



LARGE CONNECTIONS COMPETENCY UPDATES MAY 2026



BACKGROUND

Driver for Change

- The changes are being made in support of Ofgem's push to reduce the numbers of both generation and demand connection applications that are unduly speculative.
- The aim is to make sure that applicants have **considered their projects in sufficient depth** before making connection requests.

Scope

- **Large customers:** 5MVA (5,000kVa) Demand & 1MW (1,000W) Generation Installed Capacity
- Note: for "increase in load" jobs, jobs are classed as large based on the **maximum capacity that the customer will have at the end of their application.**

Timing

- The new requirements will be live for **all applications received on or after Monday 1st June 2026.**



QUEUE MANAGEMENT THE NEW REQUIREMENTS



HEADS OF TERMS



SITE PLAN



ENGINEERING PLAN



TECHNICAL DETAILS



SCHEMATIC



PROJECT TIMELINE

The new requirements are an extension to the G99 Queue Entry Requirements that were introduced in December 2024 for Generation Applications.



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HEADS OF TERMS



What is it?

If a customer doesn't have a claim to the land they are applying for, they will need to provide a Head of Terms (HoT). A HoT is an agreement between existing landowner and the applicant, outlining key terms, conditions and timescales for the applicant to purchase or enter a lease for the land or securing a full purchase.

Which Applications?

- ✓ Generation ≥ 1 MW
- ✓ Demand ≥ 5 MVA
- ✓ ICP/IDNO (Where above applies)



Must Note:

- The 'Heads of Terms' needs a solicitor's letter to verify that the Terms refer to the same land that is shown within the site plan (red line boundary)
- The HoT does not replace an LoA, the Heads of Terms must be supplied alongside the LoA



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LETTER OF AUTHORITY



What is it?

A document signed by the Customer or Landowner where the Applicant is acting as an agent on their behalf.

There are no content changes for an LoA but ICP/IDNO applications where the total Demand \geq 5MVA or Generation \geq 1MW are now subject to the same requirements for a LoA.

Which Applications?

- ✓ Generation \geq 1MW
- ✓ Demand \geq 5MVA
- ✓ ICP/IDNO (Where above applies)



Must Note:

- The 'Heads of Terms' does not replace an LoA, the Heads of Terms must be supplied alongside the LoA



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SITE PLAN



What is it?

A plan, provided at an appropriate scale, that indicates the site boundary (typically outlined with a red line). The plan should include where the Applicant wishes for any substation(s) to be located.

For sites to be adopted by the DNO, the layout of buildings and roads. The plan should be free of unnecessary detail.

Which Applications?

- ✓ Generation $\geq 1\text{MW}$
- ✓ Demand $\geq 5\text{MVA}$
- ✓ ICP/IDNO (Where above applies)





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ENGINEERING PLAN



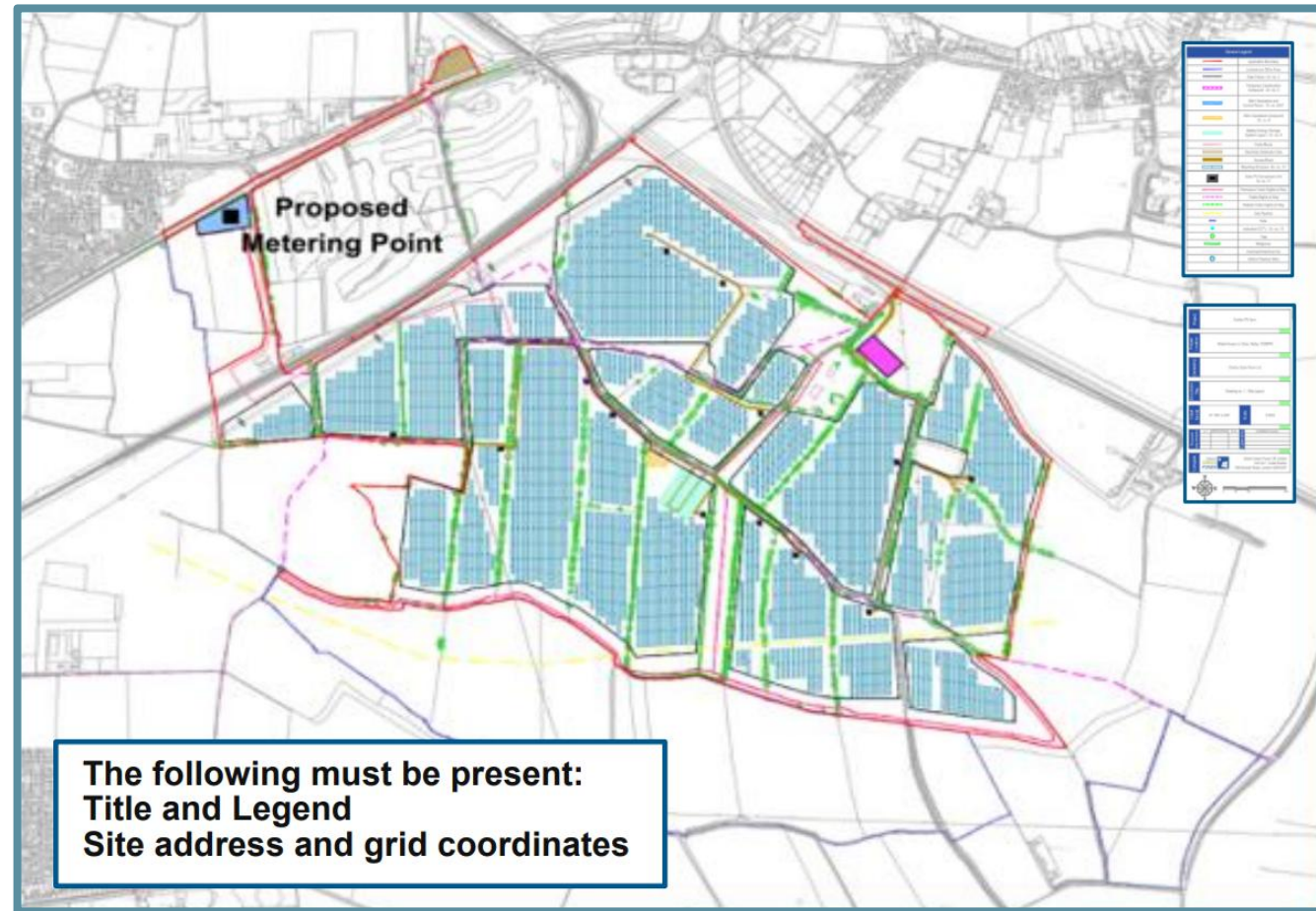
What is it?

An enhancement to the site plan/red line boundary which requires a lot more detail to be provided. Some of the features we expect to see on every plan are:

- Title and Legend
- Site Boundaries
- Key Infrastructure
- Proposed Connections to DNO Network
- Connection Points
- Scale and Orientation:
- Annotations and Notes

Which Applications?

- ✓ Generation $\geq 1\text{MW}$
- ✗ Demand $\geq 5\text{MVA}$
- ✓ ICP/IDNO (Where above applies)



Must Note:

- The 'Engineering Plan' and 'Site Plan' may be supplied as two separate documents OR be merged into one single plan.



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TECHNICAL INFO



What is it?

Technical details of any Customer-owned equipment that is likely to cause disturbance to the Distribution System or the supply of electricity to others – i.e. an ‘abnormal load’.

There are no documents to be uploaded here, simply the application form will ask all customers (now including ICP/IDNO) “Will you be installing any abnormal loads” and then require the technical information to be uploaded.

Must Note:

- **Large DEMAND customers (now including ICP/IDNO) who answer “yes” will then be required to supply a Single Line Diagram.**



Which Applications?

- ✓ Generation $\geq 1\text{MW}$
- ✓ Demand $\geq 5\text{MVA}$
- ✓ ICP/IDNO (Where above applies)





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PROJECT TIMELINE



What is it?

The applicant must provide a preliminary project plan. This is not a full project management document, but it must identify the key activities that underpin the milestones needed to meet the requested connection date:

- Timelines
- Milestones
- Resources
- Budget

Which Applications?

- ✓ Generation $\geq 1\text{MW}$
- ✓ Demand $\geq 5\text{MVA}$ (Where there are abnormal loads)
- ✓ ICP/IDNO (Where above applies)




Appendix 4. Preliminary Project Timeline Template:

Background Questions	Yes / No	Comments
Do you expect / anticipate the project to be subject to an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment)?		
Do you expect / anticipate the project to have significant Third-Party Land Rights that will need to be secured beyond the site boundary?		
Are you planning to follow a Development Consent Order (DCO) based planning methodology		
Planned Dates	Date	Comments
Anticipated Acceptance Date *		
Anticipated "Gate 2" Compliance Declaration Date		
Planning Consent Submitted		
Planning Consent Secured		
Detailed Construction Programme Provided		
Financial Close (for full project)		
If different to Financial Close – Date at which Full Financial Release for DNO / ICP to proceed with Contestable Works		
Main Generating Plant Procurement		
Site Construction Commencement		
Main Construction Works Completed		
Commissioning Works Commenced		
Planned Energisation / Connection Date		
Planning Assumptions	Months	Comments
Assumption for Main Generating Plant Lead Time (order to site delivery)		
Assumption for DNO Connection Works Lead Time (Financial Release to Energisation)		

* Anticipated Acceptance Date should be no earlier than 3 months from the application date and no later than 6 or 9 months (depending on the specific DNO acceptance period)



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-  TECHNICAL DETAILS
-  SCHEMATIC
-  PROJECT TIMELINE

DEMAND $\geq 5\text{MVA}$



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GENERATION $\geq 1\text{MW}$



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