

## ESO publishes first of two 2022 Network Options Assessments

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Today (Monday, January 31, 2022) National Grid Electricity System Operator (ESO) publishes its [Network Options Assessment \(NOA\) report](#).

The report provides an economic assessment of potential development projects over the next fifteen years for Great Britain's high voltage electricity transmission network.

Now in its seventh year, this NOA report is different to previous publications, as it is intended to serve as a bridging document for transmission owners, to enable them to continue projects over the next six months as we await the outcomes of the Holistic Network Design, a key output of the Offshore Transmission Network Review.

The Holistic Network Design will be published later this year and will outline how offshore connections to the transmission grid will be delivered in a coordinated way over the next decade, in order to deliver on Government 2030 targets for offshore wind.

Once this Holistic Network Design is published the ESO will produce a further NOA report to ensure that onshore network reinforcements align with the coordination of offshore connections and the changes these could create for the flow of electricity across the network.

By producing a NOA report in January, the ESO can provide clarity to transmission owners on the projects and associated works they can continue to work on during this six-month period.

This report will also provide local communities with transparency regarding works conducted by the transmission owners in this period, such as geological surveys, economic impact assessments, etc.

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