

Planning for renewables and storage: Industry priorities for reform

Thursday 29 February

15:00-17.30

Agenda

15.00 Introduction

Merlin Hyman, CEO, Regen

15.10 Context and the scale of the current planning challenge

Rebecca Windemer, planning and communities lead, Regen

15.20 Planning for transmission infrastructure: key issues and the future role of a Strategic Spatial Energy Plan

Nick Winser, electricity network commissioner and chairman, Energy Systems Catapult

15.30 NSIP reform: Where we are with the new NPS and proposed reforms

Neil Bromwich, partner, Osborne Clarke

15.40 Discussion: What are the key priorities for planning reform for NSIP scale projects?

Merlin Hyman (Chair), Rebecca Windemer, Nick Winser and Neil Bromwich

16.10 Break

16.20 The issues with local level applications

Kirsty Lodge, principle planner, Enso Energy

16.30 Local authority experiences: Stroud

Cllr Chloe Turner, chair of environment scrutiny committee, Gloucestershire County Council

16.40 Discussion: What should be the key priorities for planning reform for the local authority level?

Merlin Hyman (Chair), Kirsty Lodge and Cllr Chloe Turner

17.00 Discussion of priorities for reform and future actions including potential for working group

17:20 Wrap up and close

17:30 Networking reception

18:30 End