#### Exeter Energy Network Decarbonising Exeter's heat

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# What is the Exeter Energy Network?

- Is a heat network.... generates heat from a central source (Energy Centre) and delivers it to buildings via a series of insulated, underground pipes.
- A heat exchanger replaces the traditional gas boiler in each building.
- The technology is proven and common across Europe with an established UK supply chain



Heat networks are a proven method of decarbonising heat in towns and cities



# Why heat networks?

• The way we heat our properties today isn't aligned with a future liveable planet.

• 85% of our homes and offices are heated by burning natural gas, generating millions of tonnes of  $CO_2$  each year

 Continuing to burn gas for heating will bust our carbon budget and contributes to poor air quality



# Decarbonisation options

- Now Gas is cheap
- Over the coming years it will become more expensive, or potentially even prohibited, to burn gas for heat
- In towns and cities the expected heat network price of heat is cheaper than alternate methods of achieving zero carbon heat in the vast majority of cases (but is not cheaper than current gas heating)





# Who is 1Energy?

- Leading developer of heat networks in the UK
- Team has delivered over 50 heat networks
- Joint venture with ASPER, managing £1.4bn of 'Deep Green' funds for investing in long term, sustainable energy projects





## What is the Exeter Energy Network?

- £110m low-to-zero carbon heat network for the city of Exeter
- Of which £42m is from UK government's green heat network fund (GHNF)
- Proposed Energy Centre site adjacent to Marsh Barton railway station
- Network supplying existing and new build developments, public and private sector where decarbonisation is important



## Energy Centre

- Providing Low carbon heat generation future proofed to enable net zero heat
- Up to 20MW of low carbon heat generation
- Full peak and reserve gas boilers to provide resilience only
- Able to take waste heat from adjacent Marsh Barton EfW and from a proposed data centre
- 1Energy commitment to develop the site sensitively, with net biodiversity gain



#### Network

• Working closely with Devon Highways to manage installation of the network

• Keeping disruption to a minimum

• Advance publicity and ongoing dialogue with the community and stakeholders to understand concerns









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- 2 Options for crossing Canal, drainage channel and River Exe:
- Open Cut
  - Close Canal for install under
  - Open cut across drainage channel
  - Pipe/footbridge across River Exe
- Microtunnel
  - Drive shaft at both ends
  - Central reception pit



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#### Canal, River & Drainage Channel Crossings

#### 1. Open Cut

- Standard methodology so lowest risk
- Incorporating a footbridge over the River Exe increases pedestrian access in long term
- Additional environmental impact during temporary works
- Increased stakeholder engagement etc to ensure continued access to footpaths
- Difficult access to drainage channel
- Footbridge will require planning permission
- Works timing to be managed carefully
  - Canal closure winter only
  - Drainage channel access summer only



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#### 2. Microtunnel/trenchless solution

- Reduced impact on public access during works
- Large quantity of waste 'rock' will need to be removed from both drive shaft ends so increased HGV traffic during install
- Preferred option for Environment Agency – less works impact on biodiversity
- Works completed in one



















HAZID No. NS01, One way street with areas on either side Restrictions for work areas/relocation coordination required. Significant TM consideration. 2 mm



# Expected timeline



\*It will be possible to install temporary local heat generation for customers who want heat earlier

### Economic benefits

- £110m of investment in Exeter
- Boost to local economy maximizing the local supply chain
- Local apprenticeships and jobs
- Making Exeter more attractive to businesses



#### Environmental benefits

- 13,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> saved per annum
- Cleaner air
- Helping Exeter deliver Net Zero by 2030
- Help Government's targets of Net Zero and heat network ambitions



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