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# Setting Strategic Direction for Offshore Transmission Coordination

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# Context

## Net Zero by 2050

- Net Zero Emissions by 2050
- ~100GW of Offshore wind generation by 2050

## 2030 Ambition

- 50GW Offshore wind by 2030 (incl 5GW floating)
- 18GW Interconnection by 2030

## 6<sup>th</sup> Carbon Budget

- Decarbonised power supply by 2035
- Offshore wind as backbone of the system

## British Energy Security Strategy

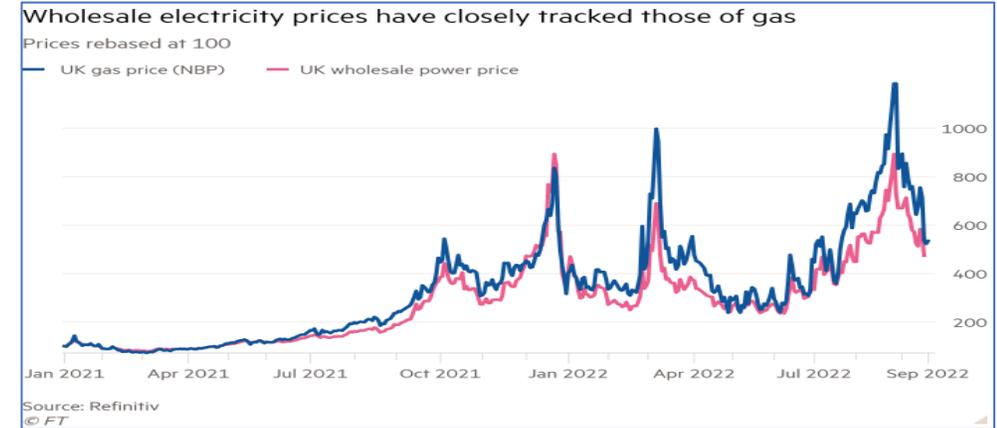
- Cut offshore wind deployment time by half
- Half the time of network build and double pace

## DESNZ Priorities

- Speed up delivery of network infrastructure
- Reduce the time taken to consent offshore wind

## Skidmore Review of Net Zero

- Cross cutting infrastructure strategy by 2025
- Facilitate anticipatory investment in infrastructure



# The Offshore Transmission Network Review

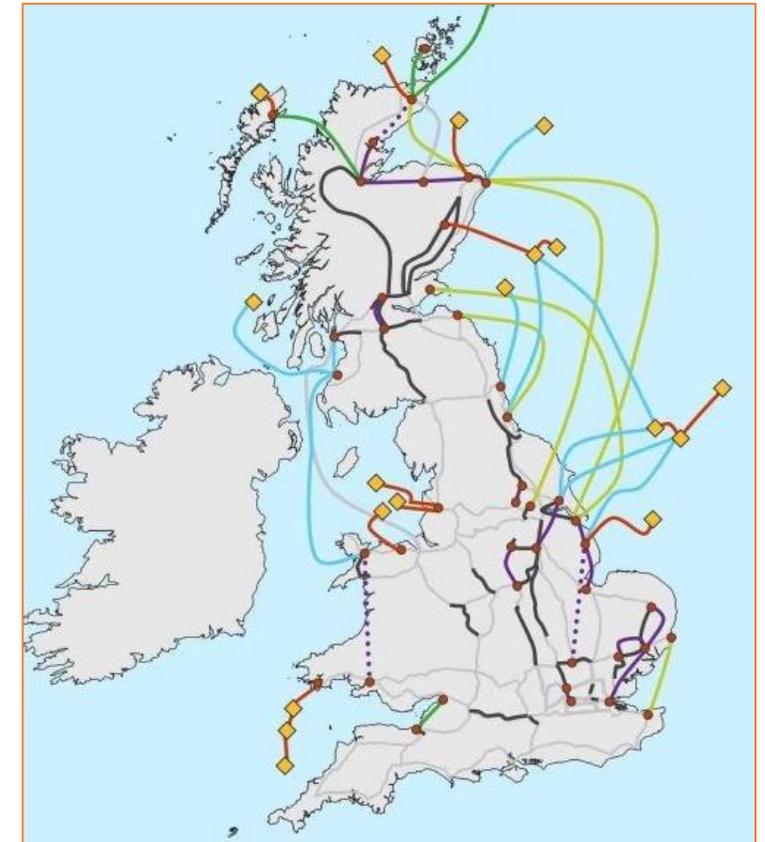
**Objective:** *To ensure that the transmission connections for offshore wind generation are delivered in the most appropriate way, considering the increased ambition for offshore wind to achieve net zero. This will be done with a view to finding the appropriate balance between environmental, social and economic costs.*

**Medium term:** Holistic Network Design, codes and standards, NPS changes and acceleration efforts.

**Near term:** enabling voluntary retrospective coordination for more advanced projects, for example in the East Anglia region.

**Longer term:** Future Frameworks consultation recommendations, implementation of the OTNR findings, Centralised Strategic Network Planning

**Cross Cutting:** Interconnection and innovation, collaborative effort with industry.



## Holistic Network Design

- **£54bn investment** in Infrastructure
- **£5.5bn saved** in constraint costs from 2030.
- **18 offshore wind farms**
- **7000km of cable** (includes HVAC and HVDC)
- **94 grid reinforcement inc 17 HVDC converters and 19 offshore platforms**

# Strategic Challenges to Coordination

## Community Acceptance



**Lack of community understanding of planning process and protections**

**Community impacted not directly benefiting**

**Lack of a national conversation on grid transformation**

## Supply Chains & Manufacturing



**Need for investment pipeline certainty to secure supply in UK**

**Tough global competition for supply chain capacity**

**Threat posed by US Inflation Reduction Act**

## Consenting and Planning



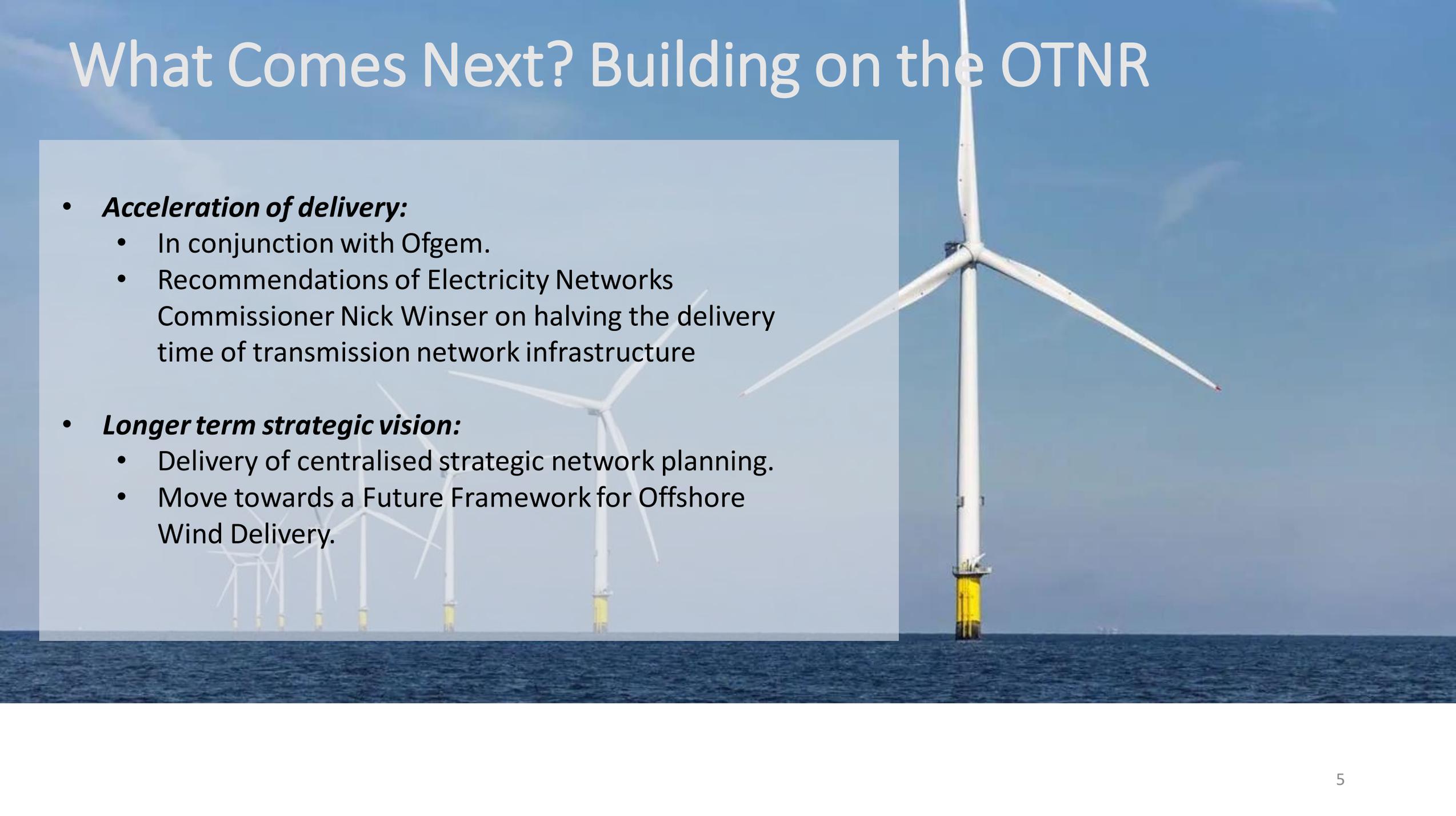
**Need for Marine Spatial Planning and Holistic Network Planning**

**Lack of recognition of Critical National Priority in planning system**

**Lack of anticipatory investment**

**Pathway to a Coordinated Offshore Grid**

# What Comes Next? Building on the OTNR



- ***Acceleration of delivery:***
  - In conjunction with Ofgem.
  - Recommendations of Electricity Networks Commissioner Nick Winser on halving the delivery time of transmission network infrastructure
- ***Longer term strategic vision:***
  - Delivery of centralised strategic network planning.
  - Move towards a Future Framework for Offshore Wind Delivery.