

# Biomethane Investor Workshop

Many thanks to all of you who joined our first biomethane investor workshop on October 13th at the ENA office in London and it was great to see and hear from you.

We had a full agenda and some excellent presentations, as well some interesting and engaging breakout sessions. We have taken your feedback and suggestions from the day, which has helped us prioritise areas of focus for us to work with you during our future Entry Customer Forums. This wouldn't have been possible without your support.

The main purpose of the workshop was to focus on your thoughts for the future and direction of biomethane investment and injection to the Gas Networks. With BEIS part of the conversation, we asked some key questions to help us understand how biomethane investors can be better supported and how further opportunities to boost green gas can be unlocked.

## The workshop was split into 3 key sessions:

- Update on Green Gas Support Scheme by Tim Charters, BEIS
- David Kennedy, EE Heating
- A view from Nick Primmer, Future Biogas

The 3 sessions generated great conversation and ideas around the room and a summary is below:

### Green Gas Support Scheme

- "Shows biomethane has a role in gas networks"
- "We need something between GGSS and any new scheme to allow connections that can't make 2025 deadline"
- "We need confidence in what comes next"
- "Feedstock restrictions are limited, and we are not able to flex feedstocks"
- "The scheme isn't long enough"
- "Thinking needs to be set out in mid scheme consultation 2023"

### What are the barriers and what is needed to unlock opportunity?

- "Propane is a barrier"
- "Feedstock supply is a barrier"
- "Network capacity is a barrier now for biomethane"
- "2025 GGSS deadline causes a bottleneck"
- "Barriers to hydrogen blend – GS(M)R, ownership, charging, storage and uncertainty of government decisions"

### How will a future hydrogen network affect the biomethane sector?

- "We see hydrogen and biomethane going hand in hand, not one replacing the other"
- "Networks focusing resources on hydrogen is a risk to biomethane sector"
- "Government decisions on hydrogen blending needed"
- "No risk perceived, only opportunity"
- "No short-term threat perceived by hydrogen development. Perhaps issue with a 100% network"

## How can the Gas Networks help?

- "Support legislative change"
- "Support Reverse Compression"
- "Create capacity and share capacity information"
- "Smart pressure solutions to create capacity"

Your feedback and ideas is not only helping to shape future policy, but the way gas networks work both now and, in the future.

## Next Steps

We will work with you through the subsequent Entry Customer Forum's to prioritise the areas that are important to progress to remove barriers to connect and shape future policy. It is important that initiatives are owned by both the biomethane community and the GDN's. We will work with you to develop clear delivery plans.

Our commitment to arrange the next 'Investor Day' around April 2023 which will align to the midterm review of the Green Gas Support Day.

**The one thing we can take away from the day, was the desire by all attendees in ensuring biomethane is part of the energy transition.**

## Tell us what you think

Thank you for reading this report. We welcome any further feedback, thoughts or ideas you have. Please drop us a line on at [stakeholder@northerngas.co.uk](mailto:stakeholder@northerngas.co.uk)