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Issues Recap

- Lack of knowledge and understanding of future plans – both utilities, developers and Local Plans
- Grid capacity and potential rising connection costs due to grid reinforcement
- Off gas areas in Kent and Medway
- Government drive for grid decarbonisation

Opportunities

- Shared agendas- joint approach, better use of resources
- Smart Grids – future stewardship costs?
- Addressing the TRILEMA – security of supply, affordability, sustainability (fuel poverty)

Possible Action Plan Focus

- Data and strategic planning – LA's, Developers, Utilities – mapping future plans - GIF
- Identification of potential hot spots, or future connection problems
- Developing innovative solutions to overcome barriers and keep connection costs down- funding models e.g. Ebbsfleet , smart micro grids
- Decarbonisation, especially off gas properties

Next Steps

- Site visit – May/June
- Workshop end of June - developers and wider stakeholders
 1. Issues
 2. Opportunities
 3. Draft Action Plan
- Final meeting September

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