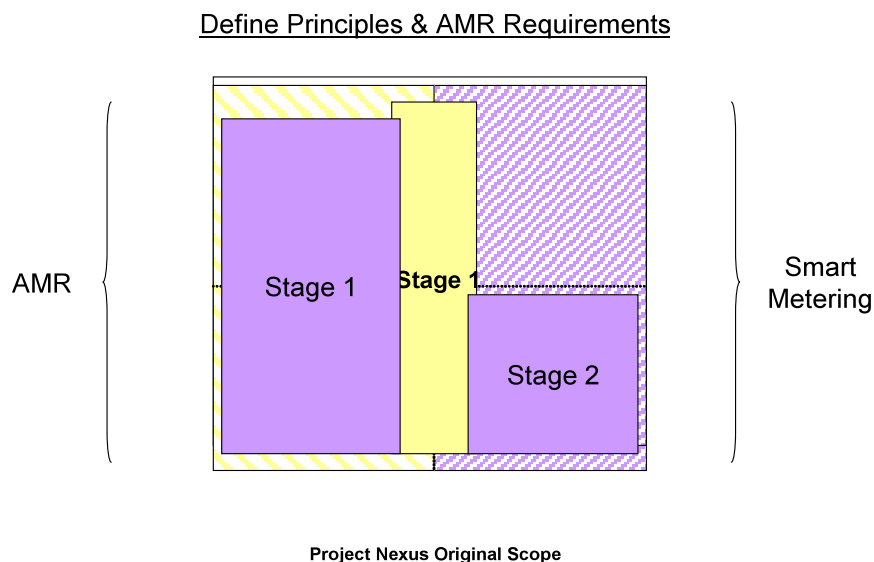
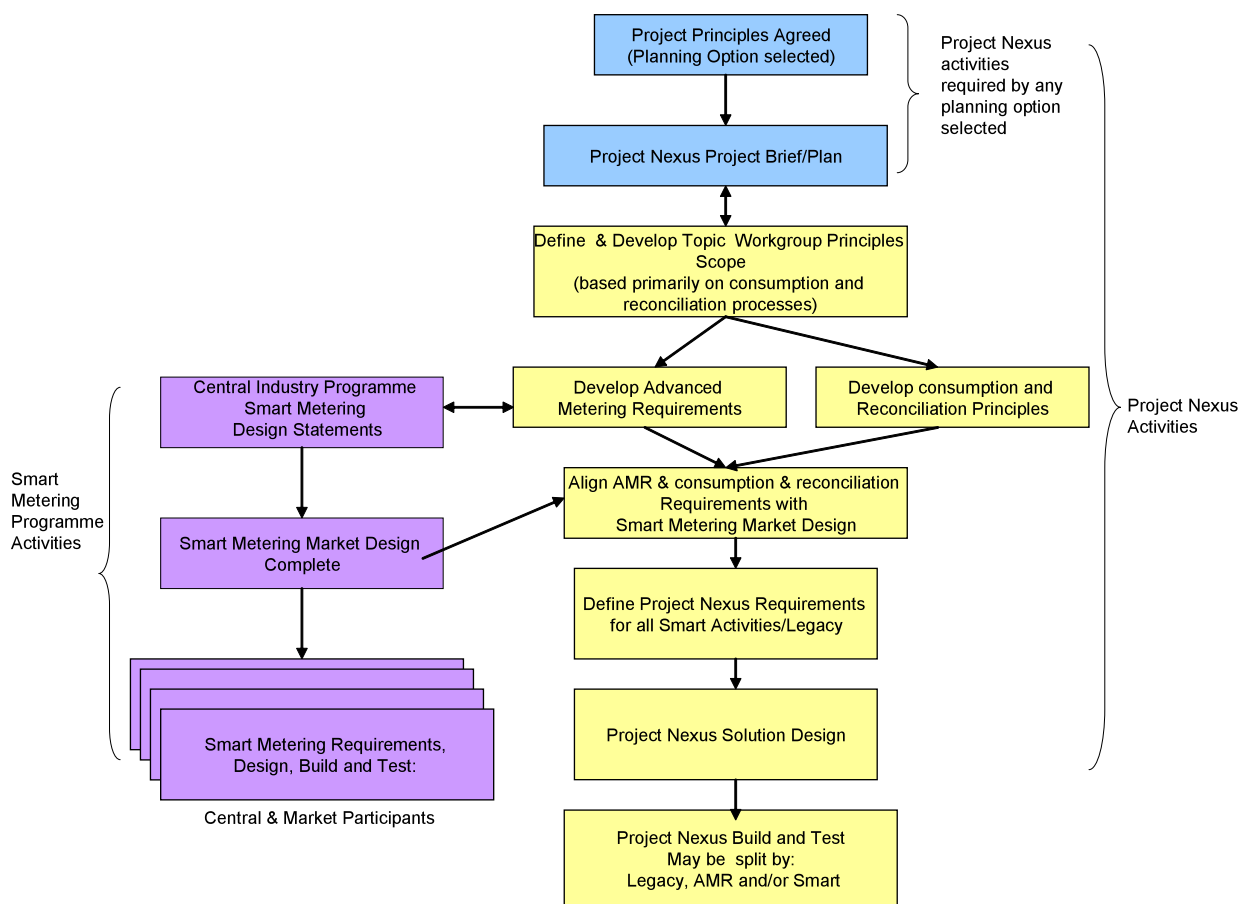


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During August and September xoserve carried out a high-level analysis on the on the impacts that the DECC Smart Metering Initiative could have on Project Nexus in defining its requirements. Whilst this analysis was taking place the Project Nexus UNC Workstream (PNUNC) activities were suspended. This impact analysis centred around three categories, those areas that are not impacted by the Smart Metering initiative, those areas that could be or were partially impacted, and finally those areas that are definitely impacted. These categories are commonly referred to as the green, amber and red 'buckets' respectively.

The results of the impact assessment were discussed with the industry via the Project Nexus Advisory Group (PNAG). The output of the analysis can be found on: http://www.xoserve.co.uk/nexus_home.asp. Support was gained from PNAG to progress with defining Project Nexus requirements under a 'hybrid' approach. This is explained in more detail in the Project Nexus Development of Requirements Project Brief which can be found on: <http://www.gasgovernance.com/Code/Workstreams/nexus/2009> (October 30th 2009). In summary the proposal presented to PNUNC Workstream on the 30th October showed Project Nexus initially progressing on two fronts, namely the establishment of principles primarily in the area of consumption and reconciliation and the definition of detailed requirements for those supply points which attract AMR equipment. This is referred to as Stage 1 and during this stage information is expected to flow between Project Nexus and the anticipated Smart Meter Programme. At the end of the stage there will be an activity to realign any Project Nexus Requirements with the detailed Smart Metering market design. Stage 2 of the Project Nexus Requirements Definition Phase will then proceed in defining any remaining requirements after the delivery of the Smart Metering Market design. Before going into any Project Nexus solution design there will be a final checkpoint to realign the final design output from the Smart Metering Programme. The following two diagrams hopefully give further clarity:-





The PNUNC meeting on the 30th October agreed to progress with a ‘Scoping Project Nexus UNC Workstream’ meeting on the 23rd November, with a possible follow-up on the 14th December. The objective of the scoping meeting(s) is to agree the scope of the Topic Workgroups; the approach to be adopted within the workgroups; number and frequency of meetings; location and attendance at the workgroups. The input to the scoping meeting will be the Project Nexus Initial Requirements register (IRR) amended to show which entries are candidates for ‘Principle Topics’ and/or ‘AMR Detailed Requirements’. An additional analysis will take place showing which IRR entries would be satisfied by the recently approved Daily Metering Elective modification (Mod 224). This will enable a topic workgroup plan to be developed.

A further update on the progress of the Topic Workgroup timetable and scope will be provided for the next UK-Link Committee.