

HEAT NETWORK ZONING UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2025

THE NORTH EAST AND YORKSHIRE NET ZERO HUB HOSTS SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR ENERGY SECURITY AND NET ZERO HELPING LOCAL AREAS PREPARE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF HEAT NETWORK ZONING. THIS REGULAR UPDATE SETS OUT THE LATEST POLICY, FUNDING AND BEST PRACTICE RELATING TO HEAT NETWORKS.

HUB UPDATES

Yorkshire Post Climate Change Summit

I recently had the opportunity to join the Technology and Partnerships panel at the Yorkshire Post Climate Change Summit. The event in Leeds brought together representatives from a wide range of organisations; all committed to reaching our 2050 Climate goals. Here's another photo of me on stage looking awkward :) As always, if there's an event you think me or my colleagues at the Hub could add value to, please get in touch.



Advanced Zoning Programme – Market Engagement Webinars

As part of the government's plan to accelerate the delivery of heat networks across England in areas where zones are likely to be designated in the future, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero is supporting a number of towns and cities through the **Advanced Zoning Programme (AZP)** prior to Heat Network Zoning legislation coming into place. Leeds, Sheffield and Newcastle are all AZP cities.

As work on the programme progresses and to support the supply chain to prepare for these opportunities, DESNZ has been delivering a series of market engagement webinars to showcase the opportunities coming to the market.

You can find recordings of all previous webinars here: [Heat Network Zoning: market engagement webinar recordings - GOV.UK](#)

<p>Clean Energy UK Conference</p> <p>The North East and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub recently exhibited and presented at the Clean Energy UK conference. The event, which took place in Newcastle on November 4th explored the critical role of green energy, skills and investment in driving the UK's net zero economy.</p> <p>I delivered a 'lightening talk' outlining <i>Heat Network Zoning across the North East and Yorkshire</i>, with colleagues from the Hub also presenting on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Decarbonisation of Public Buildings</i> and • <i>The Hub's role in delivering the Government's Clean Energy Jobs strategy</i> <p>Further information about The Sustainability Community, the team behind the event can be found at the link to the right.</p>	<p>Events - The Sustainability Community</p>
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POLICY & FUNDING UPDATES

<p>Clean Energy Jobs Plan published</p> <p>This Clean Energy Jobs Plan sets out how the government will work in partnership with industry and trade unions to help workers in all parts of the country benefit from opportunities across clean energy industries - supporting our existing workforce to find new opportunities, training up the next generation, and supporting our young people to get good jobs.</p> <p>Specific reference is made to Heat Networks when introducing 'clean energy jobs'. It's also acknowledged that sector cuts across traditional industries such as manufacturing, construction, and professional business services. The plan ties in directly with the levels of growth expected for the Heat Network industry. Heat networks currently provide almost 3% of UK heat demand – we are aiming for 20% by 2050.</p> <p>Developing heat networks across the country has the potential to create tens of thousands of jobs, across many different disciplines, through delivering a low-carbon heating transformation.</p> <p>You can find the Clean Energy Jobs plan here: Clean Energy Jobs Plan: Creating a new generation of good jobs to deliver energy security</p>

<p>National Wealth Fund backs Hull city centre heat network</p> <p>In October the National Wealth Fund announced financing for Hull City Council's District Heat Network (HDHN). Hull was one of 28 local authority partners to participate in the Heat Network Zone Identification Pilot which tested and helped to develop the heat network zoning framework. A zone opportunity report was produced for the city and can be found here.</p> <p>The network (which will be constructed, operated and maintained by Vital Energi) will provide low-carbon, reliable heat to buildings across the city centre and is only the second local authority heat network to be backed by the NWF – a huge achievement by the team at Hull and incredibly exciting for the region!</p>

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

<p>Heat Training Grant Renewal</p> <p>An extra £5m has been provided to continue the Heat Training Grant, until March 2026.</p> <p>The Heat Training Grant provides vouchers of up to £500 to support trainees in England taking courses relevant to heat pumps and heat networks and has</p>	<p>Heat Training Grant: discounted heat network</p>
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already supported the delivery of over 12,800 training courses between July 2023 and the end of September 2025.	training - GOV.UK
<p>Fairheat Training</p> <p>Fairheat are offering comprehensive courses, to support housing providers, heat network operators and engineers develop their heat network knowledge. The courses cover every aspect of heat network technical and operational management, ensuring participants are well-prepared to tackle the challenges of an expanding industry and evolving regulations. The cost of the courses can be covered by the Heat Training Grant.</p> <p>Please note: This does not conflict with the fully funded, BESA delivered training 'Introduction to HNTAS'.</p>	Heat Network Training Fairheat
<p>Commercial Readiness for Heat Networks</p> <p>The Carbon Trust is now a DESNZ-approved provider of heat network training and registration is now open for their 'Commercial Readiness for Heat Networks' course, which launches on October 29th.</p> <p>This CPD-accredited programme is tailored for local authority officers, housing associations, and public-sector developers in England involved in planning and delivering heat networks.</p>	Commercial readiness for heat networks training

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Don't forget, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero have their very own Heat Networks newsletter. You can sign up here: DENZ – HN Bulletins	