

**EUA response to the Ofgem Hydrogen Village Trial Detailed Design Studies Consultation**

**About us**

The Energy and Utilities Alliance (EUA) provides a leading industry voice helping shape the future policy direction within the sector. Using its wealth of expertise and over 100 years of experience, it acts to further the best interests of its members and the wider community in working towards a sustainable, energy secure and efficient future. EUA has eight organisational divisions - Utility Networks (UN), the Heating and Hotwater Industry Council (HHIC), the Industrial & Commercial Energy Association (ICOM), the Hot Water Association (HWA), the Manufacturers’ Association of Radiators and Convectors (MARC), the Gas Vehicle Network (GV Network) the Manufacturers of Equipment for Heat Networks Association (MEHNA) and Energy Services and Technology Association (ESTA)

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**Response:**

**Question 1: Do you agree with our minded-to decision on the projects to fund?**

EUA agrees that these projects should be approved and funded. It is vital that as many live trials of transporting and utilising hydrogen through the grid are run early this decade to allow the government to make a fully informed decision on the future role for hydrogen in 2026. Therefore we strongly support the need for these project to go ahead.

**Question 2. Do you have any views on the proposed project deliverables for Cadent and NGN, and whether further deliverables are required?**

We agree with the project deliverables as described. We would like particular emphasis placed on ensuring learning from previous schemes is incorporated into both schemes. It is vital that lessons learnt from other ‘hydrogen village’ trials are used to maximise the potential for success.

**Question 3. Do you have any views on the proposed directions for the projects contained in Appendix 2 to 4?**

We have no further views