

RESHAPING THE UK'S GAS INFRASTRUCTURE

What can we learn from the past?

GAS SYSTEM TRANSFORMATIONS (1948 TO 1989)

1945 1950 1955 1960 1965 1970 1975 1980 1985 1990

1948 The Gas Act starts the nationalisation of the UK gas industry

1960 90% of the gas supply still comes from coal



1956 The Clean Air Act encourages innovation to reduce air pollution

1966 Sir Henry Jones, chairman of the Gas Council Sir, announces the switch to **natural gas**

1964 First licences issued to extract natural gas from the North Sea

1960s-1970s Promotion of new **High Speed Gas** (gas from oil)



CHALLENGES

- Readiness of the industry
- Staff training and reskilling
- Communication and community involvement



LESSONS LEARNED

- Large-scale transformation is possible
- Need for certainty: the industry can and will follow through
- Transformation must be driven from safety
- Need for community engagement

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