



RaaS - Resilience as a Service

local energy resources to improve security of supply

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OUR NETWORK AT A GLANCE

Our electricity distribution network delivers power to over 3.9 million homes and businesses across the diverse and unique geographies of the north of Scotland and central southern England.

OUR DISTRIBUTION NETWORK AT A GLANCE

Over **3.9million** homes and businesses

More than **888,000** customers on our Priority Services Register

Over **128,000km** of overhead lines and underground cables

Over **460km** of subsea cables powering our island communities

Over **4,100** employees across the country

Figures as at October 2023





RaaS Concept

Improved resilience of the electricity system using local energy storage and generation to restore supply in the event of a power outage

Benefits

- Security of Supply - customers experience fewer and/or shorter interruptions
- Increased uptime - renewables continue to generate and export to grid at times when that energy would otherwise have been lost
- Reduced use of temporary diesel generation
- Additional income stream for storage / flexibility market assets

Why now?

To harness the growing number of third party owned assets and emerging markets for flexibility in addressing network challenges

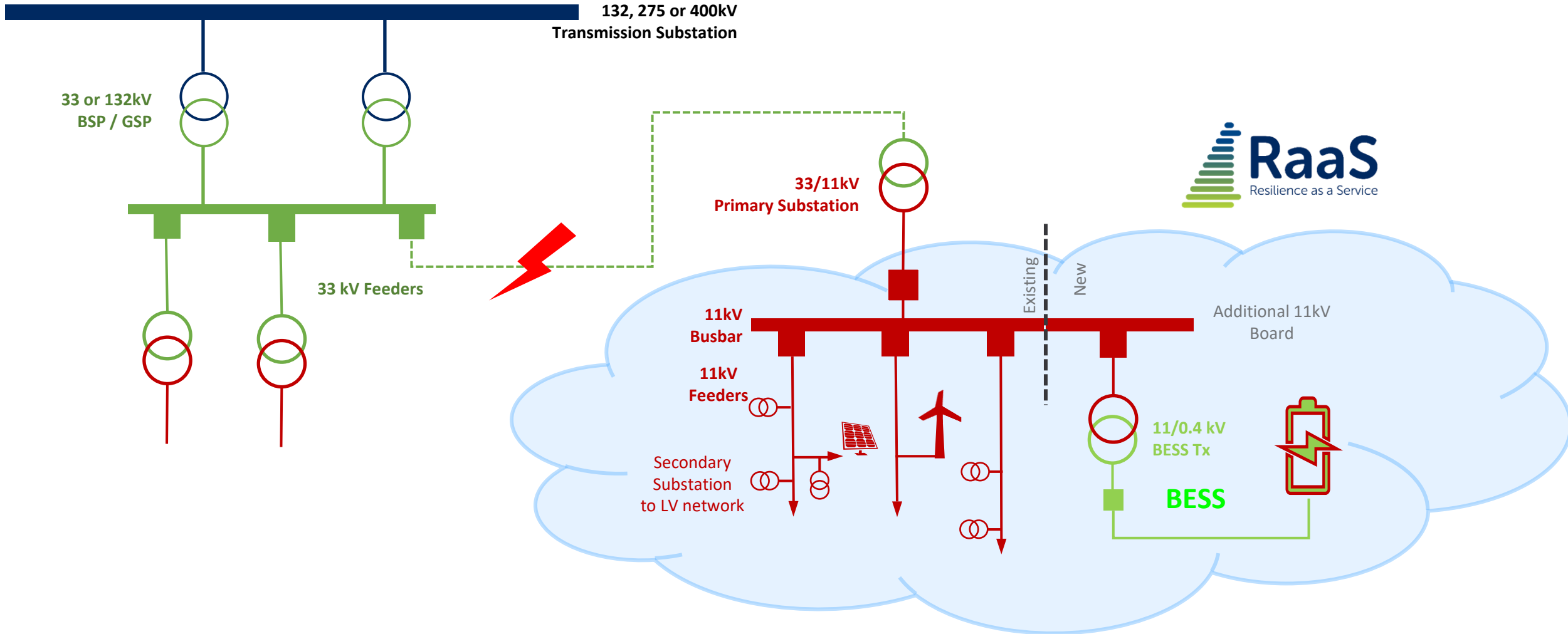
Project Objective

Develop and demonstrate a new market-based solution to improve network resilience using local energy resources

£10.9m Network Innovation Competition funded project

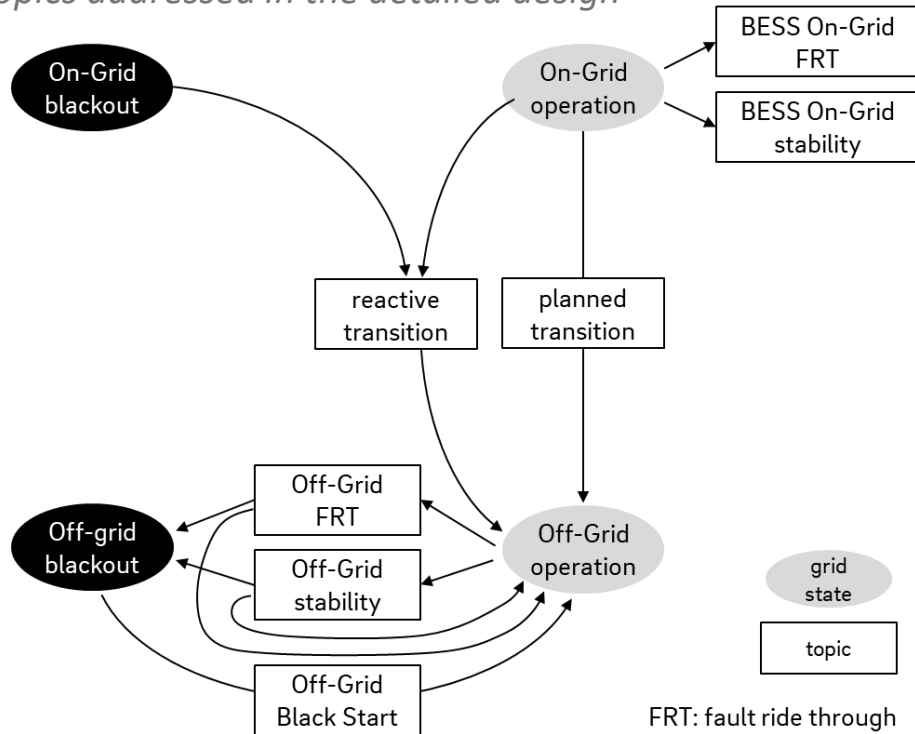


RaaS Technical Solution



Detailed Design

topics addressed in the detailed design



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- Modelling & Feasibility Studies - RaaS at primary substation level - [WSP](#)
- Modelling of Inrush Currents During a RaaS Black Start Scenario - [WSP](#)
- Protection & Control Settings Study - [WSP](#)
- PoW Switching Studies - [Enspec](#)
- Detailed DNO Control Scheme Design - [SGS](#)

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- Request for Information & Request for Proposals stages
 - identification and qualification of potential suppliers for BESS components & functionalities
- RaaS BESS Detailed Engineering Design

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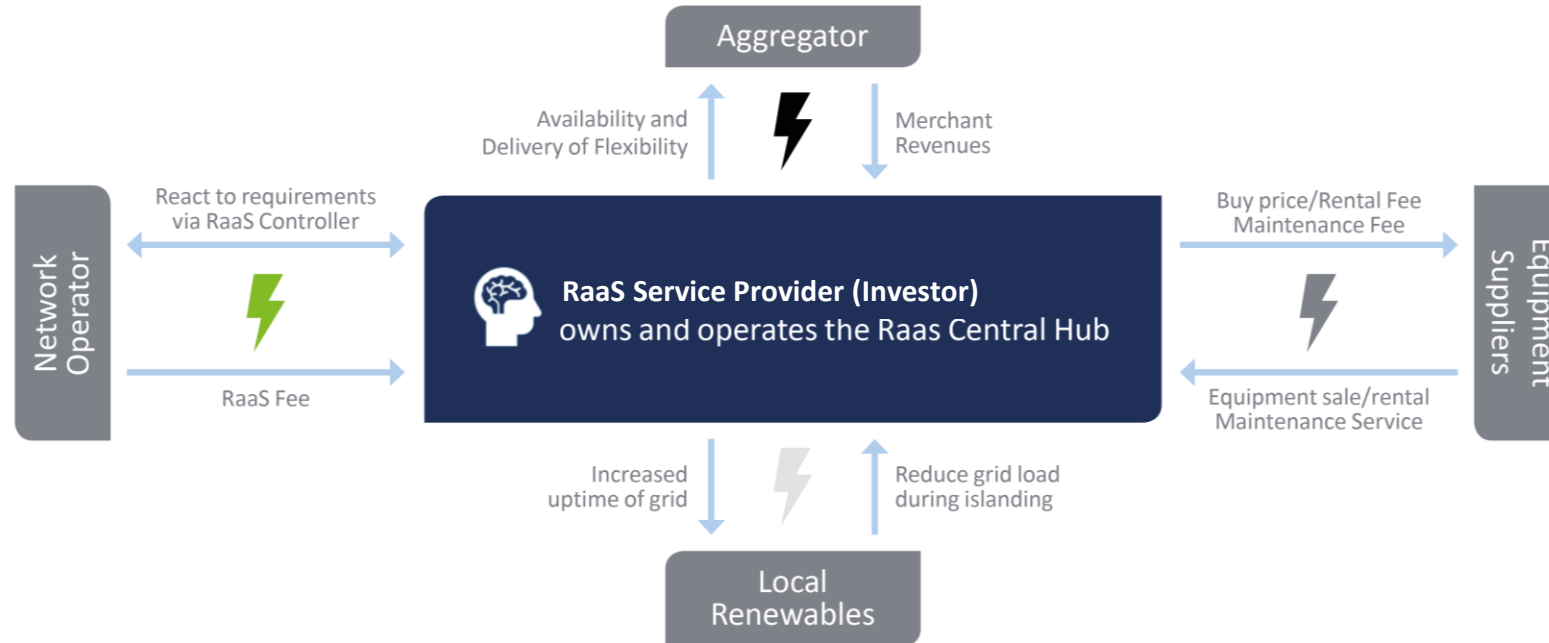
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RaaS Commercial Solution



Challenges to solve to mitigate risk of RaaS provider:

- ⚡ Standardisation of requirements
- ⚡ Operational optimisation
- ⚡ Inclusion of local renewables
- ⚡ Equipment Supply Chain



RaaS Supply Chain:

- RaaS Provider as single contractor to DNO
- Technology agnostic and cost optimized procurement structure

Business Case

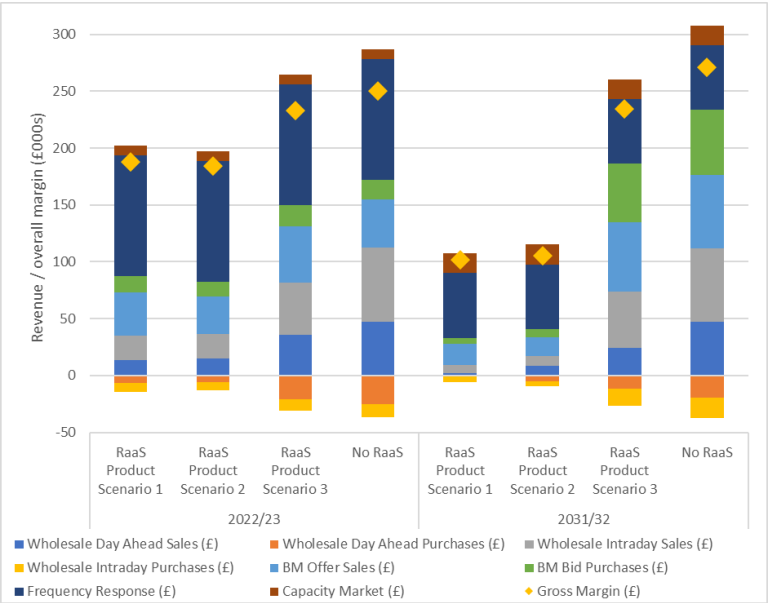
RSP valuation - *Willingness to Accept*



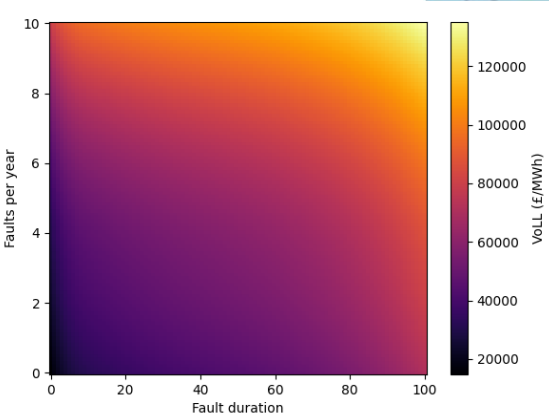
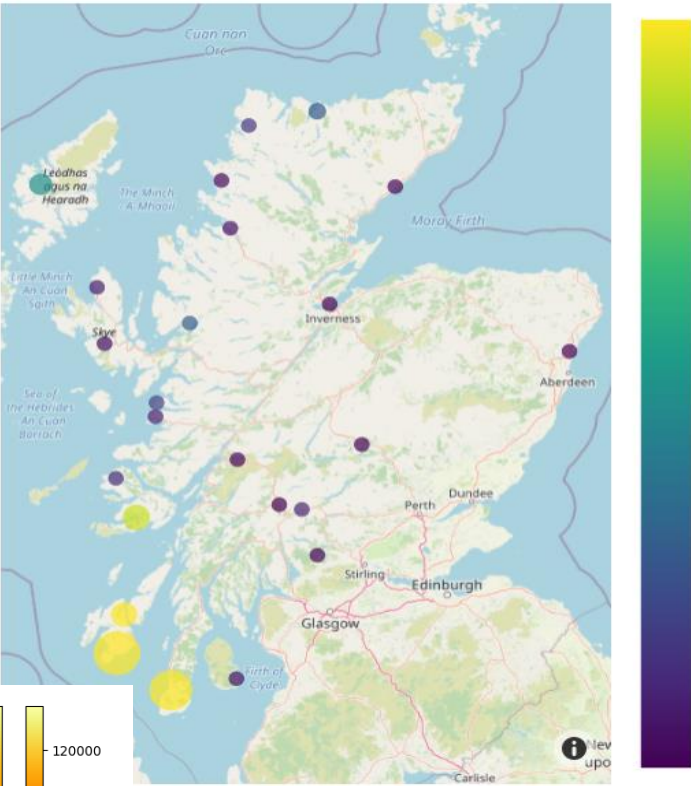
DNO valuation - *Willingness to Pay*

nationalgrid	Dynamic Containment
Wholesale market	Day Ahead Wholesale Market
Wholesale market	Within Day Wholesale Market
nationalgrid	Balancing Mechanism
nationalgrid	Capacity Mechanism
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report:
Optimisation Assessment
for RaaS Battery Operation



- CIs / CMLs
- VoLL
 - figures drawn from Electricity North West's detailed Value of Lost Load to Customers studies



Next steps...

- Drynoch trial - proving the technical solution for fault response and local resilience
- approach to DNO requirements specification for procurement/tendering
 - level of granularity in requirements definition
 - duration of service - relative costs & benefits
 - specified reserved capacity vs 'use available capacity' approach
- the role of forecasting
 - demand - to inform the DNO requirements specification and reserved capacity at different points in time
 - interruptions - to inform DNO decisions re 'standing down' a RaaS service at certain points in time
- implications of different RaaS fee structures
 - e.g. fixed / availability / utilisation payments
 - contract vs incentives - rewards / penalties
 - impact of 'opt out' option



Wider industry activities

Flexibility Markets

- ENA's Open Networks activities to bring standardisation which supports participation in local flexibility market - in line with actions from BEIS' and Ofgem's Smart Systems and Flexibility plan (2021)
- Ofgem's work looking at creation of a System-Wide Flexibility Exchange / Common Digital Energy Infrastructure (CDEI) for flexibility markets
 - 'Consultation: Future of local energy institutions and governance' and 'Call for Input: The Future of Distributed Flexibility' (March 2023)

Network constraints & new connections - recognised as a key issue for network development and the net zero transition

- National Grid ESO's Connections Reform project - ESO 5 Point Plan
- ENA's Strategic Connections Group - Three-Step Action Plan
- Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment (ASTI)
- Large Onshore Transmission Investments (LOTI) reopener
- Access SCR (Significant Code Review) - implemented for RIIO-ED2



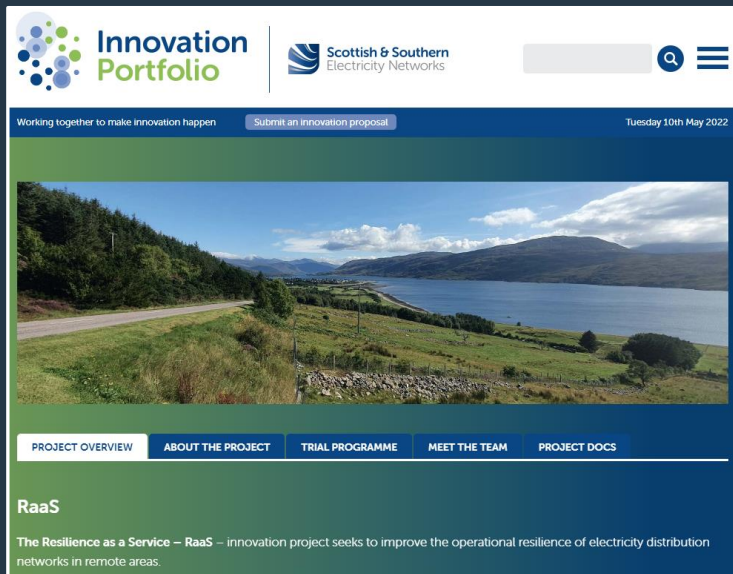


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