

# Regional Group meeting



UK Power Networks  
**Customer  
Engagement  
Group**

**Date:** Wednesday 18 November 2020

**Time:** 1.00pm to 3.30pm

## Time and date

1.00pm to 3.30pm, Wednesday 18 November 2020

## Attendees

### CEG

Peter Bennell  
Ann Bishop  
Nigel Cornwall  
John Hargreaves  
Andrew Mackintosh  
Peter Atherton  
Dan Byles  
Ashleye Gunn  
Julie Pyke  
Ralitsa Hiteva  
Nikki Stopford  
Peter Vicary Smith

### UK Power Networks

Max Taylor  
Neil Madgwick  
Luke Hughes  
Michael Horwood  
Sam Bould (KPMG)

## Agenda

1.00pm	Introductions and overview of session
1.10pm	Overview of UKPN regional approach to strategic investment
12.40pm	Overview of UKPN role of public affairs
1.20pm	AOB

## Meeting summary

UKPN and the joint regional groups met, with UKPN presenting on:

- (i) An overview of strategic investment planning at the local level including the key projects earmarked for classification across ED2, and the challenges of consistency and fairness in progressing strategic investment projects;
- (ii) An overview of the role of public affairs and how UKPN engage with elected officials and central and local government bodies; and
- (iii) An overview of the most effective routes for engagement with elected officials and the future risks and challenges around this area in the context of ED2 and Net 0.

## Discussion

Key discussions and steer focused around:

- (i) The definitions and scope of strategic investment and what this might look like in practice across the period;

- (ii) Further deep dives and detail surrounding specific strategic investment projects and regions, such as Battersea, The Isle of Dogs / Greenwich, Heathrow and others;
- (iii) Steer and discussion around the roles of network planning when interacting with key local stakeholders during the investment process;
- (iv) Steer and discussion on the most effective routes to engage with and influence elected official and local government offices; and
- (v) Discussion around the potential benefits for UKPN of expanding their public image and presence in the context of the Net 0 transition.

## Actions and next steps

**Action** – UKPN to bring out specific examples of how UKPN have engaged with Croydon, such as discussions with the Council and the GLA.

**Action** – UKPN to highlight how they are engaging with local community groups and bodies around expanding PSR reach within London and other regions or engaging with utilities / other organisations on this space.

**Action** – UKPN to consider a session on how UKPN seek to engage government departments (BEIS, OLEV) and influence policies and decision making.