

## The Great Grid Upgrade

Chesterfield to Willington

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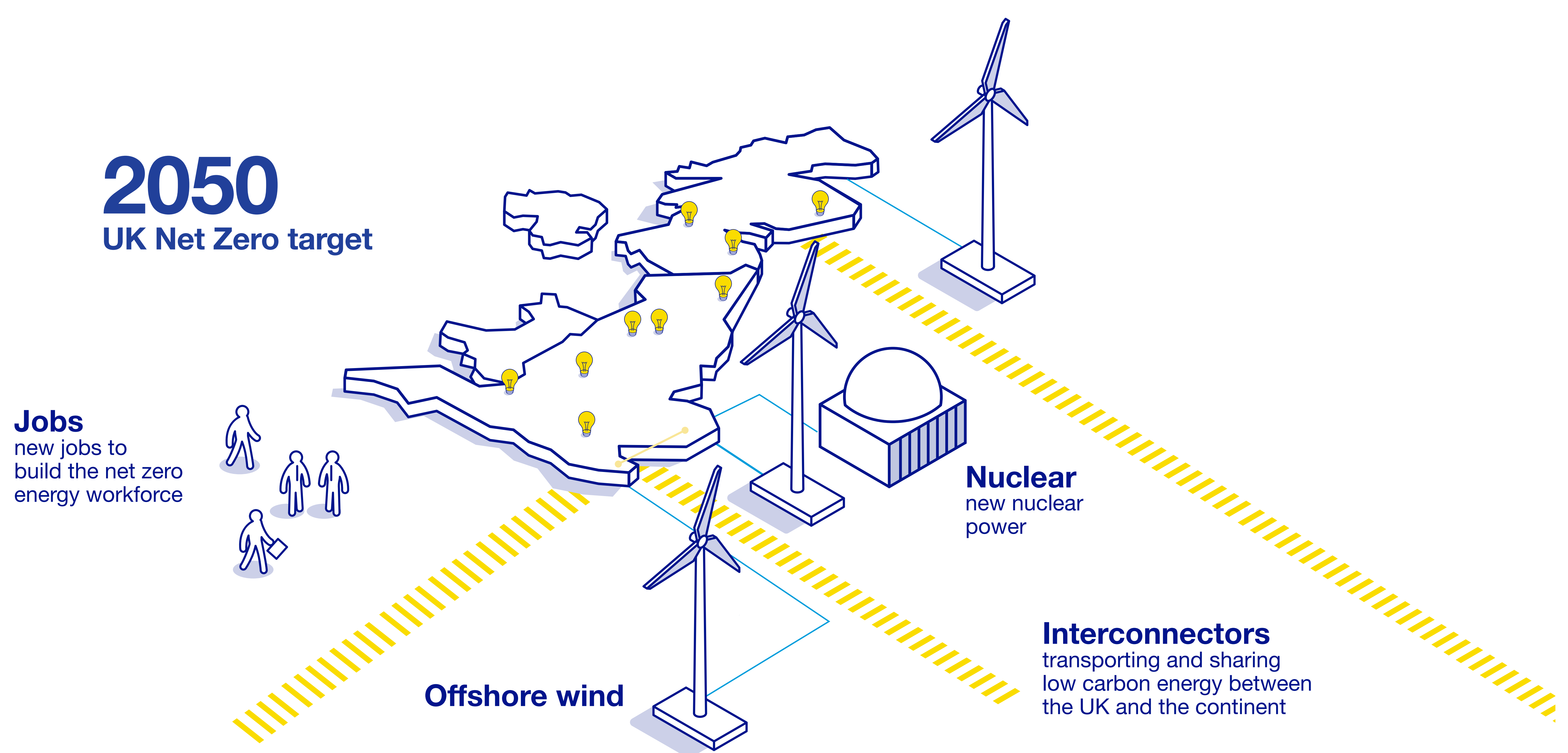
# Moving to net zero

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The UK Government has committed to reach net zero emissions by 2050. This means achieving a balance between the greenhouse gases put into the atmosphere and those taken out. Decarbonising the energy system is vital to this aim.

At National Grid Electricity Transmission, we're investing around £1.3bn each year to adapt and develop our network - of pylons, overhead lines, cables and substations - to connect new sources of low carbon energy to homes and businesses. We're investing for the future, connecting more and more low carbon electricity to our network and playing a crucial role in turning the UK's ambitions into reality.

The UK Government has set targets of 50 GW of offshore wind generation by 2030 and up to 140 GW by 2050. There is increased growth forecast in offshore wind capacity in Scotland and the North East of England, as well as increasing power flows to and from European power grids. The Chesterfield to Willington project will support the UK's net zero target by adding capacity to accommodate increasing power flows of energy generated mostly from offshore wind, in Scotland and North East England, which is expected to double within the next ten years, to areas of demand south to the Midlands and beyond. By reinforcing the network in the centre of the country, the project will facilitate the connection of more renewable and low carbon electricity, to allow clean green energy to be carried around the network.



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