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1 Introduction

EirGrid is committed to continuously improving our engagement with all stakeholders including customers, industry, the public and local communities, while reporting on our engagement methods in an open and transparent way. This approach underpins our engagement activities and allows us to engage in a process of continuous improvement.

EirGrid's Draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan 2025 outlines our planned stakeholder engagement for 2025 as Ireland's transmission system operator. It also details the planned outcomes for each of these engagements.

On the 16th October 2024, EirGrid published its Draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan 2025 and it became available for viewing and consultation on the EirGrid website. Stakeholders were then invited to submit their consultation responses via the EirGrid Consultation Portal. The portal was open until the 15th of November 2024, when the consultation period ended. This document, the Consultation Response Paper, details EirGrid's response to consultation responses received via the consultation process.

Thank you to those who responded to this consultation. Where relevant and appropriate to do so, feedback from this consultation has been incorporated into our final Stakeholder Engagement Plan for 2025. Further feedback that was not incorporated in our Stakeholder Engagement Plan 2025 has been noted and will be considered for our future plans, where appropriate, as we continue to enhance our engagement.

Formal feedback via the EirGrid consultation portal was received from the following organisations:

- Bord Gáis Energy
- Wind Energy Ireland
- ESB Generation and Trading
- SSE

EirGrid thanks all contributors for their comments and respected feedback.

We would like to note that EirGrid also received feedback from one other consultee in addition to the above. However, because this response was marked confidential/internal, we have not included the response in this consultation response document. We have, however, shared all of the consultee responses with the relevant parties internally.

As per the EirGrid Consultation Portal Terms and Conditions, all submissions not marked 'confidential' are published in full on the <u>consultation portal</u> along with this consultation response document and the Final 2025 Stakeholder Engagement Plan.

2 Feedback and EirGrid Responses

As part of the consultation process in relation to the Draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan 2025, EirGrid posed the following questions for stakeholders to consider:

- 1. Do you have any suggested amends or additions to EirGrid's Draft 2025 Stakeholder Engagement Plan?
- 2. Are there any additional stakeholders that you think that EirGrid should be engaging with to deliver on our core remit and Government, climate and energy targets in Q2?
- 3. Do you have any feedback on EirGrid's 'measures for effective stakeholder engagement'?

4. Is there any feedback you would like to provide on EirGrid's methods of engagement, including this consultation?

All of the submissions received welcomed the opportunity to give feedback on the Draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan 2025 and the overall collaborative nature of the process.

2.1 Overall Commentary from Contributors

As part of our approach to the 2025 Stakeholder Engagement Plan, EirGrid has significantly enhanced this year's plan. Our revitalised approach has encompassed a substantial amount of work to restructure and refocus this year's plan to ensure it not only reflects stakeholder feedback, but it also provides stakeholders with valuable insights into the year ahead.

We understand that effective stakeholder engagement is essential to allow EirGrid to transform the power system for future generations and that collaboration is key. As we continue to enhance and augment our stakeholder engagement strategy, we recognise the importance of stakeholder engagement while welcoming support and feedback from all of the individuals, groups and organisations that we engage with.

EirGrid is delighted that this year's responses have readily acknowledged our considerable efforts to not only revitalise this year's plan, but also to broaden and deepen its scope, and we would like to thank all consultees for their recognition as we continue to forefront stakeholder engagement to ensure it is meaningful for everyone.

As we look to the future, we will continue to evolve our approach while looking for new ways to engage.

Extracts from consultation responses which are positive in nature are highlighted below with further consultee comments along with the EirGrid responses in the following section. We once again would like to thank all consultees for their valuable feedback.

Bord Gáis Energy "welcomes the considerable effort by EirGrid's Stakeholder Engagement team to revamp and revitalise their approach to the Network Stakeholder Engagement Plan for 2025. It is educational to see the breadth, depth, and variety of engagement activities being run by EirGrid, and the assignment of the different stakeholder groups within these activities across the remainder of the report."

Continuing: "The Offshore section of the 2025 Plan is a welcome addition being both clear in its objectives and informative in the content of its engagement strategy with both external/governmental stakeholders and the internal teams in operation within EirGrid."

"The 2025 Plan makes clear the considerable scope and scale of the challenges facing EirGrid not just for 2025, but also out to 2030 and beyond, so emphasising the importance of stakeholder engagement and support to programme development and delivery. We look forward to maintaining a strong working relationship with EirGrid and its customer relationship teams throughout the coming year."

Wind Energy Ireland commented that they look forward to more engagement with EirGrid and ESBN on the Outage Transformation workstream noting the good progress that has been made in this workstream in 2024.

Wind Energy Ireland also recognised EirGrid's monthly Future Power Markets engagements sessions commenting, "Wind Energy Ireland have found these monthly workshops to be excellent and informative, with valuable insights and takeaways provided during these sessions. Wind Energy Ireland recognise the importance of regular formal opportunities for input and feedback and have found the workshops to being open to discussion on both parts. It was clear that a lot of thought, and preparation went into crafting these sessions, and we truly appreciate the effort made."

SSE recognised EirGrid's enhanced approach in creating the 2025 Stakeholder Engagement Plan commenting: "Generally, we welcome the degree of effort in this consultation to pull together a plan for engagement that is granular, methodical and clearly identifies useful improvements to EirGrid's engagement."

Continuing: "We are very pleased to see effective and quite exhaustive stakeholder mapping"

ESB Generation and Trading noted the improvements made to EirGrid's 2025 Stakeholder Engagement Plan recognising the continued development of EirGrid's stakeholder engagement strategy, the focus on onshore delivery as well as enhanced engagement with industry, and the continued development of the EirGrid website.

"The quality of the engagement strategy is good: the plan is well structured and identifies the key issues that need to be addressed. It also clearly identifies EirGrid's key stakeholders. There has been an improvement in the planning and engagement strategy which is more proactive and customer focused."

"The implementation of the engagement strategy has generally been well driven: EirGrid has continued to change and drive for greater inclusion."

2.2 Themes and Areas of Feedback

Consultation responses received relating to the Draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan 2025, commented on a range of areas including:

- Offshore and onshore
- Dispatch down
- Outturn Availability Forum
- Connection
- EirGrid's approach to stakeholder engagement
- Outages

Consultee comments are provided below, followed by EirGrid's response.

2.2.1 Offshore and onshore

EirGrid received several comments from respondents with regard to offshore and onshore which we have addressed below.

Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce

Wind Energy Ireland noted the usefulness of the updates provided via the Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce but would like more transparency on the deliverables, while suggesting general improvements on all workstreams continues.

EirGrid thanks WEI for their positive feedback on the Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce updates.

The external communications for the Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce are managed by DECC who decide what information is shared with industry and the general public.

ORESS Tonn Nua

Wind Energy Ireland highlighted the importance of proactive and collaborative engagement with the winning bidder for ORESS Tonn Nua while suggesting a wider engagement plan is developed by EirGrid and the successful Phase 2 developer. Wind Energy Ireland also requested the Grid Connection Information (GCI) Pack is delivered in line with the CRU Pathways decision to help auction participants better understand risk and improve financial models.

Wind Energy Ireland and ESB Generation and Trading both requested information is made available with regards to the ORESS 2 auctions in 2025.

EirGrid is cognisant of the importance of the ORESS Tonn Nua auction and will ensure all participants are kept well-informed throughout the auction process. The critical ORESS Tonn Nua milestones, including the relevant EirGrid deliverables, prior to the auction are set out in the CRU Grid Access Pathways decision, details of which can be accessed via the Grid Connection Information (GCI) Pack or via <u>EirGrid's Industry</u> Engagement Plan which was published on November 21st 2024.

An industry workshop was also held on December 10th.

Tonn Nua Maximum Export Capacity

Wind Energy Ireland has asked for clarification on the Tonn Nua Maximum Export Capacity (MEC).

This information is outlined in the <u>Government's ORESS Tonn Nua Offshore Wind Auction publication</u> and will also be included in the Grid Connection Information Pack which will be issued 90 calendar days before the ORESS Tonn Nua auction.

Phase 1 Co-ordination Group

In their response, Wind Energy Ireland also put forward some proposals for the Phase 1 Co-ordination Group which EirGrid has shared with the relevant stakeholders internally for consideration.

For more detail on the above, please refer to the 'Offshore' chapter in our <u>2025 Stakeholder</u> <u>Engagement Plan.</u>

2.2.2 Dispatch down

Wind Energy Ireland commented on the success of the Wind Energy Ireland Dispatch Down Working Group saying that they would like to thank EirGrid (and SONI) for the regular, helpful and informative engagement. Wind Energy Ireland also asked that the quarterly meetings continue to be jointly held by EirGrid and SONI due to the all-island nature of issues such as curtailment. In their response document, Wind Energy Ireland requested a separate dispatch down working group is established with industry to continue the focus on this topic.

In reference to EirGrid's regular reports, Wind Energy Ireland also asked for further explanation to be provided around the changes in trends to constraints and curtailment suggesting that additional KPIs would provide more insight. Wind Energy Ireland have also asked for greater focus in 2025 on the occurrence of interconnectors importing during curtailment and constraint events, while acknowledging that the interconnector flows are primarily driven by market positions in GB and SEM.

Finally, Wind Energy Ireland recognised the increase in discussions that are already taking place in regard to the above-mentioned areas and welcomed this.

EirGrid welcomes the positive feedback with regard to our contributions to the Wind Energy Ireland Dispatch Down Working Group, and we look forward to continued engagement via our regular meetings.

EirGrid also acknowledges the need for continued focus on this highly complex matter and we are happy to work towards engagements that will support deeper understanding with respect to policies and processes on dispatch down and information on predicted levels of constraint and compensation.

Currently, there are several engagements and activities which support this work; in terms of forecasting, examples include the Imperfections Charges Forecast (for each tariff year) and the Enduring Connection Policy (ECP) Constraints Analysis. The status of Dispatch Down outcomes are also communicated via

reports like the monthly Dispatch Down Report for each wind/solar facility and the more high-level Imperfections Quarterly Report. As mentioned by WEI, all these activities and reports are supported by the WEI Dispatch Down Meetings. These meetings between EirGrid SMEs and the industry are periodic open forums to discuss any issue related to dispatch down. The engagements are facilitated by the EirGrid Account Management service, and the WEI Account Manager within EirGrid organises the agenda based on WEI feedback. There is also an associated quarterly meeting to discuss more enduring issues specific to dispatch down.

EirGrid is open to further discussion on these topics and possible changes to our ways of working to help bring greater focus to areas of concern. EirGrid suggests using the Dispatch Down Quarterly and Monthly meetings (and the Account Management service) to initiate these conversations.

For more detail on the above, please refer to our 'Enduring Connection Policy (ECP) and Dispatch Down Analysis' chapter in our <u>2025 Stakeholder Engagement Plan</u>.

2.2.3 Outturn Availability Forum

In Wind Energy Ireland's response, they also commented on EirGrid's Annual Outturn Availability Forum (particularly the section relating to TOP), noting that it is "one of the most informative and engaging forums facilitated, and the Wind Energy Ireland Dispatch Down Working Group appreciate and support the continuation of this forum."

EirGrid welcomes the positive feedback on our Annual Outturn Availability Forum, and we look forward to continuing our discussions via these regular engagements.

In addition, Wind Energy Ireland made some suggestions to the TOP section of the forum, including the suggested establishment of a panel. EirGrid will consider this feedback further in the development of the approach to the forum.

For more detail on the above, please refer to our 'Operating and developing the grid and market' chapter in our <u>2025 Stakeholder Engagement Plan</u>.

2.2.4 Connection

EirGrid received several comments from respondents with regard to the connection process and policy development which we have addressed below.

Enduring Connection Policy (ECP)

In Wind Energy Ireland's response document, they suggested EirGrid support the establishment of a grid connection policy forum to manage connection policy matters going forward noting that Wind Energy Ireland would be more than happy to arrange with the CRU, ESBN, EirGrid, and DECC to meet and discuss a Terms of Reference, and an engagement plan for this group.

EirGrid acknowledges this comment from Wind Energy Ireland and will further consider the appropriate engagement structure around ECP.

Connection process

ESB Generation and Trading commented that they believe that onshore connection process and policy remains a top priority noting that engagement has been challenging for projects during the connection process.

EirGrid agrees the importance of continued focus on this area as we maintain our work on initiatives to augment and enhance our engagement with industry stakeholders. In 2025, we will be increasing the number of personalised engagements with customers to support issue resolution. Finally, the continued rollout of our CRM tool is supporting proactive and timely engagements while tracking customer feedback.

For more detail on the above, please refer to our 'Customer and connections' chapter in our <u>2025</u> <u>Stakeholder Engagement Plan</u>.

2.2.5 EirGrid's approach to stakeholder engagement

EirGrid received several comments from respondents with regard to our approach to stakeholder engagement which we have addressed below.

EirGrid's approach to engagement

Wind Energy Ireland have suggested some improvements to EirGrid's engagement process with an additional request for workbooks, such as the 2023 Generation Capacity Statement (GCS) workbook, to be provided across all relevant publications.

In their response, Bord Gáis Energy have suggested further development of the measures for effective stakeholder engagement along with the planned outcomes, suggesting threshold levels which identify progress across each area. They have also requested the inclusion of a metrics framework of qualitative and, where possible, quantitative metrics.

On a similar note, SSE commented that they would like to see the engagement plan have equal application in all the areas of EirGrid where grid users need to engage including offshore, transmission works, connections applications, grid code modifications and compliance engagements. SSE added that they would like to see the engagement plan translated into engagement schedules for each year.

ESB Generation and Trading also commented that regular mapping of stakeholders will help to identify new groups in consideration of changing priorities as well as ensuring that engagement is inclusive.

EirGrid acknowledges this feedback from respondents noting that we have we have greatly enhanced this year's plan to further detail EirGrid's stakeholder engagement strategy, demonstrating where it sits within our wider, corporate strategy along with establishing the above-mentioned key measures for effective stakeholder engagement. Effective stakeholder engagement is essential to allow EirGrid to transform the power system for future generations. And as the needs of the transmission system continue to evolve, so will our stakeholder engagement strategy.

At EirGrid, we believe that identifying our stakeholders is a dynamic activity we must complete regularly to capture the constant changes that occur in the energy ecosystem. Recognising our stakeholders' changing needs, demands and interests, allows us to improve our engagements by tailoring the activities to address specific stakeholder requirements. To promote inclusivity, we perform this mapping exercise regularly and at a granular level, which ensures we capture all our stakeholders.

EirGrid continues to focus the development of our stakeholder engagement strategy including the development of metrics to capture the effectiveness of our stakeholder engagement, while ensuring feedback is being processed and fed back into all engagement activities. We will continue to examine and further develop our engagement strategy as well as drive improvements in response to stakeholder feedback.

In addition to the above, EirGrid is pleased Wind Energy Ireland found the GCS workbook helpful and will consider where this approach might have merit in the future.

Interaction with ESBN

In their response, Bord Gáis Energy asked EirGrid to consider extending our interaction with ESBN to its further role of Distribution Asset Owner (DAO).

EirGrid acknowledges this comment from Bord Gáis Energy and notes that when we engage with ESB Networks, it is in their capacity as Distribution System Operator (DSO) and DAO as required. As outlined on the ESB Networks website here, staff in the ESB Networks business unit carry out ESB Networks DAC's (Designated Activity Company) functions as DSO, in addition to the functions of ESB as the licensed DAO. The 2025 Stakeholder Engagement Plan refers to EirGrid's engagement with ESB Networks, which encapsulates engagements in its capacity as DSO, DAO and TAO as required.

Collaboration between the Transmission System Operator (TSO) and Distribution System Operator (DSO) in Ireland is essential for a successful energy transition and long-term resilience of electricity supply. EirGrid, in its role as TSO, and ESB Networks, in its role as DSO, established a Joint System Operator Programme and published our first DSO/TSO Programme Plan in 2021.

In 2023, EirGrid and ESB Networks jointly published our 2024-2028 multi-year plan (see $\underline{\text{here}}$) which details the key tasks and milestones that we will be working towards between 2024 and 2028 under the following pillars: reducing dispatch down, secure future power system, facilitating new technology and whole of system solutions.

The proposals outlined in this document include a detailed three-year plan for 2024-2026 and a high-level two-year plan for 2027 and 2028. This work covers the TSO-DSO collaboration required across relevant areas such as, for example, the ESB Networks work on the National Networks, Local Connections programme as well as EirGrid's Shaping Our Electricity Future programme.

For more detail on the above, please refer to the 'Our partnership with the DSO' chapter in our <u>2025</u> Stakeholder Engagement Plan.

Annual customer survey

Wind Energy Ireland commented that they would like to understand how the feedback from the annual customer survey is taken and fed into EirGrid's future engagement plans commenting that it would be useful to see how the quality of EirGrid's engagement is measured and how lessons learned are implemented into work practices.

EirGrid's annual customer survey is a key enabler for identifying lessons learned which leads to process improvements. The survey identifies what went well and should be repeated, in addition to what could have been done better and how that could be improved next time. Survey results are circulated, tracked and presented on extensively internally within EirGrid.

For example, we have extended the roll-out of our periodic engagements with key customers, since survey feedback has indicated that our customers want more timely and predictive engagements. As a result, we are looking to engage customers in advance of emerging issues through prompts and scheduling that create a more effective working relationship. We have done this in 2024 and will look to continue in 2025.

In addition, and in response to customer feedback via the annual survey, EirGrid will be enhancing and augmenting our range of bespoke engagements across our customer base including monthly customer meetings, webinars and periodic industry body engagements.

For more detail on the above, please refer to our 'Customer and connections' chapter in our <u>2025</u> <u>Stakeholder Engagement Plan</u>.

Project reporting

BGE maintains the belief that alongside EirGrid's engagement on grid upgrade projects in 2025, EirGrid needs to regularly engage with stakeholders throughout each year with an overarching report which demonstrates the delivery of the projects sequenced (both on a critical path and otherwise) year-by-year to achieve EirGrid's grid transition and constraints alleviation planning and implementation activities.

EirGrid acknowledges Bord Gáis Energy's suggestion of an overarching report which demonstrates the delivery of the projects sequenced year-by-year to achieve EirGrid's grid transition and constraints alleviation planning and implementation activities.

The current infrastructure reporting framework, established under CRU/20/154, provides a robust structure for transparency and accountability within PR5. This includes the quarterly Network Delivery Portfolio (NDP), the Joint Annual Performance Report (APR), and the Joint Annual Investment Planning and Delivery Report (IPD), which collectively offer a detailed view of the infrastructure development and delivery performance and the network capital expenditure allowance.

While the APR and the IPD both provide an overview of transmission performance and infrastructure development in the year gone by, the objective of the NDP is to deliver on the TSO strategies to transform the power system by 2030 in accordance with Government targets and Climate Action Plans. We do this by providing a clear and transparent programme over multiple years which maximises the amount of project related work that can take place to reinforce the system, connect customers and deliver the required level of maintenance of the transmission system while ensuring a safe and secure system. The priority projects and work programmes that the TSO is implementing annually to deliver upon our targets are included in the NDP.

While efforts to enhance the detail and transparency of our reporting structure and format are ongoing, particularly as we prepare for PR6, direct engagement with industry is considered a key approach to addressing the issues and risks identified. TSO generator customers are invited to participate in one-to-one meetings with TSO project teams to review specific progress and performance related to the delivery of their projects and associated transmission reinforcement works. These discussions provide an opportunity to explore and address any specific concerns that may arise.

For more detail on the above, please refer to the 'Our partnership with the TAO' chapter in our <u>2025</u> Stakeholder Engagement Plan.

Website development

Bord Gáis Energy provided feedback on the EirGrid website and the EirGrid consultation portal, with suggestions to improve ease of industry engagement.

EirGrid acknowledges this feedback and would like to highlight that phase two of our website development project will begin in 2025. Key focuses will include an Irish language version of the site, and following stakeholder panel feedback, a microsite for the grid code for improved accessibility. 2025 will also see further improvements to the publications search categorisation as well as ongoing improvements to the EirGrid consultation portal.

EirGrid understands the importance of timely engagement with industry stakeholders, and we will continue to explore possible solutions for further enabling this.

Managing feedback

Bord Gáis Energy commented that there remains an opportunity in the 2025 Plan for EirGrid to be explicit in regard to the organisation's structure, processes, and procedures which are designed to capture, collate, and bring stakeholder feedback to senior management for review.

EirGrid acknowledges these comments from Bord Gáis Energy. Our 2025 stakeholder engagement plan includes extensive detail of our strategic channels for engagements for each area which can be found under the 'strategy' heading in each chapter. These identify the mechanisms for engagement that stakeholders can leverage to provide feedback directly to the relevant contacts. EirGrid considers all consultee responses and ensures feedback is circulated across the organisation so that it can be used to inform key decisions.

Effective stakeholder engagement is essential to allow EirGrid to transform the power system for future generations and we continue to collaborate closely with stakeholders so that we can achieve positive outcomes for all.

Industry engagement

SSE commented on EirGrid's approach to industry engagement requesting earlier engagement for ideas generation and to better understand investment challenges. In addition, they would like to see published timelines for EirGrid responses, clinic meetings and follow ups and for this to extend to clear timelines for connection offers, grid planning and for other engagements. They would also like to see engagement clinics in other areas of EirGrid that are more strategy focused such as policy or regulation.

In addition to the above, SSE commented that they would like to see a published org chart from EirGrid noting that it would be beneficial to see the different units and objectives of the various parts of EirGrid.

Finally, they asked for consultation responses to be clearly published with comments addressed, and for the demonstration of transparency around decision making.

EirGrid acknowledges the comments from SSE and would like to highlight that our account management engagements facilitate a more flexible channel for our customers to discuss emerging issuing outside the business-as-usual activities (such as project and operational activities). This alternative route of engagement allows an adaptability which is key for early management of emerging issues and can provide efficiency to all processes.

This more personalised approach is in addition to our broader industry engagement which is detailed in our 2025 Stakeholder Engagement Plan under the heading, 'The engagement spectrum' and includes key channels for industry engagement such as the Shaping Our Electricity Future Advisory Council as well as our industry forums.

The purpose of the EirGrid Customer Clinics is for EirGrid to facilitate meaningful engagement between customers and the relevant EirGrid Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), prior to submission of a connection application. Existing customers looking to expand or modify their sites can also request clinic meetings. The objective of the customer clinic is to facilitate early project interaction with EirGrid SMEs before application, providing technical and support.

A Customer Clinic Survey is completed after the clinic to ensure feedback is received from the customer with respects to the effectiveness of the clinic. These surveys are used to improve future clinics.

A strong focus for 2025 will be the continued enhancement of EirGrid's account management strategy which offers dedicated support as well as a single point of contact for customers to raise specific issues as well as discuss individual requirements.

2025 will also see EirGrid continue to make improvements to our consultation portal where all consultation submissions and responses are published. In addition, the continued rollout of our CRM tool is supporting proactive and timely engagements while tracking customer feedback.

Finally, we acknowledge the request for an organisational chart designed to support customers with a better understanding of the organisational structure of EirGrid. As identified in our 2025 Stakeholder Engagement Plan, EirGrid has committed to providing this in 2025 in response to customer feedback.

For more detail, please refer to our 'Customer and connections' chapter in our <u>2025 Stakeholder</u> <u>Engagement Plan</u>.

2.2.6 Outages

WEI welcome the ongoing work by EirGrid & ESB in establishing the Outage Transformation Working group. A key ask from this forum is the establishment of a standards and specifications forum where existing specifications are reviewed for optimisation and any changes/mods to current specs need to be approved following a presentation on cost benefit analysis to forum. Forum to include key subject matter experts from the System Operator and industry in a forum like the grid code review panel.

EirGrid acknowledges this comment from WEI. In response, EirGrid, ESB Networks and customers and industry representatives held a very successful engagement in Oct 2024 as part of the Joint Outage Transformation Programme. It is imperative to note that transmission specifications are developed to ensure the integrity of the transmission system. EirGrid is open to developing a forum where engagement is held on transmission specifications with a number of nominated technical representatives, where feedback from connecting customers and industry representatives on transmission specifications can be provided and will be considered by EirGrid in any specification revisions. The customer and industry workstream leads from EirGrid will be in touch in due course to set out the Terms of Reference for this forum, seek nominees and agree a frequency for these forum meetings.

This activity is reflected in our 2025 Stakeholder Engagement Plan under the Joint Outage Transformation Programme (JOTP) Customer and Industry Working Group which provides a channel to raise customer awareness, improve the quality of contestable builds, and ensure programme ownership by all stakeholders.

For more detail on the above, please refer to the 'Our partnership with the TAO' chapter in our <u>2025</u> <u>Stakeholder Engagement Plan</u>.

3 Conclusion

EirGrid thanks all those who responded to this consultation, which was specifically to receive feedback on our stakeholder engagement plans for 2025 as set out in the Draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan 2025.

Following consideration of consultation responses received in relation to the Stakeholder Engagement Plan 2025, please note that EirGrid has updated its Stakeholder Engagement Plan 2025.

A summary of the consultee comments raised can be found at the end of the <u>Final 2025 Stakeholder Engagement Plan</u>, marked 'Stakeholder feedback'.

In addition to the above, an update has been made to the grid upgrade projects and public engagement chapter in the 2025 Stakeholder Engagement Plan, to include the Energy Citizen Roadshow events which are held in partnership with ESBN, SEAI and supported by relevant local authorities.

We would like to once again thank all of the consultees for their responses. For more details with regards to our engagements for 2025, please refer to EirGrid's Final 2025 Stakeholder Engagement Plan.