



Call for evidence

Frequently asked questions

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1. My project will not be ready for the proposed ENA Green Recovery scheme timeline, how do I avoid missing out?

The aim of this project is to support the Green Recovery by targeting investment in networks where there is expected to be significant green activity in the next year or two. Projects which are not able to meet the timeline in this CfE will not miss out, with the opportunity to submit their evidence to DNOs for inclusion in the RIIO-ED2 business plans, which will be submitted to Ofgem and cover investment in the networks over the period 2023-2028.

2. What are the most important criteria in your assessment of what will be funded? How are they weighted?

The process for selecting sites is discussed in [Section 3](#) of this document. This Call for Evidence is part of the overall network planning for DNOs, and will allow further evidence to be collected from stakeholders to further justify investment in that area of the network.

3. What type of projects will succeed in this scheme?

The process for selecting sites is discussed in [Section 3](#) of this document. We are looking for shovel-ready projects that will support the Green Recovery and address key Government policies such as net zero and the decarbonisation of transportation.

4. Will an existing in-progress project be able to apply for a retrospective refund of infrastructure works?

No – this funding is aimed at new projects that are struggling to be justified due to network infrastructure costs, rather than those that can or have already been paid for.

5. If I have recently accepted a connection offer but no works have yet started, can those be suspended whilst the project is considered under this funding arrangement?

No – this funding is aimed at new projects that are struggling to be justified due to network infrastructure costs, rather than those that can or have already been paid for.

6. There are a number of options for connection point(s) of our project – is the help available to assess these to decide which to put forward for funding?

All DNOs are available for a bilateral discussion on potential projects, to help with decision making as to the best point of connection to the network. Please approach the relevant DNO accordingly.

7. What exactly will the funding cover? Will it cover my equipment costs?

The funding that Ofgem will make available to networks will be used to invest in the networks. This reinforcement will be targeted in areas with significant green activity, and can be thought of as strengthening the networks and/or bringing the network closer to 3rd party (green) projects, which in turn will reduce the cost of connection for those projects. The funding will not cover the costs of the 3rd party project/equipment, nor the sole-use connection assets.

8. It is unlikely that I will be able to obtain all of the Land Rights and/or Planning Permission for my site within the 6 week CfE period – will I be penalised and miss out?

Not necessarily – it is not compulsory to have Land Rights and/or Planning Permission fully agreed by the time this CfE closes. However, the more information and evidence that you can provide to us the better. If this information exists, it will further evidence the fact that your scheme is shovel-ready or can be quickly deployed, which is one of the key aims of this Green Recovery scheme.

**9. When does my scheme have to be completed?
Is it required to be finished by the end of RIIO-
ED1?**

No – there is no end-date requirement for stakeholder schemes, however we are looking for committed stakeholders who have shovel-ready schemes that can be quickly deployed to support the Green Recovery. The intention is that the majority of the network investment is completed by the end of ED1 though.

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