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# Sustainability & UK business approach

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#### **OUR MISSION**

# To accelerate the move to a decarbonised future.



#### THE CARBON TRUST

## CARBON

### We bring our customers on a journey towards climate leadership



### **Organisational footprinting**

Start to understand your carbon footprint, measure your Scope 1 and 2 emissions and build awareness of your organisation's impacts.



of your business.

relevant KPIs.

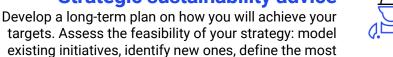


### Science-based target setting

Set ambitious and climate-science aligned targets to reduce your carbon emissions and to demonstrate your organisation's commitment to sustainability.



and increase your understanding of the broader impacts







### **Certification and disclosure**

Communicate your efforts to the public with a robust third party validation. Build a strong message around the adoption of international standards and frameworks.



## **Context to science-based targets**



- Global temperatures have risen by more than 1°C since pre-industrial times.
- Paris Climate Agreement approved by 197 nations at COP21 came into force on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016.
- Agreed to hold the increase in global average temperatures well below 2°C and pursue efforts to limit the increase to 1.5°C.
- Emissions should peak as soon as possible, and rapidly reduce thereafter.



# Global commitments are accelerating the adoption of ambitious objectives to tackle climate change





2018: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report showed that we need to align to a 1.5°C trajectory. The world needs to reach Net Zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (emissions balanced with removals) by 2050.



June 2021: G7 reconfirmed their commitment to limiting warming to **1.5°C.** 



The Paris Agreement with a goal to limit global warming to well below 2°C and to pursue efforts to limit to 1.5°C

May 2021: EU climate law – Net Zero emissions are now a binding target for 2050.

#EU2050

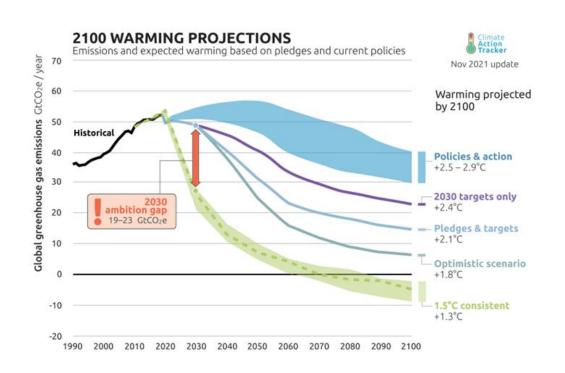




# However, under current policies we are heading towards a 2.7C temperature increase



Transition risks will depend on the level of decarbonisation and our preparedness to adapt to a low-carbon economy



As we strive to reach the Paris Agreement's goal of 1.5°C temperature increase, we can only mitigate growing exposure to transition risks through early action and an orderly decarbonisation.

# The difference between global warming of 1.5°C and 2°C is vast



A 1.5°C world is one that is more economically stable, in which supply chains are less susceptible to flood and extreme weather risks; workforces are less exposed to extreme heat, water scarcity and food shortages; and company operations are less at risk from dramatic changes to water supplies.

		1.5°C	2.0°C	2°C
	Global population exposed to severe heat at least once every 5 years	14%	37%	2.6x worse
	Number of ice-free artic summers	At least 1 every 100 years	At least 1 every 10 years	10x worse
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	Decline in marine fisheries	1.5M tonnes	3M tonnes	2x worse

SBTi net zero launch webinar

# Drivers for action towards a Net Zero transition are strong and growing







**Supply chain** 



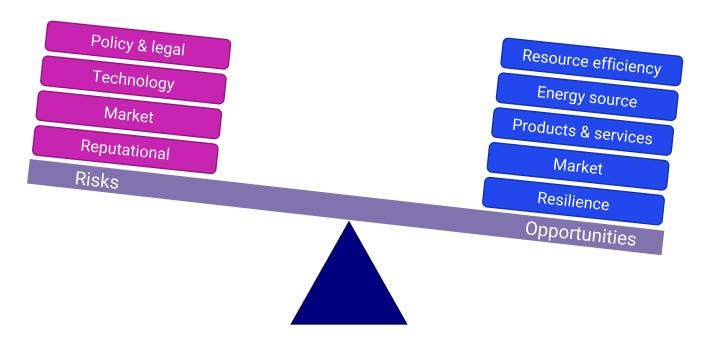


**TCFD** 





Those than can adapt and implement early action will benefit from the opportunities of a just transition to a net-zero world





# The Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) has translated the global goals into decarbonisation pathways for companies



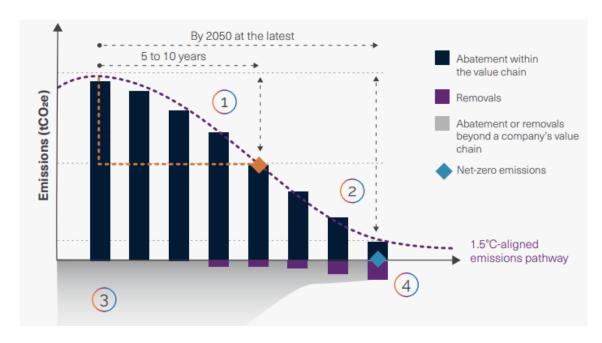




- Majority of all science-based targets validated by the SBTi in 2021 have been 1.5C-aligned for Scope 1&2 (the most ambitious pathway for reduction).
- Growing number of companies have now committed to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

## The SBTi describes the end goal of Net Zero and the journey towards achievement



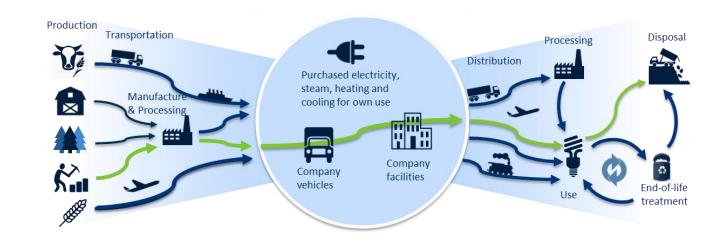


- Near-term sciencebased target
- Long-term sciencebased target
- 3. Beyond value-chain mitigation
- 4. Neutralisation

Source: Science Based Targets initiative

# Companies need to address both their Scope 1&2 emissions (own operations) as well as Scope 3 emissions (value chain)



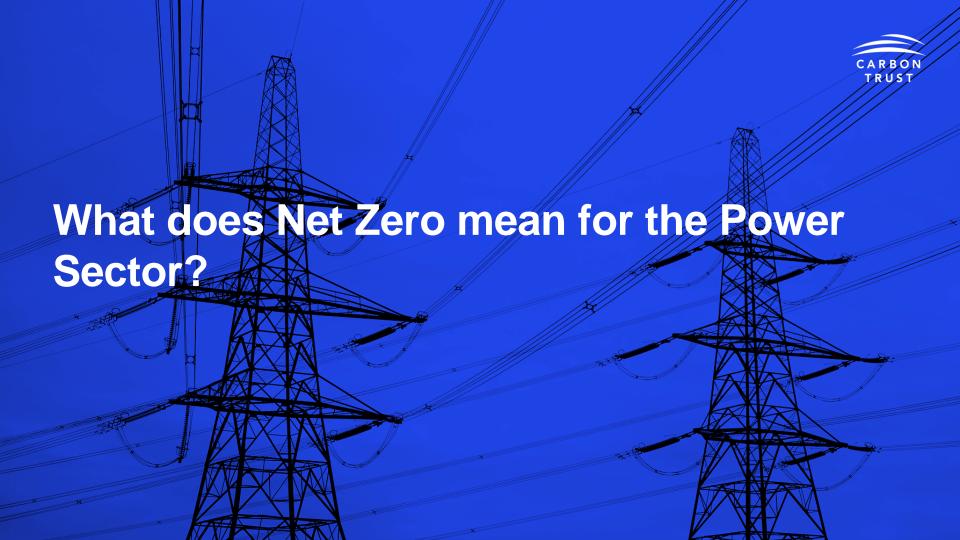


Scope 3 (Upstream)
Supply chain

Own operations
Scope 1 & 2

**Scope 3 (Downstream)** 

Distribution, use and disposal of sold products



# Why is setting a net zero target in the utilities/energy sector important?

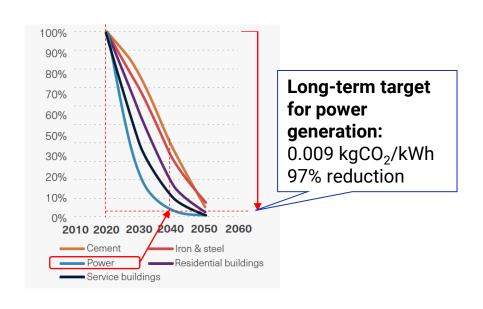


- Net zero includes all scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions to be accounted when setting reduction and neutralisation targets.
- The world has a viable pathway to building a global energy sector with net-zero emissions in 2050, but it is narrow and requires an unprecedented transformation of how energy is produced, transported and used globally (IEA 2021)

## **SBTi Net-Zero Standard for power companies**



#### **Sector-specific intensity pathways**



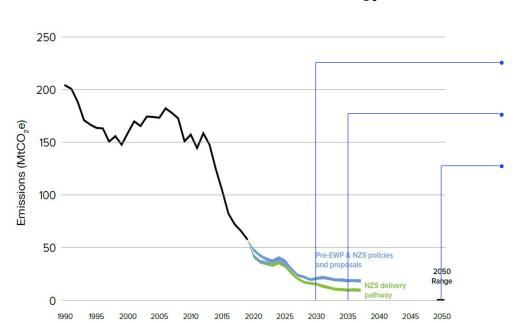
Net-Zero Standard for long-term targets for power companies:

- Must achieve Net Zero by 2040 and use the intensity convergence method (SDA).
- If scope 3 emissions ≥ 40% of total: companies must set an intensity target covering all sold electricity (including purchased and resold electricity in scope 3 category 3).

## **UK Power sector emissions trajectory to 2037**



## Indicative power emissions pathway to 2037 in the UK Net Zero Strategy



## Key emission reduction milestones (vs. 2019 base year)<sup>(1)</sup>

**2030**: 71-76% reduction

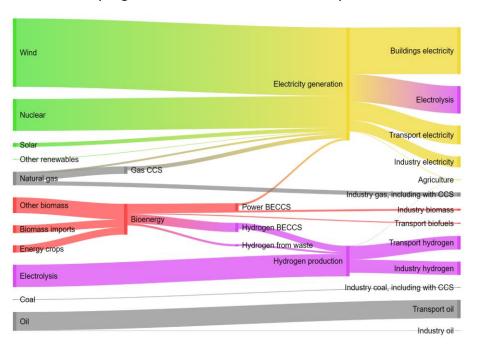
2035: 80-85% reduction

2050: 95-98% reduction

# By 2050, the economy will need to be powered by zero-carbon electricity and hydrogen; residual fossil fuel usage will be minor



## UK energy generation and end uses in 2050 (High electrification scenario)



Net Zero Strategy Commitments to deliver a decarbonised power system by 2035 (selected)

- By 2035, all electricity will come from low carbon sources (mainly wind and solar).
- Maximise system flexibility through delivering smart and digitalised energy system.
- Create a whole energy system governance to achieve both Net Zero and consumer needs (e.g. proposal for 'Future Systems Operator' with responsibilities across both electricity and gas systems).

## The role and value of smart technologies in a 2050 net zero system



Investing in flexibility is a no-regrets decision as it delivers material net savings of up to £16.7bn/year in 2050







A portfolio of flexibility across the energy system manages uncertainties and reduces costs



Demand side flexibility, enabled by smart technologies, reduce system costs by up to £4.6bn/yr in 2050



Embedding flexibility in zero carbon heat & transport solutions will help to reduce their system impact & costs



## Net Zero targets still bring a lot of uncertainties and questions





## Robustness of the target

How do I ensure that the level of ambition, baseline, boundaries, offsetting and removals strategies are appropriate?



## Validation of achieved reduction over time

How can I verify the progress achieved over time, to make sure I will meet my objectives?



## Feasibility of the implementation plan

Do I have the correct financial and operational planning to achieve my targets?



## Tracking and communication

How can I communicate internally and to the wider public the progress on my ambition?

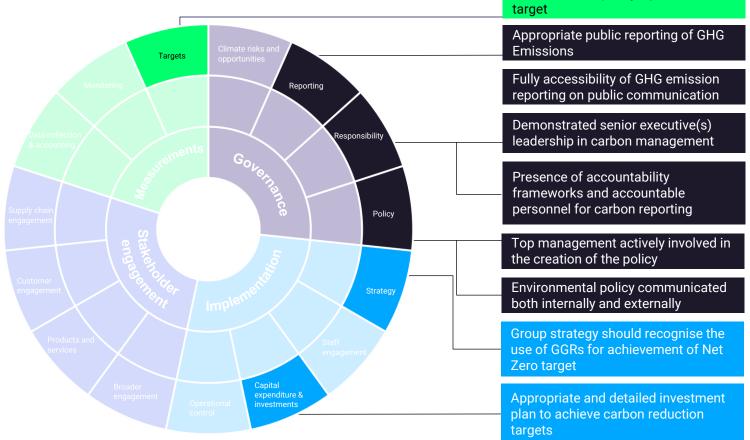
## What does leadership look like?







Presence of a qualifying Net Zero



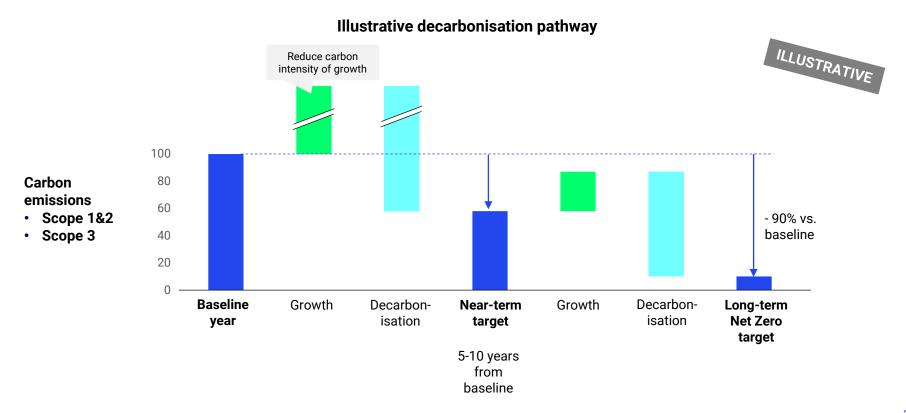
## **Conducting a transition risk assessment**





## Companies need to forward plan investments and actions





## Focus: Scope 3 decarbonisation





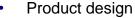
disposal of sold products

## **Key levers for decarbonising Scope 3 emissions**









 Circular products and business models



- Supply chain optimisation
- Collaboration



- More energy efficient products in-use
- End-user behaviour
- Circular products and business models



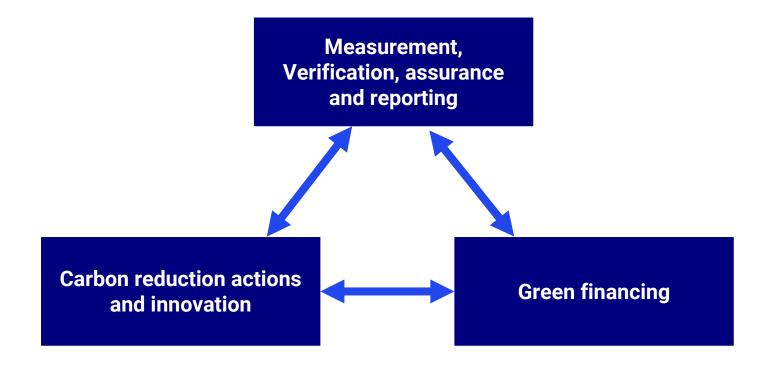
Logistics optimisation



- Recycling
- Circular economy / regenerative resource use
- Landfill vs waste-to-energy

# To drive change at scale, three key aspects will need to work in synergy





## Key insights and learnings from over 150 SBT projects delivered



### Companies face similar challenges...

Receiving buy-in from across the business

Understanding evolving SBTi requirements

Measuring value chain emissions

Value chain target-setting

How to achieve the target

Getting the target approved

### ...but there are ways to address these

Early and continuous engagement with key stakeholders

Good data collection processes that improve with time

Clear business case and long-term investment plan

External support to ensure best practice



# Thanks for listening

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How we are innovating to achieve Net Zero

**Ian Cameron & Shira Lappin** 



## Our corporate Vision is evolving

An employer of choice

A respected and trusted corporate citizen

Sustainably cost efficient

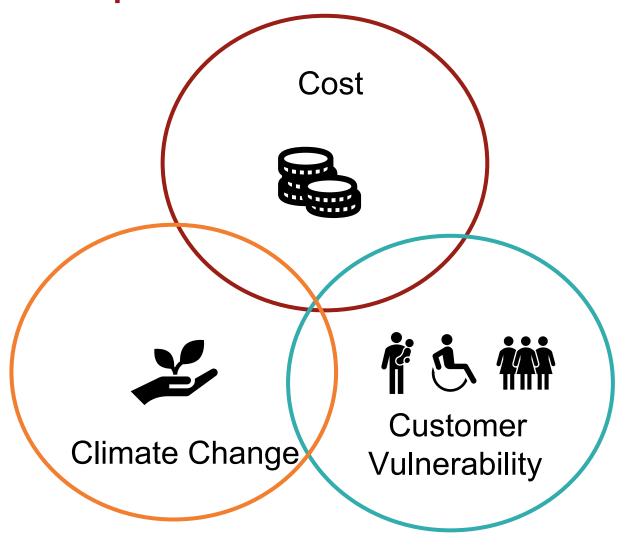
Sustainably cost efficient

Finabling the Net Zero transition for all

## **Enabling Net Zero** has two key components:

- 1. Achieving Net Zero as a business through our own operations and supply chain
- 2. Facilitating Net Zero through our network by accelerating the decarbonisation of electricity, transport and heat.

## Our Customers' Top 3 Priorities



Our key areas of innovation are where these priorities overlap



## **Enabling the Net Zero Transition for All**









## **Decarbonising Electricity**

**9.4GW** of Distributed generation connected, **7.3GW** renewable

**10GW** DG accepted, not yet connected

**370MW** of storage connected, **3 GW** accepted and yet to connect

By 2030 Generation to reach 13.5GW+

### **Decarbonising Transport**

**230k** Plug-in vehicles charging off our network today, volumes multiplying annually

Forecasting **2.6 - 4.5m** EVs by 2030

**18,500** Public charge points, **38%** of the country

## **Decarbonising Heat**

**28,000** heat pumps connected to our networks today

**2025** Future homes standard will drive volumes of heat pumps, by 2028 gov expect 800,000 a year nationally

By 2030 we expect **712,000 - 1.2m** to connect to our network





## Innovating to Decarbonise Electricity

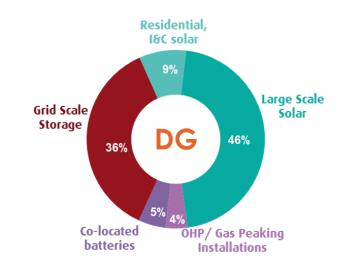
### **POCmast**

Provides an additional cost effective option for customers wishing to connect to the network and avoid the costly and time consuming option of complete tower replacement.

Includes a base hinge to enable construction work to be done at ground level before erecting the mast.

Cost around £60k to design and the first trial saved a solar farm connected £500k





### Smarter Network Storage- 6MW/ 10MWh



Delivering multiple system services through different contracting mechanisms

Tested and published analysis on different business models and value of available services

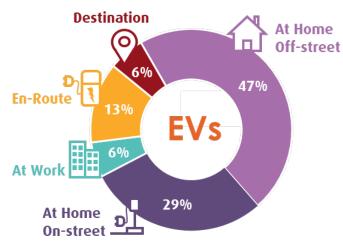
Provided Government, Ofgem and the industry insight to the regulatory and commercial barriers of storage

Shared experience of building, operating and selling grid scale storage



## Innovating to Decarbonise Transport





**V2G** (IUK/ NIA)

Large V2G mass trials with 135 customers participating



Produced a low weight small V2G charger- reducing the cost of a V2G charger by over 50%

Developed a self-service product for domestic customers seeking an electricity supply upgrade to connect an LCT. 76% of these applications are processed automatically, reducing lead times from 10 days to a matter of minutes.

### **Optimise Prime** NIC

"World's biggest commercial EV trial" targeting 3,000 commercial vehicles







The world's largest dataset on commercial EV usage and charging

A solution for home charging of commercial EVs, with separate billing & flex aggregation

A suite of tools, e.g. depot planning model, allowing an easier switch to EV

Profiled Connection' enabling more efficient use of network capacity

£207m

through optimised connection cost and deferred reinforcement

## 2.7m tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>

= entire London bus fleet running for 4 years















## Innovating to Decarbonise Heat

### **HyCompact** (NIA)



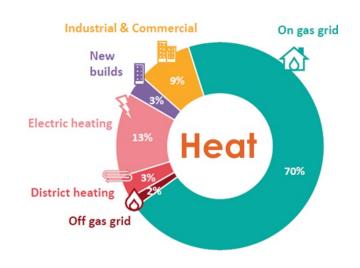




Hybrid heat pumps reduce space requirements by 50% and can be installed in a third of the time compared to dual-unit hybrids

43% reduction in carbon emissions due to switching to a hybrid heat pump and increased heating system efficiencies

Heat pump only operation is perfectly viable in milder conditions, in colder weather, boiler utilisation increases and COP falls, but good carbon savings are still achieved



### **CommuniHeat** (NIA)

Community **Engagement** 

**OVESCO** 

Community Finance Models

**BURO HAPPOLD** 

**System Studies** Coordinated / Uncoordinated

**BURO HAPPOLD** 

Trial

Design

Book on Decarbonising **Off-Gas Grid COMMUNITY** ENERGY SOUTH



- Community renewables deliver 37% of total electricity demand
- Modelling indicates up to 75% saving in network reinforcement costs
- Increased building retrofits
- 20% energy saving



## Developing a Culture of Innovation to Achieve Net Zero

Diversify the innovation funding streams

Put more financial skin in the game, win more innovation funding and leverage existing regulatory funding to participate in wider innovation initiatives

Focus on problems which deliver value

Treat innovation as a business, do what matters to our customers and stakeholders

Ensures innovation and sustainability as BAU, bringing everyone on the journey to guarantee buy-in and deliver success

Maximise Collaboration

Aim to undertake approximately 50% of projects in collaboration with other Licensed Network Operators (LNOs)

Being transparent on the benefits delivered

Transparently report on the lessons learnt, there is no negative innovation learning!

Taking on a greater social role

Focus the innovation approach to new themes which deliver Social Return On Investment, not simply network benefits – focus on Net Zero and customer vulnerability

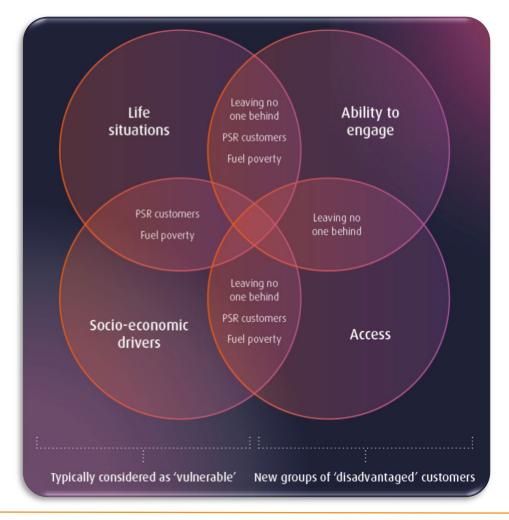
Essential for achieving our corporate goal of enabling the Net Zero transition for all, both achieving and facilitating



## Vulnerability is Evolving...

As the energy sector evolves towards a decarbonised, decentralised and digitalised system, our customers are experiencing new barriers in engaging with the energy market and energy solutions, leaving them at risk of being

disadvantaged.

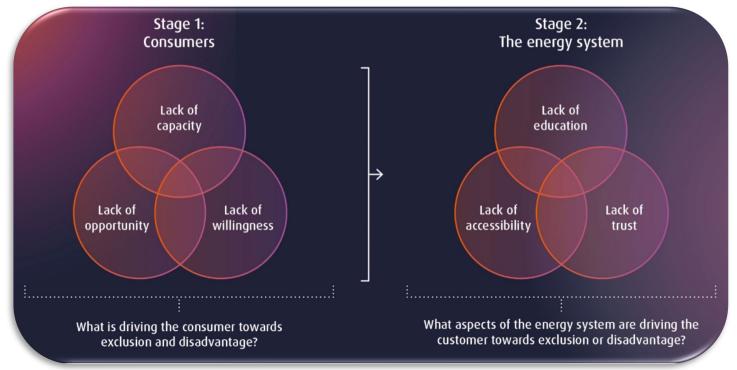




# ...which barriers can drive customers towards exclusion or disadvantage in the changing energy system?

To better understand which barriers can drive customers towards exclusion or disadvantage in the evolving energy system we have developed a two stage exclusion segmentation framework, focusing on which barriers in the energy systems we can break to ensure inclusive services and a just energy transition, as well as on the personal circumstances that may put people at risk of being left behind

### Our two stage exclusion segmentation framework



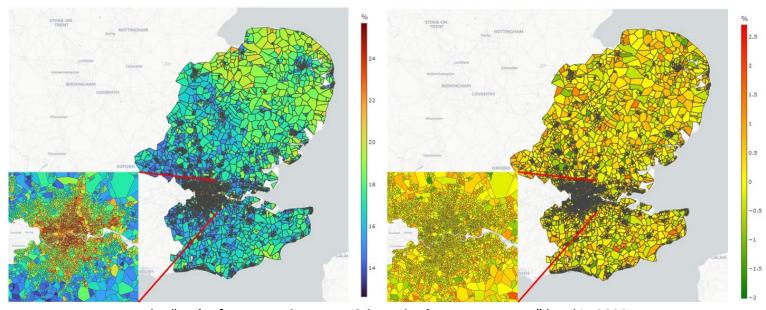


## **Socially Green**

## Better understanding customer vulnerability, d riven by multiple data sets

Our Socially Green geospatial mapping and forecasting tool currently embeds:

- **43 vulnerability data sets** from a range of data sources (e.g. ONS, Experian, Census 2011, Gov UK, Ofgem, FCA, CSE)
- These indicators define a series of circumstances that are likely to result in vulnerability, disadvantage and exclusion now and in the future: 17 Themes (longer term) and 10 Events (shorter term or temporary)
- By combining this data we have mapped out **10 segments of exclusion**



Example: "Lack of opportunity to participate in the energy sector" level in 2020 and difference in accessibility between 2020 and 2030

1.58m

households at risk of being left behind by 2030

in the energy system across our areas on average per segment of exclusion



## **Enable**

## Helping disabled drivers who park on street switch to electric vehicles

Objectives: To understand the barriers facing disabled customers in the switch to EVs, the role of the DNO in supporting these customers and to assess the impact on the network.

### We:

- Surveyed over 1,000 disabled motorists
- Interviewed 20 local authorities, central government and five charge point operators
- Market sizing of disabled customers in the UK Power Networks licence area.
- Network impact assessment of the electrification of on-street disabled parking

Key barriers relating to the accessibility of onstreet charge points for disabled users fall into 4 main categories:

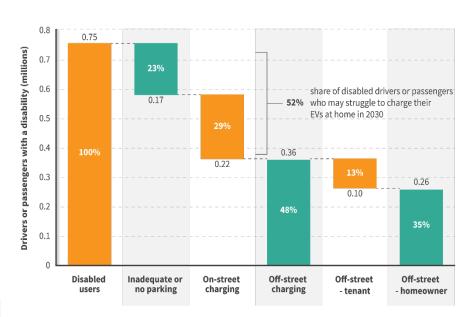
Variety of users

Built environment, infrastructural

Suitability of charge points

Informational

## 745,000 Blue Badge holders in the UK Power Networks licence area by 2030:



### **Project partner:**





## Right to Heat

## Trialling low carbon heating interventions in social housing

Objective: to develop and demonstrate a template for best practice for decarbonising heating in urban social housing settings by unlocking the commercial value of LCTs for consumers.

### We are:

- Trialling low carbon interventions: hybrid system (heat pump working alongside a traditional boiler) coupled with solar PV and energy storage and smart market mechanism
- Gathering feedback on consumer impact and evaluating the impact on customers in vulnerable situations and fuel poverty
- Providing the customers with longer term energy advice and coaching

### **Benefits to Customers**

- 1. Achieve lower consumer bills
- 2. Reduce tenants' carbon footprint
- 3. Improve wellbeing and health of customers by ensuring homes are kept warm

### **Project partners:**









# Thank you

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