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Session 6 Part 1: SAF Policy, Market Development, and Road to CAAF/4

Special Session
on the United Kingdom's SAF Act



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Key objectives of UK SAF policies

**Creating secure
and growing UK
demand**



SAF Mandate

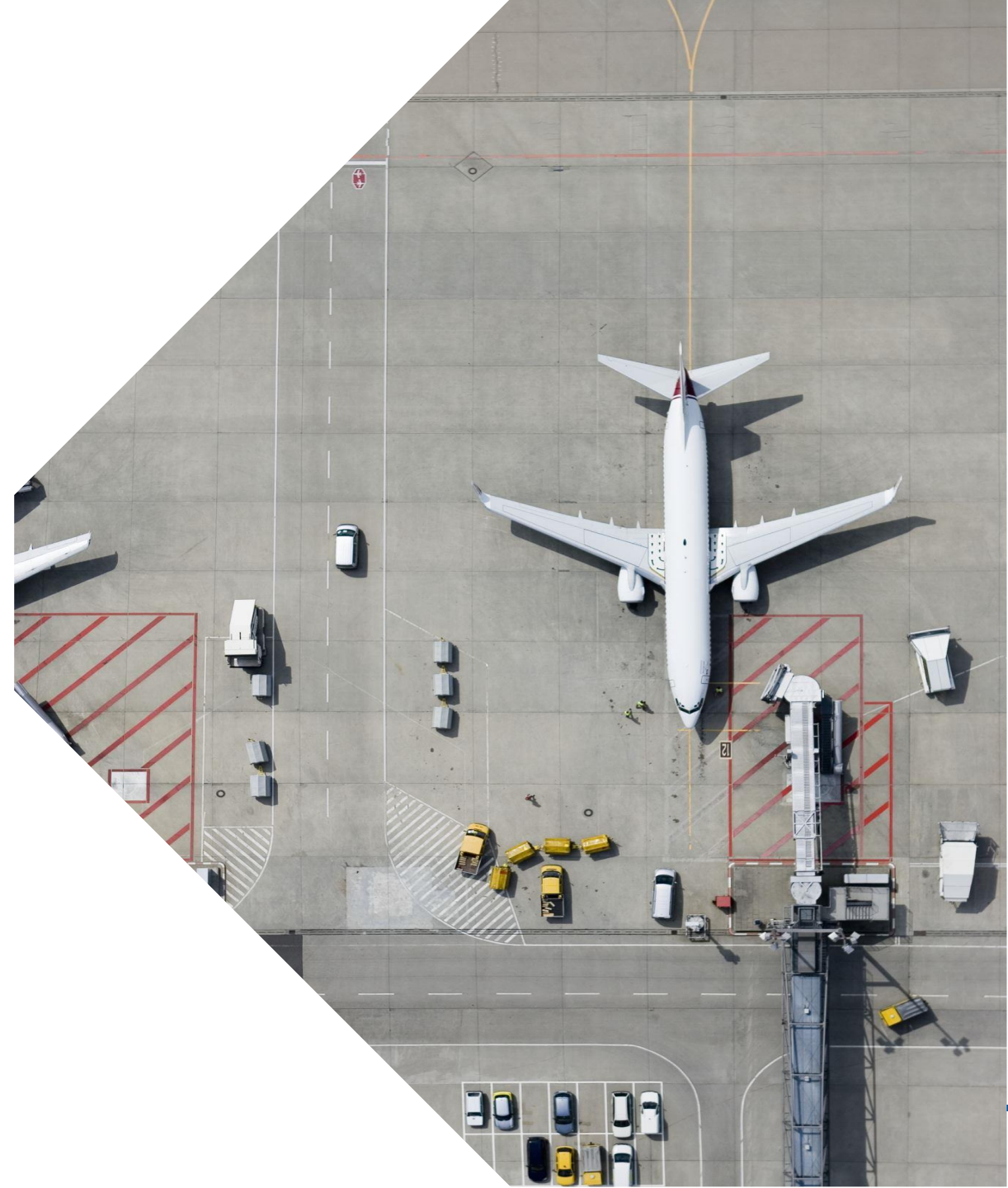
**Kickstarting a
domestic SAF
industry**



**Advanced Fuels
Fund**

**SAF Clearing
House**

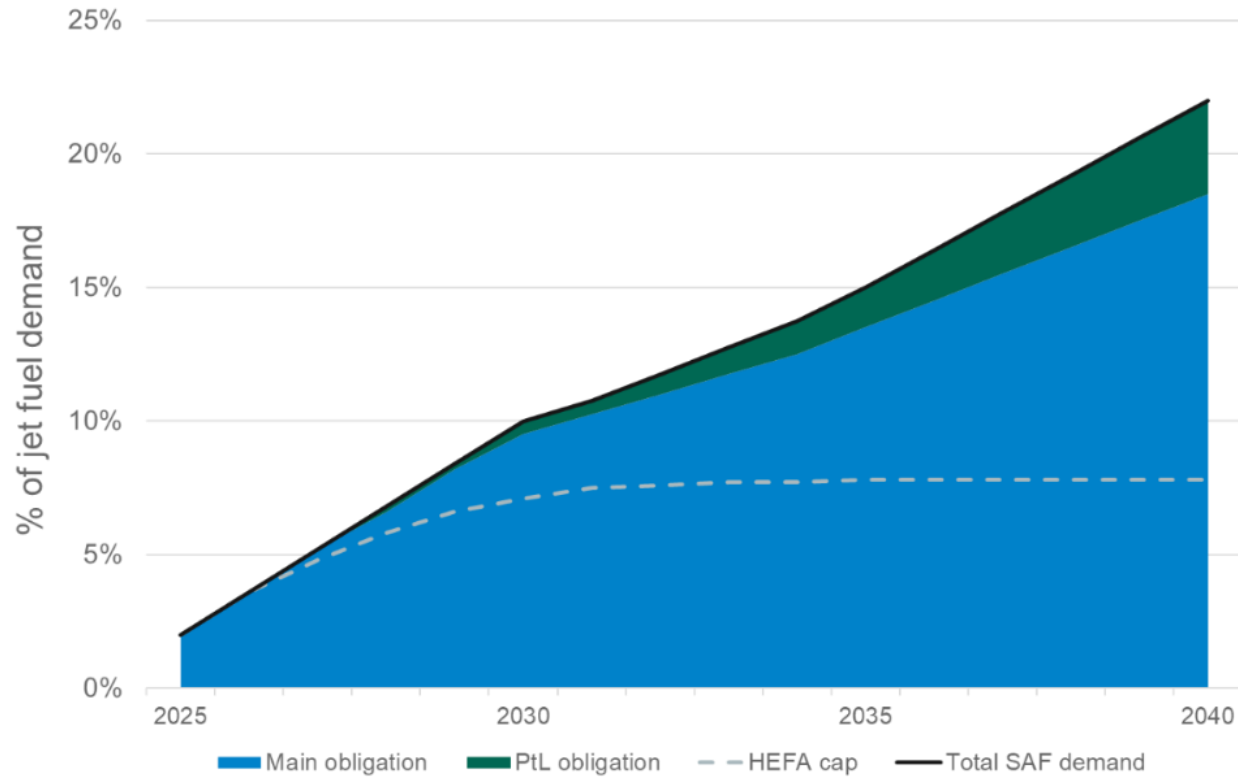
**Revenue
Certainty
Mechanism**





SAF Mandate





UK SAF Mandate

The SAF Mandate has been in place since 1 January 2025 and is the UK's key policy to decarbonise jet fuel.

It secures demand for SAF by obligating the supply of an increasing amount of SAF in the overall UK aviation fuel mix.

We have designed a scheme that is both ambitious and pragmatic to the realities of the SAF industry, driving aviation decarbonisation at an acceptable cost.

Incremental targets to 2040

Latest data

Feb 26: 337 million litres of verified and unverified SAF have been supplied under the SAF Mandate so far in 2025 – representing 2.4% of all reported aviation fuel supply. Whilst these statistics are provisional, they show a continued increasing trend and indicate the 2025 target for UK SAF supply can likely be met.

Year	Main obligation	PtL obligation	HEFA cap	Total SAF demand
2025	2%	n/a	n/a	2%
2026	3.6%	n/a	n/a	3.6%
2027	5.2%	n/a	4.8%	5.2%
2028	6.6%	0.2%	5.8%	6.8%
2029	8.2%	0.2%	6.6%	8.4%
2030	9.5%	0.5%	7.1%	10%
2040	18.5%	3.5%	7.8%	22%



The SAF Act and the Revenue Certainty Mechanism



Sustainable Aviation Fuel Act 2026

Royal Assent on 5 March 2026

Delivering the Government's manifesto commitment to secure the UK aviation industry's long term future, and support a UK SAF industry



Economic Growth & Jobs



Fuel Security & Resilience



Global Leadership



Innovation & Investment

Key rationale

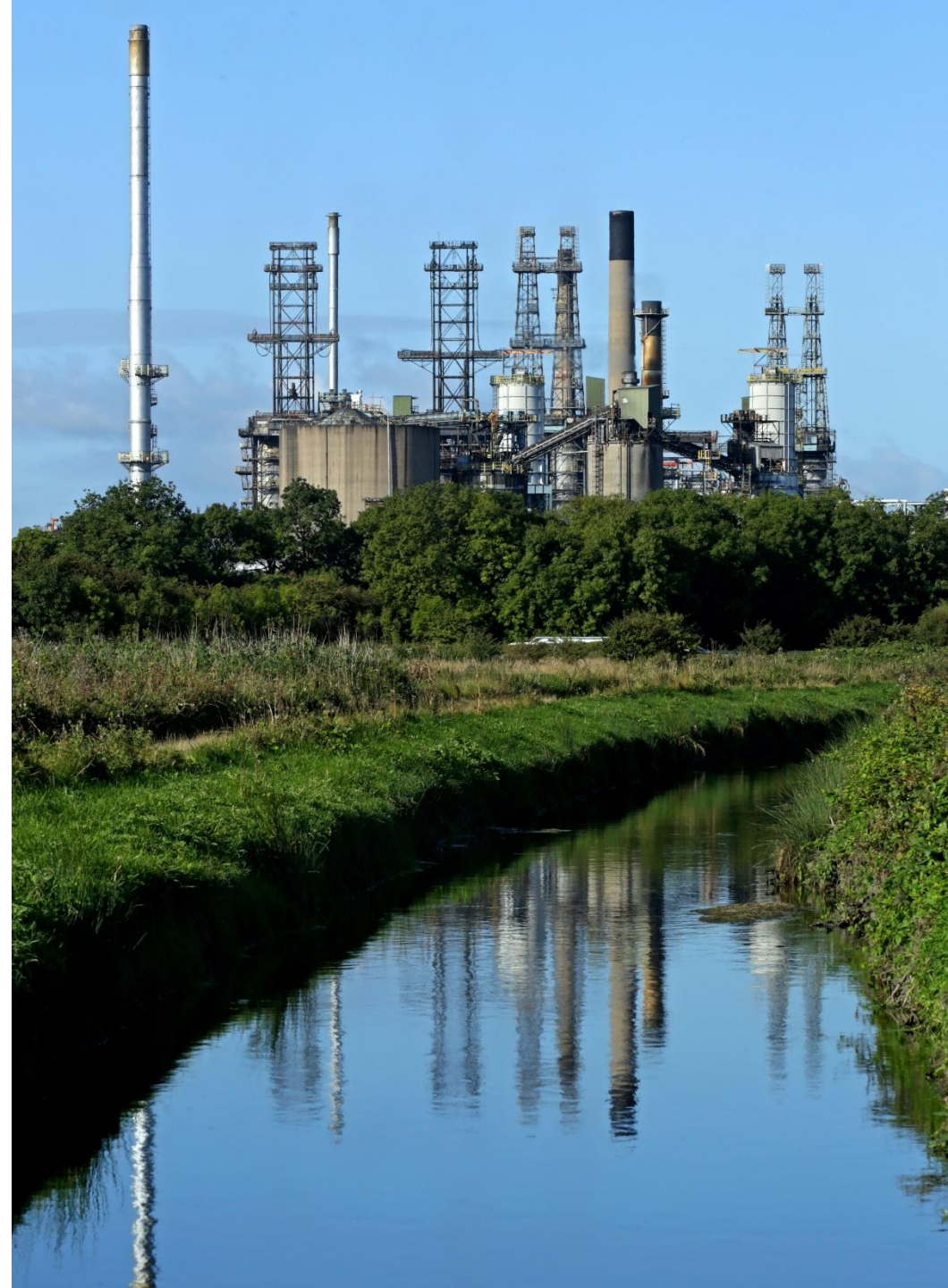
A major barrier for first-of-a-kind projects is lack of revenue certainty: which undermines investor confidence and makes it more difficult to secure financing.

Revenue certainty barriers facing UK projects:

- No clear UK or global market price for 2G / 3G SAF
- Perceived policy and regulatory uncertainty
- Competition for finance with other low carbon tech



**Revenue Certainty
Mechanism will mitigate
risks to investors by
guaranteeing a price for a
producer's SAF**



Latest progress

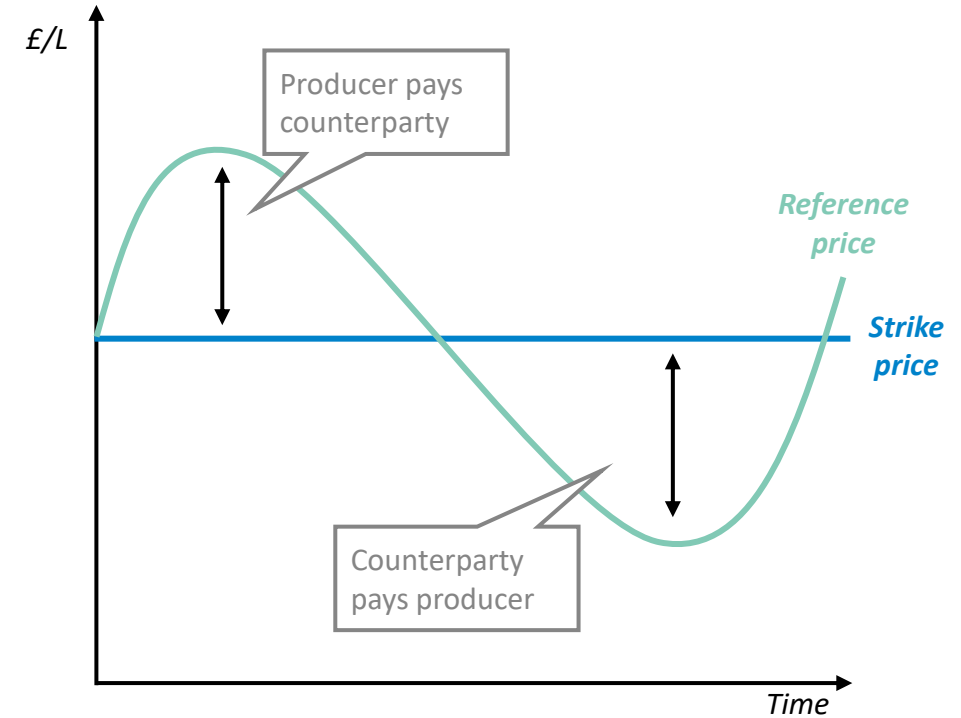


Consultation on the design of the levy on fuel suppliers, which will fund the RCM, in late 2025. Responses are being considered and design work continuing, to inform final levy regulations.



Consultation on indicative Heads of Terms and approach to contract allocation concluded in April 2026. Responses are being analysed as part of development of the full contract. Contract Allocation Strategy to be published later in 2026.

The mechanism



Under SAF RCM, SAF producers will enter into a private law contract with a government-backed counterparty. These contracts will set a strike price for SAF.



Complementary Policies



Advanced Fuels Fund

Aim: to grow UK SAF supply by supporting first-of-a-kind SAF production plants.

£198 million

3 funding windows

21 projects

Funding support for UK SAF production now extended to 2029/30

Options being considered, with announcement of new scheme in the coming months

UK SAF Clearing House

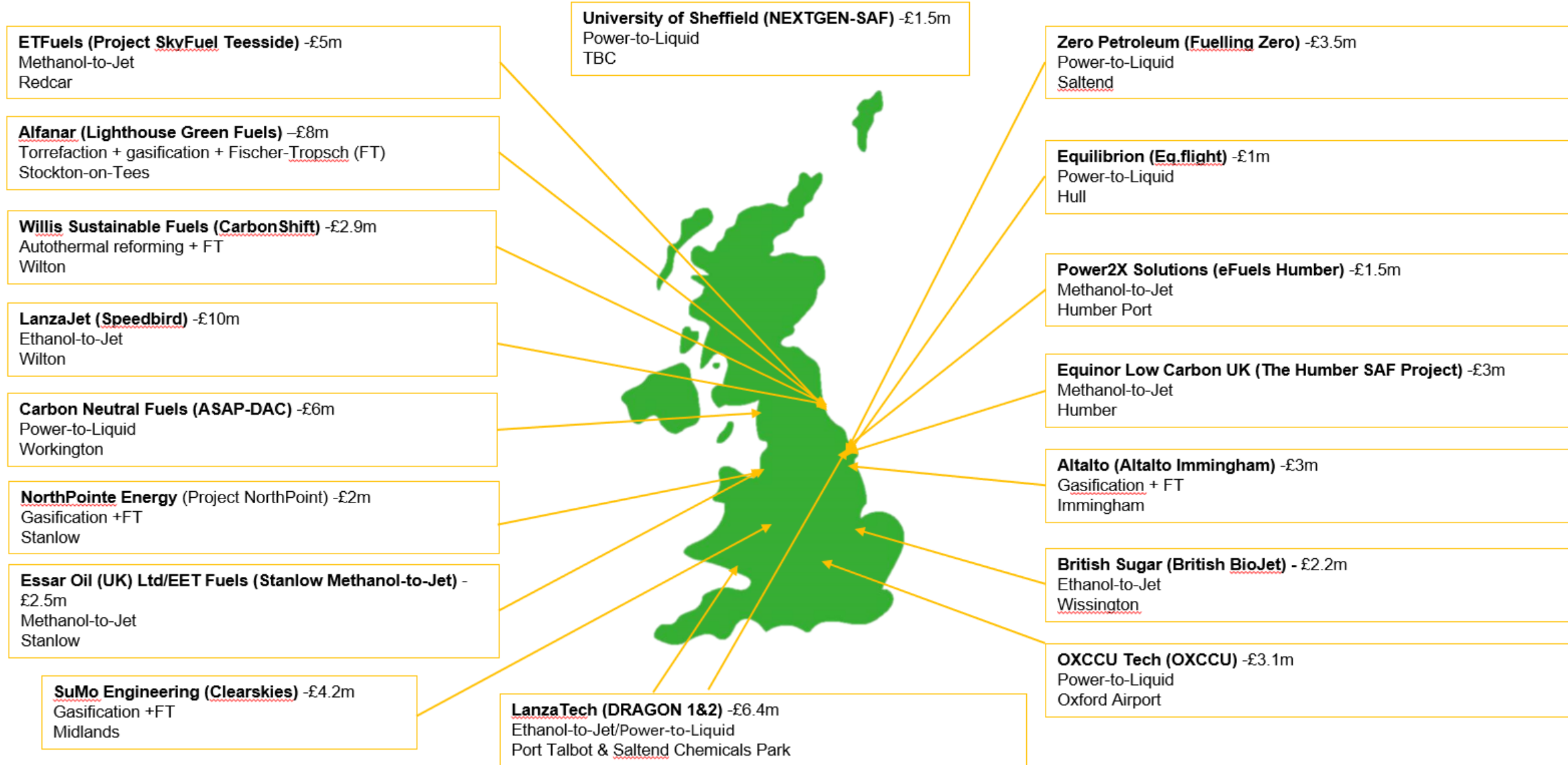
Funded by UK Government

Delivered by University of Sheffield Energy Innovation Centre, in partnership with Ricardo

Advice and support to SAF producers navigating the fuel testing landscape

£225,000 awarded to 4 projects to support early-stage testing





Thank You

