

Consultation on Community Benefits from Net Zero Energy Developments

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What is the consultation about?

The Scottish Government is consulting on how to enhance **community benefits from net zero energy developments**.

Our aim is to ensure that national guidance helps **communities and developers get the best from community benefits**.

The consultation is in two parts:

- **Offshore developments** – floating and fixed bottom wind
- **Onshore developments** – wind, solar, hydro, hydrogen, storage, CCUS and NETs



Part 1- Scotland's offshore wind landscape

Scotland has an ambitious target of **50 GW of offshore wind capacity by 2030** - transformational for our energy sector and our economic future.

Offshore wind will deliver significant value to our **local, regional, and national economies** - expanding supply chains, stimulating infrastructure investment, supporting thousands of high-quality green jobs, and delivering benefits to our communities.

In recognition of the evolving sectoral landscape, the Scottish Government committed to reviewing and updating the **offshore Good Practice Principles**, published in 2015.



Part 1- What do we want to know?

The Scottish Government is seeking feedback on:

- How we **define communities** for offshore developments?
- How we **maximise community benefits** from offshore development?
- How we determine **appropriate levels of community benefits** from offshore wind developments?
- What are the opportunities and challenges for **shared ownership** of offshore wind projects?



Part 2 - Scotland's onshore net zero landscape

Scotland has over **12 GW of installed onshore renewable electricity capacity** and a significant pipeline of projects across clean energy sectors.

These support tens of thousands of **jobs**, add billions to our **local, regional, and national economies**, and contribute millions to **local communities**.

This consultation will explore how we build on the current **onshore Good Practice Principles**, updated in 2019, and consider emerging sectors alongside established technologies.



Part 2 - What do we want to know?

The Scottish Government is seeking feedback on:

- Whether we extend the **scope of onshore technologies** in the Good Practice Principles?
- How we **improve the current Good Practice Principles** for onshore developments?
- How we approach **levels of funding** for onshore developments?
- How changes to the Good Practice Principles will **impact different groups**?



What's Next?

Get Involved

- Visit the Scottish Government **consultation page**: [Community benefits from net zero energy developments: consultation - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/consultations/nz2025)
- Submit individual response or contribute to a collective response **by 11 April 2025**.
- Engage with your local networks and **encourage them to take part**.



Thank you

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