

LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – 16th MARCH 2021

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	SONI	Shaping our Electricity Future	12noon 14 th June 2021
	<p>In the battle against climate change, Northern Ireland must move away from our reliance on fossil fuels to cleaner energy. SONI, as the electricity transmission system operator is responsible for the flow of electricity around Northern Ireland and they are hosting a 14-week consultation to find an agreed approach to reaching the Economy Minister’s stated ambition of no less than 70% electricity from renewable sources by 2030 – the ‘Renewable Ambition’.</p> <p>This consultation sets out a range of credible approaches and options to meet the Renewable Ambition. Feedback is being requested on what the optimal roadmap to achieve the Renewable Ambition should include. SONI is seeking the optimal network investments, electricity market reforms and changes to system operations that achieve the Renewable Ambition, while maintaining a secure electricity supply and minimising the overall cost to the electricity consumer.</p> <p>Homes, communities and businesses across Northern Ireland cannot “go green” without a strong and flexible transmission grid to transport the increase in renewables-based electricity which will happen by the end of the decade and so, there is a need to transform the grid and the system.</p> <p>Four pathways have been developed for the transformation of the NI transmission grid for consideration.</p> <p>Further information can be found online at https://consult.soni.ltd.uk/consultation/public-consultation-shaping-our-electricity-future</p>		