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This document contains the slides from all sessions that took place at the Customer Connections Seminar on 5 November 2024. Key session content is listed below.

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Welcome and NESO Update

9:45 – 10:15

Biniam Haddish

E&W Generation Connections Operations Manager

Agenda

1. Registration	9:00 – 9:45
2. Welcome and NESO update	9:45 – 10:15
3. Connections Reform with NESO, Ofgem and DESNZ	10:15 – 11:30
4. Break	11:30 – 12:00
5. Breakout Session 1 (Choice of 4)	12:00 – 12:30
6. Lunch	12:30 – 13:20
7. Breakout session 2 (Choice of 4)	13:20 – 13:55
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9. Break	14:30 – 15:00
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12. Closing Remarks	16:00 – 16:30
13. Networking	16:30 – 17:30
* Visit our Networking Stands	11:30 – 17:00

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Agenda

Networking stands: 11:30 – 17:30

- Contract Managers + Operability Assessment Team
- Offshore Hybrid Assets
- Digital, Data and Applications
- Customer Experience
- National Grid Electricity Transmission
- SP Energy Networks
- SSE Transmission

Breakout Sessions: choice of three throughout the day

- Reform Methodologies
- Reform Codes
- Tactical Initiatives
- Connections Operations

Robyn Jenkins

Head of Connections Change Delivery

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Head of Connections Operations

Achieving clean power by 2030

Matt Vickers

Director of Connections
Reform Programme

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Introduction

We are the National Energy System Operator for Great Britain, making sure that Great Britain has the **essential energy it needs by ensuring supply meets demand** every second of every day.

NESO is built on our previous experience as the Electricity System Operator (ESO).

We are a **public body, independent of the energy industry and Government**.

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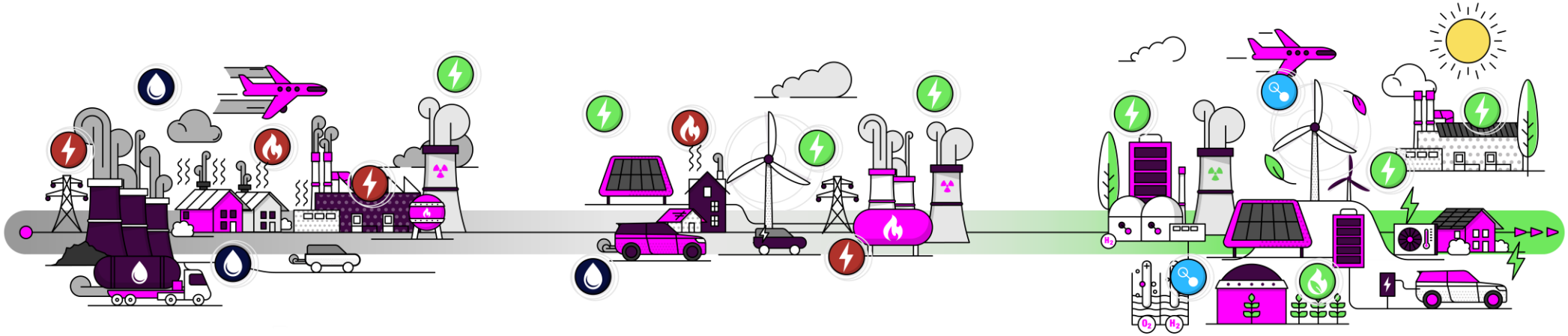
What Government asked NESO to do

HM Government has an ambition for Britain to be supplied with clean power by 2030.

The National Energy System Operator has been asked to provide independent advice on the pathway towards the 2030 ambition.



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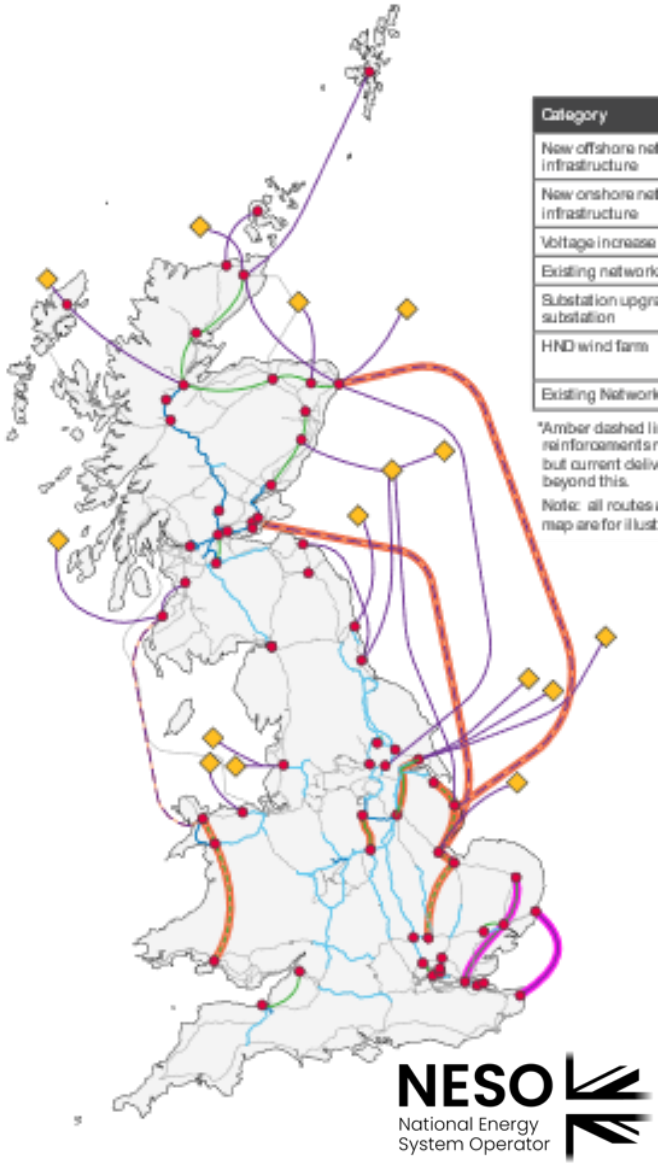
Reforming the grid connections process can power Britain's economic growth

1. **Increase the role of GB's homegrown resources**
2. **Empower business and consumers to act flexibly**
3. **Creating opportunities for local growth**
4. **Deliver positive impacts on nature, & public health**
5. **Set up GB up as a global leader in clean power**



We must do things differently to reach 2030

1. Transform the grid connections process
2. Unlock the power of flexibility
3. Create the clean power network of the future
4. Cement Great Britain's leadership in offshore wind
5. Lead the way in clean power development
6. Make digitalisation central to delivery

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Working together to deliver for Britain

We are not starting from scratch, but there is more work to do…

June 2023
Formal Consultation on Connections Reform

'First Ready, First Connected' with developers passing through two formal gates

December 2023
Final Recommendations Report on TMO4

'First Ready, First Connected' to be applied to existing queue

April 2024
TMO4+ code modifications raised to re-order queue

New government in place and introduction of CP2030 plan

July 2024
New government appointed

Ambition to secure a financial commitment from developers

July 2024
First workshops on Tech lens and Financial instrument design

Introduce plans, PMO processes and governance

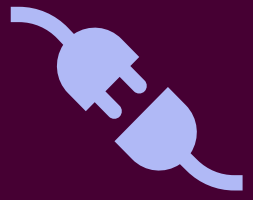
July 2024
Mobilisation of Programme

September 2024
Further TMO4+ workgroups

October 2024
Financial instrument code modification development and Connections Reform Hub mobilised

Just a few months later… proposals are developed and close to finalisation

There’s lots more to do



Connections Reform

A connections process needs to be aligned to the technology mix we need for 2030 and beyond

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NESO Clean Power 2030 Advice

Technology	Unit	2023	2030		2035
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What's next?

Expanding upon our progress so far, we are directing our reform efforts towards two primary areas:

- **Accountability:** By introducing clearer milestones for project progression, we will ensure that projects can progress as necessary and be held accountable along the way.

- **Flexibility**: We will enable flexibility for the queue to be reformed in line with the technology mix that Britain needs.

We invite you to respond to our methodologies consultation which seeks your views on the specific approaches and guidelines to be followed in the connections process

Public

Connections Reform

with NESO, Ofgem, DESNZ

10:15 – 11:30

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Agenda

Topic	Time
• Ofgem Update	10 mins
• Overview of publication documents	05 mins
• Overview of three overall designs	05 mins
• Our overall preferred connections reform design	20 mins
• Plan & Next steps	5 mins
• Q&A	30 mins

Ofgem update

Alasdair MacMillan

Policy Lead – Electricity Connections

ofgem Making a positive difference for energy consumers

Connections reform – where are we?

November 2024

Evolution of Connections Reform and TMO4+

Connections Reform was initially envisaged in two phases

Phase 1 - Applying a readiness threshold to the connections queue

Goal - a slimmed down queue of viable, progressing projects.

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Phase 2 - More closely align the connections process with strategic planning and the first SSEP

Goal – a queue that broadly aligns with the long term needs of GB

However, there is now a need to accelerate that process of alignment

Government mission - Clean Power by 2030

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TMO4+ reforms would not be effective in delivering CP30

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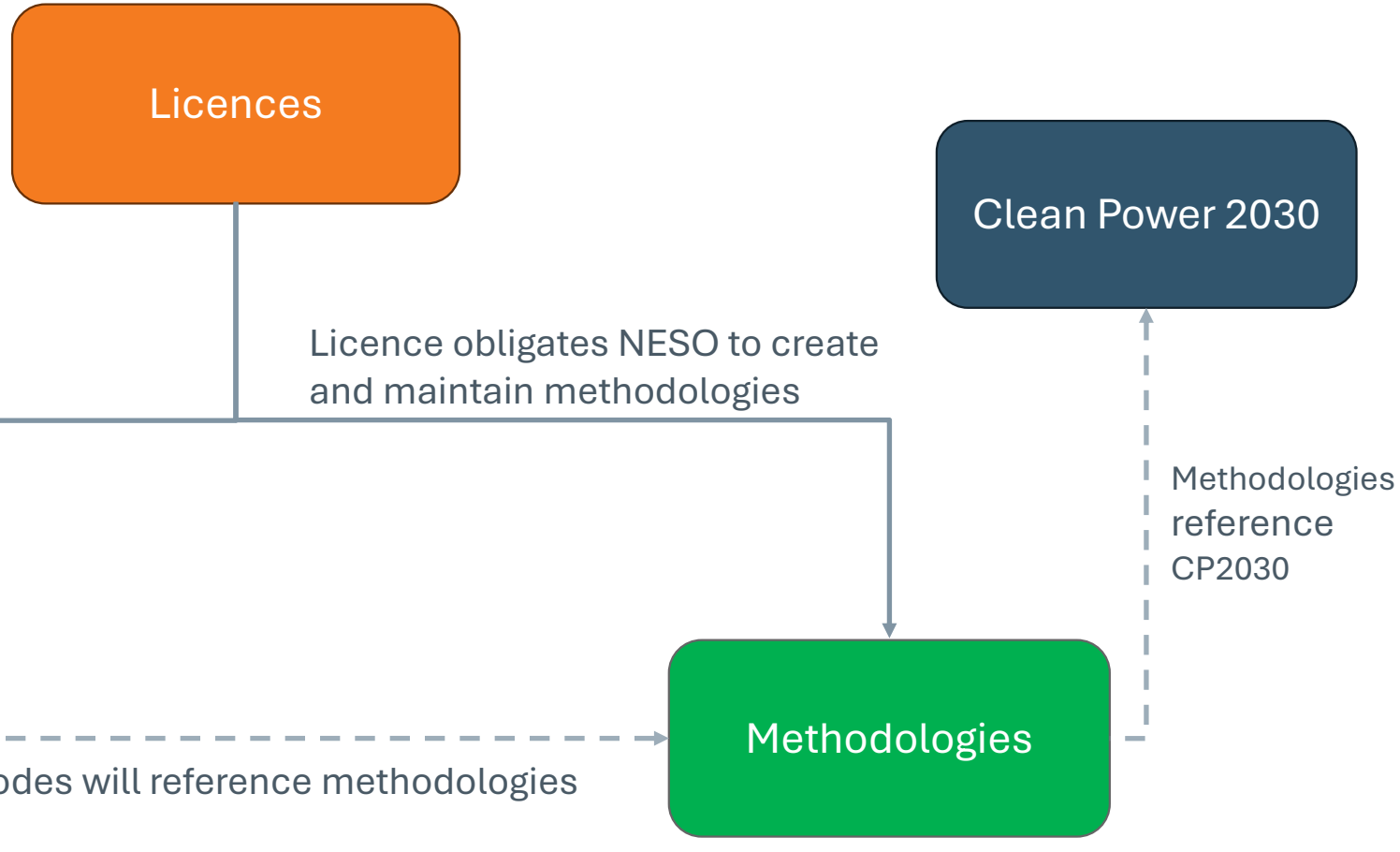
NESO "go further" options conceived:
Ensure alignment between connections and the strategic planning demands of the GB energy system, as set out in CP30

Connections governance process

Ownership Key

- **Ofgem**
- **Government**
- **NESO**



- *CMP434 & CM095 – Implementing Connections Reform*
- *CMP435 & CM096 – Application of Gate 2 Criteria to existing contracted background*

- *Gate 2 Criteria*
- *Connections Network Design Methodology*
- *Project Designation*

Connections Reform overview

James Norman

Head of Connections Strategy

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Overview of publication documents

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Overview of publication documents

Following extensive industry engagement, we're consulting on a new, agile, future-proof process for transmission system connections. Our reform proposals cover all transmission-level projects and any generation or storage projects affecting the transmission system. We've published several documents for consultation to gather your feedback and refine our designs.

1. Great Britain's Connections Reform - Overview

Sets out for consultation how we propose to align the reformed connections process with strategic energy plans

2. Gate 2 Criteria Methodology

Purpose: Establish what projects are in the new queue

3. Project Designation Methodology

Purpose: Establish what projects can be prioritised in the new queue

4. Connections Network Design Methodology

Purpose: Establish the ordering of the new queue and determine reinforcement works

5. Draft Impact Assessment

Sets out the potential impact on the connections queue of our connections reform proposals.

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Overview of the three designs

Key building blocks to align connections reform with strategic energy planning

	Variable	Definition	Options		
1	**Time horizon for determining "aligned" project**	Under what time horizon is alignment considered	2030	2035	2035+
2	**Approach for managing scope of the new queue**	How we determine the size and make-up of the new queue	Readiness based	CP30 Plan aligned projects prioritised, then followed by any other 'ready' projects	Only 'ready' CP30 Plan aligned projects or 'ready' projects not known or out of scope of CP30

Final recommendation, as included in consultation

Other assessed options

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Overview of three overall designs

Three potential overall designs

1

New queue formed of:

i) 'ready' projects already in the queue

ii) 'ready' NESO designated projects

iii) then, any new 'ready' projects that 'align with' the CP30 Plan are prioritised In future Gate 2 windows

2

New queue is formed of:

i) 'ready' projects 'aligned with' the CP30 Plan

ii) 'ready' projects not known at time of the CP30 Plan or otherwise outside scope of CP30 Plan

Our preferred design

3

New queue is formed of:

i) 'ready' projects 'aligned with' the CP30 Plan

ii) 'ready' projects not known at time of the CP30 Plan or otherwise outside scope of CP30 Plan

iii) any other 'ready' projects

For more information on the link between Connections Reform and CP2030, visit the **Reform Methodologies breakout** and come to our **Webinar on 14th November.**

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Key benefits and risks of the three designs

	Design 1	Design 2	Design 3
Benefits	• **Aligns with Connection Action** Areas in the CAP, supporting our connections reform objectives. • Maintains **process continuity** without new alignment requirements for CP30 or SSEP. • Tests **project readiness** through planning milestones and financial commitments	• **Prioritises projects** aligned **with strategic energy plans** (CP30 and SSEP) • Ensures a **smooth SSEP transition** by adhering to CP30's 2035 queue limits. • **No need to reorder post 2035 projects once SSEP is introduced.**	• **Prioritises projects** aligned **with strategic energy plans** (CP30) • Provide **investors with clarity** on the types of projects that will most efficiently deliver GB's net zero ambitions
Risks	• Potential **misalignment of non-CP30** projects in the new queue **with SSEP** • Risk of **reduced investment** due to **uncertainty** about project alignment **with CP30 and SSEP pathways.** • Network companies may risk **building inefficient and costly networks**.. • **CP30/SSEP projects** may be **delayed by other projects** in the queue.	• **Reduced investment in non-CP30 aligned technologies**, impacting competition and savings – partially mitigated by 2035 pathway • **Risk that the CP30 Plan does not include a 2031-2035 pathway**	• Potential **misalignment of up to 200GW of post 2035** projects in the new queue **with SSEP** • Risk of **reduced investment** due to **uncertainty** about project alignment **with SSEP.** • Network companies may risk **building inefficient and more costly networks**.

Our recommended design

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Our preferred design

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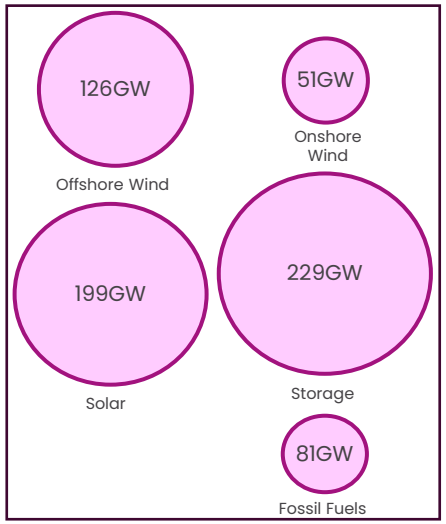
Deep Dive on Design Option 2

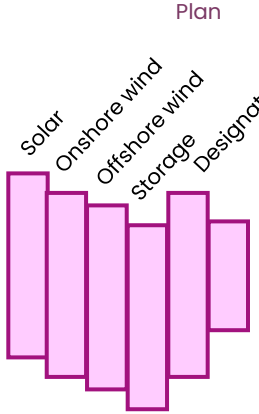
Current queue



Projects assessed by technologies & locations

Projects ordered based on their relative current queue order in line with technology/location/capacity pathways set by CP30 Plan

1. Projects apply to Gate 2
2. Apply Gate 2 Readiness criteria



3. Apply technology / capacity / locational limits in line with CP30 Plan pathways

Projects outside of the limits in the 2031-35 pathway or that don't meet other Gate 2 criteria receive a Gate 1 indicative offer

4. Establish Connection Date

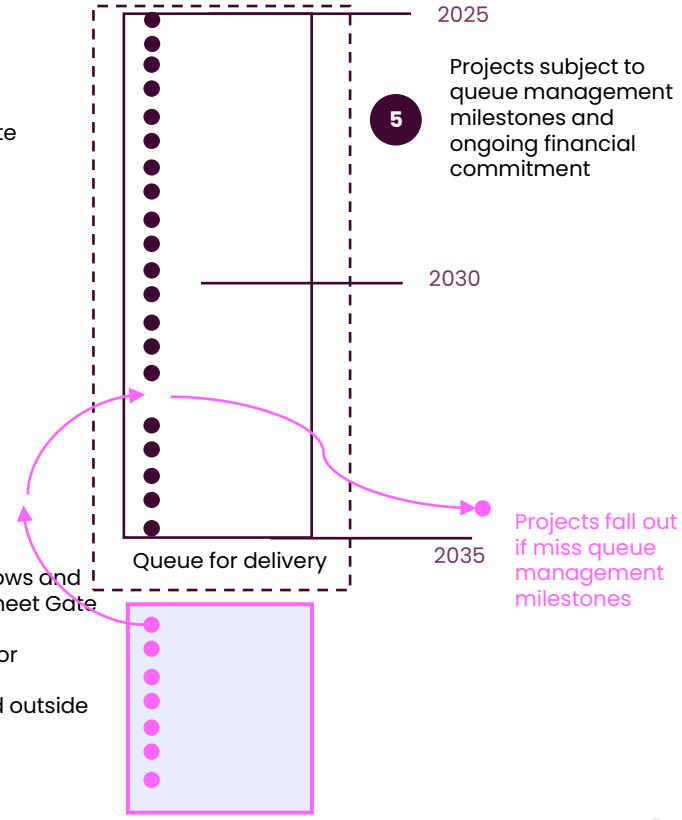
Other projects are at Gate 1 and have indicative dates.

Projects can pass Gate 2 in future windows and receive a firm date / queue position if meet Gate 2 'readiness' criteria and:

i. Fill an undersupplied technology; or
ii. Designated project; or
iii. Transmission-connected demand outside scope of CP30; or
iv. Needed for SSEP1 pathway

New queue

Provide Connection Dates



5. Projects subject to queue management milestones and ongoing financial commitment

Projects fall out if miss queue management milestones

[22] This diagram also shows how additional variables (e.g., managing oversupply or undersupply) could work

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Further variables and options (1/3)

	Variable	Definition	Options		
3	**Approach for demand projects**	How we treat demand projects in the queue	Strategic demand identified by government	'Ready' demand types in scope of CP30 included in new queue	Other 'ready' demand project types outside scope of CP30 can be included in the queue
4	**Approach to oversupply**	How to manage too much of a technology in the queue compared to a strategic plan	No limits (status quo)	Limits to align with any existing government targets	Limits based on project technologies / locations in scope of agreed plan (e.g., CP30 / SSEP)
5	**Approach to undersupply**	How to manage too little of a technology in the queue compared to a strategic plan	No correction of undersupply (status quo)	Potential substitution to meet under-supply – in adjacent locations	Reserve bay and network capacity for undersupplied technology type
6	**Approach to project attrition**	How to manage rates of project attrition in the queue	No replacement of 2035 pathway projects until SSEP1	No upfront attrition built in, but replacement of 2030 pathway(s) projects	[10%] upfront attrition built in
7	**Optimal use of the network** [30]	Treatment of projects based on substation / bay utilisation efficiency	Any project of any size can connect at any substation / bay (status quo)	Allocate projects to either Transmission / Distribution based on project capacity	Allocate projects to a voltage level based on MW capacity
8	**Transition to SSEP1**	To what extent the queue may align with SSEP1 or potentially need to be reduced / reordered	No reduction or reordering of the new queue because of SSEP1	Some limited reduction or reordering of the new queue because of SSEP1 (e.g., pre planning consent)	No limits to reduction or reordering of the new queue because of SSEP1

Final recommendation, as included in consultation

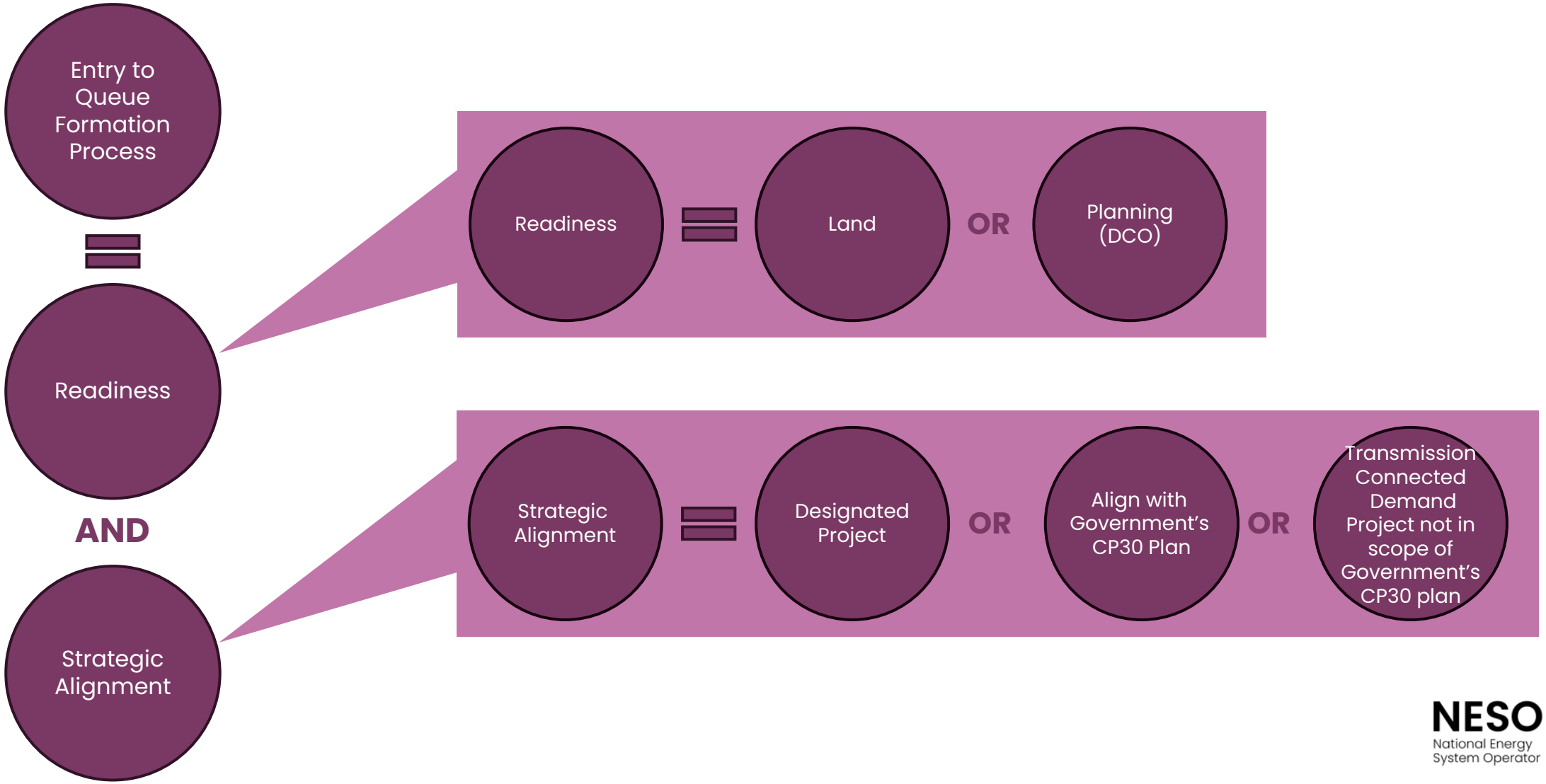
Other assessed options

Further variables and options (2/3)

Variable	Options		
9 **Does CP30 alignment apply to Transmission and Distribution?**	Applies to T only	Applies to T and some D (i.e. to D that is in scope of TMO4+)	Applies to T and all D
10 **Is there a spatial element to CP30 alignment?**	Yes - FES zones	Yes – CP30 zones	No
11 **How do we order projects in the new queue to determine CP30 alignment**	Existing queue position	Planning status	Combination of existing queue position and planning status

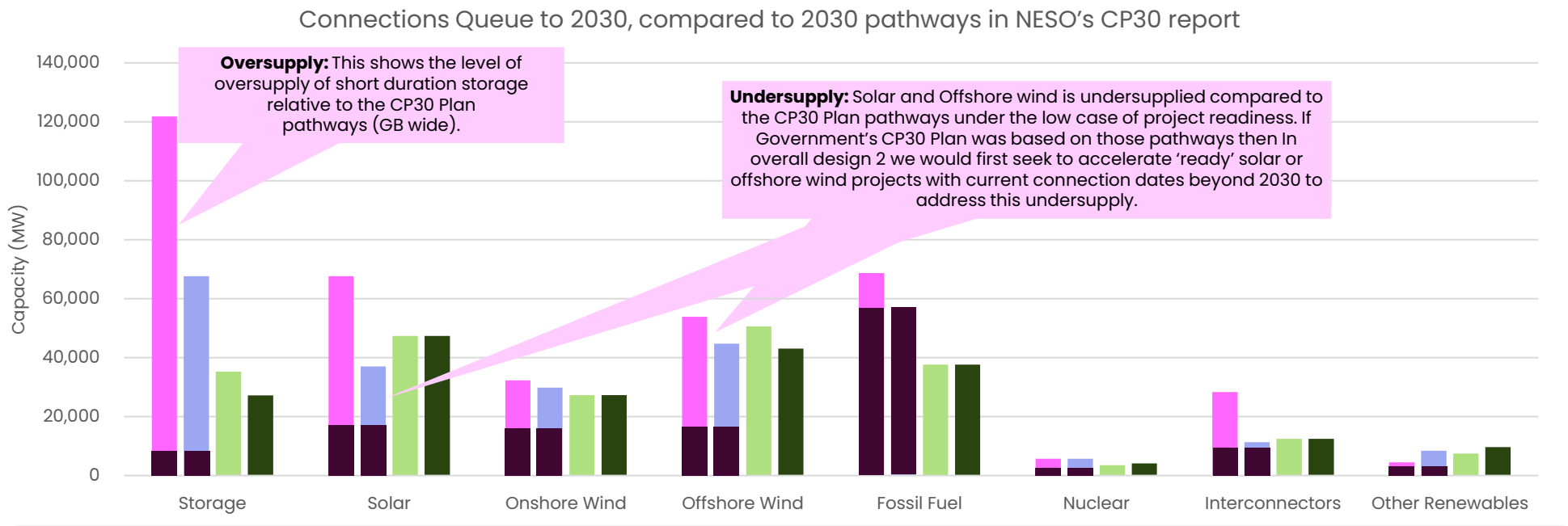
Final recommendation, as included in consultation Other assessed options

Overall design 2



Alignment with CP30 pathways to 2030 in our CP30 advice

The flowing graph shows the potential "ready" queue with connection dates to 2030 compared to the 2030 pathways in NESO's CP30 advice



Current Built Capacity: Current built generation capacity [20]

Full Queue to 2030: The connections queue with connection dates from now until the end of 2030 including transmission and distribution.

Low case: The connections queue until the end of 2030, based on project capacity for those that responded to the RfI and stated that they had land at time of RfI (June 24) [21]

CP30 Plan pathways: CP30 Plan pathways generation capacity per technology

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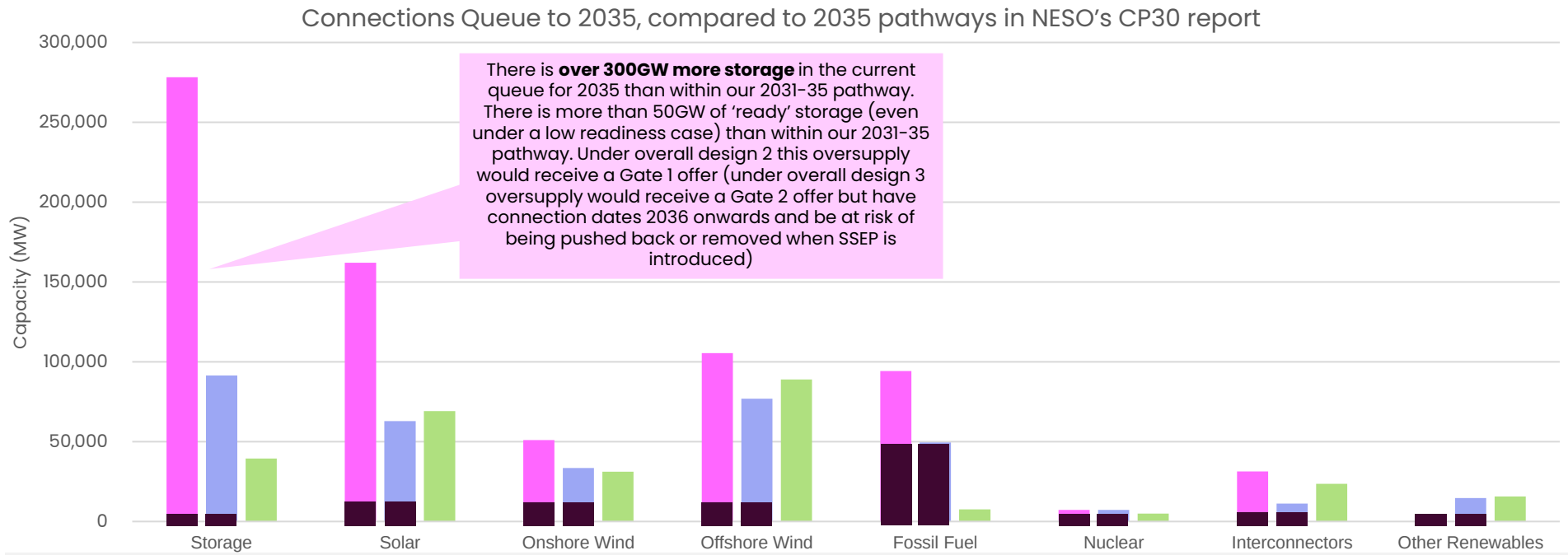
Assumptions: *The data model does have limitations and has assumptions applied*

Alignment with CP30 pathway to 2035 in our CP30 advice

The flowing graph shows the estimated "ready" queue with connection dates to 2035 compared to the 2035 pathway in NESO's CP30 advice.



The current queue to 2035 has over **double the capacity** than what is required within our **proposed 2031-2035 pathway** (c285GW).

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- **Low case:** The connections queue until the end of 2035, based on project capacity for those that responded to the RfI and stated that they had land at time of RfI (June 24) [23]
- **2035 pathway:** Capacity in 2035 from the 2035 pathway in NESO's CP30 report

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Further variables and options (3/3)

We have assessed additional variables to further inform our recommendations

	Variable	Options			
12	**Are the categories for technologies within pathways the same as in Government CP30 Plan?**	Yes	No		
13	**Does a project that has a Connection Point and Capacity reserved at Gate 1 count towards CP30 Plan alignment?**	Yes	No		
14	**Should capacity limits by technology/location be set for each year of a pathway?**	Year by Year	5 yearly blocks: 2025 - 2030 and 2031 - 2035		
15	**Are capacity limits based on installed capacity?**	Installed capacity	Contracted export capacity		
16	**How do we replace projects that exit the queue?**	Offer acceleration of connection date to like for like project lower in new queue	Offer capacity to next like for like project that meets Gate 2 criteria	Open to next project of any technology that meets Gate 2 criteria	
17	**What happens where part of a project's capacity exceeds a pathway limit?**	Allow the full capacity to connect	Allow capacity up to the limit to connect [32]	Allow non-firm access for capacity above the limit	Phased connection – capacity out with plan connecting later
18	**What is the approach for hybrid projects?**	Treat as all technologies irrespective of system behaviour	Treat as a single technology irrespective of system behaviour	Treat in line with system behaviour	

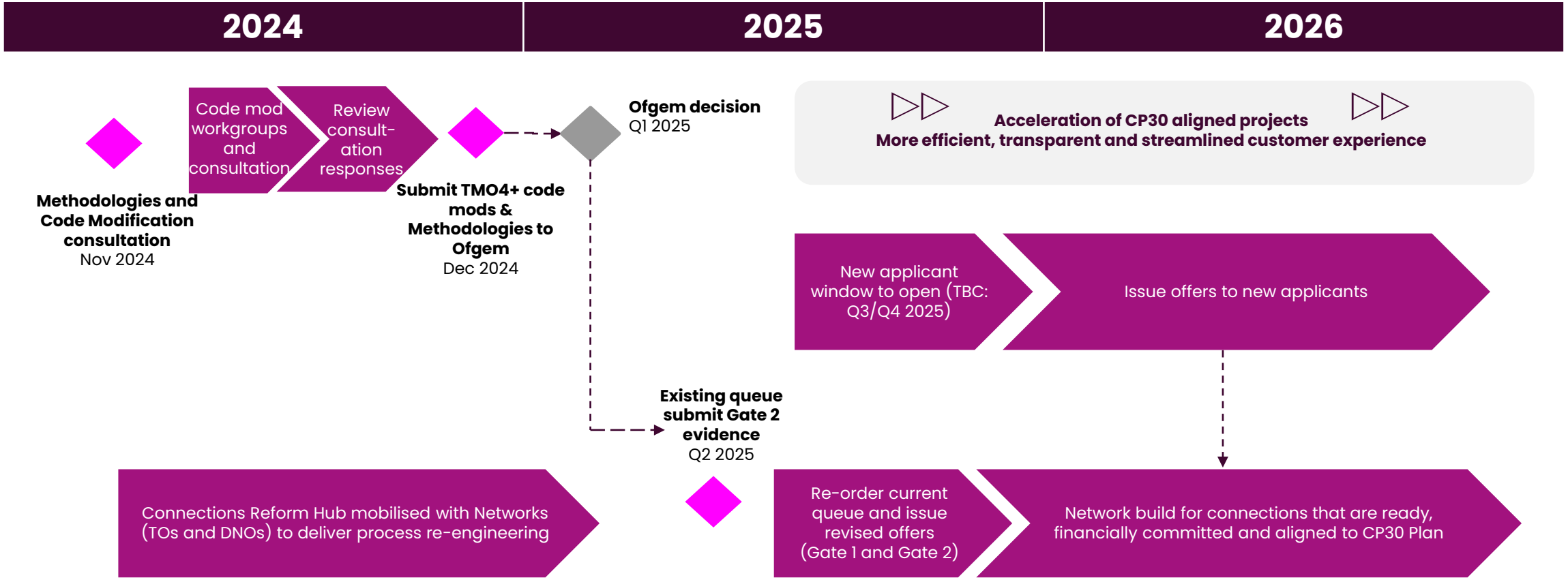
Final recommendation, as included in consultation | Other assessed options

Plan and next steps

Plan and next steps

The following plan demonstrates the key milestones to implement the connections reform process. It serves as a strategic guide, outlining the sequence of events that must unfold to facilitate a smooth transition and effective integration of the new process.

Please note: This plan is indicative and subject to change. NESO will continue to work closely with Networks to define Implementation timelines.



Respond to consultation

- Responses to consultation due: 2 December 2024
- Plan to submit all documents to Ofgem by 20 December 2024
- Expect Ofgem decision on Code Modifications and Methodologies in Q1 2025

Q&A

Slido Code
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Break
11:30 – 12:00

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Breakout session:

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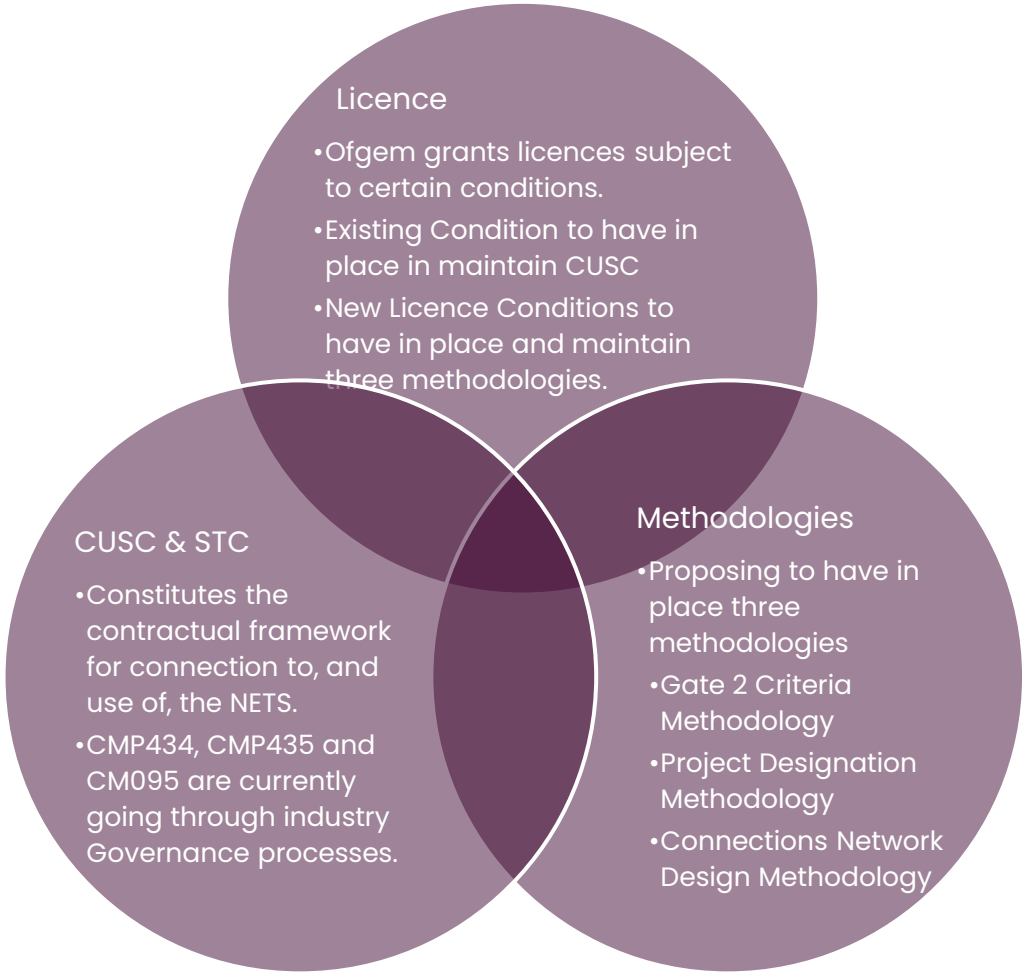
Giving effect to Connections Reform



1. Gate 2 Criteria Methodology - Detailed Document

Purpose: Establish what projects make it into new queue
Focus: Appropriate Land rights (including Development Consent Order (DCO) submission)

2. Project Designation Methodology - Detailed Document

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Focus: Queue formation, study approach, capacity reallocation following termination

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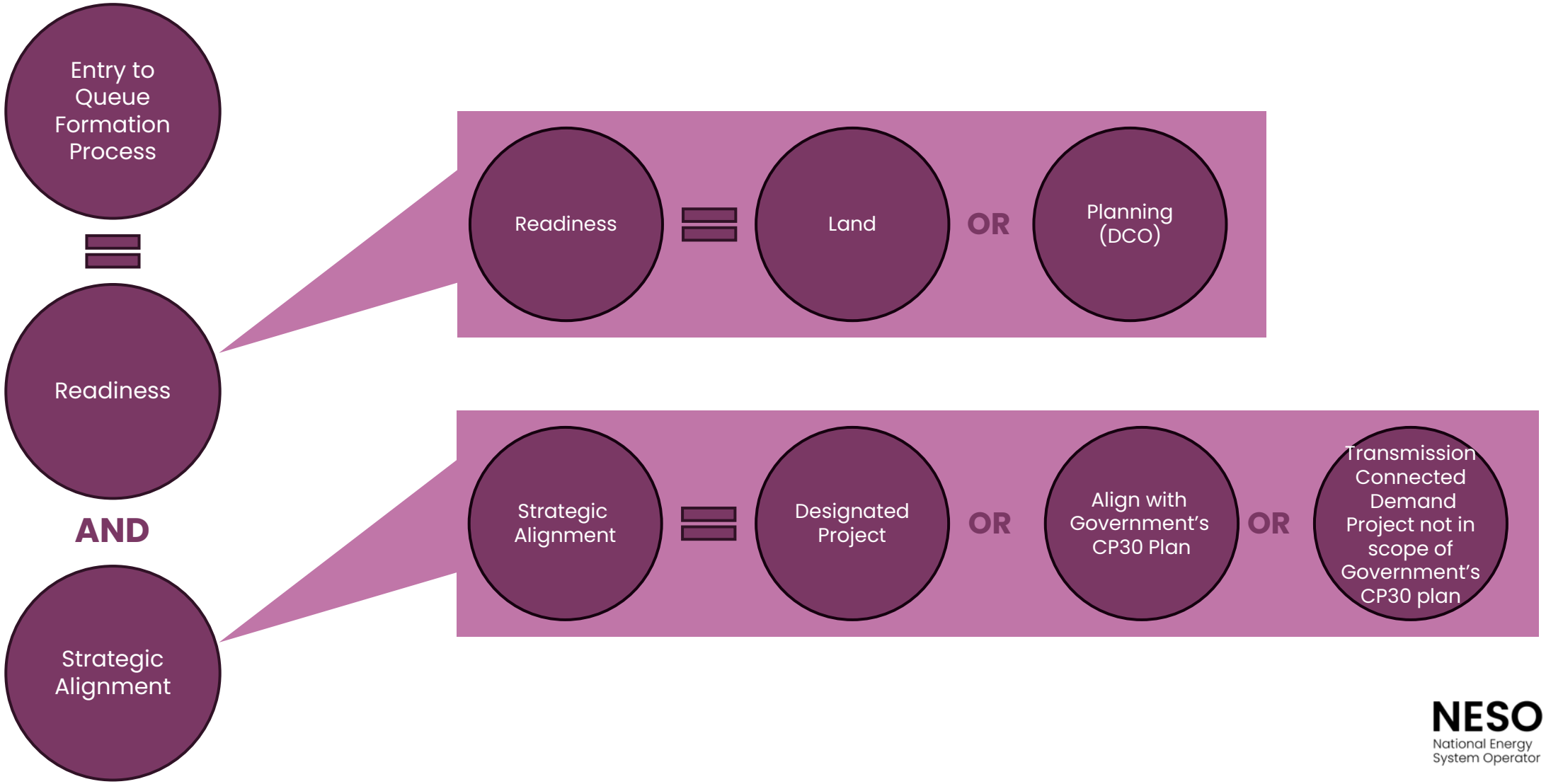
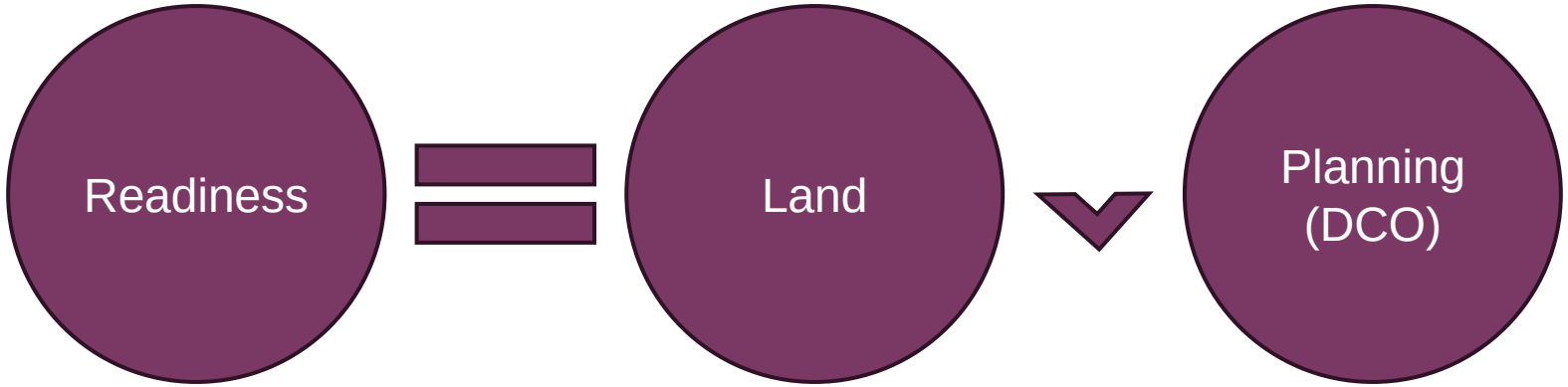
Entry to reformed queue



Gate 2 Criteria Methodology: Readiness



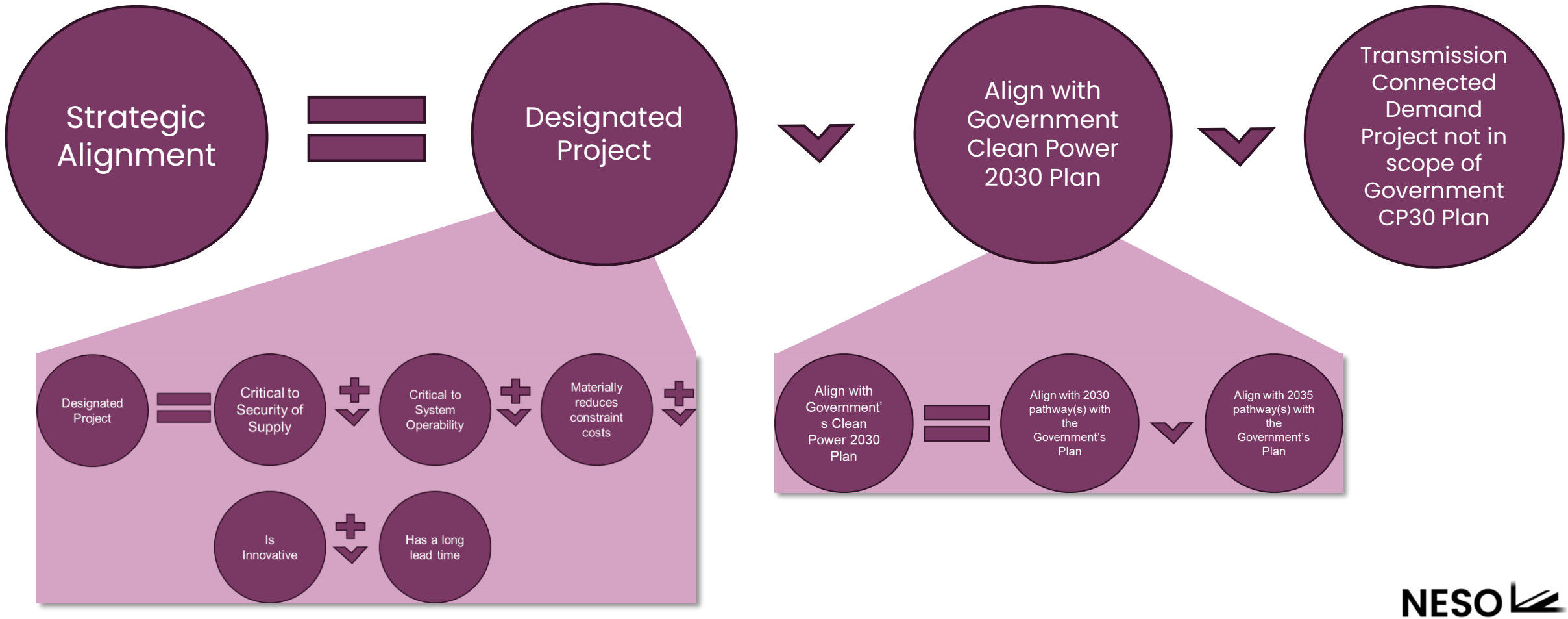
LAND (See Section 4)

- Meet Minimum acreage requirements (or Offshore equivalent as set out in Section 4.4); and
- Provision of Original Red Line Boundary for site on which project is located; and
- Secured Land Rights

PLANNING (See Section 5)

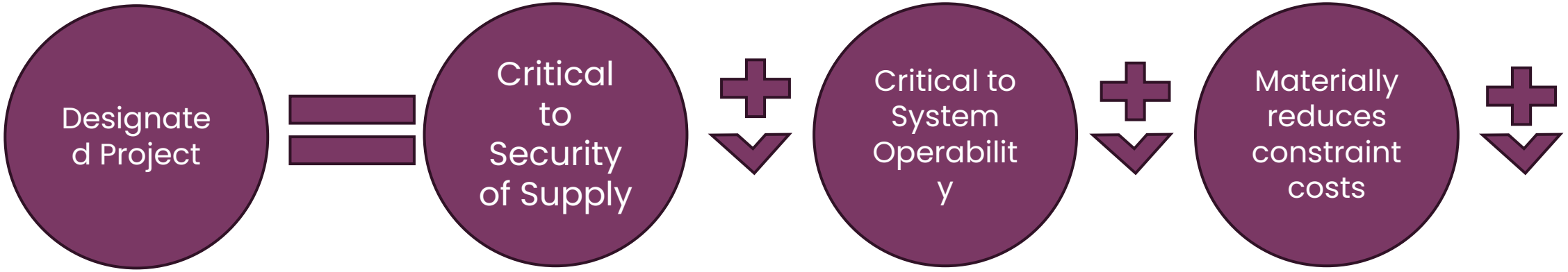
- Submission of application for planning consent for project following DCO route
- Minimum acreage and provision of Original Red Line Boundary for site on which project is located must be provided as part of evidence of meeting Queue Management Milestone M2

Strategic Alignment

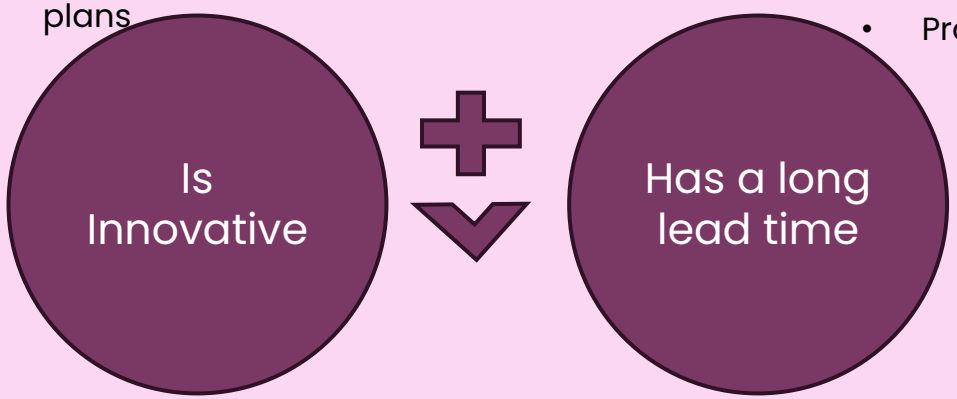


Project Designation: Innovative and Long Lead Time Projects

Designation routes where connections process was readiness only

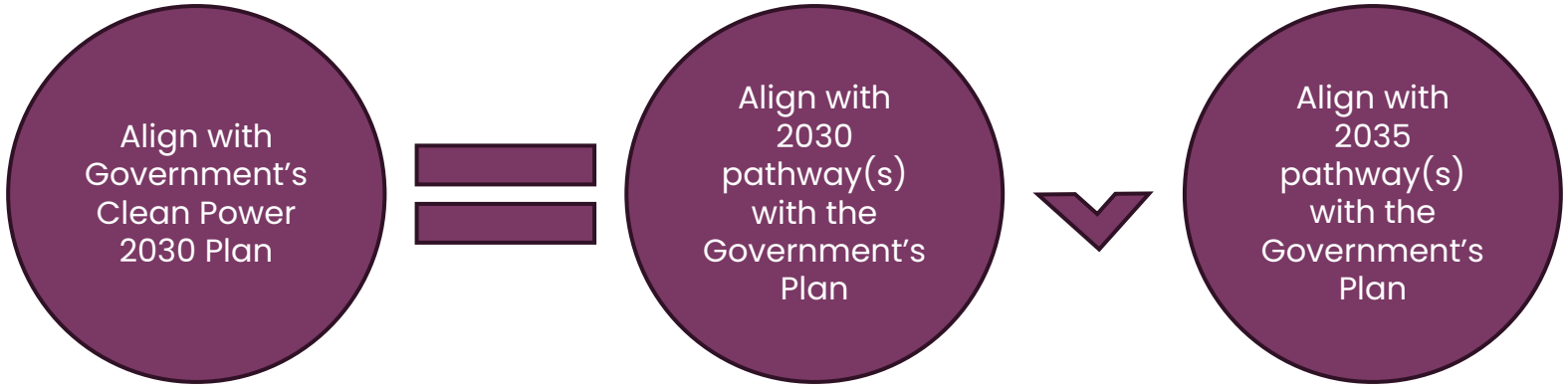


Designation routes where connections process aligns with strategic plans



- Proposal is:
  - 'Innovative' means it is a technology category that was not considered commercially viable at the time of the plan, but the developer can show is now.
  - Projects with a long lead time are those projects which if delivered in line with industry best practice have a development cycle that goes beyond the time envelope of the current plan.

Align with 2030 Pathway(s) or 2035 Pathway within Government's Clean Power 2030 Action Plan



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Connections Network Design Methodology – Queue Formation

1. Form a sub-queue for each technology in each zone (e.g. short duration storage in Zone 1).

2. Remove those with existing connection dates after 2030 that have not requested advancement to 2030 or earlier and add to Phase 2.

3. Determine planning status of remaining projects.

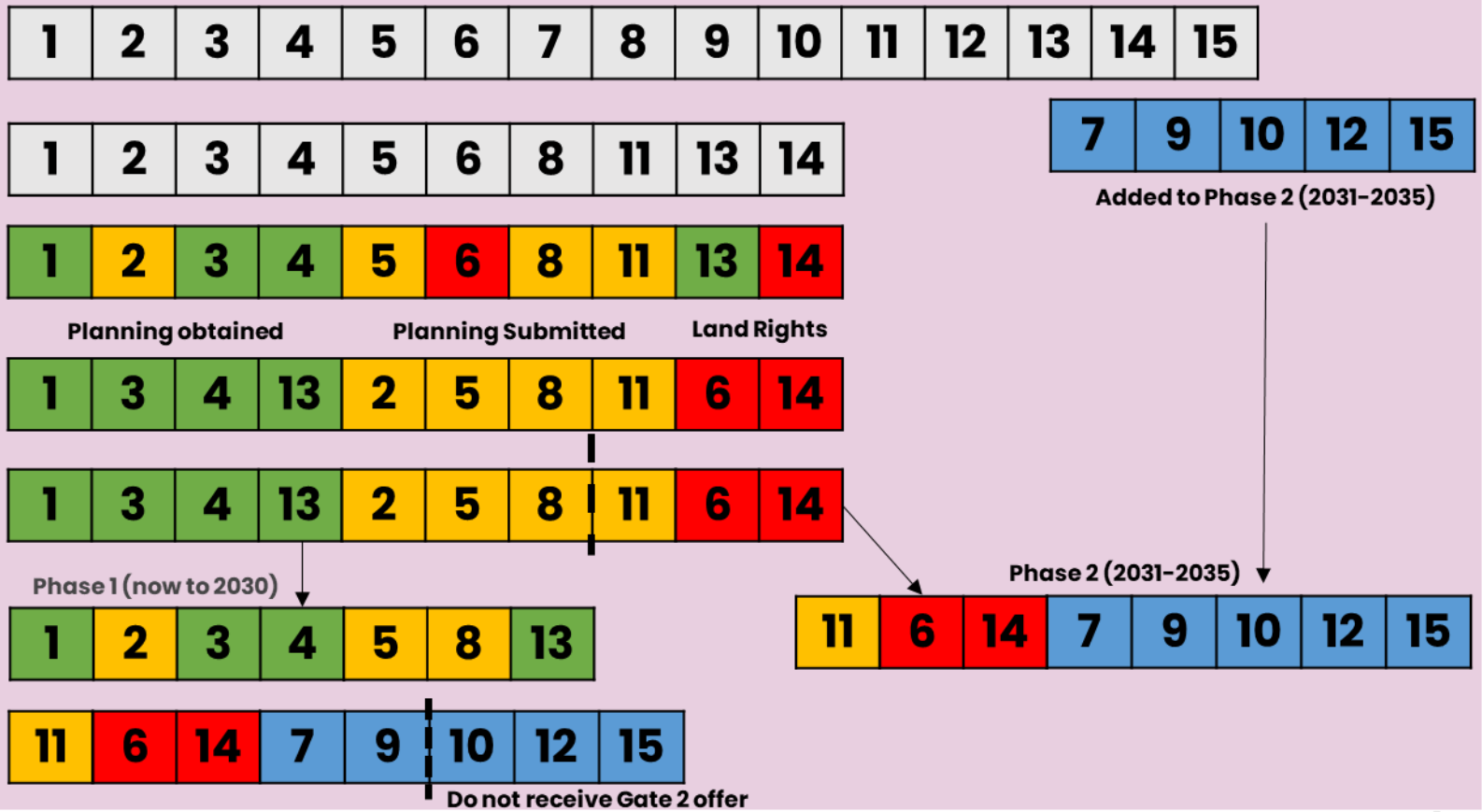
4. Order queue based on planning status.

5. Determine point where 2030 pathway reached. Add projects exceeding the pathway to Phase 2.

6. Relevant TO/DNO identify any network limitations preventing advancement (prior to detailed network study).

7. Return Phase 1 projects to original relative queue positions.

8. Determine point in Phase 2 queue where 2035 pathway reached. Any exceeding the pathway will not receive a Gate 2 offer.



Respond to consultation

- Responses to consultation due: 2 December 2024
- Plan to submit all documents to Ofgem by 20 December 2024
- Expect Ofgem decision on Code Modifications and Methodologies in Q1 2025

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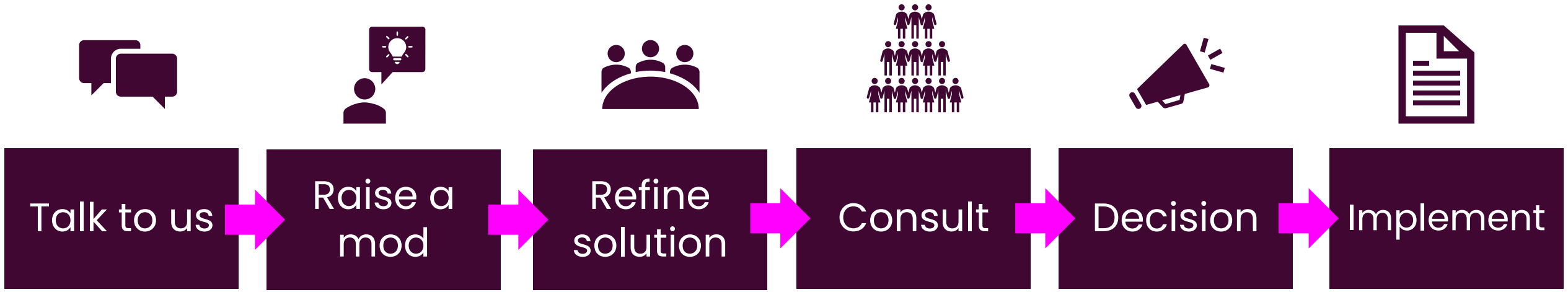
Code Modification Process Overview



Forums	Panels	Workgroups (Workgroup Consultations)	Ofgem/Panel

Code Administrator Consultation

- Code Administrator runs a consultation on the **final solutions**, to gather final views from industry before a decision is made on the modification.

- The Code Administrator Consultations close **5pm** on **26 November**.

  No late submissions will be accepted.

- After this, the Panel vote on the modification report and give views on the solution.

How to respond?

I wish my response to be:	
(Please mark the relevant box)	☐ **Non-Confidential** *(this will be shared with industry and the Panel for further consideration)*
	☐ **Confidential** (this *will be disclosed to the Authority in full but, unless specified, will not be shared with the Panel or the industry for further consideration)*

Remember:

- Confirm the status of your response
- Be as concise as possible
- Be prepared for follow up queries

Standard Code Administrator Consultation questions			
1	Please provide your assessment for the proposed solution(s) against the Applicable Objectives?	Mark the Objectives which you believe the proposed solution(s) better facilitates:	
		Original	☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D ☐E ☐F ☐G
		WACM1	☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D ☐E ☐F ☐G
		Click or tap here to enter text.	
2	Do you have a preferred proposed solution?	☐Original ☐WACM1 ☐Baseline ☐No preference	
		Click or tap here to enter text.	
3	Do you support the proposed implementation approach?	☐Yes ☐No	
		Click or tap here to enter text.	
4	Do you have any other comments?	Click or tap here to enter text.	
5	Do you agree with the Workgroup's assessment that the modification does not impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Code?	☐Yes ☐No	
		Click or tap here to enter text.	
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Next steps

- Workgroup Reports uploaded to modification pages today and published as part of Special Panel Papers.
- Workgroup Reports and Annexes become the Code Administrator Consultations and Annexes. (unless the Panels request changes)
- Code Administrator Consultations and Annexes published with pro-forma by 11 November and close **5pm** on **26 November.**

Re-baselined TMO4+ process passing through code governance

As part of this, workgroups have been taking place over the last few months, to gather insights, challenge and input into the design of the aspects of the TMO4+ process which are proposed to be codified.

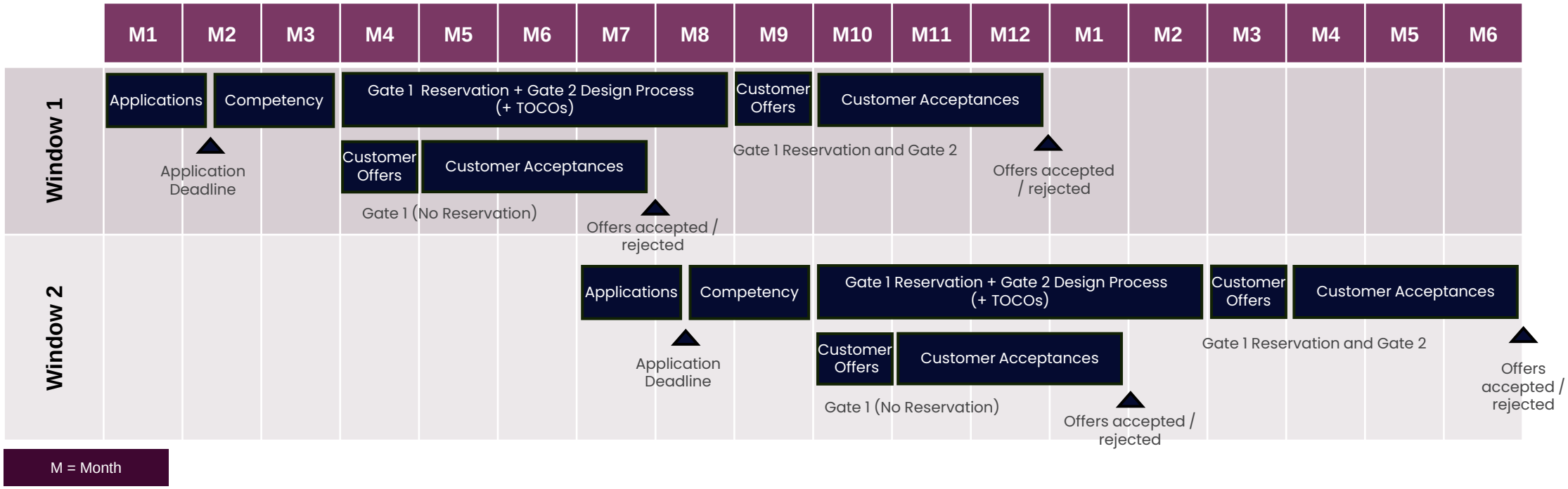
We have taken on feedback from the Workgroup consultation, and we have refined the TMO4+ process being proposed through the code modifications. Therefore, the core features of the aspects of TMO4+ which are currently in the process of being codified under our proposal are as follows.

Core Feature
Combined Gate 1 and 2 application window process that is to open twice a year with Gate 1 as an optional stage. The opening of the application windows will be announced in a NESO published Gated Timetable.
Includes the potential for NESO to **reserve connection points and/or capacities** e.g. for long-lead time projects submitting Gate 1 Applications.
Introduces further ongoing compliance milestones for Transmission-connected Gate 2 Projects i.e. in respect of adjustments to Queue Management Milestones, and the introduction of Original Red Line Boundary compliance arrangements.
A **one-off 'Gate 2 to Whole Queue' exercise**, to transition all existing agreements into either Gate 1 agreements or Gate 2 agreements, depending on whether existing contracted projects have met the Gate 2 Criteria.
Tailored arrangements for embedded generation projects to ensure the process suitably reflects the interface between NESO and DNOs / Transmission Connected iDNOs in relation to the connection of embedded generation.

Three new Methodologies are also proposed to be introduced, derived from new Transmission Licence conditions.

For new entrants, the TMO4+ process will be as follows, and take place twice a year

Whilst the month of "M1" remains to be confirmed in the Gated Timetable, the below demonstrates that the end-to-end process is expected to take up to a year and will provide developers with an opportunity to apply every six months.



Note that the process for "Gate 2 to Whole Queue" from Q2 2025 will be based on the same activities as shown above, albeit with variations (e.g., timing of stages may differ). Further details on the specific stages and timings for 'Gate 2 to Whole Queue' will be shared in due course.

Ongoing Compliance (Land and Planning)

Once a project has met the Gate 2 Criteria and the User has signed the Gate 2 Connection Offer, there will be ongoing compliance requirements regarding the land and planning.

Land

Whatever Installed Capacity in MW (expressed in whole MW or to one decimal place) is built within the Original Red Line boundary, only 50% of that number can then be located outside of the Original Red Line Boundary. Where this calculation results in a number that is less than the total Installed Capacity, the total Installed Capacity will be reduced accordingly (and this may result in a Transmission Entry Capacity reduction).

If following the Planning route to meeting Gate 2 Readiness Criteria, the ongoing land compliance requirements will apply from when the User has met Queue Management Milestone M2.

Note that Embedded Power Stations' Queue Management Milestones and ongoing land compliance requirements will continue to be managed by DNOs or Transmission Connected iDNOs.

Planning

Requirement to submit the application for planning consent at the earliest of the

- the Queue Management Milestone M1 ("M1") calculated back from the contracted completion date; or
- M1 calculated forwards from the Gate 2 offer date (based on an agreed standard time period (set out on next slide) calculated from the date of the Gate 2 offer for each planning type) to move from Queue Management Milestone M3 ("M3") to M1.

This requirement is not applicable to Users who have met the Gate 2 Readiness Criteria through the planning route as they would have already met Queue Management Milestone M1.

The requirements to meet Queue Management Milestones will continue to apply.

*Potential for land compliance exceptions process to be set out in QM Guidance.

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Ongoing Compliance – Queue Management Milestone M1

Earlier of **backwards looking M1** and **forward looking M1** will be the Queue Management Milestone M1

Backwards looking M1 – calculated back from contracted completion date

or

Forward looking M1 - calculated forward from Gate 2 Offer date*

From 0 up to 2 years from contracted Completion date	2 up to 3 years from contracted Completion date	3 up to 4 years from contracted Completion date	4 up to 5 years from contracted Completion date	5 years and above from contracted completion date
Bilaterally negotiated	18 months	24 months	36 months	48 months

Planning / Technology Type	Timescale from Gate 2 Offer to M1
Town and Country Planning (England, Scotland and Wales)	2 years
Section 36 (England/Scotland)	3 years
Development of National Significance (Wales)	3 years
NSIP / DCO (England and Wales)	3 years
Offshore (including Offshore Wind, Interconnectors and OHAs)	5 years
Nuclear	Case by Case
Novel technologies	Case by Case

*Potential for milestone adjustment through exceptions process in CUSC Section 16.

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2024 and beyond…

CMP376 Queue Management
Nov 23 – Dec 24

Technical Limits P1 30GW
Jan 2024

10 GW Accelerated Storage
Jan 2024

CMP 427 Letter of Authority
Mar 2024

Connection Reform Mods (CMP434 / CM095, CMP435 / CM096)
Apr 2024

CAP Package 2 underway
Apr 2024

Technical Limits P2
16 GW across 72 GSPs
Q2 – Q3 2024

Technical Limits Scotland 26 GSPs 216MW
Q2 2024 – Q1 2025

Securities waiver for unsigned 2 Step and BAU offers
Aug 2024

Transitional Phase 1 (new direct transmission connection applications)
Sep 2024

Rollout of Reallocation of Capacity for DNOs
Q3 2024 – Q1 2025

CAP – Bay sharing policy
Nov 2024

BCA / BEGA Guidance
Nov 2024

Third Party Works Guidance / interim action
Q4 2024/Q1 2025

Transitional Phase 2 (Mod Apps, BEGA / BELLA, PP etc)
Q4 2024

CAP – Enabling Works / Updated Connect & Manage Guidance
Dec 2024

Accelerated Storage Scotland –
Dec 2024

Monitoring and Exit of 'Zombie Projects'
Nov 2025

D **Distribution**

T **Transmission**

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Roundtable Introduction

1. Transitional Arrangements

Alex Curtis (NESO)




2. Policies and Guidance

(acc storage, bay sharing, third party works)

Jo Greenan (NESO)
Sabrina Gao (NESO)
Atia Adrees (NESO)
Annette Sloan (SSENT)


3. Technical Limits

Zivanayi Musanhi (UKPN)
Alex Markham (NESO)



4. ENA Initiatives

(distribution queue management, storage, T&D connection charging reform)

David Boyer (ENA)
Jim Cardwell (NPG)
William Kirk-Wilson (NESO)

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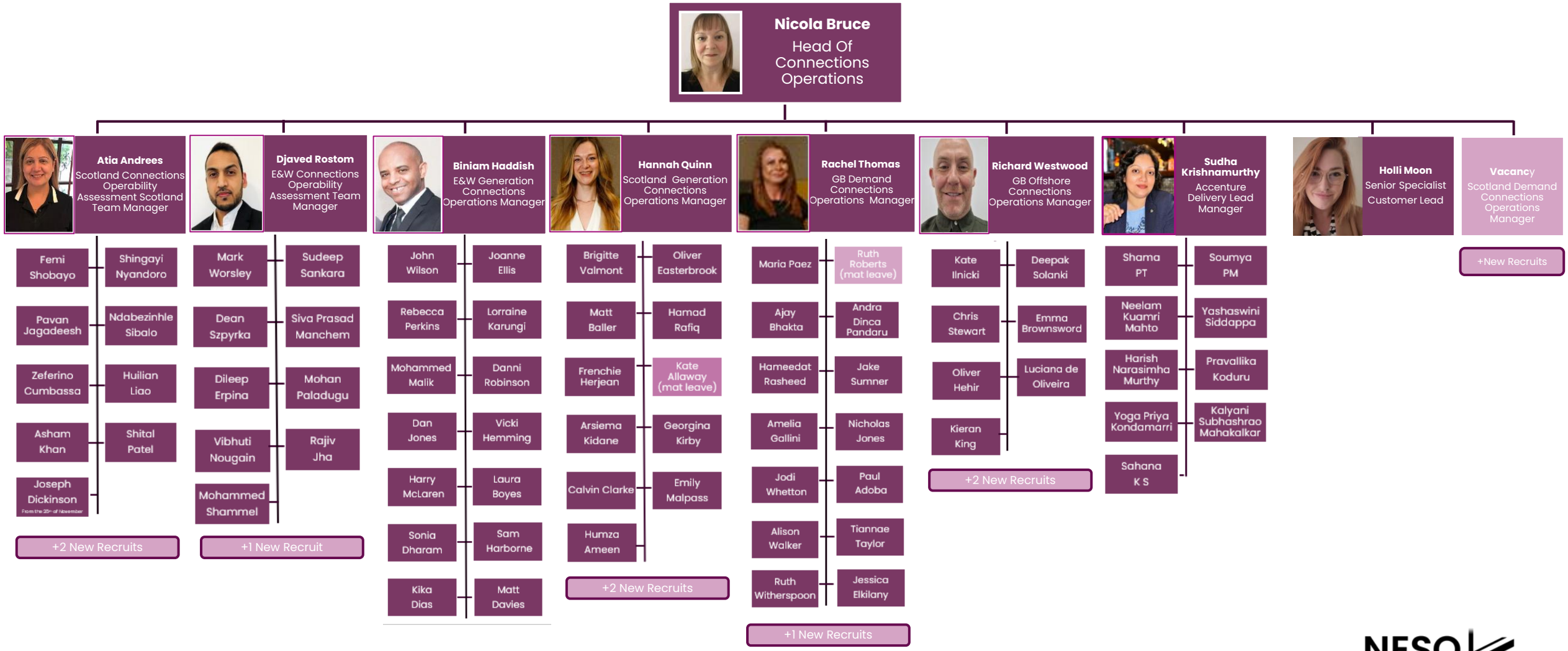

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NESO, ENA and Networks Panel

15:00 – 16:00

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Closing remarks
16:00 – 16:30

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Thank you for attending

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