

Question		Response			
About you and your work					
1. What is the name of your company?		Roadnight Taylor Ltd			
2. Which DNO’s ICE submission is your response related to (see Annex 2 for DNO map)? Please indicate clearly in your response to the questions below whether your comments refer to the DNO’s plans as a whole, or to one of the DNO’s licence areas. If you wish to provide a response to the ICE submission of more than one DNO, please use a separate template for each DNO.		SSEN (both licence areas)			
3. What type of connection do you generally require? And for each type of connection, how many connection applications, including total MVA (Mega Volt Ampere) of connections have you made in the past year? Please note that we will assess storage within the relevant metered generation market segment. Note: These figures are estimated, are aggregated across all DNOs and may include multiple, linked applications per site		Type of connection		Total number of connections	Total MVA of connections
		Metered Demand Connections	Low Voltage (LV) Work		
			High Voltage (HV) Work		
			HV and Extra High Voltage (EHV) Work		
			EHV work and above		
		Metered Distributed Generation (DG)	LV work	5	0.5
			HV and EHV work	80	1,500
		Unmetered Connections	Local Authority (LA) work		
			Private finance initiatives (PFI) Work		
Other work					

Consultation questions	
Section 1: Looking Back report 2016-17	
We want your views on how well the DNOs have performed over the last year	
1. Are you satisfied that the DNO had a comprehensive and robust strategy for engaging with connections stakeholders? Do you consider that the DNO implemented its strategy? If not, are you satisfied that the DNO has provided a reasonable and well-justified explanation?	Yes, very much so. SSEN take connections engagement very seriously and do it very well. As well as attending more general stakeholder events, I sit on the SSEN Customer Connections Steering Group, and so am exposed to a breadth of engagement activity, am very much at the sharp end (as I am with other DNOs) and can say with confidence that it is very thorough.
2. Are you satisfied that the DNO had a comprehensive work plan of activities (with associated delivery dates) to meet the requirements of its connections stakeholders? Do you consider that the DNO delivered its work plan? If not, are you satisfied that the DNO has provided a reasonable and well-justified explanation?	It was a comprehensive plan comprehensively delivered.
3. Do you consider that the DNO's work plan provided relevant outputs (eg key performance indicators, targets etc.)? Are you satisfied that the DNO has delivered these outputs? If not, do you view the reasons provided to be reasonable and well justified?	Yes. Outputs were relevant and they have been delivered.
4. Do you agree that the DNO's strategy, activities and outputs have taken into account ongoing feedback from a broad and inclusive range of connections stakeholders? If not, has the DNO provided reasonable justification?	Yes. Stakeholder events are well attaneded, throught the year, and by a broad cross section of customer types.

The following two questions refer to the specific areas we discuss in our letter – meeting the needs of all types of connections customers, and connecting when the networks are constrained.

5. Do you consider that the DNO's activities and outputs over the past year were adequate in meeting the needs of all types of connection customers, including the particular needs of newer types of connection customers?	I believe so, although we do focus on generation (and/including storage) connections
6. Do you consider that the DNO's activities and outputs over the past year were adequate in meeting the needs of customers looking to connect when the networks are constrained?	SSEN is doing a lot of work in this area, and has some great and complex innovation case studies, and whilst may be catching up with a couple of other DNOs in terms of rolling out flexible solutions widely across their networks, SSEN do strive very hard in this area, and with some great successes.

Section 2: Looking Forward plans 2017-18

We want your views on what the DNOs aim to achieve in the coming year

7. Are you satisfied that the DNO has a comprehensive and robust strategy for engaging with connection stakeholders and facilitating joint discussions where appropriate?	Yes. Very much so.
8. Do you agree that the DNO has a comprehensive work plan of activities (with associated delivery dates) that will meet the requirements of its connection stakeholders? If not, has the DNO provided reasonable and well-justified reasons? What other activities should the DNOs do?	Yes. Very comprehensive.
9. Do you consider that the DNO has set relevant outputs that it will deliver during the regulatory year (eg key performance indicators, targets, etc.)?	Yes.

10. Would you agree that the DNO's proposed strategy, activities and outputs have been informed and endorsed by a broad and inclusive range of connection stakeholders? If they have not been endorsed, has the DNO provided robust evidence that it has pursued this?	Yes.
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11. Do you consider that the DNO's planned activities and outputs will be sufficient to meet the needs of all types of connection customers, including the particular needs of newer types of connection customers? What other activities should the DNO undertake in this area?	Yes.
12. Do you consider that the DNO's planned activities and outputs will be sufficient to meet the needs of customers looking to connect when the networks are constrained? What other activities should the DNO undertake in this area?	Yes. SSEN has made flexible connections one of its 'Bigger, Ambitious Commitments'. It has said it will make Flexible Connections available across both of its distribution areas "where it is technically feasible to do so" – and whilst the devil could potentially be in the 'technically feasible' detail here, I think and hope they will.

Annex 2 - Map showing DNO licensee areas¹

Electricity Distribution



¹ Image from Electricity Networks Association (ENA) – note the ICE only applies to distribution networks operating in GB