

Connections Customer Forum

17 April 2019
National Railway Museum York

Welcome

- We are here to help you get connected.
- We want to hear from you.
- Ask questions at any time using Sli.do.
- Take the opportunity to talk to our team.
- Please remember your feedback forms.



www.sli.do/

getconnected JOIN





Connections Update

Mike Hammond
General Manager

Connections update – April 2019

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- ✓ Fast track storage applications (G59/G99).
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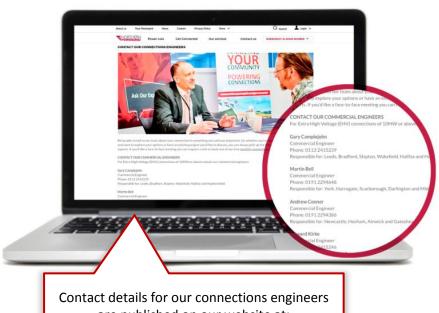
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Focus on upfront engagement

- We continue to focus on delivering better customer service through increased upfront engagement and better pre-application conversations.
- Pick up the telephone contact details for our connections engineers on our website.
- Request a site visit.
- Book one of our monthly surgeries.
- Attend our Connections Customer Forums.



are published on our website at:

https://www.northernpowergrid.com/contact-our-connections-engineers

Fast track storage applications

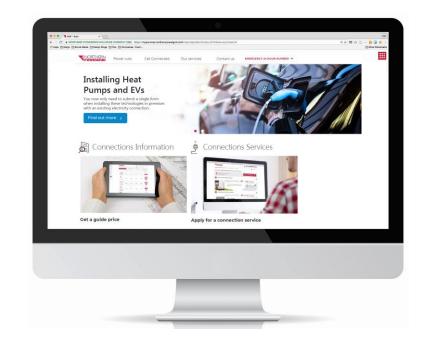
- New fast track process for energy storage devices that meet certain criteria:
 - Connection to a single premises where there is existing generation that conforms to G98 (previously G83) or;
 - New generation and storage with two G98 type tested inverters.
- Find out more at:
 <u>https://www.northernpowergrid.com/</u>
 fast-track-electricity-storage-applications





EV and heat pump installations

- Simplified process for installing EVs and heat pumps.
- Single application form for premises with an existing electricity connection.
- Find out more at:
 <u>https://www.northernpowergrid.com/</u>
 <u>heat-pump-and-electric-vehicle-installation-process</u>





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Asset Management Update

Derek Fairbairn
System Design Manager

A&D fees – what they do

 Connection Offer Expenses (more commonly known as A&D fees) were introduced to:

- Ensure fairer allocation of costs, and;
- Help improve the efficiency of the connection process and the levels of service customers receive.



A&D fees - our position

- We are legally obliged to provide a connection offer under the Electricity Act and in doing so incur connection offer expenses.
- We are only permitted to recover the reasonably incurred costs of providing those connection offers.
- A&D fees are designed to be cost neutral and we are not making a profit.
- We have established our policy position and we believe we have a fair, cost reflective approach that meets the intentions of the regulations.
- Our implementation approach is driving better conversations with customers, across all market segments and we continue to strive to improve the service we offer, driven by conversations with our customers and industry best practice.



More information

- Further information can be found at: https://www.northernpowergrid.com/ <u>connection-offer-expenses</u>
- Our customer guide is also available on our website at: https://www.northernpowergrid.com/asset/5/document/4238.pdf



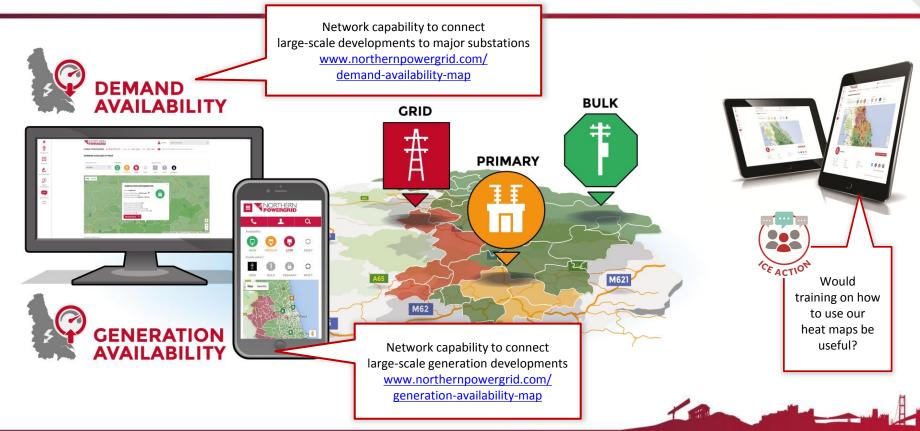


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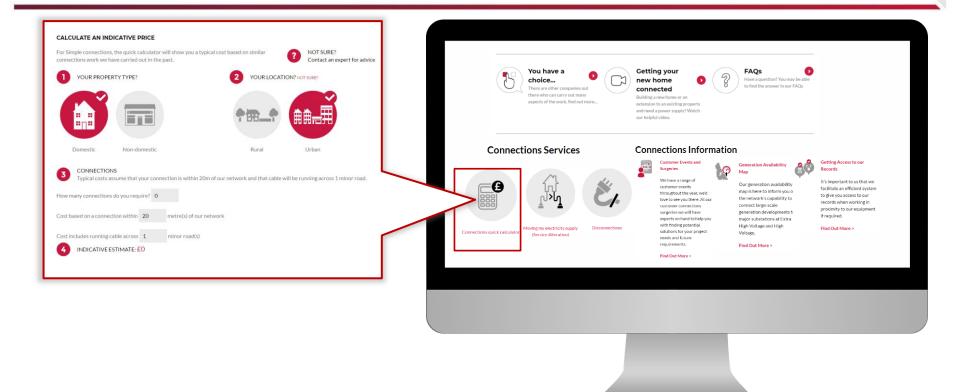
- There is a wealth of information available to you before you make a formal connections application:
 - Ask our experts
 - Demand and generation availability heat maps
 - Tools to calculate an indicative price
 - Contracted capacity register
 https://www.northernpowergrid.com/contracted-capacity-register
 - Long term development statement
 https://www.northernpowergrid.com/long-term-development-statement



Network availability heat maps



Indicative cost calculators



New LV budget estimating tool



Benefits:

- New self-service method to obtain Low Voltage (LV) budget estimates.
- Users will be able to view locations and the estimated costs of potential connection points.
- Quick response potentially in minutes.
- Consultation during Q1 and Q2 2019.



Introducing Safedig2

Benefits:

- Single environment for all Northern
 Powergrid SafeDig mapping information.
- Modern technology compatible with modern browsers.
- Individual login and passwords.
- Choice of method for map selection.
- PDF response for ease of distribution.

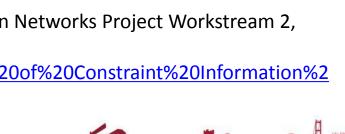




Constraints and curtailment



- Following a comprehensive review and consultation with stakeholders we have agreed our approach.
 - Generators with assets in our region are encouraged to participate in our DG owner operator forum where they can engage with operational experts and get accurate information on planned and unplanned outages.
 - We also encourage you to make use of available tools and to engage with our experts pre-application.
 - Our approach aligns to the recommendations of the Open Networks Project Workstream 2, Product 7 – Provision on Constraint Information http://www.energynetworks.org/assets/files/Provision%20of%20Constraint%20Information%2 0-%20VPublished.pdf.



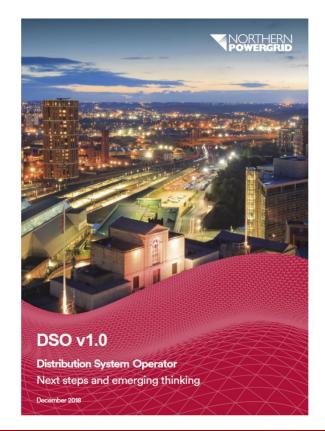


Policy and Markets Update

Jim Cardwell
Head of Policy Development

Transitioning to DSO – consulting on our intentions

- DSO forms a key part of our stakeholder engagement activity and we have been sharing our thoughts with external parties since 2017
- We have set out our thinking in our DSO v1.0 document and are seeking views through consultation
- We have committed to update in June 2019 and on a rolling six-month basis thereafter
- We have separated our thinking:
 - Next steps that we are getting on with such as implementing flexibility tenders
 - Emerging thinking on potential pathways to 2030





An evolving world

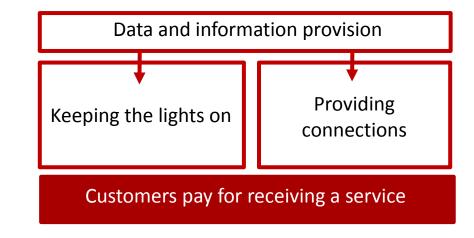






What it means for our customers

DNO - Today





What it means for our customers

Data and information provision

Flexing demand and generation

Customers pay for receiving a service, less than without DSO

Customers paid to provide a service to customers

Customers paid to provide a service to customers





DSO as a set of functions

DSO = DNO + Network + Customer flexibility flexibility





Exploring the future: our innovation portfolio







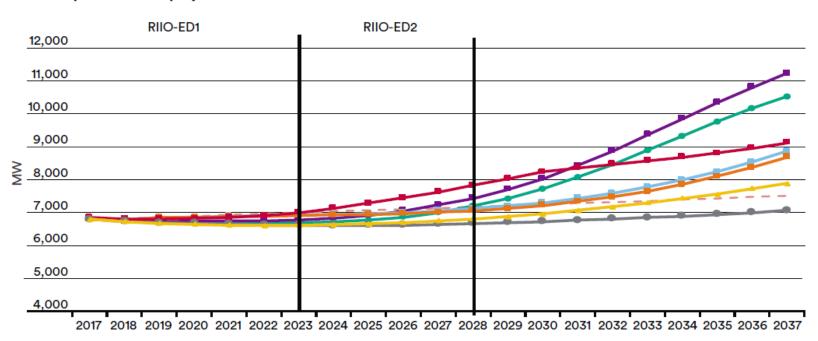






Scenario based modelling informing our network needs

Gross peak demand projections









SMARTGRID TIMELINE



Primary (town) networks

Local	(street)	networ	ks

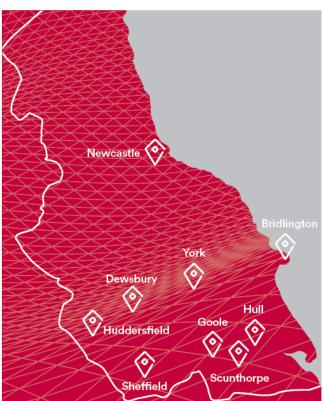
1960s	✓ Locally managed circuit breakers	✓ Dumb, 'fit and forget' passive assets
1970s	✓ Post-fault circuit re-closing	
1980s	 ✓ Remote operation of circuit breakers ✓ Monitoring one-way power flow ✓ Low bandwidth communications 	
1990s	✓ Equipment rationalisation driven by electronics	✓ Temporary LV fault management devices
2000s	✓ Remote reconfiguration post-fault	✓ Low bandwidth HV remote control
2015 - 2023 (ED1)	 ✓ Self-healing networks ✓ Real-time capacity management ✓ Two-way power flow monitoring ✓ Advanced substation control devices ✓ Wideband flexible communications (IP-based) 	 ✓ Time of use demand data ✓ Remote monitoring of LV circuit power flow ✓ Automated control of voltage ✓ Fault prediction and smart "fuses" ✓ Wideband communications ✓ Harvesting network data from existing HV devices





Implementing first phase of customer flexibility













Customer flexibility – a significant change built on trust

- ✓ Blend of RIIO regulation and incentives
- ✓ Track record introducing positive changes
- ✓ Company culture promoting service ethos
- ✓ Clear definition of roles within our teams
- Reporting and visibility of our actions

LEVEL PLAYING FIELD COMPETITION

Network solutions
vs
Customer flexibility solutions





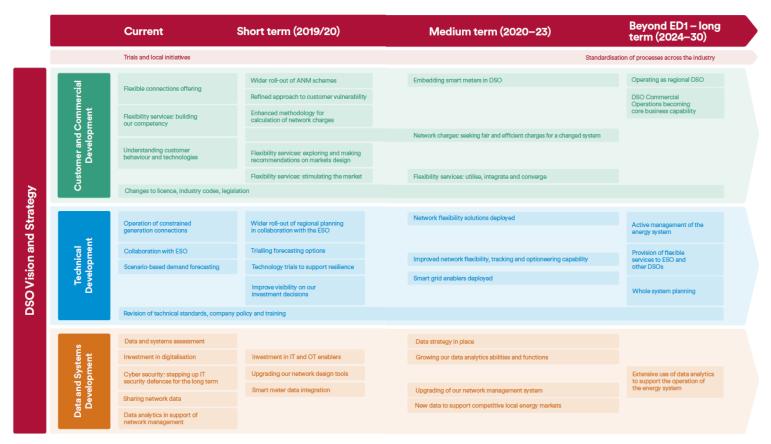
Future services: our guiding principles

1. Led by our customers' needs

- 2. Promotes sustainability by being efficient, fair and inclusive, and better for the environment
- 3. Requires a right-sized regulated business supporting competitive markets for flexibility
- 4. Changes to duties that optimise the system as the volume of distributed energy resources increases



Our emerging thinking: potential pathways to 2030







Charging reform – seeking fair and efficient outcomes

- Moving revenue from volumetric to fixed charges
- Decision: Summer 2019
- Likely implementation: April 2022

Targeted Charging Review (TCR)

ofgem

Access
& forward
looking charges
Significant Code
Review (SCR)





- Network access rights, review of DUoS and TNUoS and the distribution connection charging boundary
 - Decision: Autumn 2020
 - Likely implementation:April 2023

- DCP268 R/A/G charges for all customers
- Supporting the move towards half hourly settlement
- implementation: April 2021



Normal industry change



Non-SCR Charging Reforms (Open Networks)

- Allocation of access rights, including improved queue management and the scope for trading
- **Decision:** Autumn 2020
- Likely implementation: April 2022 or 2023





Questions?





openreach

people

in the first three

31.8m premises





exchange

buildings

street cabinets

We work on behalf of more than 620 Communications Providers



Our Service Improvement Plans

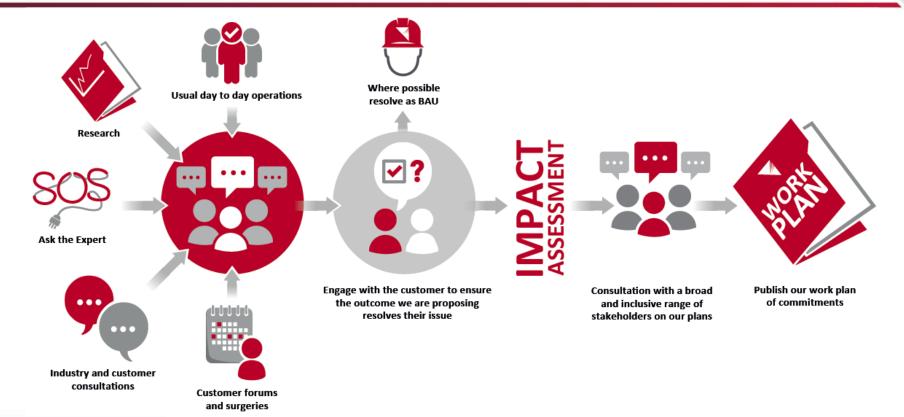
Mike Hammond
General Manager

Incentive on Connections Engagement (ICE)

- The Incentive on Connections Engagement (ICE) drives DNOs to continually improve service to large works connections customers.
- Each year we produce a detailed work plan plan of service improvement commitments developed together with our connections customers and stakeholders.
- We are now seeking your feedback on our plans.



Developing our plans



Acting on your feedback

- Most feedback can be addressed through contact from one of our team or changes to BAU practices.
- Some comments relate to a non-connections issue or a customers specific project.
- Some of the feedback we receive is a positive endorsement of our service or engagement activities.
- Some comments relate to emerging connections topics which we maintain a watching brief on.
- Some of the feedback generates actions in our ICE plan.

"Many thanks for today's event and for looking after us so well. It was very helpful to meet you and your colleagues and to be able to discuss many issues of relevance to our connections work."





Acting on your feedback

"Very useful webinar - thank you! Could you give any details on where else you will be considering deploying ANM?"



"A lot of my enquires are at planning stage and the costs I am looking for are general...
I would like to know if there is a speedier avenue for budget/indicative cost?"

"...most of the DNOs issue KMZ
(Google Earth) files of their network
(HV and above). Is this something
you are doing yet?"

"It may be helpful to have a list of engineers to discuss a project with before applying"

On "ongoing feedback": We have seen SSE adopt the practice of "DG owners operators forum" at our request, mid-year."



"Bulletin giving info on progress and expected offer date" "The storage commitments are commendable and we would ask NPg to go further and publish guidance on how generators should go about making an application for hybrid generation-storage sites"



Delivering our 2018/19 commitments

- Introduced a quarterly DG owner operator forum.
- Developed a new process to supply detailed network data in a range of formats compatible with the IT platforms and applications our customers use.
- Published contact details for all our engineers online.
- Consulted with stakeholders on our approach to the provision of constraint and curtailment information.



- Produced a technical guidance note for generators on hybrid storage connections.
- Delivered webinars on ANM, Statement of Works and A&D fees.
- Find out more at: https://www.northernpowergrid.com/ice-work-plan/timeline/2018-2019/all

Seeking your feedback on our 2019/20 plans

 Do you agree these actions will improve the connections service Northern Powergrid provides?

1=YES
$$2=NO$$
 $3=\frac{DON'T}{KNOW}$











Provision of information



- 1.1 We will develop and publish a new EV connections guide. We will also review the EV information that is currently available on our website and make updates and improvements if required.
- 1.2 We will inform stakeholders about the launch our new Safedig system and provide briefings and training for users (first this afternoon).
- 1.3 We will produce a new guide for customers with contact details for our connections team.
- 1.4 We will deliver training on our network availability heat maps for users.



Provision of information



Q. Do you endorse these actions and agree they would improve the connections service Northern Powergrid provides?

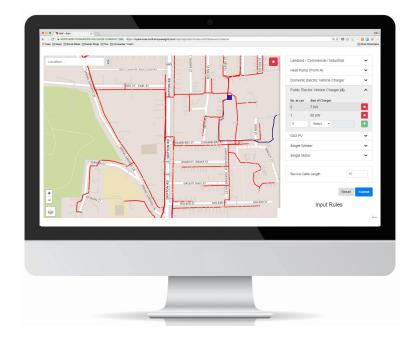
98% 1. Yes
 0% 2. No
 2% 3. Don't know



Improving our application and delivery process



2.1 We will develop and deploy a new Low Voltage (LV) budget estimating tool.





Improving our application and delivery process



Q. Do you endorse this action and agree it would improve the connections service Northern Powergrid provides?

92% 1. Yes
 0% 2. No
 8% 3. Don't know



Improving our communications and engagement



- 3.1 We will engage with stakeholders who use a contractor to procure multiple connections and seek feedback from those stakeholders on our service.
- 3.2 We will engage with stakeholders to understand what we could do to improve their connections surgery experience.
- 3.3 We will deliver a series of connections forums aimed at Local Authorities where they can come together to discuss emerging connections issues and access specialist advice.



Improving our communications and engagement



Q. Do you endorse these actions and agree they would improve the connections service Northern Powergrid provides?

Yes
 No
 Don't know



Technical and commercial developments



- 4.1 We will engage with stakeholders to inform them about the steps that are being taken to accommodate the roll-out of EVs in our region.
- 4.2 We will provide updates on developments in the Statement of Works process and progress of the Appendix G trials.





Technical and commercial developments



Q. Do you endorse these actions and agree they would improve the connections service Northern Powergrid provides?

10% 1. Yes
10% 2. No
21% 3. Don't know



Enabling competition

 We will develop a new process to allow accredited Independent Connections Providers (ICPs) to undertake street lighting overhead pole transfers as contestable works.





Enabling competition



Q. Do you endorse this action and agree it would improve the connections service Northern Powergrid provides?

62% 1. Yes

5% 2. No

33% 3. Don't know



Innovation

6.1 We will continue to engage with stakeholders as we transition to a Distribution System Operator (DSO).



Innovation



Q. Do you endorse this action and agree it would improve the connections service Northern Powergrid provides?

70% 1. Yes

9% 2. No
21% 3. Don't know



And finally...

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71% 1. Yes17% 2. No12% 3. Don't know



Questions



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71% 1. Yes
17% 2. No
12% 3. Don't know





Summing Up

Patrick Erwin
Policy and Markets Director



Deliberative Roundtables

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Roundtables

https://www.northernpowergrid.com/customer-events-and-surgeries

Unlocking our Energy Future: innovation roundtable

- Join our team as we discuss how we are using innovation to ensure that our network provides value and is
 fit for the future. As well as providing your knowledge, thoughts and challenge as we seek your views on key
 innovation issues:
 - Date: Tuesday 30th April, 10.00 14.30 at Cloth Hall Court, Leeds

Clean air zones and low emission vehicles: the challenges and opportunities

- Join us as we discuss the introduction of Clean Air Zones around the cities in our region and the implications for companies such as utilities and retailers:
 - Date: Tuesday 7 May, 9.30 13.00 at the Park Plaza, Leeds

DSO and energy retailers: co-ordinating our vision of the energy future?

- Join our roundtable as we bring together energy retailers and providers of energy services to initiate the sharing of the vision for the future of energy markets, their mechanisms, and their priorities:
 - Date: Thursday 9 May, 12.30 16.00 at the Pullman London St Pancras Hotel



Roundtables

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The challenges and interdependencies of decarbonising heat

- Join us as we discuss what strategy / plans you have in place to begin the decarbonisation of heat? How can we best support you in this transition? What is missing to enable you to begin switching to low carbon heat?
 - Date: Friday 10 May, 09:00-12.30 at the Park Plaza, Leeds

Climate change: the impact on regions and organisations

- Join us as we discuss the nature of the issues and risks organisations face as part of their climate change adaptation strategy and how they are planning to respond to those issues and risks:
 - Date: Monday 13 May, (time and location TBC)

How do we build a smart energy system centred around the needs of our customers?

- Join our roundtable as we bring together energy retailers and providers of energy services to initiate the sharing of the vision for the future of energy markets, their mechanisms and their priorities:
 - Date: Wednesday 15 May, 09.30 13.00 at the Barbican Centre, London





Lunch and Networking





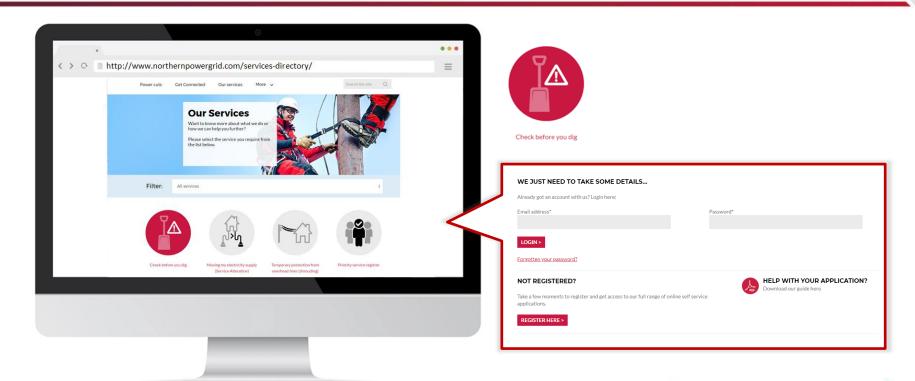
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Getting started





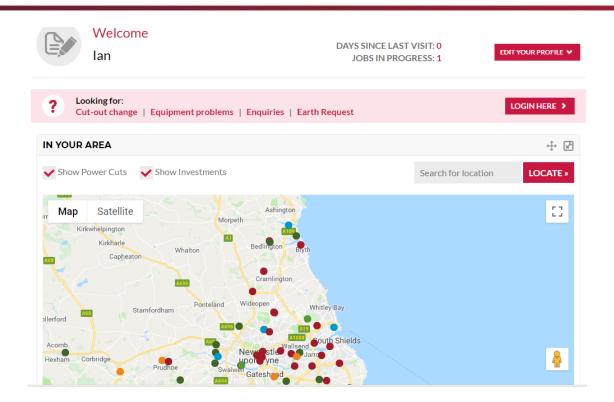
Registration links

- When registering to use Safedig for the first time: https://myservices.northernpowergrid.com/safedig/login.cfm
- Self-serve login link to be saved in favourites and used for all future visits:

<u>https://myservices.northernpowergrid.com/selfserveaccount/login.cfm</u>



Welcome page





Terms and conditions



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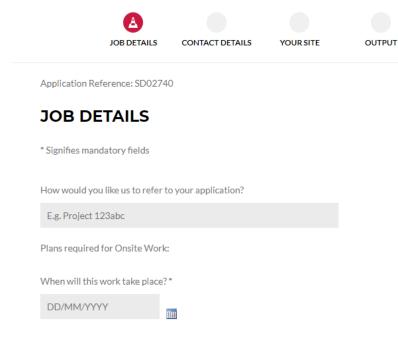
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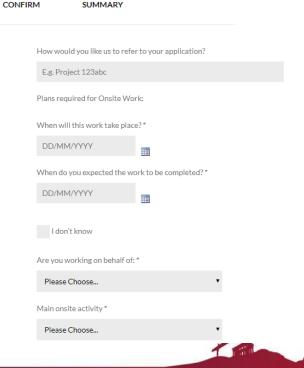
AGREEMENT FOR USE OF NORTHERN POWERGRID ELECTRONIC MAINS RECORDS

- In these terms and conditions, "Northern Powergrid" means either Northern Powergrid (Northeast) Limited (company number: 02906593) whose registered office is at Lloyds Court, 78 Grey Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 6AF or Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) plc (company number: 04112320) whose registered office is at Lloyds Court, 78 Grey Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 6AF depending on where the Location (as defined below) is situated, and "User" means the person, firm or company who receives Data from Northern Powergrid under these terms.
- 2. In consideration of the User paying Northern Powergrid £1.00 (receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Northern Powergrid), Northern Powergrid may (but shall not be obliged to) provide to the User electronic access to maps and diagrams containing cable and wiring information ("Data") for the relevant location as previously agreed between the User and Northern Powergrid or, failing such agreement, for the location as solely determined by Northern Powergrid to be relevant to the User ("Location"). Northern Powergrid may provide the Data to the User through an online log-in system. Northern



Job details





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SITE CONTACT DETAILS

* Signifies mandatory fields

Would you like to use your correspondence address as your site Title * address? Mr Your correspondence details First Name Mr Ian Foster lan Northern Powergrid Surname * whitt83fos@gmail.com Foster 01912294271 Your Company/Name New York Road Northern Powergrid Shiremoor Property Name/Number * Newcastle upon Tyne New York Road GB Address Line 2 * NE27 OLP Shiremoor Address Line 3 * **USE MY REGISTERED DETAILS** Newcastle upon Tyne

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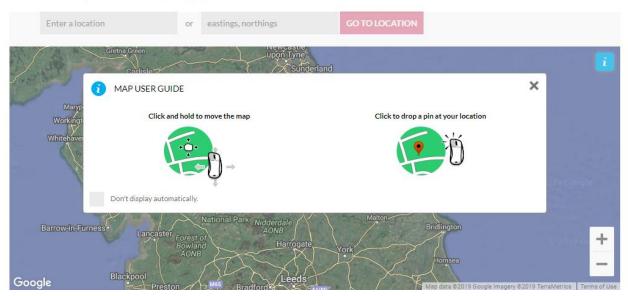
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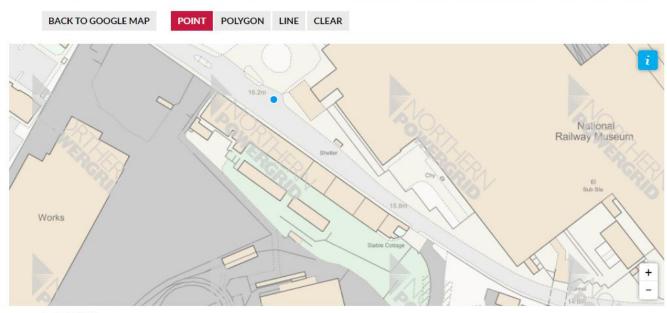
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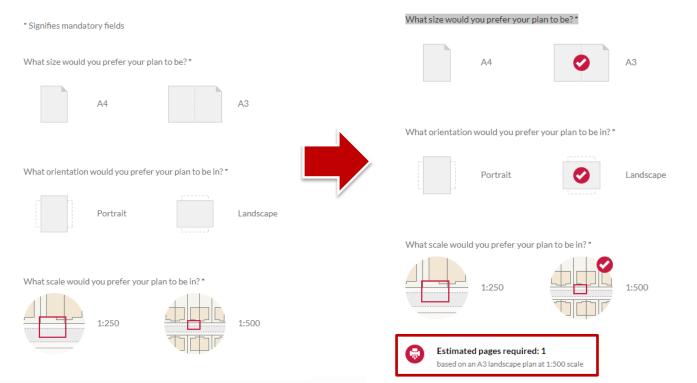
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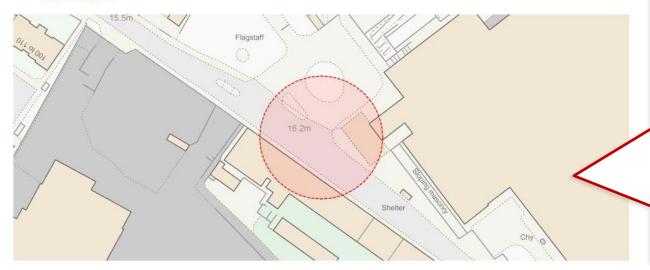
Confirming your details

CONFIRM YOUR DETAILS



York Railway Museum

CHOSEN AREA



JOB DETAILS

Job start date: 30/04/2019

Job finish date: 30/04/2019

Plans required for: Onsite Works

Working on behalf of: Local Authority

Name of authority: York

Main on site activity: Digging By hand

Main workplace: Public land

Additional notes:

CONTACT DETAILS

Name: Mr Ian Foster

Company: Northern Powergrid

Address: New York Road

Shiremoor

Newcastle upon Tyne



Request completed

EMERGENCY 24 HOUR NUMBERS:

NORTH EAST **6** 0800 66 88 77

YORKSHIRE & N. LINCS . 0800 375 675















CONTACT DETAILS

YOUR SITE

OUTPUT

CONFIRM

SUMMARY

Application Reference: SD02740

THANK YOU

Your plan is currently being processed. We will send you an email when it is ready. Thank you for using Northern Powergrid's online Safedig mapping system.

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO NEXT?







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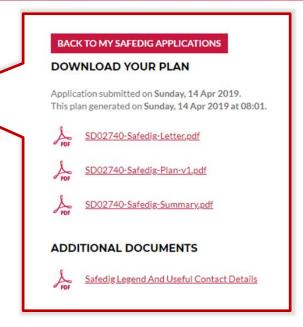


My account



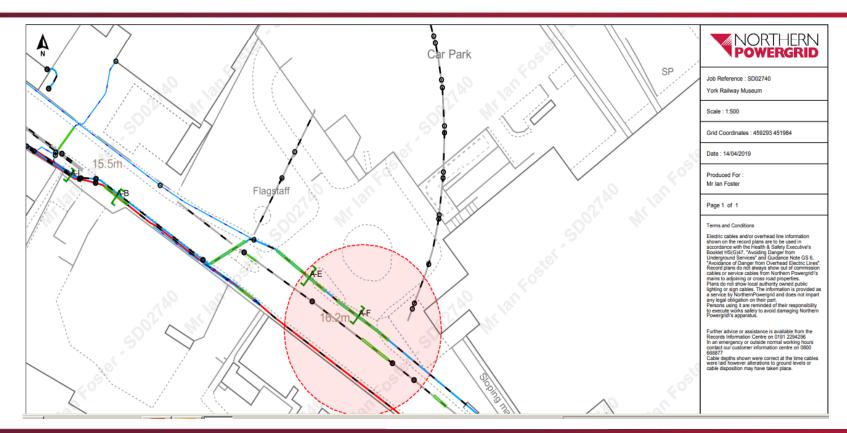
Outputs

- Email sent when plan available to download.
- Map / legend / letter / and any additional documents we may append.
- Plan stored and regenerated if requested again.





Outputs





LV Budget Estimating Tool

WORKSHOP SESSION



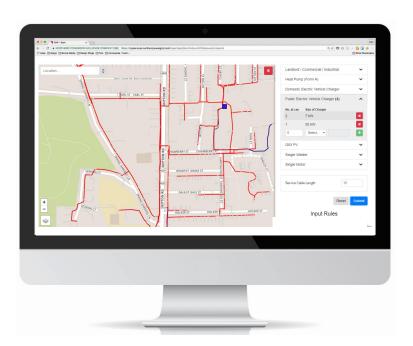
Concept



 An innovation project delivered in conjunction with EA Technology to provide an online self-serve design function for LV quotations.



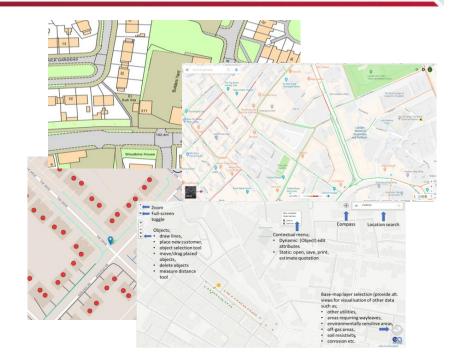






Scope

- The project scope will attempt to encompass all LV connection design requests which are particularly suited to an automated, self-service approach.
- The project target is to develop a system that is capable of dealing with 50% of design budget requests with either no or very limited intervention by engineering design resource.





Driving factors

- Number of customer enquiries.
- A&D fees ability for customers to self quote without incurring fees.

"A lot of my enquires are at planning stage and the costs I am looking for are general... I would like to know if there is a speedier avenue for budget/indicative cost?"



- Improved customer service 'same day quotations'.
- Opportunity to provide an industry leading design system.
- Opportunity to provide improved design tools for internal staff.
- Uptake in Electric Vehicles.



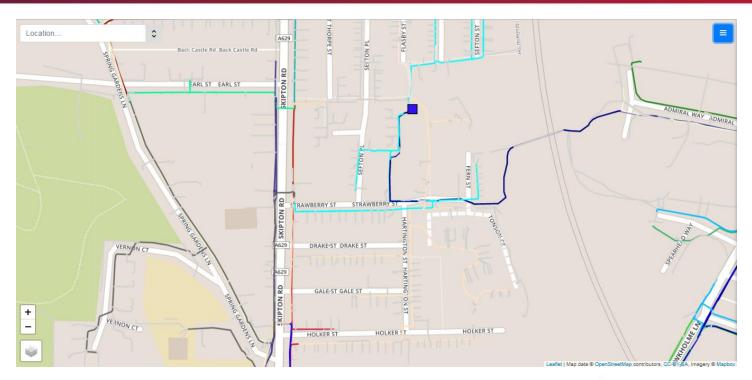
Timescales

The project will be delivered in four separate phases:

Stage	Name	Description	Target Date
Stage 1	Feasibility studies & planning	Assessment of data quality issues Identification of key design rules and assessment of feasibility of approach and production of a fully designed plan for subsequent stages.	Mar 2018
Stage 2	Algorithms	Identification and assessment of appropriate and efficient algorithms to perform network assessments at Low Voltage.	Dec 2018
Stage 3	Phased pilot	Phased pilot introduction and implementation of tool, based on stage 2 outcomes, to internal users.	Sept 2019
Stage 4	Customer tool	Development of user-friendly online connections tool.	Jan 2020

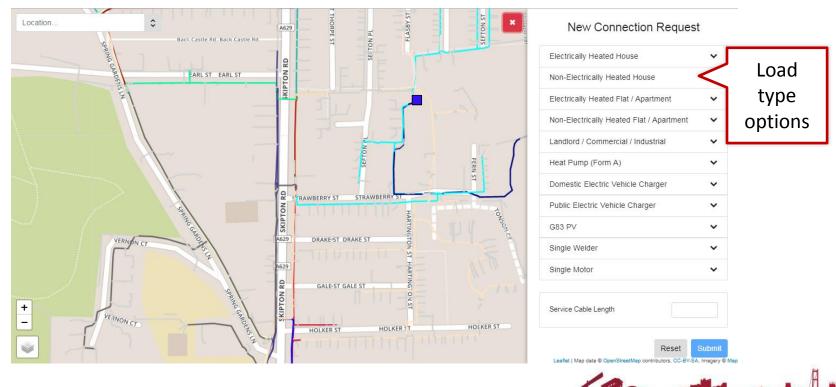


Initial view

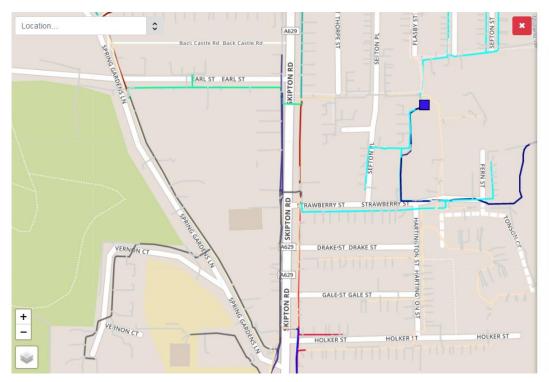




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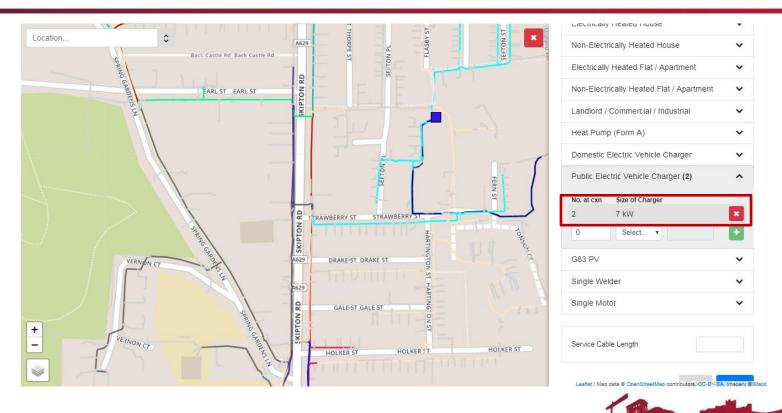
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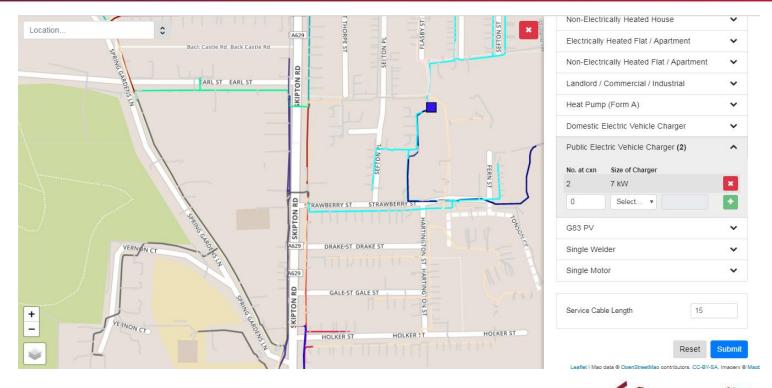
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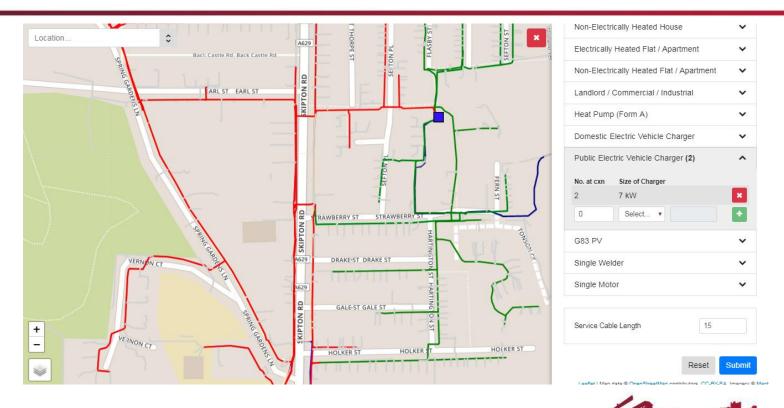


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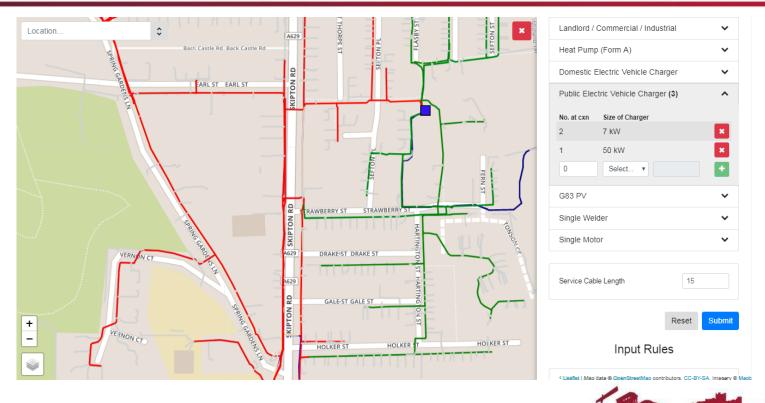




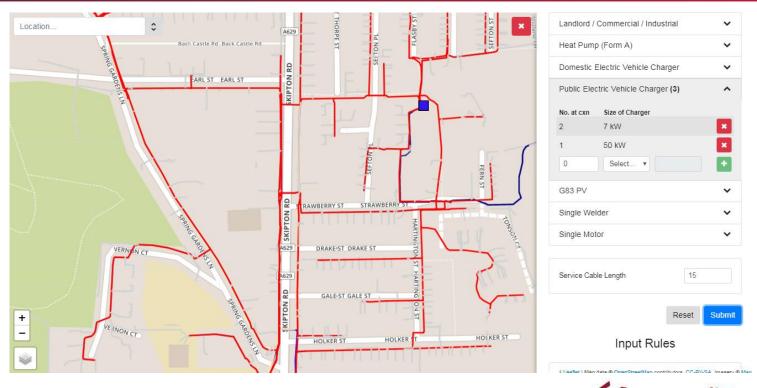
Calculation results



Additional load



Recalculated results



Questions?





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