

GRID ENTRY – Increasing Flexibility

Grid Injection -The Virtual Pipeline



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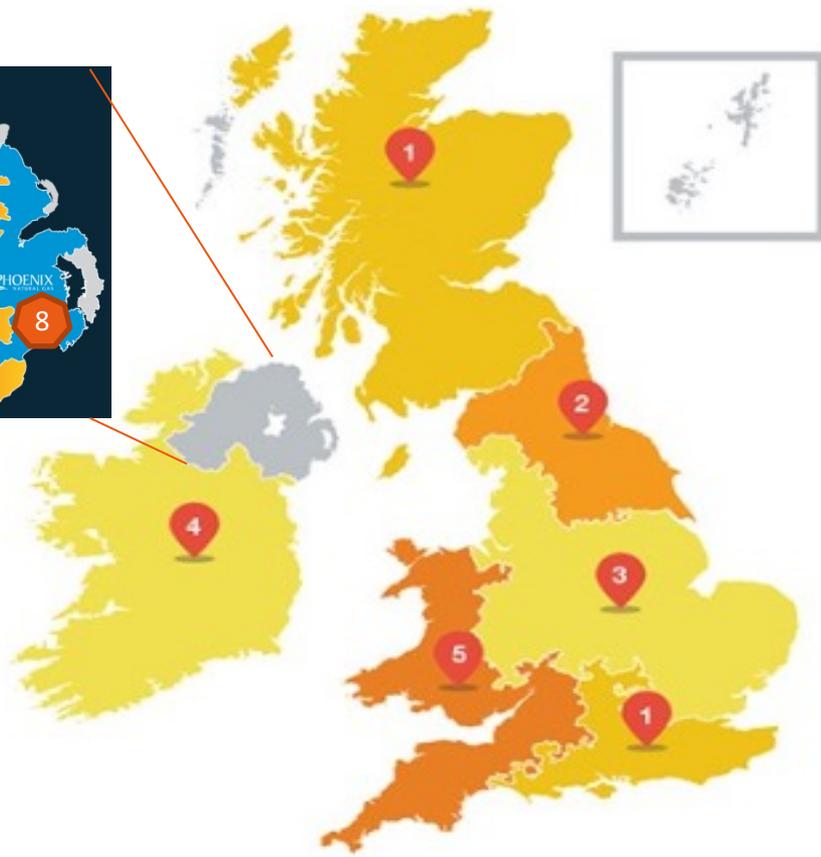
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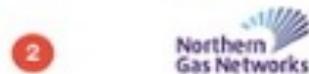
SGN and Gas Distribution Networks within the UK



UK Gas Networks



Gas Distribution



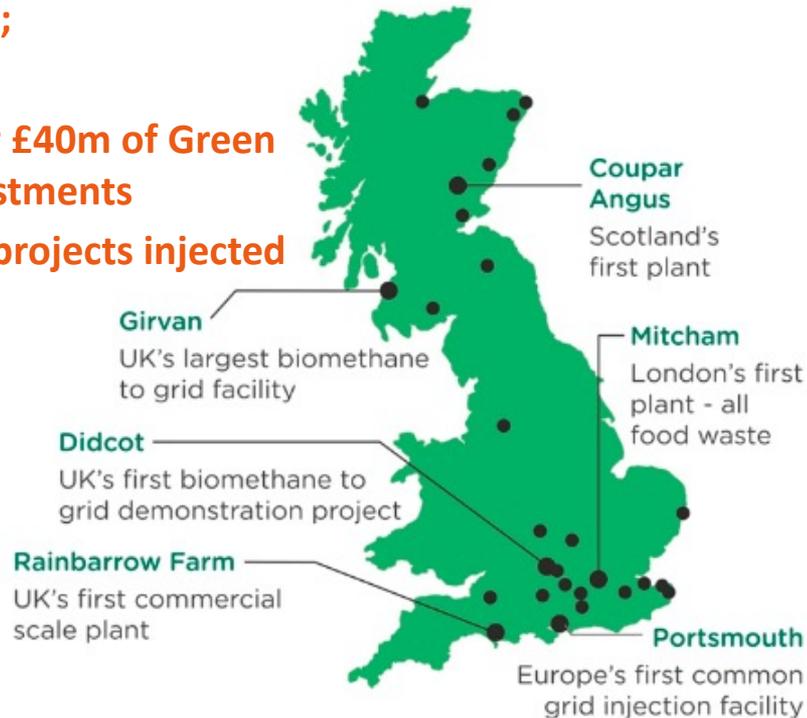
Who are SGN ?

SGN Group own and operate 3 GDN's;

- Scotland
- South of England
- SGN Natural Gas (NI)

Plus SGN Commercial Services;

- Over £40m of Green Investments
- 30+ projects injected



Network Connection Constraints



Common obstacles to Gas Entry

- ✓ AD Sites with clean up plant located central to feedstock availability

Gas Network Constraints to Entry

- Local gas grids not able to take the required volumes
 - Interaction with other sources (grid supply, Biomethane plants, etc)
 - Cost of transporting feedstock / availability of local feedstocks
 - Cost of connection prohibitive (high pressure, distance or plant size)
 - Existing AD assets not near a suitable gas grid system
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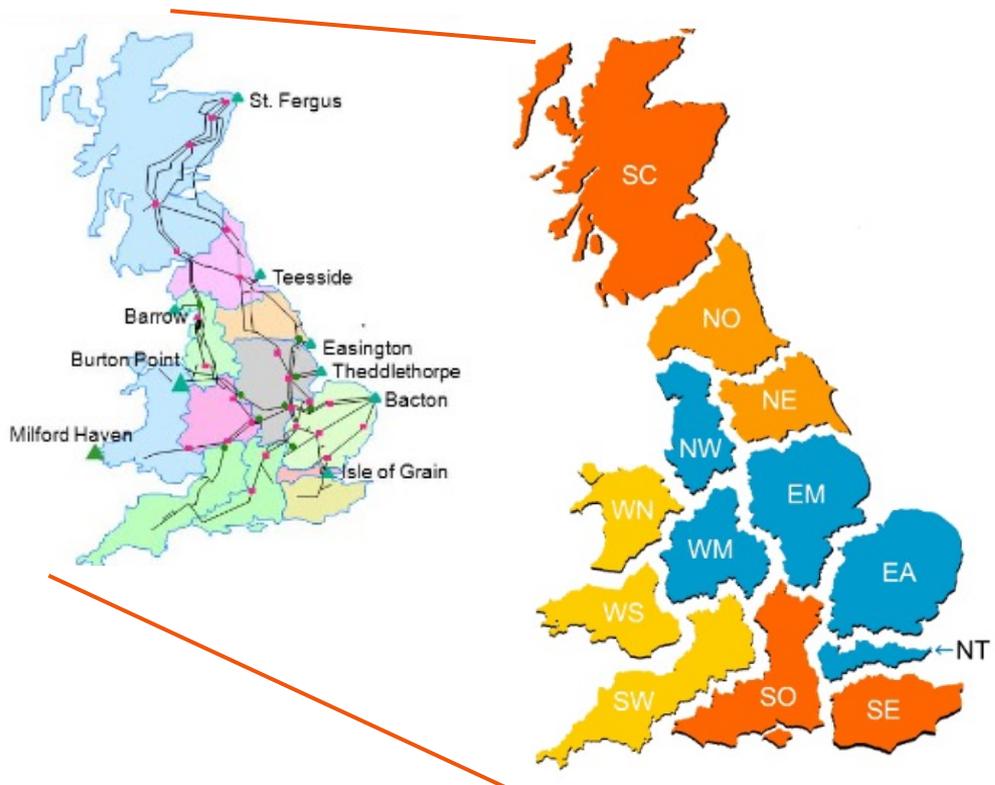
Virtual Pipeline Concept



Key considerations – Understand your options

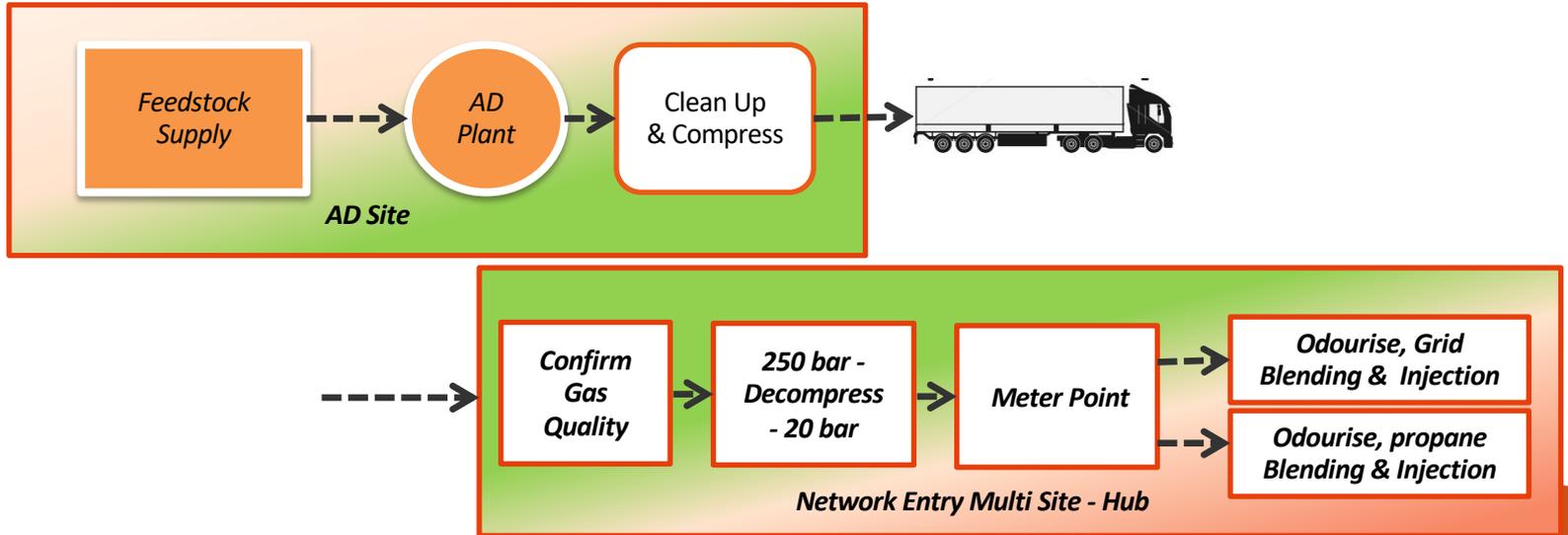
The Search for Injection point

- Understand the history →
- Know what to ask
- ✓ Locate high-capacity network
- ✓ Look for year flow characteristics (blending potential)
- ✓ Ask if the network can be reconfigured
- ✓ Good Traffic Routes - Must
- ✓ Land availability close by (lower connection cost)



The Virtual Gas Network - Concept

Providing a pathway to utilise **ALL** organic feedstocks



The Site and Operation



Portsdown Hill PRI

- Consists of :-
 - **5 Metered Download** Bays – 1,000 m³/h each bay (400 – 1200 m³/hr)
 - **Pressure and flow control download** (250 bar to 30 bar)
 - **FWACV** (Blending) and **GSMR** Checking Equipment
- Blend ratio **4 or 5 : 1** (dependant on trailer CV)
- Added Coalescing Filtration - **Oil carry over into tankers** effecting meters and instrumentation



Portsdown Hill in
construction



Portsdown Hill – Providing Grid Flexibility from 2014



- 1st stream commissioned in 2014
- Last stream commissioned 2017
- Full Capacity contracted
- New sites under consideration

Operational Challenges

**Compressor
Oil Carry
Over**

**Supply Chain
Availability/
Spares
Holding**

**Technical
Support**

**Logistics co-
ordination**

Network Entry Point – Managed as production facility (i.e. Car Factory)

Pros and Cons



Pros

- ✓ **No** Propane required
 - ✓ **Opens up access** to the gas networks
 - ✓ **Provides viability** to remote feedstocks
 - ✓ **Reduces** time for network connection for repeat plants
 - ✓ **Reducing** connection costs
 - ✓ **Shared use** of expensive equipment
 - ✓ **High volume** injection, allowing AD scalability
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Cons

- **Technically demanding** – Blending control, Process safety & compliance.
 - **Commercial viability** – balance of scale, distance, transport.
 - **Regulatory challenges** – multi site metering, gas movement traceability
 - **Operator Challenges** – logistics management, additional gas analysis
 - **New Transport Trailers** – Initial rigorous purging, to remove nitrogen
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Thank You



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