

Investing in gas infrastructure: The Gas to the West project

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Gas to the West overview

- Regulated 40yr licence application process for transmission (HP) and distribution (LP)
- SGN and Mutual Energy submitted a connected bid
- Construction of a c.77km High Pressure HP pipeline, c.128km Intermediate Pressure IP pipeline and a c.500km Low and Medium Pressure
- To supply gas to 8 towns - Dungannon, Coalisland, Cookstown, Magherafelt, Omagh, Enniskillen, Derrylin & Strabane
- Total project investment of c.£250m with up to £32.5m DETI subvention

Project highlights

Regulatory Timeline



Operational Timeline



Planning



- Main HP pipeline east to west across country to supply 7 towns -
 - Planning Application ‘regionally significant’
 - Environmental Impact Assessment & examining best environmental route options.
- Pre Application Consultation with Communities (PACC) Process
 - Two stage process
 - (i) Information gathering re: community issues;
 - (ii) Informing community on project development & environmental issues
 - Public Consultation Events in each council area
 - Councils have key role - assisting in stakeholder identification & input to planning/environmental issues

The emerging preferred route



Economic benefit

- Potentially 40,000 customers will benefit from natural gas
 - 17,500 in Mid Ulster
 - Website / helpline will be available to assist connections process
- Support existing and new businesses
- c.200 jobs during construction
- Local procurement
- 20 permanent jobs



Thank you!

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