

ODMF 2027 consultation - responses to stakeholder feedback

Thank you to our network who took the time to participate in our consultation on the Operational Decision-Making Framework (ODMF) 2027. We appreciate all your feedback and wanted to share our responses with you.

You can read our Distribution Network Options Assessment (DNOA) [here](#). The latest iteration of the ODMF was published on 26 September 2026 and is available [here](#).

QUESTION	YOU TOLD US YOU'D LIKE TO SEE	CHANGES WE'VE MADE IN RESPONSE ...
Clarity What would make our ODMF clearer?	Additional practical examples at LV level, showing how different interventions are assessed and selected in specific scenarios.	Our ODMF includes examples of LV network management through Smart Street and, in response to your feedback, we've now included a new section entitled Managing Aggregated DER Flexibility Resources . This includes: • A worked example showing how aggregators interact with SP ENW systems • How network requirements are identified through ANM • How primacy arrangements are managed • How flexibility dispatch is communicated via ElectronConnect • How service delivery is measured and settled The new section also highlights the increasing role that aggregated LV flexibility can play in supporting network operation and enabling the transition to a more electrified energy system.
	How the framework applies to large numbers of small and dynamic distributed assets, particularly EVs, smart charging, V2G/V2X and community energy assets.	
Transparency What would make our ODMF more transparent?	Include more information on the outcomes of intervention decisions. E.g., sharing examples comparing reinforcement, flexibility and asset-based solutions, together with the rationale behind the selected option.	The ODMF currently includes examples where operational solutions have been used to increase network capacity and defer or reduce traditional reinforcement requirements, including our ANM, Smart Street and CLASS initiatives. The detailed assessment of alternative solutions is carried out through our Distribution Network Options Assessment (DNOA) and Common Evaluation Methodology (CEM) processes, which evaluate the relative costs and benefits of different interventions.
	Forecast information about local constraints available to flexibility providers before a dispatch event.	

		additional information to flexibility providers where operationally appropriate and beneficial.
Social value & inclusivity What could we do to improve our approach to fairness and inclusivity for all stakeholders?	Further highlight how operational decisions support communities facing emerging LV network constraints.	The ODMF outlines how flexibility services, network automation, Smart Street and aggregation of LV flexibility can help facilitate the uptake of technologies such as EVs, heat pumps and other LCTs. We've now strengthened the accessibility and inclusivity content in the updated ODMF , highlighting how these approaches can support affordable and timely access to network capacity as electrification continues to grow.
	The explicit commitment within the ODMF to Social DSO, including community resilience, community energy and making flexibility markets more inclusive is welcome. Smaller community energy organisations, local authorities and social enterprises may control useful flexible assets but face proportionately higher barriers to entry. Consider community resilience benefits alongside traditional flexibility market design, such as EVs and community batteries supporting local facilities.	We've now expanded the Social DSO content within our ODMF, including the section on Accessibility and Inclusivity in Flexibility Markets , and added a new section covering Managing Aggregated DER Flexibility Resources . These updates highlight the role of aggregators in enabling participation from smaller assets such as EVs, domestic batteries and community energy schemes. We've also reflected measures aimed at reducing barriers to participation, including lowering minimum participation thresholds to 5kW for LV services and 10kW for HV services. In addition, we have strengthened references to community resilience and wider social value considerations.
Overall Feedback What is the most important improvement you would like to see in the next version of the ODMF?	Provide more detailed examples of LV network management and the role of voltage control technologies in enabling capacity, reducing reinforcement requirements and supporting increasing levels of electrification. Show how the operational framework will evolve to accommodate large numbers of small, dynamic and bidirectional assets on the LV network.	Our updated ODMF now includes a new section on Managing Aggregated DER Flexibility Resources , which provides examples of how EVs, domestic batteries, community energy schemes and other LV-connected assets can participate in flexibility markets. The ODMF also includes information on voltage control techniques such as Smart Street and CLASS, which utilise voltage control, monitoring and network automation technologies to increase network capacity, facilitate the connection of low-carbon technologies, reduce network losses and defer or avoid reinforcement requirements. For stakeholders interested in exploring these examples in more detail, we also publish flexibility case studies on our website , including examples involving

		domestic and LV-connected customers and will continue to expand the information available where appropriate.
	Share your plans.	Information about our future network planning is published through a range of documents, including our Distribution Network Options Assessment (DNOA), Network Development Plan (NDP) and Distributed Future Energy Scenarios (DFES). The ODMF has a different purpose, focusing on how operational decisions are made and how flexibility, network automation and other operational tools are used to manage network constraints and events. We will continue to ensure the document clearly signposts readers to our wider planning publications where relevant.
	I would like to understand better the makeup of the ANM system and all that brings together the real time monitoring.	The ODMF currently provides a detailed overview of the ANM architecture, including the role of real-time monitoring, network modelling, Merit Order Management (MOM), flexibility dispatch and associated operational systems. Any significant enhancements to the ANM system or changes in associated operational processes will be reflected in future updates to the ODMF. If helpful, we would also be pleased to arrange a discussion with our ANM team to provide a more detailed overview of how the system operates in practice.