

Supply Chain Mapping Statement 2022/23

Characterising our Supply Chain

As shown on Figure 1, during the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 Northern Gas Networks (NGN) spent £216m on goods and services from nearly 800 direct suppliers, 80% of which by value was with approximately 60 suppliers. Our principal area of expenditure was gas mains replacement and reinstatement contractors ('utility works contracting services') which accounted for 40% of our expenditure on goods and services. A full list of the suppliers making up the top 80% of our 2022/23 direct expenditure is provided in Appendix A.

Small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) form an important part of our supply chain. We are starting to collect data to enable quantification of our expenditure with SMEs. During 2022/23 we had this data for 23% of our total suppliers and consequently know that 61% of our total expenditure (£131m) was with SMEs. Of the suppliers in Appendix A which comprised 80% of our total expenditure in 2022/23, over half of them were known to the SMEs.

NGN publish a Modern Slavery Transparency statement on our [website](#) which demonstrates our commitments and procedural controls. As demonstrated by Appendix A, our primary direct (Tier 1) suppliers are UK based.

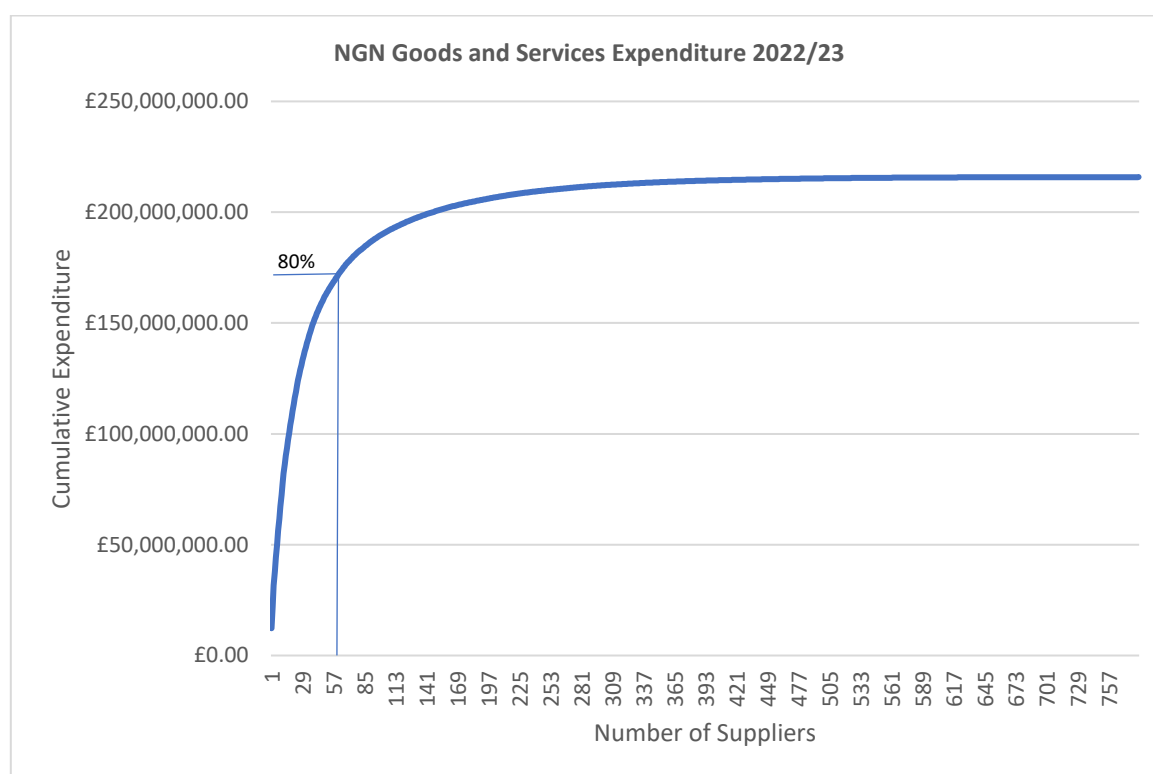


Figure 1 – Cumulative supply chain expenditure by NGN in period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Supplier Selection and Vetting

For core business procurement events we preferentially engage suppliers who have been approved via the Achilles Utilities Vendor Database, an independent supply chain assurance assessment. In addition, potential suppliers for procurement events are typically required to complete a pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ) which as standard includes questions regarding their environmental management systems, past environmental performance, corporate environmental objectives, how

they meet our EAP objectives and their sustainable business practices, and are awarded scores accordingly. It is of note that we are aware that many of our suppliers have set their own sustainability metrics and targets but we do not have access to data regarding the proportion of suppliers that have these and as such cannot provide performance data on this.

Supplier Code of Conduct

During 2021/22 we worked with our stakeholders to finalise our [Supplier Code of Conduct](#) ('supplier code') and associated compliance process. Our supplier code is aligned to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and requires our suppliers to operate to high standards of environmental management and sustainable business practices.

We have a business commitment to achieve at least 80% of our suppliers (by value) complying with our supplier code by the March 2026. During 2022/23 79% of our total spend was with suppliers who have signed up to our supplier code.

Appendix A – Suppliers Comprising top 80% of direct NGN expenditure during 1 April to 2022 to 31 March 2023

Supplier	Service Sector	Country of operation of supplier entity contracted to NGN	Small or medium sized enterprise?
1Spatial	Data mapping services	UK	Unknown
Advanced Engineering Solutions Ltd	Engineering services	UK	Yes
AgilityWorks Ltd	IT services	UK	No
Allied International UK Ltd	Engineering fittings and products	UK	Yes
Allstar Business Solutions Limited	Vehicle fuel card services	UK	Unknown
Andrew Hughes Utility Services	Utility works contracting services	UK	Yes
Apleona HSG	Facilities management services	UK	No
Armstrong Integrated Limited	Engineering services	UK	Yes
Assa Abloy t/a Abloy UK	Security control products	UK	No
AVK UK Ltd	Engineering fittings and products	UK	Yes
C & R Utilities Limited	Utility works contracting services	UK	Yes
Cadent Gas Limited	Gas network services	UK	No
Caecillian Limited	Utility works contracting services	UK	Yes
CEVA Logistics Limited	Logistics services	UK	No
CMW Utilities Ltd	Utility works contracting services	UK	Yes
Continental Product Engineering Ltd	Engineering fittings and products	UK	Unknown
Crane Limited	Engineering fittings and products	UK	Yes
Cummins Civil Engineering Ltd	Civil engineering services	UK	Yes
Cybit Limited	IT services	UK	Yes
D W Utility Services Limited	Utility works contracting services	UK	Yes
D&N Reilly Limited	Utility works contracting services	UK	Yes
David Carr (Durham) Ltd	Utility works contracting services	UK	Yes
Dem-Master Demolition Limited	Demolition and environmental services	UK	Unknown
Develop Training Ltd	Training services	UK	
DSM Demolition Limited	Demolition and environmental services	UK	Unknown
EDF Energy Customers Ltd	Utility providers	UK	Unknown
Energy Innovation Centre Ltd	Professional services	UK	Unknown
Erith Contractors Ltd	Demolition and environmental services	UK	Yes

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GL Industrial Services Uk Ltd	Engineering consultancy services	UK	No
GMM Utilities Limited	Utility works contracting services	UK	Yes
GPS Limited	Engineering fittings and products	UK	No
Joseph Gleave & Son Ltd	Tools and equipment	UK	Yes
KPMG LLP	Professional services	UK	No
L&G Utilities Ltd	Utility works contracting services	UK	Yes
M A Utilities Ltd	Utility works contracting services	UK	Yes
MC & C Utilities Limited	Utility works contracting services	UK	Yes
Morrison Energy Services Limited	Engineering works services	UK	No
Network Plus Services Ltd	Utility works contracting services	UK	No
Northern Bear Building Services Ltd	Construction services	UK	Unknown
Promec Engineering	Engineering works services	UK	Yes
Protective Wear Supplies Ltd (PWS)	Protective apparel	UK	Yes
QEM Solutions Ltd	Professional services	UK	Yes
Radius Systems Limited	Engineering fittings and products	UK	No
Rapid Enterprise Solutions Ltd	IT Software Services	UK	Unknown
Rayden Engineering Ltd	Engineering works services	UK	Yes
RJ Utility Services Ltd	Engineering works services	UK	Yes
Rockmount Utilities Limited	Utility works contracting services	UK	Yes
S & S Utilities Limited	Utility works contracting services	UK	Yes
SAP (UK) Ltd	IT software	UK	Unknown
Specialist Computer Centres PLC	IT Hardware supplies	UK	No
Speedy Asset Services Ltd	Plant and equipment hire	UK	No
Stanningley Engineering Ltd	Engineering works services	UK	Yes
Steve Vick International Ltd	Engineering fittings, products and services	UK	Yes
Streetwise UK Management	Traffic management services	UK	Yes
Sunbelt Rentals	Plant and equipment hire	UK	No
Teledyne Gas Measurement Instrument	Technology products	UK	Yes
Total Resources (UK) Ltd	Traffic management services	UK	Yes

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United Living Energy Ltd	Engineering works services	UK	Unknown
Utilergy Gas Limited	Utility works contracting services	UK	Yes
Utility Support Solutions Limited	Utility works contracting services	UK	Yes
Vehicle Lease and Service Limited	Vehicle services	UK	Yes
Vodafone Limited	Telecommunications services	UK	No
Westwood Technical Limited	Technology products	UK	Yes