

# Environmental Performance Stakeholder Roundtable

Summary Report

November 2023



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## Event Summary

### Why did SGN hold this event?

SGN is committed to accelerating the UK towards a shared net-zero future by 2045 by reducing our business carbon footprint and decarbonising the gas transported through our network. With changing priorities, it is important that we engage our stakeholders to ensure the targets we committed to meeting by the end of the current price control (GD2) in 2026 are still ambitious enough. As we start to develop our business plan for the next price control period of 2026 -2031 (GD3), we want to know where stakeholders think we should be investing and to collaborate on potentials initiatives or technologies that we could implement to help us achieve our shared environmental goals.

### What did SGN share?

SGN shared information about the strategy to reach net zero and progress made since the start of the current GD2 price control period in 2021.

Challenges faced on the path to net zero were explained and some considerations for the coming price control period (GD3) were shared to aid forthcoming discussions.

### What did SGN learn?

Stakeholders were split into discussion groups and asked for their thoughts on SGN’s levels of investment in environmental performance initiatives in the next price control period and what they thought of our proposed initiatives. The key insights gained where:

## Key Event Info

- 2 November 2023**
- Specialist online event**
- 25 participants**
- 20 organisations representing nationwide interests**
- Public and private sector representatives in attendance**

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| <p><b>Environmental Performance is an important consideration, investment should have tangible impact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is overwhelming support for action reflecting the sense of urgency to address climate change</li> <li>Investments should ensure measurable returns to the environment</li> </ul> | <p><b>Leak reduction initiatives should be prioritised as they have potential to make biggest reductions to carbon emissions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was strong support for reducing leakage, given it is the biggest contributor to SGN’s carbon footprint</li> <li>Some think SGN should focus on this above all other initiatives</li> <li>Investment in innovation, technology and skills would have a beneficial impact</li> <li>Reducing leaks could alleviate safety concerns and help customers by lowering bills</li> </ul> | <p><b>SGN could be more ambitious in tackling its business carbon footprint and lead by example, minimising the use of offsetting measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SGN is achieving adequately in its endeavours but could be more ambitious</li> <li>SGN could lead/influence more than is currently perceived, especially within the supply chain</li> <li>Improving impact through data use and collaboration to identify and achieve biggest should be a priority</li> <li>Support for offsetting is low with it being seen more as a last resort option</li> </ul> | <p><b>Actively addressing risk to assets from climate change is sensible and SGN should look for opportunities to work with others in this area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stakeholders see benefits to being proactive in addressing climate change risks to pipes and other assets, such as cost savings, security of supply and community relations</li> <li>Partnering with communities, supply chain, regulators and others would bring benefits</li> </ul> |
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## What did stakeholders think of the event?

Stakeholders were invited to share their views on the event through a Slido poll. In summary:



**100%** agreed that they were satisfied overall with the event.



**100%** agreed that topics discussed were relevant to their area of work.



**100%** agreed the event had enhanced their understanding of SGN and its activities.



**100%** felt the facilitation was professional and effective.



**100%** agreed the format was appropriate and enabled them to have their say.



**100%** felt confident SGN will listen and act on the views.