# Delivering a smart, secure, flexible and interoperable electricity system

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The UK has legally committed to decarbonising all sectors of the UK economy to meet our net zero target by 2050, with a commitment to decarbonise the power sector by 2035, subject to security of supply.





## Smart systems and flexibility plan

•Flexibility means shifting energy in time or location to balance supply and demand. This is essential for decarbonising power, buildings and transport.

•To meet the UK's target to have net zero emissions by 2050, we will have to shift away from fossil fuels and use low carbon sources of energy for flexibility. This means:

•More intermittent or inflexible generation, particularly from wind and solar

•Increased electricity demand, as we electrify transport and heat

•System costs will be lowered by reducing the amount of generation and network needed to decarbonise.

•saves up to £10 billion per year by 2050

•reduces system costs between £30-70bn from 2020 to 2050

•creates up to 24,000 jobs by 2050

•Give consumers more control over their energy bills and more security.

 These low carbon sources will be used in a smart way – enabled by data and digitalisation.





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1. Statistics – Smart Systems and Flexibility Plan (2021)

Energy Smart Appliances (ESAs) can play a significant role in delivering a smart energy system. Their deployment is already happening at pace. This carries both opportunities and risks.

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6.9-11.3 million domestic heat pumps installed by 2035<sup>1</sup>.

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The total value of DSR to the GB power system between 2022 and 2050 is estimated at £40-50bn<sup>5</sup>.

- Reduced need for physical infrastructure
- Improved energy security
- Lower consumer bills
- Lower environmental impact

2. Heat pumps figures - Net Zero Strategy: Build Back Greener (2021)

- 3. EV figures Taking Charge: The EV Infrastructure Strategy (2022)
- 4. Diagram Source: Delta-EE: Review of UK market (2022)
- 5. Analytical annex to the Electricity Network Strategic Framework

New risks to consumers and the grid:

- Cyber security and grid stability impacts
- Potential for consumer detriment, such as being locked into unsuitable services

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## **Timelines**

#### Recent key events:

June 2021: Taskforce on Innovation, Growth and Regulatory Reform supports Government's objectives to deliver a smarter energy system July 2022: consultation for delivering a secure and smart electricity system published alongside Energy Bill with powers to support proposals June-December 2022: The first and second part of the EVs (Smart Charge Points) Regulations 2021 came into force

#### March 2023: Powering Up Britain published, including Government response to July 2022 consultation, confirming the proposals

#### 2024 – 2025: secondary legislation for proposals is put in place

#### Long term implementation

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~2025: Implementation of:

- Standardised time of use tariffs
- Cyber security protections for large load controllers
- Consumer protection via licensing of DSRSPs

~Mid-late 2020s: Implementation of device and system-level technical standards for energy smart appliances.

## The Electric Vehicles (Smart Charge Points) Regulations 2021

- Made under powers granted in the Automated and Electric Vehicles Act 2018
- Since 30th June 2022, all charge points sold for private use and workplaces in Great Britain must have smart functionality, communication abilities, ability to respond to demand side response signals, and will charge at offpeak times by default.
- Regulations address the risks of smart, too:
  - Grid stability randomised delay functionality
  - Interoperability to allow changing energy supplier
- From 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022, additional security requirements came into force.
  - Cybersecurity ETSI and PAS1878

Draft Regulation Act 2018, for ap	ts laid before Parliament under section 18(4) of the Automated and Electric Vehicles proval by resolution of each House of Parliament.
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The Secretary of in accordance w	State has consulted such persons as the Secretary of State considered appropriate ith section 18(3) of the 2018 Act before making these Regulations.
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Citation, comm	encement and extent
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(2) These Re	gulations extend to England and Wales and Scotland.
Interpretation	
2. In these Ro	egulations
"civil sanc	tion" means a compliance notice or a civil penalty imposed pursuant to Schedule 2;
"communi	cations network" means an electronic communications network, being a

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# Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) bidirectional charging

- A developing technology where the UK is recognised as a world-leader.
- Expect to play an increasing role over the coming years. Technology and business models have been developing at pace.
- £30m government innovation funding 2018-2022 to support a range of Vehicleto-Grid projects:
  - Largest domestic demonstration >300 vehicles
  - Delivered new technologies, tariffs
- Call for Evidence (2021) Key barriers currently include a lack of compatible vehicles, high hardware cost, and uncertain viability of business models for wide range of consumers.
- Up to £12.6m Vehicle-to-X innovation programme 2022-2025
  - Phase 1 includes developing new, lower cost hardware compatible with more vehicles, and wide-ranging business models.
  - Phase 2 focuses on real-world demonstrations trialling novel hardware, software, and business model approaches.

# Vehicle-to-Grid project Powerloop V2 GO! **BUS2GRID** sciuru SMART HUBS e4Futur EV-elocity Sciurus project - domestic EV-elocity project - council and customers using Indra charger commercial fleets

E-flex project – council and commercial fleets Powerloop project – domestic customers

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## **Government priorities for the domestic DSR market**

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In March 2023, the Government response to the Smart and Secure Electricity System (SSES) consultation was published.

- 84 organisations responded to the consultation including ESA manufacturers, trade associations, energy systems, network operators, etc.
- The response includes:
  - 14 key policy decisions.
  - Commitment to consult further on a number of areas.
  - Proposed phased approach to implementation.

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#### Powers we are taking in the Energy Security Bill: For the regulation of ESAs and Load Control

The Bill provides SoS enabling powers to **regulate proportionately and as needed** the growing market of ESAs ensuring cyber security, data privacy and technical interoperability measures support a competitive market, grid stability, and consumer protection and choice.

# How will the Bill achieve this?

- Ensure devices meet <u>minimum technical requirements</u> for cyber security, data privacy and grid stability.
- Create a regulatory framework for organisations providing DSR to <u>domestic</u> and <u>small non-domestic</u>
  <u>consumers.</u>
- Allow us to mandate that certain appliances must have smart functionality.
- While also ensuring the **operator licencing regime** works for consumers and the grid.

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## Next steps for the SSES programme

Proposal /Indicative timeline	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Development and adoption of an ESA standard	Primary legislation put in place Further detail of proposals to be consulted on		condary legislation developed	Window for proposals to become operational		
Introducing the "smart mandate" to heat technologies		Secondary legislation developed		Window for proposals to become operational		
ESA minimum requirements	Primary legislation put in place					
Tariff interoperability						
Introducing a licensing regime	Further detail of proposals to be consulted on	Secondary legislation developed	Window for proposals to become operational	Window for potential further changes to licence to be made reflecting on implementation of other proposals.		
Expanding the scope of the Network and Information Systems Regulations 2018 to include certain load controllers	Primary powers to amend NIS Regulations put in place		Window for proposals to become operational, supported by the Cyber Assessment Framework			

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• To understand how different countries are approaching policy proposals for encouraging and preparing for increased flexibility within their respective electricity systems.

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• Share best practice and knowledge on policy and technical solutions internationally on smart energy, the electricity grid and demand side response.

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• Understand and address common risks and challenges including how to address new routes for cyber-attacks, grid stability, consumer protection, and interoperability.

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• Aid policy development that will inform further consultations on the detail of how SSES proposals will work in practice

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# PAS 1878 & 1879 and policy principles

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The IDSR programme provides over £12.8m funding for 13 projects, including independent testing/demonstration partners, for the development and demonstration of energy smart appliances for the delivery of interoperable demand side response.

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www.gov.uk/government/colle ctions/interoperable-demandside-response-programme

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