

Note of call with NESO on Connections Reform

2 December 2025

Attendees

CSEEP; [REDACTED], Special Adviser; [REDACTED] & [REDACTED], Energy Division
[REDACTED], NESO Director of Connections Reform, [REDACTED], NESO Head of Public Affairs, [REDACTED], NESO Head for Wales & SSEP engagement.

CSEEP welcomed everyone.

NESO updated on connections reform (CR) purpose, process and recent events. The approach has been agreed across the industry but those developers who are impacted will not welcome the news.

NESO has aimed to protect projects where money has been invested.

Battery: developers have broadly achieved strong access to land, so more projects have been successful. Many projects hoping to connect pre 2030 will connect later.

Solar: all those that have planning will go ahead. However, there are many projects that have land rights but are not predicted to be needed.

Offshore wind. NESO is working with UK Government on the process to connect projects without seabed leases.

Onshore wind. There is headroom in England and Wales.

Letters will go out early next week, with a webinar to provide the overall picture. Developers should be asked to speak to NESO with any issues. Most projects removed will be due to not having planning permission.

Removing projects from the active generation queue will enable NESO resource to be focused on the demand queue. Nationwide, the bids for connecting demand would increase demand to three times the current peak demand – so two additional GBs. UK Government and NESO will be working on the demand queue and strategic alignment.

NESO offered to provide NESO information to enable a response to any developers who may approach Ministers.