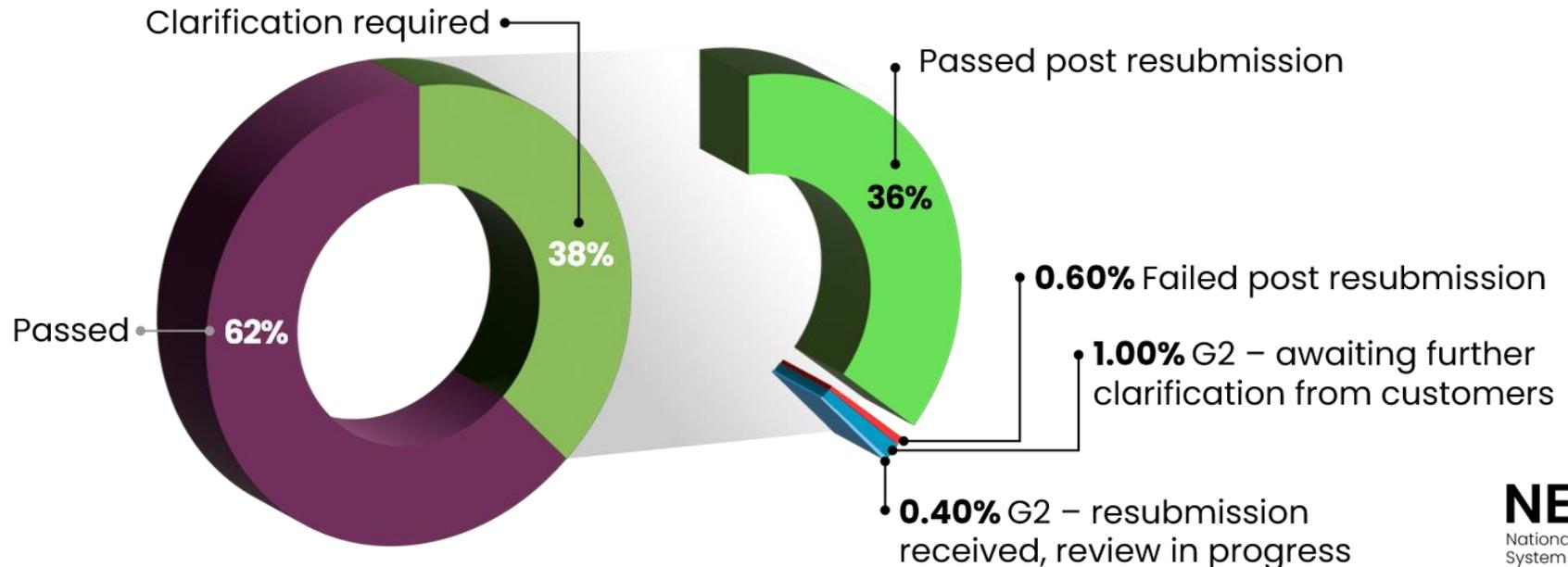
If we have received your resubmission evidence, completed our assessment and confirmed the outcomes of your detailed check, you will have already received confirmation comms.



Key stats

The breakdown of the Detailed Checks status for Gate 2 projects is as follows:

G2 Detailed Checks % Breakdown



Queue Milestones flexibility

Ruth Matthew

Refresher on Queue Management Guidance update (Transmission)



In December 2025, following industry feedback, NESO confirmed that it was revising the *Queue Management Guidance* to clarify that the exceptions process is available to Users who have received Gate 2 Modification Offers.

The revised guidance was published on **23 December 2025.**

- The exception applies where Users with a Gate 2 Modification Offer can demonstrate that the delay period has adversely affected their ability to achieve any of the milestones M5 – M8 specified in Appendix Q of the Gate 2 Modification Agreement.
- The delay period is defined as starting on 31 December 2025, based on the original timelines prior to the October 2025 revision.
- Users must first accept their Gate 2 Modification Offer and then submit an exception request within 28 calendar days of signing.

Refresher on Queue Management Guidance update (Transmission)



In line with the current exceptions process, Users must provide supporting evidence.

This evidence must demonstrate that the project's ability to meet one or more of the milestones M5 – M8 was affected by the delayed rollout of the CMP435 offer. NESO will coordinate with the User and take a pragmatic approach to both the nature of the evidence submitted and its assessment.

- Any extension to milestones will correspond directly to the length of the delay. For example, a 30-day delay will result in a 30-day extension.
- Even where an exception is not requested, any decision to terminate will be considered carefully and applied pragmatically, taking into account the project's specific circumstances and the G2TWQ process, should a milestone be missed.

What has changed at a glance (Transmission)

	Update	Summer 2025	Winter 2025	How this improves flexibility for customers
General	Where, as a result of the G2tWQ process, the contracted completion date is brought forward or delayed, milestones will be recalculated as part of the Gate 2 Mod Offer.	✓		Helps ensure that milestones remain aligned with revised connection dates.
General	Where the completion date is unchanged and milestones are recalculated backwards, NESO will ensure that Users retain the same amount of time to achieve the milestones as set out in the existing agreement, where time would otherwise be reduced.	✓		Ensures customers are not penalised where time to achieve milestones would otherwise be reduced.
M1	Where M1 has not been met, CMP434 introduced a revised calculation method. M1 is now set as the earlier of the forwards – or backwards–calculated date. Where this is materially detrimental, the User may submit evidence, and M1 may be adjusted to a date up to, and including, the backwards–calculated date.	✓		Provides a clear mechanism to address changes that make milestones unachievable.
M3	Exclusivity agreements are no longer accepted as evidence for M3.	✓		Improves clarity on acceptable evidence and aligns with the requirements of CMP434 and CMP435.
M3	Ongoing compliance with the Original Red Line boundary is required, in line with CUSC Section 16. No more than 50% of installed capacity may be located outside of the ORLB.	✓		Improves clarity on acceptable evidence and aligns with the requirements of CMP434.
M5 – M8	Guidance has been updated to clarify that the exceptions process is available to Users who have received Gate 2 Modification Offers and can demonstrate that the delay period has adversely affected their ability to meet one or more of the milestones M5 – M8.		✓	Provides clarity on the availability of exceptions where delays impact milestone delivery.

Contract signatures

Lisa Macdougall

E-signing for Offers

NESO will begin using e-signing for Gate 1 and Gate 2 Offers.

- Offers will be sent to the Commercial Contact recorded for the project. Please check the Connections Portal to ensure these details are correct.
- You will receive an email from Conga Sign – No Reply NESO CPP <sign@eu1.conga-sign.com>.
- This email will include the offer expiry date.
- A notification will also appear in the Connections Portal.
- If you are not the appropriate signer, you can reassign the offer to another person within your organisation. Signers do not need to be registered on the portal.



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Please Sign Documents

Lisa Macdougall1 has sent Test document.docx for your signature.

Please do this before 2026-03-07. NESO CPP Agreement to Vary available. Project: PRO-007921. Project Name : Test 19810. Contract Type: BCA - Bilateral Connection Agreement. Customer: 123 LIMITED. If you have any questions please raise a query through the Connections Portal.

Please click on the button below to start the signing process.

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To reassign the signer, [click here](#)

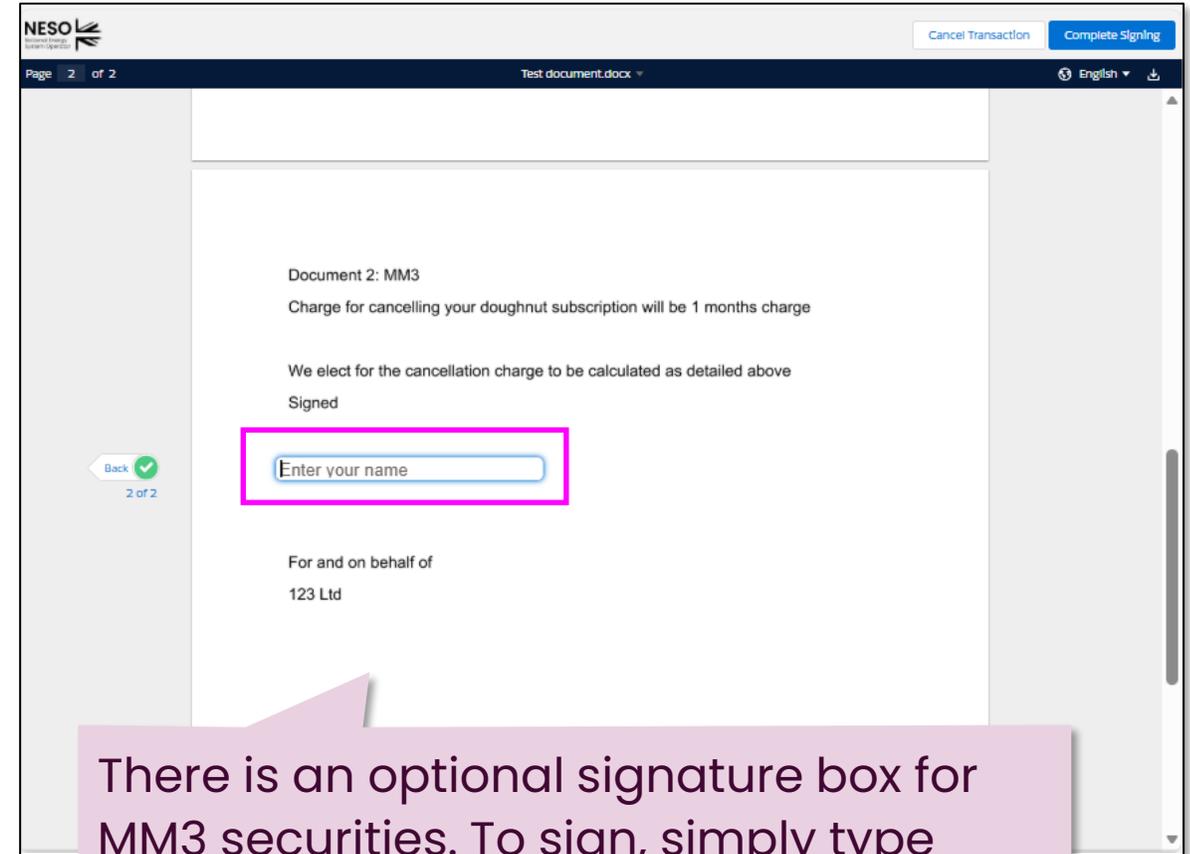
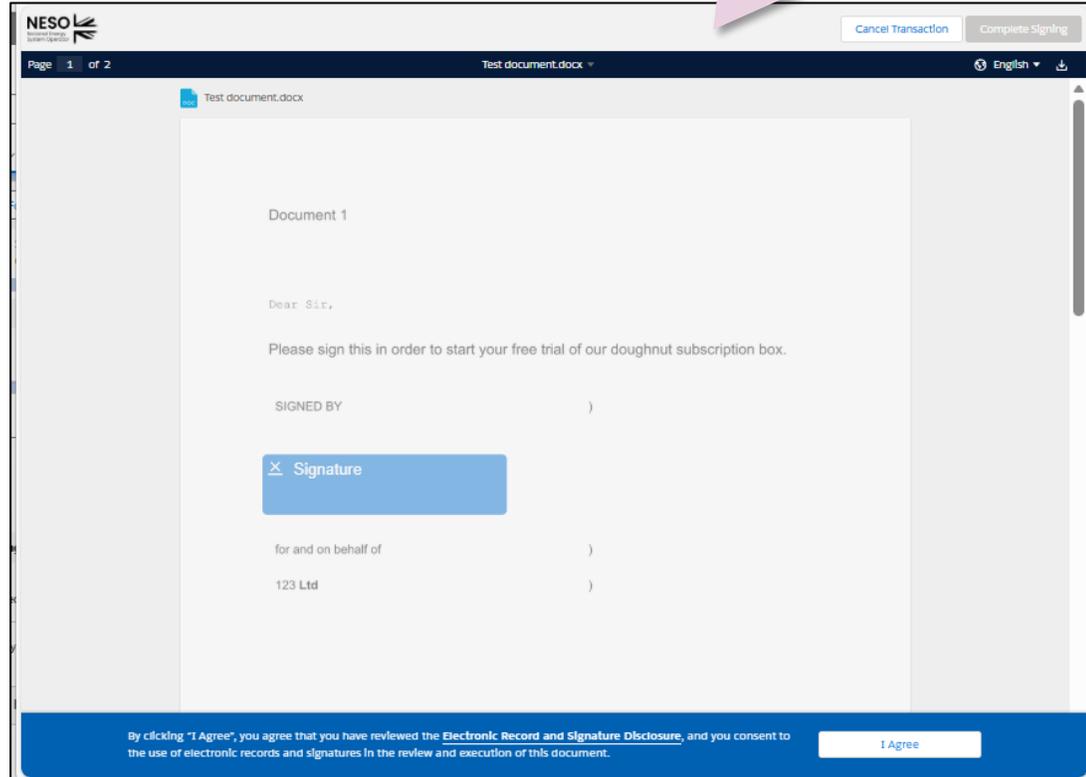
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E-signing for Offers

Click the button in the email to start the signing process. The documents will open in Conga Sign in your web browser.



There is an optional signature box for MM3 securities. To sign, simply type your name into the box.

E-signing for Offers

Once you have signed the document, you will receive a confirmation email with a copy of the signed document.

A user guide is available on the [Connections Portal](#) on the National Energy System Operator website.

Document 2: MM3

Charge for cancelling your doughnut subscription will be 1 months charge

We elect for the cancellation charge to be calculated as detailed above

Signed

For and on behalf of
123 Ltd

Signing Complete

All signatures are complete. A confirmation email was sent.

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Signing Complete!

Test document.docx is signed and completed. Click the button below or the attached PDF file to view and download the completed document.

[View Completed Document](#)

To view the audit trail, [click here](#)

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Connections Portal

If you're a Connections customers, use the Portal to apply to connect your project to the National Electricity Transmission System. By using the portal, you can:

- Apply for connections and other agreements.
- See the progress of your applications.
- Access signed contract documents.
- View key milestones and manage them.

Key documents

[Access the Connections portal](#)

User guides

- Consultant Access User Guide 2025
- Connections Offers and E-signing Guide 2025**
- Connections Portal Filters User Guide 2025
- Connections Portal User Guide
- Super User Registration Request

Platform Development

Customer feedback has helped shaped the Connections Portal.

Email reminders

NESO will send automated email reminders 30 days, 7 days and 1 day before your offer expiry date to remind you to sign, where this has not already been completed.

An automated email will also be sent the day after your offer expires, confirming that the offer has expired and that the Conga Sign link can no longer be used.

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Agreement to Vary signature required

Project ID	PRO-009335
Contract type	BCA - Bilateral Connection Agreement
Project	test for 1st dc nft
Customer	123 LIMITED
Host TO	NGET

This email is to remind you that the Agreement to Vary (ATV) for Project **test for 1st dc nft** is now ready and available for you to review and sign.

You have 30 days remaining to do so, before your ATV expires on 04/03/2026.

If you have any questions please raise a query through the Connections Portal.

Kind regards,
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Agreement To Vary expired

Project ID	PRO-009365
Contract type	BCA - Bilateral Connection Agreement
Project	EmailTest3
Customer	ROYAL SIGNALS ENTERPRISES LIMITED
Host TO	NGET

This email is to notify you that the Agreement To Vary (ATV) for Project **EmailTest3** has expired.

If you have any questions please raise a query through the Connections Portal.

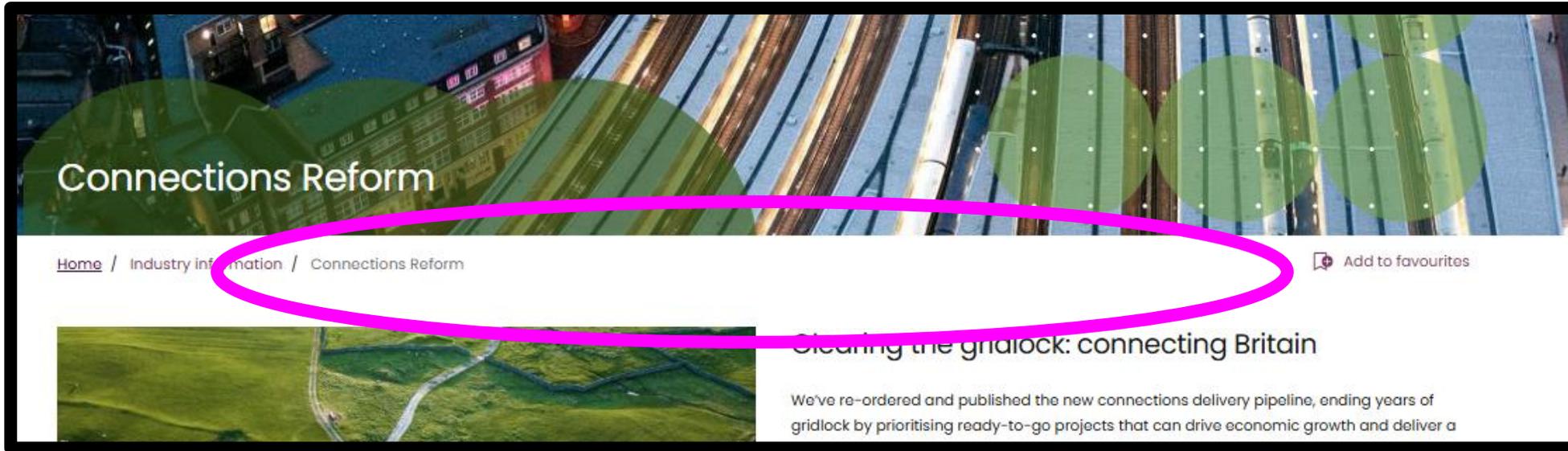
Kind regards,
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All reminder emails will be sent from noreply-connections@neso.energy.

Website improvements

Kate Garratt

The new customer area



Links:

- [FAQ](#)
- [Methodology](#)
- [Timeline](#)
- [Portal access](#)
- [Queue Milestones](#)

Q&A

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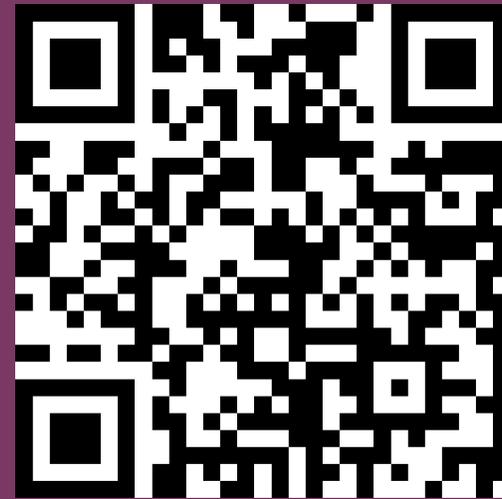
Slido Q&A

We will now answer the top voted Slido Q&As 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 questions constructive and relevant to the content we have shared today.



Thank you