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| Project Name | EQUINOX | | |
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| Question summary | Part of the financial and carbon benefits arise due to the project method deferring network reinforcement. Does the analysis consider that a proportion of these network assets will need to be replaced regardless (i.e. even if the project method is deployed) due to poor condition and reaching end-of-life? | | |

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## Answer (please retain document formatting and do not exceed 2 pages unless otherwise agreed with Ofgem)

Our analysis has not considered replacement of assets due to poor condition/reaching end-of-life. In some cases, we expect that asset replacement will be purely required due to the ‘health’ of the asset rather than the load on the asset, thus reducing the direct benefits from Equinox. However, in some cases we believe that load reduction through Equinox may help also defer ‘health’ related reinforcement for assets that are at risk of failure when operating at maximum ratings.