

# DCP 461 Working Group - Meeting 07

05 November 2025 at 13:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
<b>Working Group Members</b>	
Aishwarya Harsure [AH]	NESO
Alexander Pentecost [AP]	Eclipse Power
Brian Hoy [BH]	ENWL
Claire Witty [CW]	SPEN
Drew Johnstone [DJ]	NPg
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Generation
Erik Baguzis [EB]	Indigo Networks
John Harmer [JH]	Waters Wye
Karl Maryon [KM]	Drax
Liam Sweeney [LS]	Ofgem
Mark Askew [MA]	SSE
Matthew Paige-Stimson [MPS]	National Grid
Natalija Zaiceva [NZ]	UKPN
Nikki Pillinger [NP]	Roadnight Taylor
Nina Sanghera [NS]	Drax
Wendy Mantle [WM]	SPEN
Will Bowen [WB]	UKPN
<b>Code Administrator</b>	
Craig Booth [CB] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink
<b>Apologies</b>	
Ed Birkett [EB]	Low Carbon

## 1. Administration

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### **Recording**

- 1.1 The Chair noted that the meeting is being recorded. The purpose of this recording is purely to aid the Technical Secretariat in producing an accurate report of the meeting.

### **Apologies**

- 1.2 The Chair noted received apologies. These can be found in the attendees list above.

### **Competition Law Guidance and Terms of Reference**

- 1.3 The Working Group agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting.

### **Previous Minutes and Open Actions**

- 1.4 The Chair noted that the previous meeting minutes had not yet been circulated and therefore have not yet been approved.
- 1.5 The current open actions can be found within the Appendix.

## 2. Purpose of the Meeting

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- 2.1 The Chair explained that the purpose of this meeting is to have a final review of the draft Consultation within the Working Group and agree next steps.

## 3. Final Review of Draft Consultation

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- 3.1 The Chair presented the current draft Consultation document to the Working Group for further discussion and a final review – this was shared live on screen.
- 3.2 They key updates can be found below:
- 3.3 In regard to the feedback provided for paragraph 1.1, members agreed to reject the additional detail added as they felt this was too much of a level of detail for the Summary. As a compromise, it was agreed to remove the additional wording from paragraph 1.1 and ensure it is included further into the Consultation itself (where more detail is provided).
- 3.4 In regard to paragraph 3.5, a reword was suggested as it may not be completely accurate (MPS suggesting removing the references to 'infrastructure assets' and 'infrastructure site'). After further discussion, it was agreed that paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 are sufficient to remove paragraph 3.5 altogether, which was done.
- 3.5 Following the above, it was agreed to add a footnote within paragraph 3.6 (in reference to both Connection Site and Infrastructure Site) to make reference to paragraph 3.3 above.
- 3.6 In regard to paragraph 3.14, there was a debate around whether the mention of CMP 460 should remain or be removed. Following this, members agreed to include a new sentence at the end of the paragraph to state, 'this solution does not address the inconsistencies with differing treatment for an infrastructure site and connection site, but this is in scope of CMP 460'.

- 3.7 As the group were reviewing paragraph 4.14, AW informed the group that the data has been requested from their connections team, and this will be shared with the Working Group once the Consultation deadline has passed (or prior to this if available). With that being said, members agreed to keep the current references as is for the Consultation.
- 3.8 Members discussed BHs feedback to paragraph 4.46 where BH suggested the wording here is not clear what this CP is aiming to do and how it addresses the idea of the last man standing, BH also queried whether this has already been covered paragraph 4.50. Members discussed this and agreed that it makes sense to remove the first sentence.
- 3.9 Members reviewed the Consultation questions and agreed to include a question to ask whether the proposed solution (under paragraph 3.1) should be taken forward, and to provide a rationale. Minor reference changes were also made to the remaining questions to reflect the paragraphs changes made during this meeting to ensure these references are correct.
- 3.10 BH noted that all three potential options could be developed and brought forward to Ofgem for decision, which would require additional change proposals to be raised.
- 3.11 One member queried whether a question should be added to seek a preferred option from respondents – BH suggested this is not for the Consultation initially and may be asked within the second Consultation once initial feedback has been sought.
- 3.12 Following the review of the draft Consultation, the Secretariat agreed to take an action to tidy up the document with the agreed changes and circulate to the Working Group for review offline, alongside the previously tracked-changes version, for comparison.

**ACTION 07/01: The Secretariat to circulate a clean version of the draft Consultation document, alongside the previously tracked changed version, for the Working Group to review and agree offline.**

- 3.13 Once the final version of the draft Consultation document has been agreed offline, the Secretariat agreed to issue the Consultation to wider industry to seek feedback, and the Working Group agreed to review these responses at the next Working Group meeting (09 December 2025).

**ACTION 07/02: The Secretariat to issue the Consultation to wider industry seeking feedback.**

## 4. Next Steps

- 4.1 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following items were captured:
- The Secretariat to circulate a clean version of the draft Consultation document for the Working Group to review and agree offline.
  - The Secretariat to issue the Consultation to wider industry to seek feedback.
  - The Working Group to review the collated Consultation responses during the next meeting (09 December 2025).

## 5. Any Other Business

- 5.1 The Chair asked the group whether there were any other items of business to discuss.
- 5.2 There were no other items raised.

## 6. Date of Next Meeting – 09 December 2025

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6.1 The next Working Group meeting will be held on 09 December 2025 at 1pm.

## 7. Attachments

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- Attachment 1\_DCP 461 Work Plan

## APPENDIX A

### New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
<b>02/02</b>	MA, BH and BG to pull together work done by previous ENA group to see if it can be used by the Working Group.	MA / BH / BG	<b>On Hold (Post-Consultation).</b> <i>Members agreed to keep this action open as it is not required to consult, but may be required for an Impact Assessment, following the Consultation.</i>
<b>04/03</b>	WB to draft wording to explain the current distribution CAF apportion rules to be included as an annex.	WB	<b>Ongoing.</b> <i>Drafting has commenced, but still final amendments needed.</i>
<b>05/01</b>	Niall Coyle to seek internally a better understanding of the percentage of Infrastructure Sites across different areas, and update if needed.	Niall Coyle	<b>Ongoing.</b>
<b>05/02</b>	Mark Askew to provide examples of where the principles may not apply (i.e., in Scotland) and add to the draft Consultation for members to review.	Mark Askew	<b>Ongoing.</b>
<b>07/01</b>	The Secretariat to circulate a clean version of the draft Consultation document, alongside the previously tracked changed version, for the Working Group to review and agree offline.	Secretariat	<b>New Action.</b>
<b>07/02</b>	The Secretariat to issue the Consultation to wider industry seeking feedback.	Secretariat	<b>New Action.</b>

## Closed Actions

Action Ref.			Update
<b>05/03</b>	The Secretariat to circulate a clean version of the draft Consultation to the Working Group for final feedback offline prior to the next Working Group meeting.	Secretariat	<b>Closed.</b>
<b>06/01</b>	The Secretariat to invite Suppliers and CVA Registrants to join the DCP 461 Working Group.	Secretariat	<b>Closed.</b>
<b>06/02</b>	Lee Wells to make the agreed necessary updates (in regard to recent feedback) within the draft Consultation and circulate to the group for review prior to the next meeting.	Lee Wells	<b>Closed.</b>
<b>06/03</b>	The Secretariat to schedule the next Working Group meeting for 05 November 2025 for a final review of the draft Consultation document.	Secretariat	<b>Closed.</b>