



British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme



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British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme (BICS)



Exploring BICS



Understanding BICS and the full scope of available support



Identifying which businesses and sectors stand to benefit



Exploring the essential eligibility requirements



Guiding clients through the application process



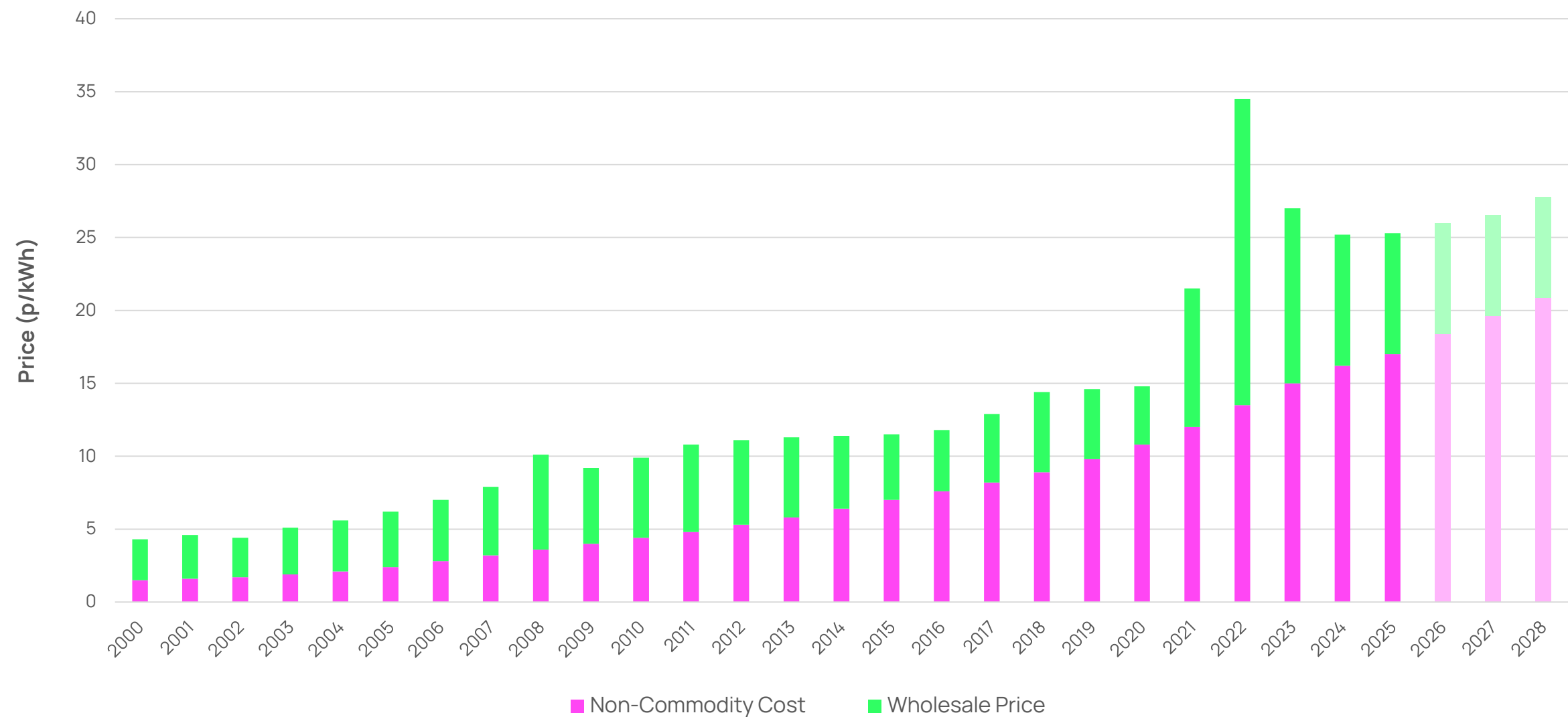
Highlighting critical dates and submission windows



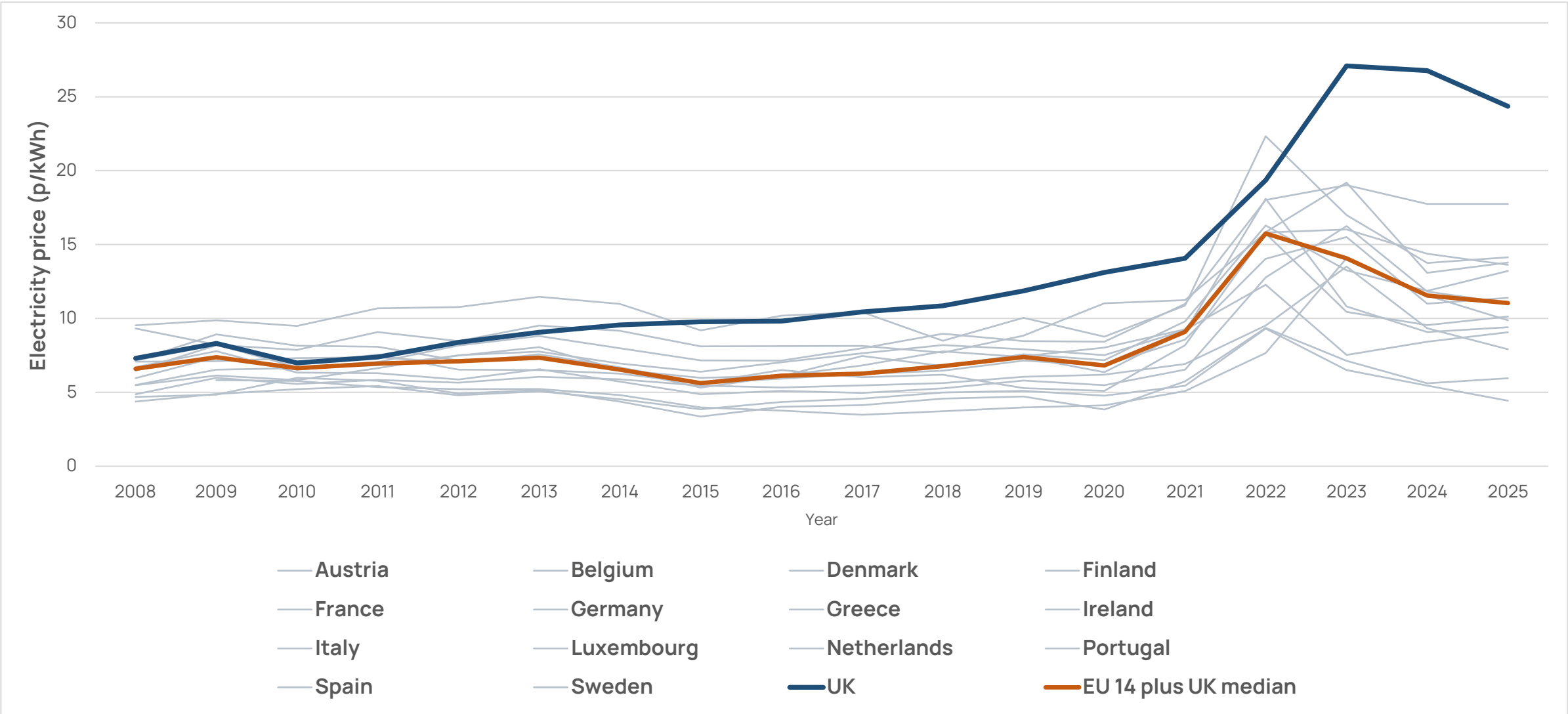
Demonstrating how TPIs can effectively support client preparation



Non commodity costs are on the rise



Electricity prices are the highest in Europe



BICS

- A significant electricity cost reduction for eligible manufacturers
- Applications are open now
- Potential savings of up to £40/MWh (value subject to the degree of exemption and underlying charge rates)
- Applications close at 23:59 on 30 November 2026
- Today's action points
 - Which companies qualify
 - What your clients need to prepare
 - How TPIs can help



What support does BICS provide?

Charge	What it funds	Planned exemption start
Renewables Obligation (RO)	Support for renewable electricity generation	April 2027
Feed-in Tariffs (FiT)	Support for smaller renewable generators	April 2027
Capacity Market (CM)	Payments to ensure sufficient electricity capacity is available	October 2027

Charges applied at Meter

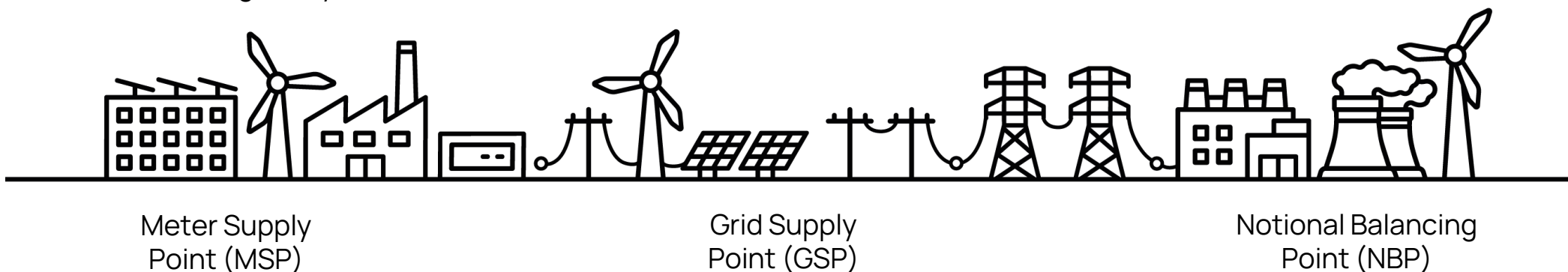
- Distribution Losses (DLoss)
- Distribution (DUoS)
- ~~• Renewables Obligation (RO)~~
- ~~• Feed-in Tariffs (FiT)~~
- Climate Change Levy (CCL)

Charges applied at GSP

- Transmission Losses (TLoss)
- Transmission (TNUoS)
- AAHEDC (HDCA)

Charges applied at NBP

- System balancing (BSUoS)
- Contracts for Difference (CfDs)
- ~~• Capacity Market (CM)~~
- Nuclear RAB



Which clients should be on your shortlist?

Start with manufacturing clients in Great Britain, particularly those producing within:

- Frontier industries, including automotive, aerospace, clean energy technologies, defence, semiconductors and life sciences
- Foundational industries supplying key inputs, including chemicals, metals, materials, composites and critical minerals

A promising sector is a reason to check eligibility, not proof of it.



The eligibility screen: business, product and site

A client needs to establish:

- **Business:** registered at Companies House
- **Sector:** an eligible SIC code
- **Product:** eligible goods identified through the relevant HS (Harmonised System) code

Site: at least **33 MWh a year of grid-supplied electricity** at each site claimed

Application: a complete submission within the window

The electricity intensity criterion is assessed at **sector level**. The application and exemption level are assessed **site by site**.



BICS eligibly checker

CHECK
01



Company registration

The legal entity applying

BICS REQUIREMENT

Be registered on Companies House

CHECK
02



SIC code

The business's industry or activity

BICS REQUIREMENT

Operate in an eligible sector

CHECK
03



HS code

The actual goods manufactured

BICS REQUIREMENT

Manufacture an eligible product at the site

Use the government checker: an initial indication of eligibility; approval follows a full application.

[Open the BICS eligibility checker](#)

Mixed-use sites

The exemption reflects the share of **grid electricity used for eligible manufacturing**.

Questions to ask:

- What is the boundary of each manufacturing site?
- Which meters supply it, including any shared meters?
- What activity uses the electricity?
- How will the client support the eligible proportion?

Illustration: A site using 2,000 MWh a year with an approved eligible proportion of 60% would have **1,200 MWh** within the exemption calculation. (Note that this does **not** establish its actual pounds saving).



License Exempt Supply (LES)

- LES is a long-standing UK regulatory framework (under the Electricity Class Exemptions Order 2001, "Class A" exemption) that allows a small-scale generator to supply electricity directly to a business customer without holding a full supply licence.
- Historically it was administratively difficult, but **BSC Modification P442**, approved by Ofgem and live since 2025, has modernised the settlement process and made it commercially attractive.
- In practice, we (as the licensed supplier), sit in the middle, acting as the **Exempt Supply Notification Agent (ESNA)** path between a sub-5 MW renewable generator and a business consumer.



BICS interaction with LES

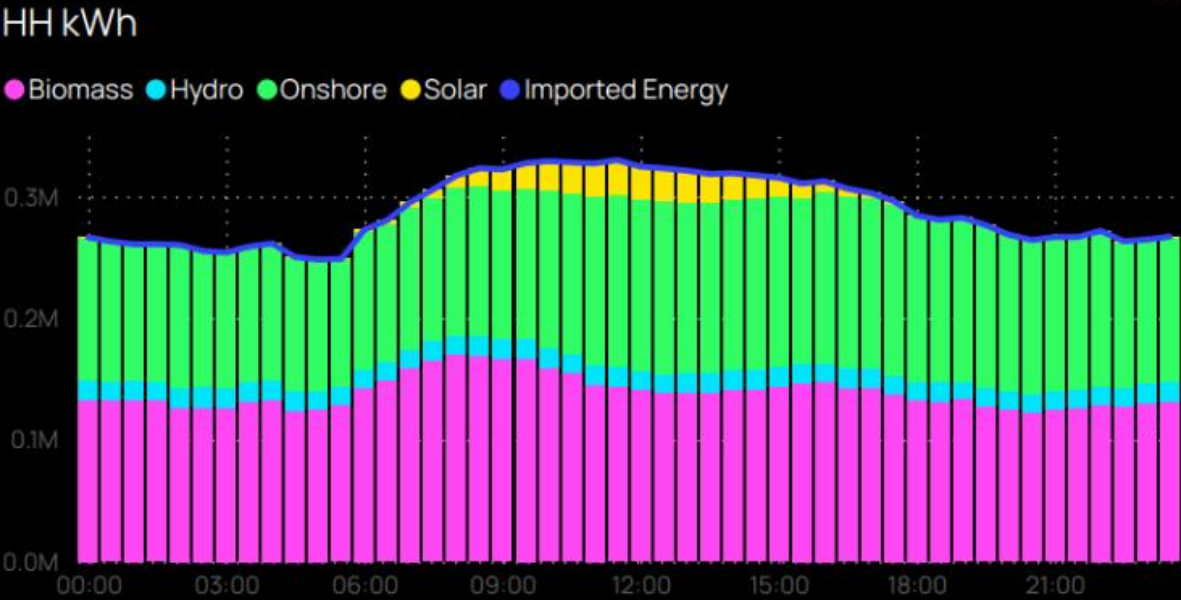
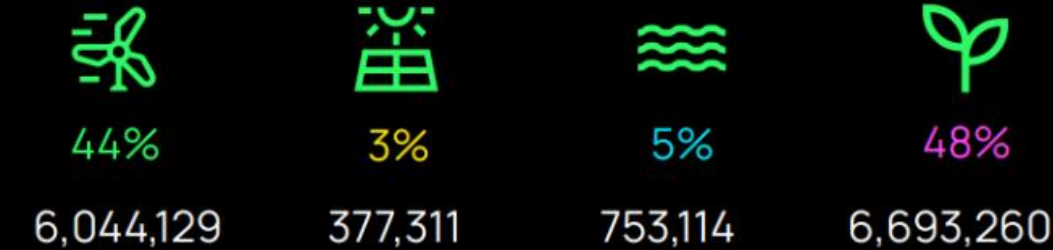
BICS exemptions have not yet started	RO/FiT exemptions start April 2027; Capacity Market exemption starts October 2027. There is therefore no live BICS exemption to replace LES savings this financial year.
Support for 2026/27 is planned	Government has announced an additional payment in 2027 reflecting the support eligible businesses would have received from April 2026.
Potential overlap	Where LES already delivers savings on RO, FiT or Capacity Market, those are the same charges covered by BICS. The treatment of this overlap in the additional payment needs confirmation.
Practical approach	Continue LES settlement under the agreement, retain records of exempt volumes and savings by charge, and reconcile any overlap once the BICS payment rules are confirmed.

Total kWh
13,867,814

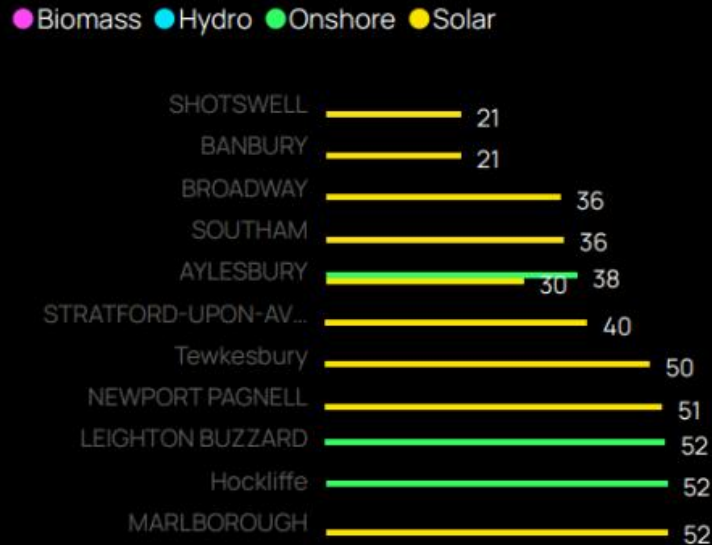
Daily Average kWh
1,981,116

CO2 Emissions Saved kg
2,246,586

HH Renewable Matched
100%



Energy Providers by Distance



Get application-ready

Business and product information



Company details

Provide your Companies House number and check that the SIC codes are accurate.



Product details

Describe the products and confirm the relevant HS codes are eligible.



Applicant access

Set up GOV.UK One Login and confirm who is authorised to apply.



Authentication

Have the Companies House authentication code ready.

Site and electricity evidence



Sites and meters

Confirm every site address and its associated MPANs.



Electricity records

Provide six consecutive months of evidence from the last 12 months.



Manufacturing share

Show the proportion of electricity used by eligible manufacturing.



Supply arrangements

Explain shared meters, supply structures and any existing exemptions.

From eligibility check to submission



Screen

Check the business, products and sites against the published criteria.



Prepare

Gather consumption records, manufacturing evidence and calculations.



Authorise

Set up GOV.UK One Login and confirm who can apply.



Submit

Make one application per legal entity, covering all relevant sites.



Track

Retain the submission and monitor the eligibility decision.

Check carefully before submitting as applications cannot be amended afterwards.

[Government guidance and application access](#)



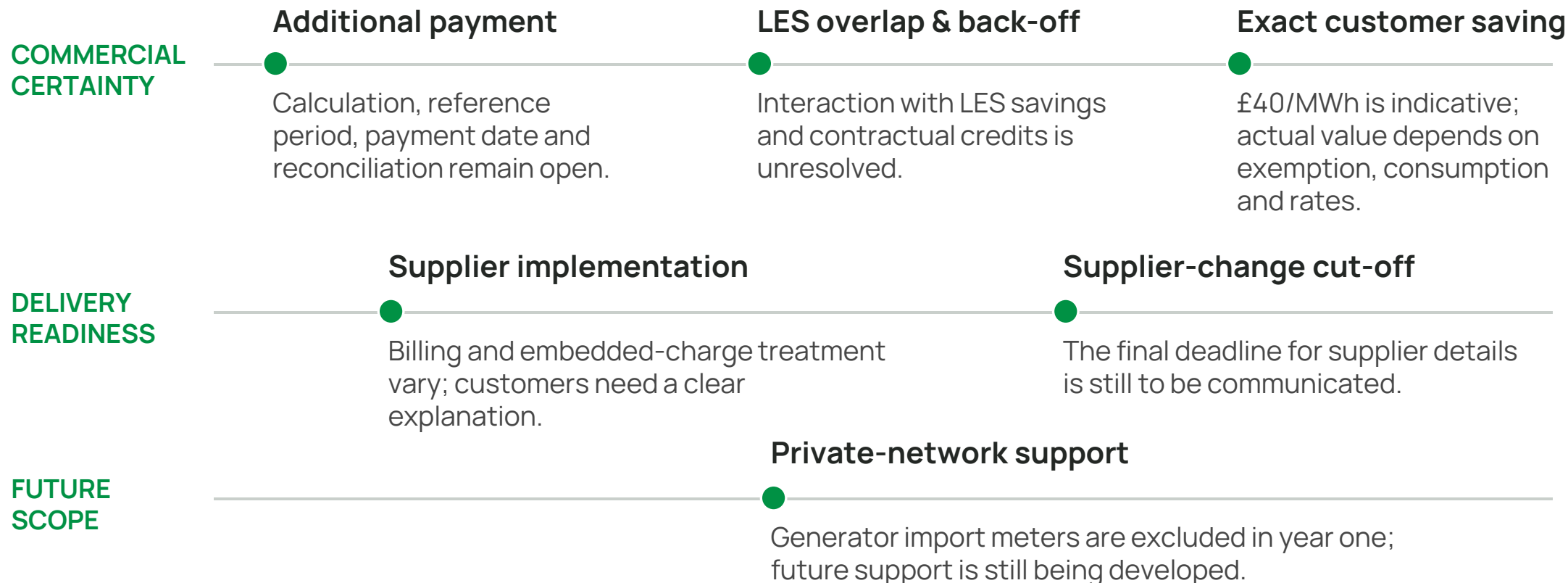
Critical Dates

- 1 October 2026** ● First application window opens
- 8 October 2026** ● Today's TPI briefing
- 30 November 2026, 23:59** ● Application window closes
- January 2027** ● First-year eligibility decisions expected
- April 2027** ● RO and FiT exemptions begin
- October 2027** ● Capacity Market exemption begins



Open issues limit what can be promised today

Six unresolved points fall into three decision areas – commercial certainty, delivery readiness and future scope.



GUIDANCE UNTIL CONFIRMED

Do not present BICS + LES as simply additive or £40/MWh as guaranteed.

Note: A supportive and knowledgeable Supplier is vital to implementation

Four workstreams define the payment model



Ten open questions resolve into four workstreams for a workable, auditable customer-payment process.

	Funding & cash flow	Calculation responsibility	Reconciliation & recovery
MONEY & OWNERSHIP	Align government funding with customer credits.	Define calculator, approver and supplier validation.	Set timetable, correction rules and overpayment recovery.
DATA & LIFECYCLE	Consumption data Set reference periods, estimates, corrections and switch gaps.	Supplier changes Define payer, cut-off and responsibility after a switch.	Closure or insolvency Define treatment before and after payment.
CUSTOMER DELIVERY	LES interaction Back off existing LES savings consistently.	Billing & communication Specify credit format, evidence and tariff handling.	Payment routing Verify landlord and shared-meter customers.
GOVERNANCE & ASSURANCE	Reporting, audit & disputes Set evidence, retention, audit ownership and escalation routes.		

OPERATING-MODEL PRIORITY
Resolve ownership, data, delivery and assurance together – not as isolated policy questions.

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Unlocking Value from Private Electricity Networks

Help clients reduce electricity costs and release capital from their network assets.

Explore how Aurora Utilities, an Ofgem-regulated IDNO, can support:

- Lower non-commodity costs: review network and metering arrangements, including potential TNUoS savings.
- Capital release: unlock a competitive Asset Value Payment through private network adoption.
- Metering optimisation: assess the benefits of moving metering to a lower-voltage connection point.

We'll cover private networks and IDNO services, the adoption process, the TPI's role and a practical customer case study.



Thank you... any questions?

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