



Flexibility Services Procurement Statement

Our Plans for April 2026 - March 2027

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Executive Summary

UK Power Networks is the UK's biggest electricity distributor, delivering power to 8.5 million homes and businesses across London, the East, and South East of England. We keep the lights on across 29,250 square kilometres, serving 19 million people from Cromer in the east to Brighton on the South Coast.

Flexibility is a critical tool in enabling Net Zero at lowest cost for the customers we serve. In our Business Plan for RIIO-ED2 (2023-2028), we set out ambitious commitments for the procurement and use of flexibility to defer £410m of network investment. In the first year of RIIO-ED2, we realised £91m of benefits and a further £114m in the second year, putting us on track to deliver our overall commitment.

We are building on a track record of leadership in this space. In 2018, we were the first Distribution Network Operator (DNO) to publish a Flexibility Roadmap that described how we would develop flexibility markets. We were also the first DNO to commit to market testing all of our high voltage (HV) and extra high voltage (EHV) reinforcement before we invest in any new assets; and the first DNO to tender for low voltage (LV) needs. A legally separate Distribution System Operator (DSO) was formed in April 2023.

Since 2024, we have continued to streamline and automate our flexibility processes, enabling the registration of over 280,000 eligible flexible assets. This automation facilitated day-ahead procurement, boosting participation and competition in our markets. We have since conducted more than 500 daily auctions and dispatched over 11GWh of day-ahead flexibility. This document describes the types of flexibility we aim to procure, and our approach to that procurement in 2026/27.

- **We will continue to run two long-term tenders, launching in April and October.** These will cover demand reduction and generation turn up, enabling us to continue connecting customers ahead of network reinforcement. In the April tender we will retender for the residual requirements of Tender Round 13 (TR13) with potential additional zones, with further requirements to be confirmed in October 2026 following updates to our forecasts. We also expect to run ad-hoc tenders to support planned network outages. These will help us to reduce risks of customer interruptions during essential maintenance work.
- **We continue to make strong, well-coordinated progress in transitioning to the new Flexibility Market Rules led by the new Market Facilitator, Elexon.** Across strategy, operations, and systems, UK Power Networks is actively responding to all consultations, supporting flexibility providers to respond to these consultations, aligning our products and processes, and implementing the technical and commercial changes required for compliance. Elexon's Flexibility Market Rules are now live, and we are on track to make updates to processes and systems in support of standard baselines (April 2026) and settlement (July 2026) in line with Elexon's requirements. This standardisation will further simplify cross-participation and improve the co-ordination of the nation's flexibility markets.
- **We will continue to run regular day-ahead auctions, enabling a wider participation and improved NESO-DSO coordination.** In addition to demand reduction and generation turn-up, these utilisation-only auctions will also cover demand turn-up and generation turn-down in areas where we have abundant distributed generation which would otherwise likely be curtailed. The market will be cleared automatically according to published logic, co-optimising across day-ahead bids and availability contracts from our long-term auctions.
- **Our procurement and use of flexibility will be facilitated through EPEX SPOT's Localflex platform.** We continue to facilitate an external ecosystem of providers which supplies specialist tools for flexibility. Both long-term and day-ahead participation will be facilitated by the Localflex platform provided by EPEX SPOT, a leading operator of short-term markets. We also publish extensive data, including detailed dispatch information, through our Open Data Portal.
- **We continue work to better align DSO, NESO, and Wholesale Market signals.** Building on our leadership of the Stacking, Primacy, and Operational Data Sharing working groups at Open Networks, we plan to trial risk of conflict reporting with NESO from Spring 2026, in order to support their Demand Flexibility Service. The trial seeks to identify, assess, and validate potential or actual operational conflicts to further improve coordination of system actions effectively.

- **We will continue to work to better understand flexibility providers.** We will ensure that our data, processes and systems enable them to participate with confidence and position themselves competitively. Engagements and refinement with stakeholders throughout 2025/26 such as simplifying and automating our processes have been a critical enabler to our progress to date. We will collaborate with Elexon to support the standardisation of the flexibility market to simplify participation nationally. We will work with flexibility providers to understand their capacity to address emerging network needs, potentially through new products or approaches. We will continue to work closely with innovation projects (e.g. Heatropolis, which focuses on flexibility from heat network, and SNUG, which provides flexibility from energy efficiency) to accelerate adoption of learnings into our flexibility procurement process.

If you are interested in learning more, or signing up for our flexibility mailing list to be kept abreast of developments, please email flexibility@ukpowernetworks.co.uk.

1. Introduction

Introduction to UK Power Network

We are the UK's biggest electricity distributor, delivering power to over 8.5 million homes and businesses across London, the East, and South East of England. We keep the lights on across 29,250 square kilometres, serving 19 million people from Cromer in the east to Brighton on the south coast.

A key part of our vision is to 'Enable the Net Zero Transition For All'. This means ensuring we have right electricity network capacity at the right time and in the right place – at the lowest cost possible. Over the next decade, we expect millions of electric vehicles (EVs) and heat pumps to connect to our network, along with grid-scale renewables and batteries. This is a huge shift in the volume and profile of electricity that will flow over the distribution network.



Figure 1 - UK Power Networks' vision.

Why Flexibility?

We envision a dynamic distribution system, with electricity demand and supply providing flexibility in response to distribution-level conditions and wider market signals. We hope to see market-based solutions incentivising customers to utilise available network capacity efficiently, supplementing traditional network reinforcement, to deliver the lowest cost for customers overall. This will lead to a smarter and more utilised distribution network, with faster and cheaper access to Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) for customers to achieve Net Zero.

In April 2023, we established an independent DSO, delivering clear accountability and transparency for how we unlock capacity to connect more low carbon technologies in a timely and cost-effective way. A key role of the DSO is the development of flexibility markets.

We have proven that flexibility works technically and commercially. In a period of change and uncertainty, flexibility enables us to right-size our investment in the network and continue to connect thousands of charge points, heat pumps, and renewables without needing to wait for additional network infrastructure. It is already delivering significant benefits, in the form of reduced customer bills, lower carbon, and optimised management of our programme of infrastructure upgrades.

We also recognise the increasingly important role of flexibility in supporting whole-system resilience, particularly during extreme conditions where both transmission and distribution networks face simultaneous stress. As the energy system digitalises, flexibility services will support more dynamic management of network risk. These interactions, including the relationship with wider decarbonisation pathways such as electrified heat are areas we continue to explore through our whole-system planning and engagement activities.

Purpose of This Document

This document sets out:

- The flexibility we intend to procure in the regulatory year 2026/27, including information on service types, volumes required, pricing strategies, and forecasted dispatch; and
- How we intend to comply with our licence conditions by demonstrating transparency of flexibility procurement and coordination across industry participants.

2. Our Flexibility Requirements

Planned Flexibility Procurement Over 2026/27

We plan to run two long-term flexibility auctions this year, covering requirements up to Winter 2027/28 as well as regular day-ahead auctions. These remain distinct procurement channels: long-term tenders secure multi-year availability and estimated utilisations; while day-ahead auctions provide operational utilisation opportunities. This is in response to forecasted thermal constraints and will enable us to keep connecting customers and their EVs, heat pumps, and other low carbon technologies to the network ahead of network reinforcement. By incorporating a day-ahead utilisation auction, we are widening access, driving competition, providing faster market access, and enabling flexibility providers to better consider alternative uses of their flexibility in wholesale or ancillary markets. Since April 2024, we have dispatched more than 11GWh through day-ahead utilisation.

We plan to run additional tenders throughout the year to secure flexibility for supporting planned network outages and voltage management where possible. For network outage tenders, these enable us to conduct essential work on the network while cost-effectively managing the risk of customer interruptions. This is typically done two to four months ahead of the scheduled maintenance to avoid a second unplanned outage during the maintenance work, which would result in customers losing supply. Requirements may be pre- or post-fault, depending on the necessary network running arrangements. In addition, we are trialling the use of flexibility for voltage management, to see whether consumer-led flexibility can effectively manage voltage excursions on the LV network.

We continue to procure through the products below:

1. **(Long-Term) Scheduled Utilisation [LTSU]:** Contracts are awarded through long-term tenders, where the flexibility provider commits to reduce their demand during contracted windows.
2. **Scheduled Availability and Operational Utilisation (Day-Ahead) [SAOU]:** Contracts are awarded through long-term tenders, whereby the flexibility provider commits their availability during contracted windows, with utilisation confirmed during day-ahead auctions.
3. **Scheduled Utilisation (Day-Ahead) [SU]:** Contracts are awarded through a day-ahead auction where the flexibility provider agrees to deliver their flexibility for the following day.

Detailed information on these products is available through the Market Facilitator's [market catalogue](#).

From flexibility provider feedback, we know it is important to offer a short list of products that enables broad participation. For this reason, we do not plan to procure any additional products this regulatory year, and have maintained the same product naming conventions from last year.

Long-Term Tenders

Tender Round 14 (TR14) – To be launched in April 2026

The intention of this tender is to 'top-up' against system needs that have not been fulfilled by the previous tender. We will procure multi-year contracts to address thermal constraints until Winter 2027/28; in line with our RIIO-ED2 price control period (2023-2028).

We have identified sites based on the following drivers (described further in our [Distribution Network Options Assessment](#) [DNOA]):

- Retendering sites where we have not received enough flexibility contracts to cover the full system needs from the previous tender round;
- Capacity shortfalls expected based on recent network load data; and
- Risks of capacity shortfall in the next year, including uncertainty in timing of uptake of accepted new connections load.

We may also tender for flexibility at additional sites with high volumes of recent connection requests (particularly related to enroute EV charging).

To meet the needs outlined above, we will procure a combination of SAOU and LTSU, and allow flexibility providers to compete at day-ahead using the SU product. By offering a range of products with different levels of commitment, we hope to continue to attract a more diverse cohort of flexibility providers. We have provided a summary of the sites, including MW requirements from our most recent tender (TR13), in Appendix A to give an indication of some of the sites we plan to top up with TR14. Flexibility providers may reduce their utilisation price to improve competitiveness following contract award.

Prior to TR11, we had introduced limits on the participation of 'planned' assets i.e. flexible assets which are not yet operational. These limits were intended to provide UK Power Networks with greater confidence in forecasting flexibility available to the network.

We received feedback from flexibility providers that we should be clearer and more stringent on the requirements for new assets to participate in flexibility. Following consultation in February 2025, we updated the requirements such that planned or speculative assets may continue to participate, provided their total volume does not exceed the higher of:

- 1 MW per flexibility provider per tender, or
- three times the flexibility provider's existing operational capacity in that zone.

These thresholds have applied since TR12 and have been positively received as they allow established flexibility providers to participate with growing capacities, while still maintaining confidence in deliverability.

We will continue to use the [EPEX SPOT Localflex platform](#) to run both tenders, which is openly accessible to all flexibility providers. We will share participation guidance and run training webinars to make it as easy as possible for flexibility providers to participate. Further information will be published on the Localflex platform and on the UK Power Networks website in April 2026 on the confirmed capacity requirements, voltage levels, and forecasted utilisation for all sites, as summarised in Appendix A.

Tender Round 15 (TR15) – To be launched in October 2026

This second tender will seek flexibility services to meet our needs to March 2028 (Winter 27/28). We will use the latest data on network load and connections pipeline, along with our latest forecast under the Holistic Transformation scenario, to inform where flexibility will be procured. This scenario represents our current best view of future network load and is the basis of our long-term planning as outlined in [our Long Term Development Statement \(LTDS\)](#) and [Network Development Plan \(NDP\)](#). It is also aligned with the current draft Business Plan Guidance for the ED3 price control. As the timing of the LTDS and NDP reports are relative to the inputs below, we cannot publish our specific flexibility requirements at the time of publishing this report. We will identify sites based on the following drivers:

- Peak demand forecasts and firm capacities used in the production of the NDP1 – which considers the four Distribution Future Energy Scenarios (DFES)²;
- Related forecasts for groups and circuits which are not published in the NDP substation list;
- Retendering sites where we have existing flexibility contracts, to increase reliability and drive competition for utilisation;
- Capacity shortfalls based on recent network load data and modelled LV utilisation not covered in the NDP; and

¹ These are published on our Open Data Portal, available here: [Open data portal](#).

² The details of our peak demand forecasts can be found in our DFES summary report, available here: [Distribution Future Energy Scenarios - UKPN DSO](#)

- Risks of capacity shortfall in the next year, including uncertainty in timing of uptake of accepted new connections load.

Day-Ahead Auctions

Since we began flexibility procurement via day-ahead auctions in 2024, we have procured and dispatched more than 11GWh, more than double from last year's reported 4.4 GWh of flexibility through this route across 68 zones and more than 500 completed competitions. We will continue to procure day-ahead flexibility in the same way as detailed below in our Utilisation Forecast for 2026/27 (page 8).

We introduced the day-ahead procurement to widen our access to flexibility and enable greater competition for utilisation. One of the main benefits with the day-ahead timeframe is that it aligns with the other key markets, such as the wholesale market and NESO ancillary services markets. This gives flexibility providers the ability to move between the markets freely.

We currently procure the SU product through the day-ahead market. By making a utilisation decision at the day-ahead market, this allows a wide range of flexibility providers to participate in other markets and for unused flexible capacity to be used in subsequent markets.

Utilisation Principles

In the past three years, we have codified our principles for dispatch within our [Flexibility Dispatch Framework](#). These are carried out by our DSO Operations team, which sits within our control room, alongside DNO colleagues. Our objective is to ensure security of supply by dispatching efficiently, transparently, and with the whole system in mind.

In making dispatch decisions, we consider a wide range of data about the network requirement, the flexible unit, and wider system conditions (e.g. from NESO):

- Network conditions;
- Weather conditions for dispatch involving wind or solar;
- Forecasts of demand, generation and constraints;
- Type of constraint (turn up or turn down);
- Availability of service;
- Price of available unit;
- DER characteristics and constraints, which includes minimum characteristics such as minimum and maximum windows, minimum and maximum ramp rates, asset type e.g. solar, and the time taken to respond to a service;
- NESO operational plans where available (for e.g. day-ahead or intra-day info on NESO services); and
- Primacy Rules in place to minimise service conflicts between the DSO and NESO and the associated data exchanges.

We facilitate the participation of individual flexible assets, as well as aggregations known as Portfolios. This is a single controllable unit consisting of one or more flexible assets aggregated together.

Decisions on which Portfolio to dispatch are automated as part of the day-ahead market clearing. The detailed approach to this optimisation is described in our published [Flexibility Market Clearing Logic](#). We enable competition in dispatch by allowing existing flexibility providers under long-term agreements (LTSU and SAOU) to update their utilisation pricing (up to an agreed cap) and new flexibility providers to enter the market at day-ahead. By aligning the timescales for utilisation decisions, we ensure fairer and more efficient dispatch decisions.

We communicate dispatch instructions via email or an Application Programming Interface (API). Flexibility providers may choose to integrate to a Localflex API or one that also supports [MW Dispatch](#)². UK Power Networks has led work at Open Networks to establish a cross-DNO standard API for dispatch which is now being evaluated by Elexon. In the medium-term, we intend to support both our existing and any new API.

In August 2023, we began to publish [monthly dispatch data](#) (in addition to the annual returns through Licence Condition 31E [LC31E]) to improve market transparency. It has since become one of the most popular datasets on our Open Data portal, with more than 179,000 downloads. In line with stakeholder requests, we have also now published our dispatch data on a daily basis, the first DNO to do so. This empowers our flexibility providers to steer their bidding strategies on a more regular basis.

Utilisation Forecast for 2026/27

After several years of rapid growth in dispatch volumes, utilisation in 2025/26 has stabilised at a similar level to 2024/25. This does not reflect a reduced need or availability for flexibility; rather, it demonstrates a more efficient use of flexibility through improved forecasting, competition, and co-optimisation with our long-term contracts. We expect utilisation in 2026/27 to remain broadly consistent, with year-to-year variation largely driven by local network conditions and seasonal factors. This stabilised pattern indicates a mature flexibility market delivering targeted, value-driven support where it is most needed.

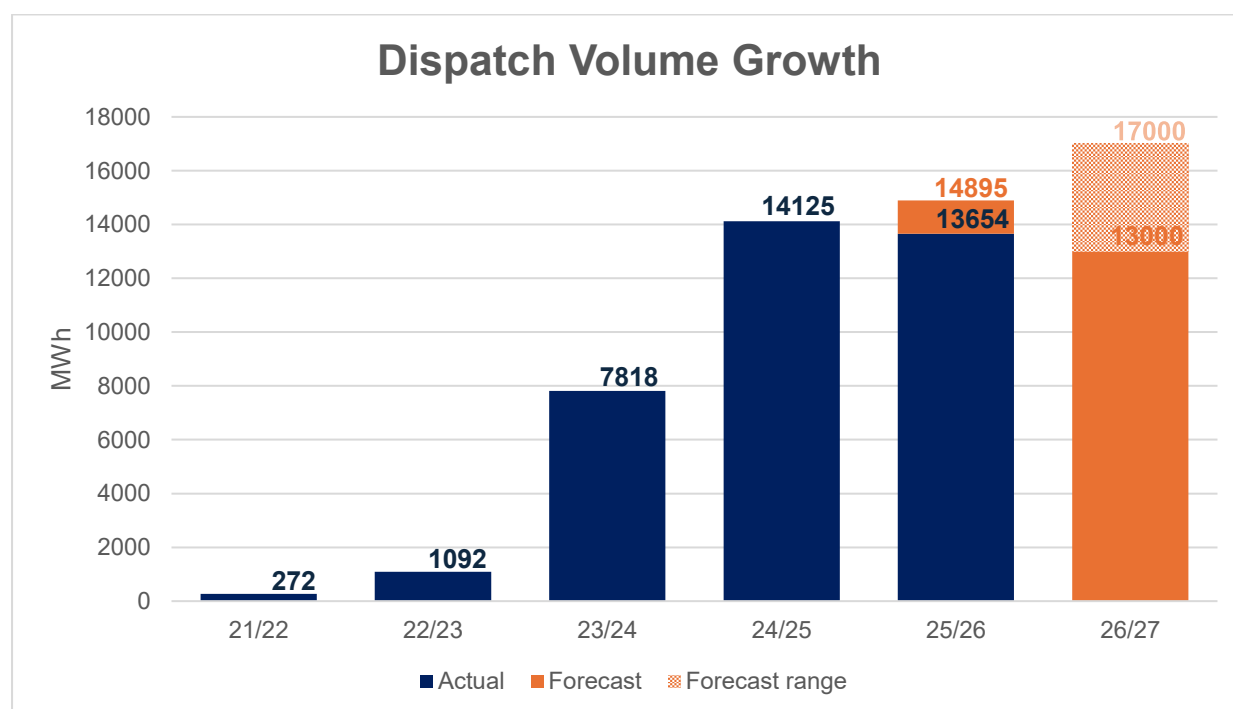


Figure 2 - Flexibility dispatch volumes.

² For further information on MW Dispatch, please refer to the section 'Working with NESO to Enable Accelerated Grid Connections and Wider Whole-System Outcomes' (p.17).

3. Tendering Process

Progress and Trends in Flexibility Procurement

The key trends and customer priorities from 2025/26 and how we are responding in 2026/27 are as follows:

1. Increasing need for flexibility at the national level

The Government's Clean Power 2030 Action Plan has made clear that flexibility will play a critical role in the delivery of a low carbon electricity system. In particular, consumer-led flexibility is expected to grow to 12GW by 2030 to help balance a national system increasingly powered by renewables.

We will work with NESO, Elexon, and wider system actors to ensure that the DSO's procurement of flexibility for local needs supports the increased need for flexibility at the national level. This includes progressing primacy rules and the reporting needed for conflict prevention to improve effective co-ordination. Additionally, we have shared [our vision of how DSO, NESO, and wholesale electricity markets can be aligned](#) to deliver efficient whole system outcomes and clear market signals to flexibility providers.

2. Continued simplification and automation, enabling increased participation

We currently have more than 500MW of flexibility available for dispatch by the DSO Operations team. To grow this operational flexibility and deliver more benefits, we will continue to invest to simplify and automate participation processes – from registration through to settlement. We will work with participants and potential participants to prioritise and shape improvements. To unlock more flexibility, we have created a roadmap with EPEX SPOT that includes improvements including: developing dynamic portfolios in response to feedback; enabling more adaptable asset management, automatically updating baselines as portfolios evolve; and supporting mixed asset types.

3. Implementing standards and driving further standardisation

Standardisation is a key enabler for wider participation in local flexibility, and we support the appointment of Elexon in 2024 as Market Facilitator of DSO and NESO markets. In 2024/25, we updated our products, contract and registration questions in line with the agreed outputs of the Open Networks programme.

In 2026/27, we will implement additional standards as agreed with Elexon, including standard baselines/ settlement methodologies, and potential changes to the standard contract. We will continue to support Elexon in picking up and accelerating standardisation and coordination, particularly for workstreams where UK Power Networks has previously led efforts at Open Networks.

4. New use cases for flexibility

While the majority of our flexibility procurement relates to the management of expected thermal network constraints, we will explore additional use cases for flexibility, leveraging the standard products and processes wherever possible. Where we develop new use cases or learning, we commit to sharing this with the Market Facilitator to facilitate wider rollout. We are currently trialling voltage management using our SU product to assess the technical and economic viability of managing voltage excursions via flexibility. We are also exploring the possibility of post-fault flexibility to complement our outage tenders. There is also an increasing interest in the development of large data centres across our region. These sites may provide both significant new demand and opportunities for flexibility. We will continue to assess their operational impact and potential participation in future tenders.

Pre-Tender Activities

In our [RIIO-ED2 Business Plan](#), we had committed to deferring £410m of load-related expenditure through use of flexibility. This was supported by a commitment to market test all network needs.

In 2023/24, we published our first DNOA, providing transparency of our flexibility first strategy within our strategic decision making. This included information on the various stages including network data and load forecasting, substation area selection, and flexibility requirements assessment. We will publish an updated DNOA methodology and outcome in Spring 2026. The updated methodology will include refinements to how we forecast capacity needs, in line with NESO's direction on Regional Energy Strategic Planning (RESP).

The forecasts which identify capacity needs and drive our DNOA process are informed by extensive engagement with local authorities, as well as the national Future Energy Scenarios (FES) and other data such as connections. Our Local Net Zero team engages closely with the 133 local authorities served by our network, providing data and tools and gleaning valuable insight on the likely parameters of local decarbonisation.

For each site with additional capacity needs, we assess the value of flexibility. This involves completing a cost-benefit analysis (CBA) that estimates the net present value (NPV) of deferring the reinforcement capital expenditure (CAPEX) by a certain number of years. We use the Energy Networks Association's (ENA's) Common Evaluation Methodology (CEM) to carry out the Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA). The CEM is developed through the Open Networks project; and the NPV of the deferral becomes the available funding pot for our flexibility services. For further details, please see Section 5.

We are working with other DSOs to review the CEM during 2026/27 to ensure that it appropriately reflects:

1. Any consequential impact of our decisions on the cost of meeting national flexibility requirements; and
2. A wider set of value drivers for flexibility, including earlier customer connections, reduced curtailment and reduced risk of customer interruptions

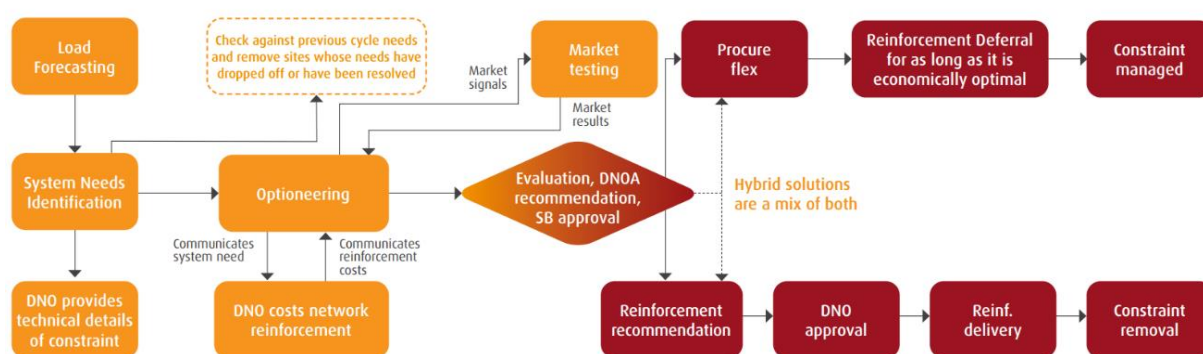


Figure 3 – Simplified DNOA recommendation decision flow.

Tender Stages

Tenders take place through an open and independent procurement platform operated by EPEX SPOT [Localflex](#). The process is as follows:

- **Tender Initiation:** We publish network locations and flexibility needs on our procurement platform. Tender documents setting out technical and commercial requirements, such as the Participation Guidance, standard contract, and available flexibility revenues, are published on our [webpage](#) and are openly accessible to any interested stakeholder.
- **Pre-Qualification (Registration):** The flexibility provider submits details of their company and flexible assets. We then check whether flexibility providers and resources are commercially and technically capable of delivering the service. The most common pain point was the need to quickly verify that the assets are electrically connected to the right part of the network that can help alleviate the constraint. We already provide postcode information to allow an initial check to be made, and in 2025, we introduced daily automated checks covering the connectivity of newly registered assets. These automated checks currently cover assets connected to the LV network, excluding those on Independent Distribution Network Operator (IDNO) networks for which we currently lack the necessary data.
- **Competition:** Pre-qualified parties can then submit offers into a competitive tender via Localflex. We assess offers based on three criteria i.e. value, volume, and budget. Flexibility budgets are determined through the standard ENA CEM with further detail provided in Section 5. We announce the results and award successful bidders the standard ENA contract. Full tender results are published on our website and through Localflex.

We are committed to transparency in our flexibility procurement and have led the way with the publication of key tender information since 2019. This includes making our tender documentation openly accessible on our website and publishing granular competition results³. These competition results are presented as a consolidated dataset covering all long-term auctions – dating back to 2019.

The competition result information includes:

- Tender to which the bid relates;
- Bid information by competition area;
- Volume of flexibility accepted and rejected;
- Names of flexibility providers that have bid;
- Total volume of the flexibility contracts in place; and
- Availability and utilisation prices received.

³ An example is our collated Post Tender Report, available here: [Flexibility-Post-Tender-Report-Collated_V1.5](#).

Objective	Transparent	Market-based
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexibility requirements and related guide prices are set objectively through our DNOA, which applies the CEM. All flexibility providers are first assessed according to their responses to a standard set of financial and technical questions. For day-ahead auctions, bidding information is assessed programmatically through EPEX SPOT's Localflex platform. For long-term auctions, we currently assess anonymised bids manually. We intend to migrate this process to the Localflex platform. All flexibility providers are awarded contracts in line with the agreed standard ENA flexibility contract (v3.0 from 2025/26, historically v2.1). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information related to long-term tenders is published at the start of the tender, and publicised through a range of channels, including email newsletters, LinkedIn, and our DSO website. This includes the process and assessment criteria we will follow, along with our detailed requirements and guide prices. We offer a webinar at the start of each long-term tender to explain the process and answer any questions. We publish the slides and recordings. Day-ahead tenders follow a regular pattern, with requirements published by 10:00am day-ahead and utilisation decisions confirmed by 1:30pm. Where flexibility providers or bids are not accepted, we notify them of the reason and work with them to address issues, to the extent possible within the agreed process. We allow flexibility providers to challenge the results of our long-term tenders. We publish the results of our tenders and details of flexibility subsequently dispatched in a timely manner through our website. This includes the names of flexibility providers and details of their flexibility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any flexibility provider can create an account and register assets on the market platform free of charge. We offer low thresholds for participation to maximise the number of assets eligible, including 10kW minimum flexible capacity, minimum of 30-minute run time, and different metering solutions and dispatch methods. Providers can bid into a variety of products with varying levels of commitment, including both long-term and day-ahead products. Both existing and planned assets can participate in long-term tenders. We use regular auctions with clear cut-off times to maximise market access and our ability to make economic decisions.

Table 1 - An objective, transparent and market-based tendering process.

Pricing Strategy

For long-term products linked to high voltage (HV) constraints, flexibility providers submit competitive bids. We provide site-specific ceiling prices to flexibility providers to inform their business plan and bidding. These ceiling prices are directly linked to the value of reinforcement deferral at each site established through the CBA. For further information, please refer to Section 5.

For the Day-Ahead SU product, we provide site-specific ceiling prices. This pricing reflects the direct and opportunity costs faced by flexibility providers delivering flexibility close to real-time. Long- and short-term flexibility providers will compete against each other at day-ahead i.e. we request dispatch from flexibility providers of SAOU and Day-Ahead SU products in order of increasing utilisation price. As we evolve towards closer to real-time markets in RIIO-ED2 and market liquidity increases, utilisation prices are expected to fall as flexibility providers compete to be dispatched.

For flexibility tendered to address LV network constraints (via LTSU), a fixed price per kW is set by UK Power Networks. The price (currently around £70/kW/year) is calculated based on the deferral of LV reinforcement projects and an estimate of average required flexibility volume.

Procurement Timetable and Process

The procurement timetable for the current tender and retender are outlined below.

Stage	Activity	TR14	TR15
Stage 1: Tender Initiation	Flexibility zones signposted	April 2026	October 2026
Stage 2: Pre-Qualification (PQ)	PQ Open	May 2026	November 2026
	PQ Submission Deadline	June 2026	December 2026
	PQ Results	July 2026	December 2026
Stage 3: Competition	Competition Open	July 2026	December 2026
	Competition Close	July 2026	December 2026
	Competition Results	September 2026	March 2027
Stage 4: Delivery	Delivery of flexibility	Per contract, from summer 2027	Per contract, from winter 2027

Table 2 - Tender timelines.

4. Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder engagement is crucial to inform product, process, and system refinements, and encourage participation in local flexibility markets. We engage through multiple channels to reach as wide an audience as possible and engage in the most appropriate way for the desired outcome. Some examples of stakeholder engagement in 2025/26 include:

- Survey of Localflex users to understand their satisfaction with the systems we use and their priorities for user improvement;
- Quarterly meeting of our operational flexibility providers i.e. our Flexibility Council to set our operational and strategic priorities and market alignment with feedback received; and
- Bi-annual Flexibility Forums that bring together our flexibility providers, industry partners, stakeholders, and those interested in flexibility markets where we share updates and hear from others to discuss ways to further develop and improve flexibility markets.

We will continue to work with other DSOs and NESO to establish standardised approaches for the procurement and utilisation of flexibility, thus creating an open and accessible market which delivers optimal whole system outcomes for the end-consumer.

How We Engage with Stakeholders

We engage with a diverse population of stakeholders, with fundamentally different business models, underlying technologies, and understanding of flexibility markets. We strive to create a level playing field for all, which entails recognising that we must engage in a way that will reach each segment and allow them to input meaningfully – we understand that what works for a large energy supplier does not necessarily work for a start-up aggregator or a local authority. This is why we also adapt our choice of channel according to the purpose of engagement, for example, in raising awareness or co-designing products, to ensure that the market is as accessible as possible.

The channels we use include:

- **Flexibility Forums⁴:** We will continue to hold two in-person forums during the year – one in the summer and one in the winter. These events are open to the public and are an excellent opportunity for us to engage with new and existing flexibility providers, to share challenges and opportunities and spark new collaborations. We advertise our Flexibility Forums via LinkedIn, our DSO website, our flexibility newsletter, and directly encourage our flexibility providers to attend.
- **Flexibility Council:** In 2025/26, we invited our active flexibility providers to quarterly workshops, where we invited input and debate on key strategic choices. We intend to maintain and refine this engagement in 2026/27.
- **Webinars:** We will continue to organise webinars to talk through tender requirements and give flexibility providers an opportunity to ask questions. We continue to run regular training sessions on Localflex with our market platform provider EPEX SPOT.
- **Presenting at industry events:** We recognise that to grow the supply of local flexibility, we must increase awareness. We will continue to present at industry events focused on key customer segments e.g. storage, renewables, EVs, energy suppliers, local authorities, and industrial energy users.
- **One-to-one meetings:** We offer calls with interested flexibility providers throughout the year. These are particularly popular during our flexibility tenders. Stakeholders can request a meeting via flexibility@ukpowernetworks.co.uk.

⁴ Winter and summer forum slides in the events section - [Upcoming events - UKPN DSO \(ukpowernetworks.co.uk\)](https://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/upcoming-events).

- **Surveys:** We will monitor and enhance the flexibility journey, supplementing the channels above with systematic survey data to better understand flexibility provider expectations and frustrations. We will provide feedback to stakeholders on the actions we take as a result of these surveys.
- **Flexibility mailing list⁵:** We will continue to send monthly updates and calls for input during the year. Our mailing list currently has over 600 stakeholders. We also communicate tender requirements through third-party mailing lists such as the ADE and Power Responsive.
- **Open Data Portal:** This gives greater visibility of the opportunity for participation. It also allows interested parties to link multiple data sets, which are relevant to the individual to understand the bigger picture.
- **Social media:** We will launch LinkedIn campaigns for each tender to capture attention from potential future flexibility providers.

Coordinating Flexibility Services Across DNOs

Since Elexon became the Market Facilitator and formally taken over functions of the ENA's Open Networks Program, we have already started implementing a number of changes that strengthen standardisation across GB's flexibility markets. Over 2025/26, we have aligned several core elements of our processes with the emerging Flexibility Market Rules, including updates to our carbon reporting methodology, refinement of product definitions, clearer and more consistent pre-qualification criteria, adoption of primacy rules, and implementation of revenue-stacking requirements and sub-market definitions. We are also on track to deliver further harmonisation by standardising our baselining methodologies and settlement processes in line with Elexon's upcoming frameworks. These changes collectively ensure a more transparent, predictable, and interoperable market experience for flexibility providers, while supporting whole-system efficiency. Throughout the process we have kept our flexibility providers updated ahead of implementation. For a comprehensive detailed view of the required changes and deadlines, refer to [Elexon's implementation monitoring](#). The below table shows our progress and all deadlines for compliance have been met with one temporary derogation formally agreed with Elexon to not cause significant impact on the delivery of flexibility.











	Status	Notes
Sub-Market Definitions	 Compliant from 02/26	
Product Definitions	 Compliant from 02/26	Led Open Networks working group which informed market rule
End to end process	 Compliant from 02/26	Collaborated with Elexon to refine data template for other DSOs
Pre-Qualification Criteria	 Compliant from 02/26	
Baselining	 Compliant from 03/26	Collaborated with Elexon and flexibility providers to clarify process for nomination baselines
Verification and settlement	 Will be compliant from 07/26	Granted temporary derogation from Elexon to manage impact on flexibility providers
Carbon reporting	 Compliant from 02/26	Led Open Networks working group which informed market rule
Revenue stacking	 Compliant from 02/26	Led Open Networks working group which informed market rule
Primacy Rules	 Compliant from 02/26	Led Open Networks working group and helped define low-regret trial
Glossary	 Compliant from 12/25	

Table 3 - Status of implementing Flexibility Market Rules.

⁵ Providers can sign up to the Flexibility Mailing list by contacting the Flexibility Mailbox at flexibility@ukpowernetworks.co.uk.

Working with NESO to Enable Accelerated Grid Connections and Wider Whole-System Outcomes

The MW Dispatch project, in collaboration with NESO, is now fully operational. Underpinned by extensive IT infrastructure and data exchange with NESO, MW Dispatch creates new opportunities for DER customers to offer services to NESO and connect to networks sooner, while helping to tackle transmission constraints. In 2025/26, we have already unlocked over 1.5GW of capacity for 50 customers against transmission constraints in the south coast, and delivered accelerated connection of seven projects, totalling 43MW. Furthermore, we have enabled five DER assets to register in NESO's Single Market Platform – providing them with easy and direct access to NESO's Transmission Connection Management market – which makes us one of the first DSOs to facilitate participation in these transmission markets. We closely collaborate with our DER customers and their technology partners to onboard assets to our Dispatch Platform through Web APIs.

Our data sharing solution has now been rolled out by NGED in their licence areas, demonstrating wider industry standardisation and knowledge transfer in this space. Having already established Inter-Control Centre Communications Protocol (ICCP) links with NESO in all three of our licence areas, for the first time in the industry, bilateral data was exchanged between NESO and DSO from week-ahead to day-ahead and intra-day time horizons using automated API technology.

On the back of this success in 2023/24, we have continued to collaborate with NESO to explore expansion of this approach to improve whole system optimisation and address more operational challenges. This allowed for the alignment of our Day-Ahead procurement timings with those of NESO and NGED. In 2024/25, we have transitioned the technical solution to business-as-usual. This has involved mapping the end-to-end DER customer journey from the initial connection acceptance, market registration and dispatch onboarding. To further improve our offerings, in 2025/26, we have developed joint operational procedures with NESO's control room to enhance security and reliability of the network at all operational scenarios. This ensures correct manual processes are enacted to support the service in the event of failure of system or communication links.

To continue our work in this space, we have collated feedback from DER customers that they want to stack the MW Dispatch service with other transmission services. We are working with NESO to explore potential solutions, and will be considering how the service could be rolled out to more areas beyond the south coast.

Full Electrification of London's Buses and Taxis by 2030

London plans to have all busses and taxis electrified by 2030. This is currently expected to require more than 40GW of batteries in EVs for the busses and taxis, alongside the development of alternative charging stations throughout London. We are assessing the role flexibility has in supporting a cost-effective route and more rapid implementation of this infrastructure.

Advances in Primacy and Conflict Reporting with NESO

Primacy is the framework that governs how NESO and DNOs coordinate operational actions to prevent conflicts; situations where one party's flexibility instructions or protection measures could unintentionally counteract the other. It aims to ensure the electricity system is operated safely, efficiently, and transparently, supported by consistent data exchange and clear rules around who takes precedence in different operational scenarios.

Significant progress has been made in developing daily report of conflict reports alongside weekly validation reporting with trials set to begin in Spring 2026. The programme has advanced the underlying data foundations by linking outage plans, DERMS curtailment forecast data, and flexibility dispatch plans. This has enabled better assessment of potential conflicts and accurate post-event validation of whether DNO operational actions occurred. This directly strengthens operational coordination and reduces the risk of conflicting actions on the network.

5. Quantitative Assessment

Our Distribution Network Options Assessment

We identify the system needs through focussing on areas where forecast network demand is greater than the firm capacity of the network. We use measured or inferred data about current network usage, overlaying expected customer connections and wider long-term forecasts. We then publish details of the available headroom under different scenarios within our Network Development Plan.

For sites where we have forecast capacity constraints, we then consider network and flexibility options to resolve them.

Ensuring Flexibility Services are the Most Economical Solution

We undertake CBA using both the CEM and its supporting Excel-based CEM tool, developed through the Open Networks project to deliver consistency in how DNOs evaluate different network investment options used to market test flexibility solutions. The CEM is based on the Ofgem's CBA, which we used in earlier tender rounds.

The methodology sets out to analyse the NPV of discounted cash flows of each solution. The difference between the NPV of the network reinforcement and the NPV of the deferred reinforcement represents the amount that could be spent on flexibility services to achieve the deferral. The figure below shows this calculation where reinforcement has been deferred by three years.

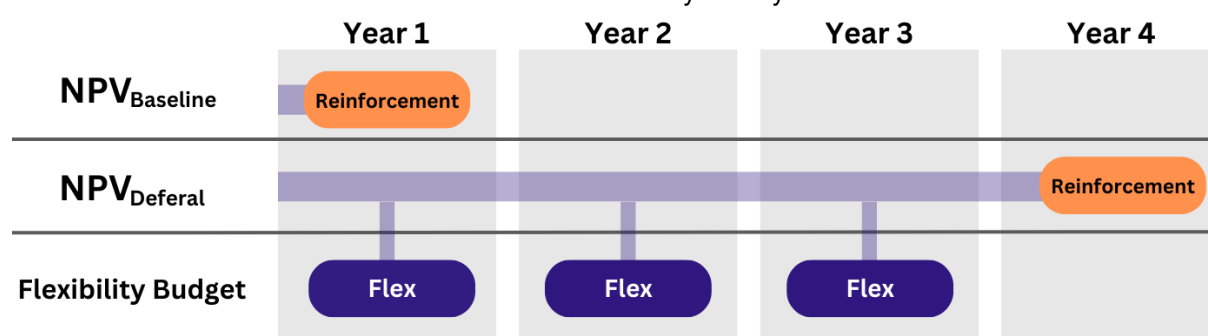


Figure 4 - Overview of NPV comparison.

Note that the actual CBA is more complex since it models the total expenditure (TOTEX) cashflow in the DNO funding model, where a proportion of the expenditure is recovered from bill-payers in the year it is incurred, and the rest over time. The CEM tool also enables consideration of multiple scenarios and deferral periods.

The flexibility budgets, which we publish to the market prior to each tender, are then converted into indicative prices to help the market translate value into offers through dividing the budget by the required availability and utilisation volumes. These volumes are determined from site-specific load profile analysis and forecasts. Site-specific budgets and prices can be found in the Competition Data spreadsheet that we publish on [our website](#).

Where we use flexibility to reduce the risk of customers losing supply, our counterfactual is based on the negative incentive revenue associated with the potential customer interruptions and minutes lost⁶ along with the likelihood of a second (unplanned) outage triggering that interruption.

⁶ Minutes lost is based on the number of customers connected and estimated time to restore supply.

Assessment of Competitive Bidding

We publish our bid assessment methodology within the participation guidance for each tender. This is available on [our website](#). We seek to meet the volume requirement, at a cost that is within budget and as economically as possible as shown in *Figure 5*.

The comparable rate (in £/MWh) is derived from the availability fee and utilisation fee and allows comparison between bids. The detailed formulation can be found in the participation guidance. We provide an example of the bid assessment in Appendix B.

For Day-Ahead SU, the auction is cleared automatically for each half-hourly market period, based on minimising cost of meeting the required capacity with offers above the max price rejected. If the total remaining offered capacity is less than zone requirement, then all offers are accepted. Where more capacity is offered than required the clearing is processed in line with with our published [Market Clearing Logic](#).

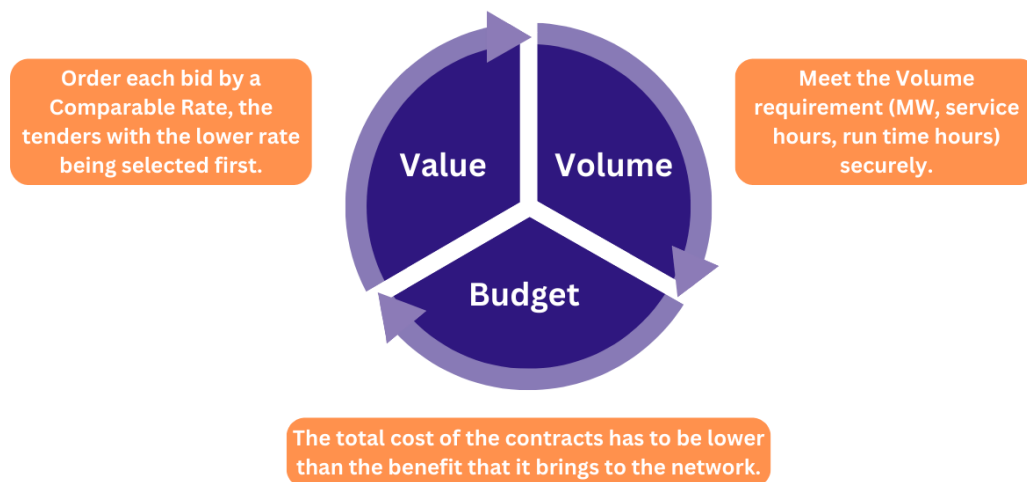


Figure 5 - Assessment of bids.

6. References

Reference	Description
RIIO-ED2 Business Plan	Describes UK Power Networks' plans and commitments for 2023-2028.
RIIO-ED2 DSO Strategy	Describes our plans to establish an independent DSO and maximise its benefits over 2023-2028.
Distribution Network Options Assessment (DNOA)	Describes the decision-making process for assessing infrastructure vs flexibility when increasing network capacity, along with the results of that assessment.
Flexibility Dispatch Framework	Describes how we make flexibility dispatch decisions in the control room, including coordination with NESO.
Market Clearing Logic	Describes in detail the automated rules for clearing the day-ahead flexibility market.
Long-Term Development Statement and Network Development Plan	Outlines how we expect network capacity requirements to evolve over the next 5-10 years and where we plan to build additional network infrastructure.
Network Headroom Report	Indicates the amount of unused network capacity for demand and generation up to 2050, across our bulk supply points and primary substations.
Key Websites	
UK Power Networks - DSO	Outlines the services the DSO offers and the latest news and events.
Flexibility Data Catalogue	Catalogues data on flex requirements, contracts, dispatches and case studies.
Open Data Portal	Provides APIs and downloads for key UK Power Networks datasets.
EPEX Localflex	Enables flexibility providers to register, commit to contracts and receive payments.
Engagement	
Slides and recordings from flexibility events	Provides materials for previous engagement events.
DER and Customer Forum	Provides details of upcoming engagement events relating to connection and operation of generators and storage.
Market Information	
Live and historic tenders	Provides descriptions and data for all ongoing and completed flexibility tenders.
Tender Hub - UK Power Networks DSO	Provides the standard terms for flexibility service commitments.
Elexon Market Facilitator	Details on Elexon's Flexibility Market Rules.

Appendix

Appendix A: Tender Round 13 (TR13) Site Summary

The table below summarises the 19 demand constraint flexibility zones where we requested flexibility in TR13. TR14 will include sites from TR13 with residual flexibility needs once contracted flexibility and updated forecasts have been considered. In April 2026, we will publish the final details of sites on our website and on the Localflex platform.

Flexibility Zone	Licence area	Maximum Connection voltage (kV)	Capacity required (MW)
Aldreth	EPN	11	0.33
Bow	LPN	11	0.92
Bury St	EPN	11	3.3
Chatteris	EPN	11	0.9
Chelmsford East Local	EPN	11	2.91
Coxford	EPN	11	1.2
Glaucus Street	LPN	11	3.8
Halstead	EPN	11	1.9
Hendon Way	EPN	11	3.16
Lithos Road	LPN	11	0.8
March Primary	EPN	11	2.2
Merton	LPN	11	3.4
Sevington Total	SPN	11	7.61
Sewell Road	LPN	11	5.6
St Anthony St	EPN	11	2.6
Stody	EPN	11	4.2
Tenterden	SPN	6.6	1.4
West Horndon	EPN	11	0.66
Willesden Grid	LPN	132	24.63

Appendix B: Example Bid Assessment

Bid Grouping	Company	Capacity (MW)	Bid Avail Fee (£/MWh/h)	Bid Util Fee (£/MWh)	Service Start Date	Service End Date	Service Window From	Service Window To	Avail spend	Util hours	Util spend	Total spend	Energy delivered (MWh)	Total contract cost	Total contract energy (MWh)	Contract comparable rate (£/MWh)	Result
Bid 7	Ohme Operations UK Ltd	15.70	18	270	01/12/2022	11/03/2023	07:00	20:30	£ 385,325	5	£ 21,195	£ 406,520	78.5	£ 1,519,683	350.6	£ 4,334	Accepted
Bid 7	Ohme Operations UK Ltd	17.40	16	270	01/12/2023	11/03/2024	07:00	20:30	£ 383,357	5	£ 23,490	£ 406,847	87	£ 1,519,683	350.6	£ 4,334	Accepted
Bid 7	Ohme Operations UK Ltd	18.51	14	270	01/12/2024	11/03/2025	07:00	20:30	£ 353,408	5	£ 24,993	£ 378,402	92.5685	£ 1,519,683	350.6	£ 4,334	Accepted
Bid 7	Ohme Operations UK Ltd	18.51	12	270	01/12/2025	11/03/2026	07:00	20:30	£ 302,921	5	£ 24,993	£ 327,915	92.5685	£ 1,519,683	350.6	£ 4,334	Accepted
Bid 12	Tesla Motors Netherlands B.V.	0.04	15	270	01/12/2021	11/03/2022	07:00	20:30	£ 855	5	£ 56	£ 911	0.209	£ 911	0.2	£ 4,361	Accepted
Bid 8	Ohme Operations UK Ltd	0.06	15	270	01/12/2021	11/03/2022	07:00	20:30	£ 1,289	5	£ 85	£ 1,374	0.315	£ 6,881	1.6	£ 4,369	Accepted
Bid 8	Ohme Operations UK Ltd	0.06	15	270	01/12/2022	11/03/2023	07:00	20:30	£ 1,289	5	£ 85	£ 1,374	0.315	£ 6,881	1.6	£ 4,369	Accepted
Bid 8	Ohme Operations UK Ltd	0.06	15	270	01/12/2023	11/03/2024	07:00	20:30	£ 1,301	5	£ 85	£ 1,386	0.315	£ 6,881	1.6	£ 4,369	Accepted
Bid 8	Ohme Operations UK Ltd	0.06	15	270	01/12/2024	11/03/2025	07:00	20:30	£ 1,289	5	£ 85	£ 1,374	0.315	£ 6,881	1.6	£ 4,369	Accepted
Bid 8	Ohme Operations UK Ltd	0.06	15	270	01/12/2025	11/03/2026	07:00	20:30	£ 1,289	5	£ 85	£ 1,374	0.315	£ 6,881	1.6	£ 4,369	Accepted
Bid 3	Cambridgeshire County Council	0.06	15	270	01/12/2022	11/03/2023	07:00	20:30	£ 1,227	5	£ 81	£ 1,308	0.3	£ 5,245	1.2	£ 4,371	Accepted
Bid 3	Cambridgeshire County Council	0.06	15	270	01/12/2023	11/03/2024	07:00	20:30	£ 1,239	5	£ 81	£ 1,320	0.3	£ 5,245	1.2	£ 4,371	Accepted
Bid 3	Cambridgeshire County Council	0.06	15	270	01/12/2024	11/03/2025	07:00	20:30	£ 1,227	5	£ 81	£ 1,308	0.3	£ 5,245	1.2	£ 4,371	Accepted
Bid 3	Cambridgeshire County Council	0.06	15	270	01/12/2025	11/03/2026	07:00	20:30	£ 1,227	5	£ 81	£ 1,308	0.3	£ 5,245	1.2	£ 4,371	Accepted
Bid 10	Orange Power Ltd	0.50	48	380	01/12/2022	11/03/2023	07:00	20:30	£ 32,724	5	£ 950	£ 33,674	2.5	£ 135,020	10.0	£ 13,502	Accepted
Bid 10	Orange Power Ltd	0.50	48	380	01/12/2023	11/03/2024	07:00	20:30	£ 33,048	5	£ 950	£ 33,998	2.5	£ 135,020	10.0	£ 13,502	Accepted
Bid 10	Orange Power Ltd	0.50	48	380	01/12/2024	11/03/2025	07:00	20:30	£ 32,724	5	£ 950	£ 33,674	2.5	£ 135,020	10.0	£ 13,502	Accepted
Bid 10	Orange Power Ltd	0.50	48	380	01/12/2025	11/03/2026	07:00	20:30	£ 32,724	5	£ 950	£ 33,674	2.5	£ 135,020	10.0	£ 13,502	Accepted
Bid 11	Orange Power Ltd	0.50	68	380	01/12/2022	11/03/2023	07:00	20:30	£ 46,359	5	£ 950	£ 47,309	2.5	£ 189,695	10.0	£ 18,970	Accepted
Bid 11	Orange Power Ltd	0.50	68	380	01/12/2023	11/03/2024	07:00	20:30	£ 46,818	5	£ 950	£ 47,768	2.5	£ 189,695	10.0	£ 18,970	Accepted
Bid 11	Orange Power Ltd	0.50	68	380	01/12/2024	11/03/2025	07:00	20:30	£ 46,359	5	£ 950	£ 47,309	2.5	£ 189,695	10.0	£ 18,970	Accepted
Bid 11	Orange Power Ltd	0.50	68	380	01/12/2025	11/03/2026	07:00	20:30	£ 46,359	5	£ 950	£ 47,309	2.5	£ 189,695	10.0	£ 18,970	Accepted
Bid 1	Bankenergi limited	0.50	111	577	01/12/2021	11/03/2022	07:00	20:30	£ 75,674	5	£ 1,443	£ 77,117	2.5	£ 386,533	12.5	£ 30,923	Accepted
Bid 1	Bankenergi limited	0.50	111	597	01/12/2022	11/03/2023	07:00	20:30	£ 75,674	5	£ 1,493	£ 77,167	2.5	£ 386,533	12.5	£ 30,923	Accepted
Bid 1	Bankenergi limited	0.50	111	597	01/12/2023	11/03/2024	07:00	20:30	£ 76,424	5	£ 1,493	£ 77,916	2.5	£ 386,533	12.5	£ 30,923	Accepted
Bid 1	Bankenergi limited	0.50	111	597	01/12/2024	11/03/2025	07:00	20:30	£ 75,674	5	£ 1,493	£ 77,167	2.5	£ 386,533	12.5	£ 30,923	Accepted
Bid 1	Bankenergi limited	0.50	111	597	01/12/2025	11/03/2026	07:00	20:30	£ 75,674	5	£ 1,493	£ 77,167	2.5	£ 386,533	12.5	£ 30,923	Accepted
Bid 9	Orange Power Ltd	1.00	118	580	01/12/2022	11/03/2023	07:00	20:30	£ 160,893	5	£ 2,900	£ 163,793	5	£ 656,765	20.0	£ 32,838	Alternative efficient fee offered
Bid 9	Orange Power Ltd	1.00	118	580	01/12/2023	11/03/2024	07:00	20:30	£ 162,486	5	£ 2,900	£ 165,386	5	£ 656,765	20.0	£ 32,838	Alternative efficient fee offered
Bid 9	Orange Power Ltd	1.00	118	580	01/12/2024	11/03/2025	07:00	20:30	£ 160,893	5	£ 2,900	£ 163,793	5	£ 656,765	20.0	£ 32,838	Alternative efficient fee offered
Bid 9	Orange Power Ltd	1.00	118	580	01/12/2025	11/03/2026	07:00	20:30	£ 160,893	5	£ 2,900	£ 163,793	5	£ 656,765	20.0	£ 32,838	Alternative efficient fee offered
Bid 4	Conrad Energy Limited	6.00	275	450	01/12/2021	11/03/2022	07:00	20:30	£ 2,249,775	5	£ 13,500	£ 2,263,275	30	£ 11,338,650	150.0	£ 75,591	Alternative efficient fee offered
Bid 4	Conrad Energy Limited	6.00	275	450	01/12/2022	11/03/2023	07:00	20:30	£ 2,249,775	5	£ 13,500	£ 2,263,275	30	£ 11,338,650	150.0	£ 75,591	Alternative efficient fee offered
Bid 4	Conrad Energy Limited	6.00	275	450	01/12/2023	11/03/2024	07:00	20:30	£ 2,272,050	5	£ 13,500	£ 2,285,550	30	£ 11,338,650	150.0	£ 75,591	Alternative efficient fee offered
Bid 4	Conrad Energy Limited	6.00	275	450	01/12/2024	11/03/2025	07:00	20:30	£ 2,249,775	5	£ 13,500	£ 2,263,275	30	£ 11,338,650	150.0	£ 75,591	Alternative efficient fee offered
Bid 4	Conrad Energy Limited	6.00	275	450	01/12/2025	11/03/2026	07:00	20:30	£ 2,249,775	5	£ 13,500	£ 2,263,275	30	£ 11,338,650	150.0	£ 75,591	Alternative efficient fee offered
Bid 6	Just Charging Ltd	0.35	290.17	71.4	01/12/2022	11/03/2023	07:00	20:30	£ 138,476	5	£ 125	£ 138,601	1.75	£ 555,776	7.0	£ 79,397	Rejected
Bid 6	Just Charging Ltd	0.35	290.17	71.4	01/12/2023	11/03/2024	07:00	20:30	£ 139,847	5	£ 125	£ 139,972	1.75	£ 555,776	7.0	£ 79,397	Rejected
Bid 6	Just Charging Ltd	0.35	290.17	71.4	01/12/2024	11/03/2025	07:00	20:30	£ 138,476	5	£ 125	£ 138,601	1.75	£ 555,776	7.0	£ 79,397	Rejected
Bid 6	Just Charging Ltd	0.35	290.17	71.4	01/12/2025	11/03/2026	07:00	20:30	£ 138,476	5	£ 125	£ 138,601	1.75	£ 555,776	7.0	£ 79,397	Rejected
Bid 13	ev.energy	0.01	295	100	01/12/2021	11/03/2022	07:00	20:30	£ 4,022	5	£ 5	£ 4,027	0.05	£ 478,724	5.9	£ 80,661	Rejected
Bid 13	ev.energy	0.04	295	100	01/12/2022	11/03/2023	07:00	20:30	£ 16,089	5	£ 20	£ 16,109	0.2	£ 478,724	5.9	£ 80,661	Rejected
Bid 13	ev.energy	0.17	295	100	01/12/2023	11/03/2024	07:00	20:30	£ 69,463	5	£ 86	£ 69,548	0.855	£ 478,724	5.9	£ 80,661	Rejected
Bid 13	ev.energy	0.32	295	100	01/12/2024	11/03/2025	07:00	20:30	£ 129,519	5	£ 161	£ 129,680	1.61	£ 478,724	5.9	£ 80,661	Rejected
Bid 13	ev.energy	0.64	295	100	01/12/2025	11/03/2026	07:00	20:30	£ 259,038	5	£ 322	£ 259,360	3.22	£ 478,724	5.9	£ 80,661	Rejected
Bid 5	Green Energy Options (geo) Ltd	0.01	540	540	01/12/2021	11/03/2022	07:00	20:30	£ 7,363	5	£ 27	£ 7,390	0.05	£ 7,390	0.1	£ 147,798	Rejected
Bid 2	Bankenergi limited	2.00	737	111	01/12/2021	11/03/2022	07:00	20:30	£ 2,009,799	5	£ 1,110	£ 2,010,909	10	£ 10,074,444	50.0	£ 201,489	Rejected
Bid 2	Bankenergi limited	2.00	737	111	01/12/2022	11/03/2023	07:00	20:30	£ 2,009,799	5	£ 1,110	£ 2,010,909	10	£ 10,074,444	50.0	£ 201,489	Rejected
Bid 2	Bankenergi limited	2.00	737	111	01/12/2023	11/03/2024	07:00	20:30	£ 2,029,698	5	£ 1,110	£ 2,030,808	10	£ 10,074,444	50.0	£ 201,489	Rejected
Bid 2	Bankenergi limited	2.00	737	111	01/12/2024	11/03/2025	07:00	20:30	£ 2,009,799	5	£ 1,110	£ 2,010,909	10	£ 10,074,444	50.0	£ 201,489	Rejected
Bid 2	Bankenergi limited	2.00	737	111	01/12/2025	11/03/2026	07:00	20:30	£ 2,009,799	5	£ 1,110	£ 2,010,909	10	£ 10,074,444	50.0	£ 201,489	Rejected

The table shows details of the bid assessment carried out for the Secure (SAOU) service at Burwell Milton Arbury Hist

Appendix C: Flexibility Services Products

The following tables provide the detailed parameters for each of our Flexibility Service Products:

	Parameter name	SU (Day Ahead & Long-Term)		SAOU	
		Industry standard	UKPN notes	Industry standard	UKPN notes
Structure	Payment Structure	Utilisation Only		Availability and Utilisation	
	When prices are set (procurement timescales)	At trade	At trade (which can be long-term or day-ahead)	At trade	Utilisation prices can be reduced after initial commitment
Availability	Availability Request Mechanism	N/A		Request initiated by DNO	
	Availability Acceptance timing			At trade	
	Availability Refinement timing			Not allowed	
	Availability Changes Allowed?			No	
	Minimum Aggregate Unit Size			End state: N/A Interim: differs per DNO	10kW
	Partial Availability Acceptance Possible?			End State: Yes Interim: differs per DNO	Yes (at trade)
	Time Variable Availability Volumes Allowed			End State: Yes Interim: differs per DNO	No
	Availability Payment Unit			£/MWh	
	Availability Period			Settlement Periods	
Utilisation	Utilisation Payment Unit	£/MWh		£/MWh	
	Utilisation Period	Settlement Periods		Minutes	
	Delivery Expectation	Continuous		Continuous	
	Maximum Response Time	N/A		N/A	
	Payments during response time?	No		No	

		SU (Day Ahead & Long-Term)		SAOU	
Parameter name		Industry standard	UKPN notes	Industry standard	UKPN notes
	Minimum Utilisation Time	30 mins		30 mins	
	Minimum Utilisation Volume	End state: N/A Interim: differs per DNO	10kW	End state: N/A Interim: differs per DNO	10kW
	Utilisation Instruction Timings	At trade	At trade (which can be long-term or day-ahead)	Operational - Day Ahead	
	Partial Utilisation Instruction possible	End State: Yes Interim: differs per DNO	Yes	End State: Yes Interim: differs per DNO	Yes
	Time Variable Utilisation Volumes Allowed	End State: Yes Interim: differs per DNO	Yes	End State: Yes Interim: differs per DNO	No

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