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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.		Northern Powergrid (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		<table><tr><th colspan="2">Type of connection</th><th>Total number of connections</th><th>Total MVA of connections</th></tr><tr><td rowspan="4">Metered Demand Connections</td><td>Low Voltage (LV) Work</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>High Voltage (HV) Work</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>HV and Extra High Voltage (EHV) Work</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>EHV work and above</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Metered Distributed Generation (DG)</td><td>LV work</td><td>5</td><td>0.5</td></tr><tr><td>HV and EHV work</td><td>80</td><td>1,500</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="3">Unmetered Connections</td><td>Local Authority (LA) work</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Private finance initiatives (PFI) Work</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Other work</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>			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		
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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?	This is the first year in which we have had any significant activity in NPG's licence areas and as such we are unable to comment on its strategy for this past year, or how well it has delivered on it – however, our experience of late is that the connections team (designers, planners and contract managers) are very willing to engage on an ad hoc basis. They are invariably very helpful, professional and generous with their time and their intimate knowledge of their particular grid groups. We have not yet engaged with NPG by means of any of their formal stakeholder engagement routes.
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?	We are not qualified to comment on this in the current year.
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?	We are not qualified to comment on this in the current year.
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?	We are not qualified to comment on this in the current year.

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?	We are not qualified to comment on this in the current year.
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?	We are not qualified to comment on this in the current year.

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. We look forward to being invited along.
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, relatively so.
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?	Whilst we are not qualified to comment based on direct experience, their ICE submission does suggest that they consulted numbers of individuals from within the relevant stakeholder groups.
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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?	<p>Yes. We particularly like the concept of targeted workshops, and we look forward to being invited along.</p> <p>NPG's heat maps were best-in-class (others have been playing catch-up), but network map provision (either online or shape/KMZ) remains very poor – and in an A&D-fee environment, being able to locate the network is about as basic a requirement as there is.</p>
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?	Other than a reference to an existing ANM scheme, there appears to be little in this area

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