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| RIIO-ED2 Business Plan Data Template Commentary |
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This document provides a template and instructions for providing supporting commentary for the RIIO-ED2 Business Plan data templates.

This document is for people who are filling out the RIIO-ED2 Business Plan data templates and this associated commentary template. It explains what information should be provided in the commentary, and where to find more information.

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1. Instructions and Guidance

## Background

* 1. This document, the RIIO-ED2 Business Plan Data Templates Commentary (BPDTC), is a template for DNOs to provide additional information alongside the Business Plan Data Templates (BPDT), to help:
		+ identify, explain, and justify the main drivers of forecast expenditure and volume profile across the RIIO-ED2 price control period
		+ explain and justify scenarios used for justifying the forecast workload volumes and costs across the RIIO-ED2 period,
		+ **explain any assumptions made in populating the tables how any allocations have been applied,**
		+ **explain any allocation methodologies applied, which haven’t been detailed elsewhere in the business plan submission,**
		+ assist Ofgem in the process of navigating the data submission and supporting documentation.
	2. This template should be read alongside the Business Plan data template instructions and guidance for RIIO-ED2, the RIIO-ED2 Business Plan guidance, and the RIIO-ED2 Sector Specific Methodology Decision.

## Instructions and guidance

* 1. Alongside the submission of the RIIO-ED2 BPDT, DNOs must, to the best of their ability, complete this BPTDC template for each worksheet in the BPDT. For each worksheet, where appropriate, include commentary on the following:
		+ Please compare the current forecast across the RIIO-ED2 period and the latest information on the historic and forecast position across the RIIO-ED1 period, and explain any material differences between them. Please include information in terms of run rates, trends, unit costs etc. and explain the reason for any material step change or difference.
		+ Please summarise and explain the profile of the RIIO-ED2 information.
		+ Please provide a justification for any unit cost/trend outliers, including any regional and/or site specific factors and where there is material interaction with other areas of the BPDT.
		+ Please identify and explain the scenario used for planning, the level of sensitivity within the forecasts used and clarify how uncertainty has been considered/tested. Indicate the materiality of these assumptions.
		+ Explain the interactions with wider governmental policy.
		+ Explain the interactions with the Green Recovery Scheme.
		+ Please explain the types of internal and external benchmarking exercise (where applicable) that have been undertaken to support the RIIO-ED2 forecasts (eg. internal tendered framework rates and/or international unit cost comparison).
		+ Please reference areas of the BPDT submission that can be used to further evidence or substantiate the submission (eg. cells A:B of tab “X” of the BPDT or supporting document “Y”).
		+ Highlight any relevant additional information to aid Ofgem’s understanding and interpretation of the information.
		+ Where costs have been apportioned across one or more activities, the basis of apportionment must be provided in the cost commentary document. Please also give an indication of the robustness of those assumptions.
	2. The BPDTC template is applicable to all worksheets in the final RIIO-ED2 BPDT, except for any cover, contents or summary sheets, and some finance, asset and other sheets. If DNOs consider it necessary or useful to provide supporting information on any worksheet we haven’t requested commentary on, there is space for this at the end of this document. Each DNO must use reasonable endeavours to provide a commentary for each of the categories above. DNOs should report “n/a” where questions do not apply to the subject matter of the worksheet and should ignore any tables that do not apply to them.
	3. The BPDTC must not exceed 3 pages in length for each worksheet, unless otherwise specified. Where visual representations of information (e.g. waterfall diagrams) may aid understanding these should be included and will not contribute to the page limit.
	4. Where information that is relevant for the BPDTC is located in the main Business Plan submission or supporting files (e.g. engineering justification, CBA etc.); directions to the relevant information must be clearly signposted in the BPDTC. Where it is not possible to include all information as prescribed, DNOs will need to clearly explain the reasons why.
	5. The appropriateness and materiality of the commentary provided should be at a level that minimises the need for Ofgem to ask supplementary questions.
	6. DNOs should, to the fullest extent possible, ensure that the BPDTC contains all information relevant to Ofgem’s assessment of the plan. This includes providing a proportionate summary of the overall activity level experienced and costs incurred and expected by the DNO. The BPDTC must therefore provide overview information on the level of activity and costs across the RIIO-ED1 period and the current BPDT forecasts for the RIIO-ED2 period. Where a variance is observed in the transition between price control periods, a succinct explanation of the material differences between them and factors driving the variation is required.
1. Data Table Commentary
	1. DNOs must provide commentary for each BPDT worksheet using the templates below.

## Finance Table Commentary

### I1 – Universal Data

*No DNOs input required.*

### I2 – Monthly Inflation

*No DNOs input required*

### I3 – BPFM Inputs

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### F1 – Debt from BPFM

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### F2a – Financial Summary (TWA)

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### F2b – Financial Summary (YE)

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### F3 – Fixed Rate Debt

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### F4 – Floating Rate Debt

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### F5 – Inflation Rate Debt

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### F6 – Debt Dataset

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### F7 – Data Validation

*No DNOs input required*

### F8 – Tax Inputs

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## Cost Table Commentary

### C2 – Connections

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### C3 – Physical Security

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### C4 - Non-Operational IT and Telecoms

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### C5 – Property (Non-op)

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### C6 – Vehicles and Transport (Non Op)

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### C7 - STEPM (Non Op)

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### C8 - Remote Generation Opex

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### C9 - Core Closely Associated Indirects (CAI)

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### C10 - Wayleaves (CAI)

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### C11 - Vehicles and Transport (CAI)

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### C12 - Core Business Support

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| Commentary (up to 7 pages) |
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### C13 - IT and Telecoms (Business Support)

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### C14 - Property Management (Business Support)

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### C15 - Atypicals Non Severe Weather

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### C16 - Smart Meter Outside PC

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C17 - Legacy Meters

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C18 - De Minimis

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C19 - Other Consented Activity

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C21 - Out of Area Networks

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C22 - Pass-through

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C23 - Other NABC

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C24 - Related Party Margin

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C25 – Shetland (SSEH Only)

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## Cost and Volume Table Commentary

### CV1 - Primary Reinforcement

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### CV2 - Secondary Reinforcement

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### CV3 - Fault Level Reinforcement

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### CV4 - New Transmission Capacity Charges (NTCC)

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### CV5 - Diversions

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### CV6 - Diversions Rail Electrification

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### CV7a - Asset Replacement NARM

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| Commentary (up to 10 pages combined with CV7b) |
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### CV7b - Asset Replacement Non NARM

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| Commentary (up to 10 pages combined with CV7a) |
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### CV7c - Asset Replacement Civils Driven

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### CV8 - Refurbishment non NARM

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| Commentary (up to 7 pages) |
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### CV9 - Refurbishment NARM

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### CV10 - Civil Works Condition Driven

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| Commentary |
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### CV11 - Operational IT and Telecoms

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| Commentary (up to 5 pages) |
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### CV12 - Black Start

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### CV13 - BT21CN

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### CV14 - Legal and Safety

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### CV15 - QoS and North of Scotland Resilience

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### CV16 - Flood Mitigation

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### CV17 - Rising and Lateral Mains (RLMs)

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### CV18 - Overhead Clearances

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### CV19 - Worst Served Customers (WSC)

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### CV20 - Visual Amenity

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### CV21 - Losses

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### CV22 - Environmental Reporting

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| Commentary (up to 5 pages) |
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### CV23 – RIIO-ED1 High Value Projects

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### CV24 - DPCR5 High Value Projects

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### CV25 - RIIO-ED2 High Value Projects

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### CV26 - Faults

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| Commentary (up to 7 pages) |
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### CV27 - Severe Weather 1 in 20

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### CV28 - Occurrences Not Incentivised (ONIs)

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### CV29 - Tree Cutting

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### CV30 - Inspections

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### CV31 - Repairs and Maintenance

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### CV32 - Dismantlement

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### CV33 - Substation Electricity

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### CV34 - Smart Meter Intervention DNO

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### CV35 - Operational Training (CAI)

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### CV36 – NIA

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### CV36a– Innovation ED2

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### CV37– NIC

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### CV38– IFI & LCN Fund

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### CV39– DRS

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## Volume Table Commentary

### V1– Total Asset Movements

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### V2– Cleansing

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### V3– Connections

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### V4– Other Asset Movements

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### AP1– Age Profile

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## RPEs and Ongoing Efficiency Table Commentary

### RPEs and ongoing efficiency

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## Memo Table Commentary

### [M1 - Flood](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M4 - Enablers for RIIO-ED2'!A1) Mitigation (site)

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### [M2 – ED2 WSC](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M3 - ED1 WSC Schemes'!A1)

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### [M3 - ED1 WSC Schemes](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M3 - ED1 WSC Schemes'!A1)

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### [M4 - ED1 WSC Schemes](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M3 - ED1 WSC Schemes'!A1)

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### [M5 - Severe Weather](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M5 - Severe Weather '!A1)

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### [M6 - Metal Theft](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M6 - Metal Theft'!A1)

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### [M7 - Protection Summary](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M7 - Protection Summary'!A1)

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### [M8 - Link Boxes](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M8 - Link Boxes'!A1)

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### [M9a - Trad](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M8 - Link Boxes'!A1) Streetworks (ex ante)

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### [M9b - Permit](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M8 - Link Boxes'!A1) & Lane (ex ante)

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### [M13](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M8 - Link Boxes'!A1) – Uncertainty Mechanisms

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### [M14 - Drivers](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M14 - Drivers'!A1)

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### [M15 - MEAV](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M14 - Drivers'!A1)

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### [M18 - FTE](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M14 - Drivers'!A1)

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### M19 – DSO

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### [M20 - LCT](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M14 - Drivers'!A1)

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### [M21 - Bespoke](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M14 - Drivers'!A1) Activities

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### [M23 – Environmental](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M14 - Drivers'!A1) Action Plan

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### M24 - Losses Snapshot

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### [M25 – Company Specific Factors](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M14 - Drivers'!A1)

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### [M26 – Incremental](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M14 - Drivers'!A1) Costs

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### [M27 – Cyber](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M14 - Drivers'!A1) Security Op IT

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### [M28 – Cyber](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M14 - Drivers'!A1) Security Non-op

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### [M29 – Data and Digitalisation](file:///C%3A/Temp/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.MSO/FA8B771.xlsx#'M14 - Drivers'!A1)

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### M30a – SCR Totex

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### M30b – SCR Breakdown

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### NARM1 – Risk Index Weightings

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### NARM2 – ED1 NARM Profiles

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### NARM3 – ED2 NARM Profiles

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### NARM4 – ED2 NARM Risk Movements

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### LI - Substations

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## Additional Commentary

* 1. DNOs should include additional supporting commentary on the BPDT where they consider it necessary to aid Ofgem’s understanding of the BPDT submission. Please insert any additional commentary below using headings and commentary boxes.

### Additional commentary

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