

Guidance on changes to previously submitted applications (power generation/GQCHP)

Any change in plan that will lead to the replacement of some or all of the originally planned power generating capacity by Good Quality CHP capacity will require resubmission of the application.

The replacement application will need to be presented in two or more parts (as appropriate):

- Where an operator has replaced all or part of the original power generating capacity with GQCHP, then the original application will need to be re-verified on the basis of the residual non-GQCHP capacity. This will result in a reduction in the number of allowances reserved for the application in the NER queue.
- The part of the application that is GQCHP will itself be covered by the requirements of the CHPQA scheme. As such, the certificate is considered to be equivalent to the requirements of the verification opinion statement and no further verification is required. This part of the application will join the end of the CHP-ringfence in the NER queue

Guidance on evidence that an application is not considered speculative, contingent, misleading or false.

The verifier will give their opinion in the Verification Opinion Statement of how realistic or speculative the Design Report is. The Regulator must be satisfied that enough evidence has been provided in the Design Report and that the Verification Opinion Statement assesses the evidence sufficiently.

Appendix D of the National Allocation Plan sets out examples of the type of evidence required to show that the NER application is not speculative, contingent, unrealistic or false. The Regulator will use its discretion to determine whether the evidence supplied is sufficient in each case. But, in most cases, we will require:

- Planning permissions (and section 36 consent agreements if appropriate) formally agreed by Government (local and/or central);
- Permissions under Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control legislation (if relevant);
- Formal board approval of the necessary expenditures to complete the investment; and
- Signed, or be about to sign, final contracts to deliver the final elements in the project.